

Maw-pemita'jik Qali'pu'k

Pronunciation: [mow bemmy daa jick ha li boog]

Meaning: The caribou are travelling together

Things that go Bump in the Night

Mn'tua'ki (men do a gee) is a Mi'kmaw word that, translated literally, means a sacred place of great power. Over the years however, it has come to take on a much more macabre meaning. Mn'tu (men do) is understood as the Mi'kmaw word for 'devil' while Mn'tua'ki is an evil place; a place to be feared.

If you're from the Bay St. George area you may recognize Mn'tua'ki as the name of a mountain found along Flat Bay Brook and, many will have heard the scary stories that go with it. Years ago a solitary cross was erected at the summit that some say was put there to ward off evil. Some others will tell you there are three identifiable faces in the rock, that a man's skull was found at the base, and that chanting or howling can be heard coming from there at night.

Certainly there is a mountain called Mn'tua'ki but, what of the stories we tell?

Cultural Researcher Michelle Matthews would like to hear these and other stories in Qalipu's new *Storytelling Study* which will focus specifically on place names and places of significance in our nine wards. These stories may include legends, ghost stories, hunting or camping tales and other relics of our history that can be documented for future generations.

If you're a member of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation with oral history to share, please get in touch with Michelle and schedule an interview. Michelle can be reached by phone at 634-3857 or 640-2781 or by email at mmatthews@qalipu.ca

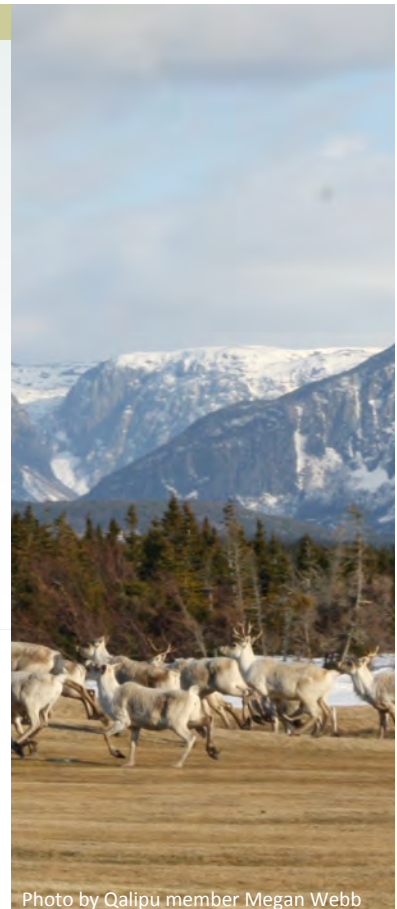


Photo by Qalipu member Megan Webb

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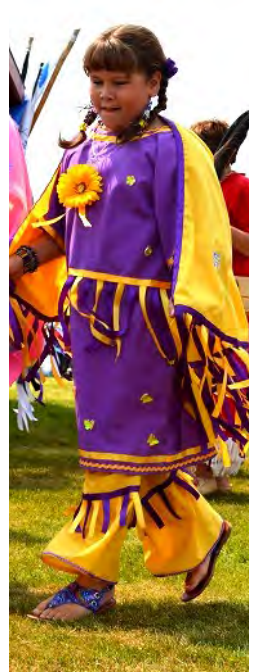
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Bay St. George Powwow in Pictures



A few snaps from the Bay St. George Annual Powwow Celebrations which took place July 10-12 in Flat Bay





Mi'kmaw language teacher Curtis Michal of Shubenacadie, NS, poses with a large group of language students at the Flat Bay Community Centre.

Bay St. George Mi'kmaw Language Incentive Program

The Mi'kmaq Burial Grounds Research and Restoration Association (MBGRR) under the leadership of chairperson Delina Petitpas, partnered with the Flat Bay Indian Band's Chief, Liz Lasaga, to offer a five day Mi'kmaw Language Incentive Program in Flat Bay.

