



Maw-lukutijik **Saqmaq**
Assembly of Nova Scotia
Mi'kmaw Chiefs

Portfolio Assignments

Portfolio	Files Under Portfolio	Co-Lead Chiefs
Co-Chairs	- Assembly governance. - Assembly Chair and leadership.	Chief Sidney Peters Chief Leroy Denny
Children, Youth, Families, and Gender Diversity	- MKK Child Welfare Law and policy development and implementation. - Mi'kmaw License Plate Fund – Youth initiatives funding. 2SLGBTQ+. - Women's priorities. - Consultation on child welfare, women's and 2SLGBTQ priorities. - Self-governance implementation for child welfare. - Pre-natal and parental education (shared with Education).	Chief Deborah Robinson Chief Michelle Glasgow
Culture, Heritage and Archaeology	- Mi'kmaw archaeology. - Protection of Mi'kmaw heritage sites and burials. - Indigenous Protected and Conservation Areas (shared with Natural Resources). - Parks (shared with Natural Resources). - Ceremony preservation and practice. - Collaboration with Province and proponents on protections of archaeological heritage, archaeological permitting, etc. - Consultation on projects with potential impacts to culture, heritage and archaeology. - Self-governance of Mi'kmaw archaeological heritage. - Museums and interpretation. - Cultural tourism.	Chief Tamara Young Chief Wilbert Marshall

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Economic Development and Benefits	• Taxation. • Benefits. • Central treasury for leadership body. • Lending and borrowing. • Economic development opportunities. • Collaborative/Impact Benefit Arrangements. • Resource revenue sharing. • Gaming. • Tourism (shared with Culture, Heritage and Archaeology).	Chief Bob Gloade Chief Rodney Peterson
Education	• In-community education. • Provincial education for Mi'kmaw students. • Treaty Education. • Language preservation and promotion. • Consultation on provincial education changes. • Sports and recreation. • Post-secondary education. • Early learning and child-care. • Pre-natal and parental education (shared with Children, Families, & Gender Diversity).	Chief Leroy Denny Chief Norman Bernard
Emergency Management and Crises	• Natural disasters • Pandemics and health-related emergencies • Mental health and addictions crises • Infrastructure emergencies • Environmental emergencies	Chief Michelle Chief Bob Gloade

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Environment, Energy and Mines	• Environmental protection and assessments. • Clean energy projects (Wind, Solar, Hydro). • Mining project review. • Consultation on environment, energy and mine projects. • Benefits agreements associated with energy and mines (shared with Economic Development and benefits).	Chief Tamara Young Chief Carol Potter
Fisheries	• Rights-based fisheries implementation. • Fisheries economic development opportunities (shared with economic development and benefits). • Food, social, ceremonial fisheries. • Communal-commercial fisheries. • Consultation on fisheries issues. • Aquaculture.	Chief Carol Potter Chief John Leonard Bernard
Governance	• Core ANSMC and Nationhood governance. • Membership and citizenship. • Elders and Youth advisory councils. • Information and data management. • Research ethics. • Policy development and law-making • Research and analytics. • Human resources. • Strategic action. • Urban Mi'kmaw.	Chief Terrance Paul Chief Deborah Robinson Chief Wilbert Marshall

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Health, Wellbeing, and Elders	• Health. • Mental health. • Addictions. • Elder care and support. • Social wellbeing. • Indian Day Schools and Indian Residential Schools. • Intergenerational trauma and support.	Chief Juliana Julian Chief Norman Bernard
Housing and Infrastructure	• Housing and homelessness. • Assembly housing strategy. • Facilities. • Water and sewage. • Accessibility.	Chief Sidney Peters
Justice	• Policing. • Incarceration. • Customary law. • Over-representation of Indigenous people in the justice system. • Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (Shared with Children, Youth, Families and Gender Diversity). • Cannabis and tobacco. • Consultation on justice initiatives. • Self-governance implementation for justice. • Indigenous Justice Strategy. • Human Rights. • Legal Claims and court cases (nationhood – class actions, Treaty Rights representation, etc.)	Chief John Bernard Chief Rodney Peterson

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Natural Resources	• Land use and occupation. • Wildlife. • Forestry. • Other plant species harvesting. • Beneficiaries (Wula Na Kinu) (shared with Governance). • Land acquisition, governance and management. • Agriculture. • Marine Protected Areas. • IPCAs (shared with Culture, Heritage and Archaeology). • Parks (shared with Culture, Heritage and Archaeology).	Chief Wilbert Marshall Chief Tamara Young
Social Assistance	• Self-governance implementation for social assistance. • Consultation on changes to federal and provincial social assistance.	Chief Juliana Julian