



Mi'kmaq • Nova Scotia • Canada
TRIPARTITE FORUM

Mi'kmaq – Nova Scotia – Canada Tripartite Forum

The Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Tripartite Forum was formed in 1997 as a partnership between the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada, to strengthen relationships and to resolve issues of mutual concern affecting Mi'kmaq communities.

The Tripartite Forum is a strong vehicle to address issues that affect the lives of all Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq.

The Forum is comprised of the following committee levels:

- Executive Committee
- Officials Committee
- Steering Committee
- Working Committees

Each level has representation from each of the three parties: the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada. All parties agree to work together without prejudice and by consensus to discuss and resolve issues of mutual concern.

Executive Committee

The executive committee is the highest level of the decision making process in the Tripartite Forum. Final decisions are made at this level with consensus from all members. Decisions can overrule present policy, change future policy, initiate and provide input to legislative change if necessary. All Tripartite committees require approval from the executive committee in their formation, mandate and resolutions.

Composition:

- Grand Chief
- Executive Chair
- Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Nova Scotia Minister of Aboriginal Affairs
- 12 Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs
- Other relevant provincial and federal ministers

Officials Committee

The officials committee receives options and recommendations from the working committees and offers decisions within its authority and policy. The officials committee approves the working committees' mandate and provides direction as stated by the executive committee.

Composition:

Executive Chair

12 Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs

President – Nova Scotia Native Women's Association

Executive Director – The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq

Executive Director – Union of Nova Scotia Indians

Regional Director General – Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (Atlantic)

Chief Executive Officer – Office of Aboriginal Affairs (Nova Scotia)

Other federal regional directors and provincial deputy ministers

Steering Committee

The purpose of the steering committee is to provide organizational direction and operational support to the Tripartite Forum. As well, to focus on the overall relationship between the provincial government, the federal government and the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq within each of the Tripartite Forum working committees.

Working Committees

The Tripartite includes seven working committees. Each committee discusses issues, develops solutions and suggests actions to resolve issues of mutual concern for Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq. Issues are identified through research and community concerns.

Composition:

Mi'kmaq representatives

Provincial representatives

Federal representatives

Working Committees

Culture & Heritage

Economic Development

Education

Health

Justice

Social

Sports & Recreation

Tripartite Forum Secretariat

The Tripartite Forum Secretariat consists of two Administrators, a Project Manager and a Communications Officer. The office is located at The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq in Millbrook, NS.

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