The program took place this past July 13-17 and included participants from around the region as well as many who were visiting from away. It was organized to include a camp for children at the Powwow grounds while parents and other adults received language training at the Flat Bay Community Centre.

Teachings were delivered by Mi'kmaw language teacher Curtis Michal of Shubenacadie, NS. Michael told the students that coming to Flat Bay to teach the language was a very positive experience because there is so much passion and interest to learn in the Bay St. George area. He also said the experience was like "coming home".

"My grandmother, Margaret Johnson, used to come to the island selling baskets," he told the group, "she told me about her time on the west coast of Newfoundland and how good the people were to her as she traveled on foot and by train to sell her baskets. I have found the same hospitality and kindness here. Wela'lioq."

A few snapshots

L-R Liz Lasaga and Delina Petitpas, partners in the delivery of the language program



L-R Theresa Gould and Joan Hoddey of Stephenville



Curtis Michael gives thanks to Anne Marie Young who hosted him and his family in her home.



A community breakfast was provided to campers participating in the program



L-R No'kmaq Village staff Jeremy Cormier, CJ Duffney and Ivan White are thanked for their contributions which included daily lunches and a beautiful graduation feast.

St. Anne's Day Celebration

"Salmon— taqawan"

Pronunciation: da-hga-wan

The Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band and The Salmon Preservation Association for the Waters of Newfoundland are pleased to announce the signing of a one year memorandum of understanding where both organizations will collaborate and share the responsibilities for operation, maintenance and monitoring of the fishway at Corner Brook Stream—Glynmill Inn Pond.

The first salmon to appear in the trap was approximately 10-12lbs on July 13. A little later than in past years but it is believed to be because of low water levels in Corner Brook Stream. As of July 31, the count of salmon is at 27, the largest being approximately 20-22 lbs. with several other fish in the trap. "It took a while before they would leave but a few up and down shifts of the cage and off they went."



QMFN & SPAWN Summer Students performing their daily check



July 26th marked the Feast of St. Anne and the Band organized a special celebration at Curling's Sacred Heart Parish. Father Don Leonard officiated a special mass in honour of the patron saint of the Mi'kmaq people.

The 175 people in attendance were treated to song and drumming by the Benoit's Cove Mi'kmaq Women's Association, with smudging of sacred medicines during the

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penitential rights, and a full procession of the statue of St. Anne to the Altar.

The church was adorned with wreaths of sweet grass and special banners of St. Anne painted by Mi'kmaq artist Marilyn Bruce.

The mass ended with the procession of the statue of St. Anne to the United Church hall where a special meal was prepared for all in attendance. The event was a tremendous success and Qalipu hopes to have the celebration duplicated to other parishes next year.



GINU—Profile Update

Each member of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation has a membership pro-file listed in ginu, our membership database. Member profiles are used to develop and maintain the Qalipu Membership List and generate the official Voters' List. We also use email to communicate with news, events, and information on programs and services.

Support for education and training, provision of eligible Non-Insured Health Benefits, connection to cultural and special events as well as the ability to become involved in economic development activities are all tied to your ginu membership profile. If you are seeking employment and identify your interest in employment opportunities, we can also help connect you with possible jobs.

Members can visit the website at Qalipu.ca and update your membership profiles in Ginu. For step by step instructions on updating your profile please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSG2U4EdSTM>

Promotional Campaign Marketer Josh Locke is also able to provide additional support. Members can reach Josh at (709) 634-2527 or email jlocke@qalipu.ca

Making a Living on the Water

Since the time of our ancestors, the Mi'kmaq people of Newfoundland have long depended on our oceans resources for survival. Although we now buy the majority of our food from a grocery store, a number of us remain interested in pursuing the ocean's resources through the commercial fishery. QMFN recognizes the importance of the commercial fishery to our local communities, the revenue it generates for families, and the importance of an industry so closely tied to the waters that have sustained us for so long.

