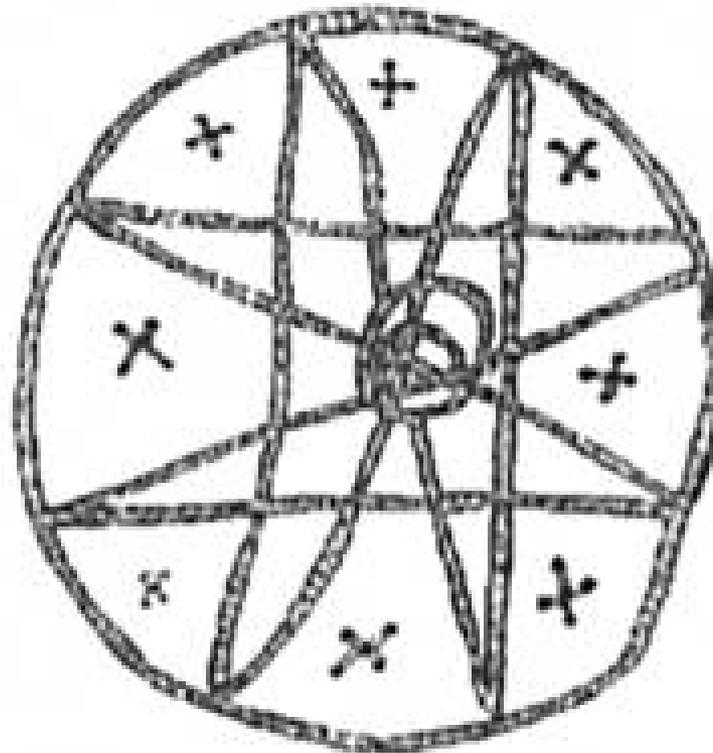


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**E'pit Jiksitui / Indigenous
Women's Perspectives**

September 9th, 2021

Acknowledging Mi'kma'ki Territory



Historical Context

- Mi'kma'ki
- **Doctrine of Discovery-** Which every nation discovered your land first, took control with the blessing of the Christian church.
- **Royal Proclamation 1763-** In the Royal Proclamation of 1763, King George the Third said Indigenous nations own their lands. The King said that the only legal way newcomers could gain control of those lands was by making treaties between the two nations.
- **Treaties-** Treaties are between Nations. They were statements of peace, friendship, and sharing, and they were based on respect and honesty.
- **Terra Nullis-**“land belonging to no one”. “Civilized Use”
- **BNA Act:** The BNA Act, also known as the Constitution Act, 1867 put “Indians and Lands reserved for Indians” under the control of the federal government. When this happened, we lost our rights and control over our lands
- **Indian Act:** . In 1876 all the laws dealing with us were gathered together and put into the Indian Act. The Indian Act completely changed our lives

Indian Act & Indigenous Women

- **Enfranchisement:** Under this federal government policy, all First Nations people who became doctors, teachers, lawyers, soldiers or who went to university lost their legal Indian status.
- **Assimilation:** As Indian Affairs deputy superintendent Duncan Campbell Scott said, the government's goal was "to continue until there is not a single Indian in Canada that has not been absorbed into the body politic and that there is no Indian problem and no Indian
- **Residential School Era:** From the mid-1800s until the 1990s, the federal government took First Nations, Inuit and Métis children from our homes and communities and put them in boarding schools that were run by churches.
- **Centralization:** 1949 Policy
- **Gender Inequality** : Bill C-31 / Shared Resource on Indian Act

Current Issues:

- MMIWG
- Sex Trade – Vulnerable Indigenous Women & Girls in HRM
- NSNWA – Advocate for Women’s Issues
 - Halifax Chapter: Lisa Robinson
- Family Violence
- Child Welfare/ Jordan’s Principle
- Housing Crisis

Municipal Involvement

- Indian Act-Employment/ Taxation
- Elections –Indian Act/Federal /Provincial
- Committee/ Boards Participation (Targeted Recruitment)
- Friendship Accords
- Self Identification
- Indian Act- First Nation/ Metis/ Inuit



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