



# Relationship, Engagement & Consultation Protocol

## Background

The Oinpegitoig First Nation (Pabineau), Ugpi'ganjig First Nation (Eel River Bar) with the Mi'gmawe'i Tplu'taqnn Inc. and the Belledune Port Authority, as a federal agent, acknowledge that the Port of Belledune is situated on the unceded traditional land of the Mi'gmaq People and recognize the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights of the Mi'gmaq People as confirmed in section 35 of THE CONSTITUTION ACT, 1982 and by decisions of the Courts of Canada.

As the proud co- owners and signatories of this Protocol, we recognize that the Mi'gmaq First Nations of the Mawipogtapeg/Bay of Chaleur are partners in sustainable, respectful development projects at the Port of Belledune and share the commitment to a process that will enable better communication and stronger relationships between the Mi'gmaq First Nations, the Belledune Port Authority, and prospective project proponents.

## Purpose


### The Owners agree that purpose of this Protocol is to:

1. Define the roles and responsibilities of the parties in:
  - a. Relationship building;
  - b. Consultation and Accommodation; and
  - c. Proponent Engagement with the Mi'gmaq First Nations.
2. Complement the Mi'gmaq/Canada/New Brunswick Interim Consultation Protocol, as amended;
3. Prescribe the steps for a practical, transparent and respectful approach to adequate and purposeful engagement, and meaningful consultation and accommodation, where appropriate;
4. Provide guidance to proponents seeking to do business at the Port on their role in these processes;
5. Implement wise practices from existing protocols/policies related to the Federal Port Authority community and other federal agents with the intention to meet or exceed the standards and processes set out in these documents;
6. Provide a living document that is subject to a regular review by the parties on an ongoing basis; and
7. Represent a step in the ongoing process of establishing and maintaining respectful relationships and reconciliation between the parties.

Agreed to and signed on this 31st day of May, 2018



Belledune Port Authority



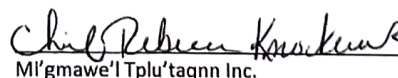
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