QMFN and its associated companies currently operate 14 inshore fishing enterprises and one large commercial enterprise throughout Western and Central NL. While one large commercial enterprise is operated on a 'share' basis (where a profit is gathered proportional to the profit gathered by the vessel itself through catch), all other inshore enterprises are designated to individuals who pay an annual admin fee proportional to the number of licenses included in the enterprise.

If a fishing license becomes available to QMFN, the opportunity will be advertised via www.qalipu.ca. Applicants interested in becoming designated for the fishing enterprise advertised are required to complete an application form and submit digitally or in person to any QMFN office on or before the deadline date posted. QMFN will not accept applications unless an opportunity is posted and does not keep a "waiting list". Currently all fishing licences are being used, but we look forward to new opportunities in this program, and hope to see more of our membership "making a living on the water".

"To Light the Fire"

First ever Indigenous Arts Symposium to be held in Newfoundland and Labrador.

We're very pleased to share that Happy Valley-Goose Bay will be the host town for the symposium – *"To Light the Fire"*. The first Newfoundland and Labrador Indigenous Arts Symposium will be taking place there from November 19 to 22, 2015 and at this stage, we're just asking interested individuals to take note of these dates in their calendars.

ArtsNL has been partnering with a steering committee comprised of representatives from Nunatsiavut, NunatuKavut, Miawpukek, Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation, and the Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation to organize and move forward through the initial planning stages for a multi-day event that will include workshops, exhibitions, networking opportunities, and more.

As more details become finalized, they will be made available through future releases



2015 Green Crab Study

Appointment of Chief Appeal Master to the Qalipu Enrolment Process

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, and Brendan Sheppard, President of the Federation of Newfoundland Indians (FNI), today welcomed the joint appointment of Mr. Geoffrey Brown as Chief Appeal Master to the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Enrolment process. Mr. Brown was admitted to the Newfoundland and Labrador Bar in 1979. His extensive legal experience, including his appointment as Queen's Counsel, in 2006, and appearances before both Federal and Supreme Courts of Canada, make him extremely well suited for the position of Chief Appeal Master. The Qalipu Enrolment Committee, comprised of members from Canada and the FNI, is in the process of completing its review of the 94,000 applications for membership in the First Nation by June 30, 2016. Applicants will be notified by mail with regard to their eligibility once this review is complete. Applicants will then have 30 days to appeal the decision of the Enrolment Committee by sending an Appeal Notice to the Chief Appeal Master. The Chief Appeal Master will render decisions on appeals by January 30, 2017. Canada and the Federation of Newfoundland Indians are committed to ensuring that all applicants for membership in the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation are treated fairly and equitably.

Qalipu Natural Resources in collaboration with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Conservation Corps, Newfoundland Hydro, and Louis McDonald (local stakeholder) are researching and mitigating a well-established green crab population in western Newfoundland. The European green crab is an invasive species that was first observed in western Newfoundland in 2009. This species is a voracious predator that feeds on clams, mussels, oysters, scallops, snails, crustaceans, and some species of fish. Furthermore, this species is known to destroy ecologically significant eelgrass habitat. Since 2009, Qalipu Natural Resources has been actively studying and mitigating green crab populations throughout western Newfoundland. In 2014 we removed over 8000 crab from western Newfoundland, including 3000 crab removed from Bay of Islands.

In July 2015, the team began a mark and recapture study to better understand the abundance of green crab in Port Harmon, Stephenville. During the first week of July, 3000 green crab were marked with a bright yellow identification tag and released back into the harbour. Following the first week, the team will proceed to permanently remove green crab from Port Harmon until the end of August. So far, the team has permanently removed 5300 green crab (130 pounds) from Port Harmon over a two week period in July. This study is the first of its kind in western Newfoundland and will be the first attempt at accurately determining the total number of green crab in Port Harmon. The results of this study will allow us to move towards a better understanding of how these animals are affecting coastal environments in Newfoundland.



*Top Left:
Tagged Green
Crab.*

*Top Right:
Aggressive
Green Crabs
one of the
invasive species
that can now
be found in the
coastal waters
of
Newfoundland
and Labrador.*



*Bottom: Green
Team members
tagging and
recording data
(L-R: Arielle
Alexander,
Shania
Cormier, Daniel
House).*



This years RCMP/Qalipu Youth Summer Students volunteer at Qalipu's Janeway BBQ Fundraiser. L-R Courtney Roberts, Keegan Allen, Dylan Hynes and Kody Gardner

“Courtney has a good eye. She got the best head shot in our range shooting contest.”

Keegan Allen, 2015 RCMP/Qalipu Youth Summer Student

Keegan Allen has known about the RCMP/Qalipu Youth Summer Program since he was just ten years old and says he has always known he wanted to take part in it. “I just had to wait ‘till I turned 19,” he said, noting that he has always wanted to be an RCMP officer.

For Keegan, this program was a great introduction to the testing and requirements involved in working with the RCMP. He said, “The RPAT [the RCMP’s Police Aptitude Test], being introduced to the requirements of the PARE test [Physical Abilities Requirement Evaluation] and staying at the police barracks with real officers gave me a pretty good introduction of what’s to come.”

Along with the opportunity to practice range shooting, trying out special police equipment and participating in community outreach and special events, this program provides an authentic work experience and good wages to students who off for the summer between semesters of schooling. For those interested in pursuing a career with the RCMP, like Keegan, its also an excellent spring board into further exploration of that path.

Plan ahead to be involved in this program for the summer of 2016.

Applications will be accepted beginning January 4th, 2016 until February 12th, 2016. Details on how to apply will be posted on our website in December of this year.

For more information contact Kristina Duffy by email at kduffy@qalipu.ca

RCMP / Qalipu Summer Student Program

Eligibility Criteria:

Completed high school

Be a member of the Qalipu Mi’kmaq First Nation Band or Non-Status Aboriginal Person (students are asked to indicate on their cover letter which Band or organization they are a member)

Be between the ages of 19-29

Not have a criminal record (applicants are required to provide a current Certificate of Conduct)

Valid driver’s license

Currently registered as a full-time student and be planning to attend full-time studies in September

We’re looking for Aboriginal Youth who are:

Leaders in their community

Motivated

Able to work independently with minimal supervision



Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation

Qalipu is a vibrant Mi'kmaq First Nation established in 2011 as an Aboriginal Band under the Indian Act. With some 24,000 members spread across many communities on the island and abroad, we are one of the largest First Nation groups in Canada.

We have been busy since our establishment. Qalipu has four office locations, representing the four regions of our dispersed communities, that are home to more than 50 employees. This dedicated group facilitates the delivery of a variety of programs and services including education and training, health benefits, employment services, environmental monitoring, and community economic development.

Our leadership, too, has been busy overseeing all of this while developing the Qalipu Business Network and pursuing connections through the Strategic Partnership Office that will help the Band not only to be an active player in the local economy, but also to provide opportunities for members and member-owned businesses.

We have focused our efforts on establishing a strong foundation upon which to build a prosperous and progressive Band; a community which cherishes and wants to share its heritage, holds the overall health and education of its members as highest priority and faces its future with confidence.

Please, keep in touch

Maw-pemita'jik Qali'pu'k is a monthly newsletter. In it, we aim to share not only the happenings of the Band but also, to help connect our dispersed communities.

If you would like to give your thoughts on what you've read here, or share an upcoming community event, achievement, news item, or anything else that may be of interest to our local aboriginal community, please get in touch:

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August 2015 Events

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 Healers of Tomorrow Gathering |
| 2 Healers of Tomorrow Gathering | 3 Healers of Tomorrow Gathering | 4 Healers of Tomorrow Gathering | 5 Healers of Tomorrow Gathering | 6 Healers of Tomorrow Gathering | 7 Healers of Tomorrow Gathering | 8 |
| | | | Saving Our Stories Workshop | | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Boater Safety Course 1:00-3:00 PM at Cobb's Lake (Gander) | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |