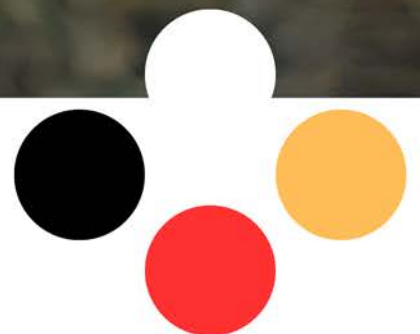




# Annual Report

**22-23**





MI'GMAWEI MAWIO'MI SECRETARIAT



The Mi'gmawei Mawio'mi Secretariat would like to thank the authors who contributed generously to the writing of the 22-23 annual report. In alphabetical order;

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Jill Metallic-Condo  
Juliette Barnaby  
Loni Vicaire

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## Chair of MMS

**Chief Terry Shaw**



"First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Secretariat staff who, for the past few years, have weathered many storms. They are a resilient team that continues to push forward.

The past year has been a period of reassessment and adjustment following the departure of the former Executive Director Tanya Barnaby, whom we thank for her years of dedication and service.

Nevertheless, the secretariat has once again demonstrated that, despite personnel and resource shortages of all kinds, they can tackle significant challenges. This includes successfully concluding the negotiations between Parks Canada and Gespeg, which began several years ago, as well as reaching an agreement between Gespeg, Gesgapegiag, and the federal government on fisheries governance.

As the Chair of the MM, on my own behalf of the two other MM Leadership, I want to reaffirm my full support for the Secretariat, its staff and the valuable work that they do."

Welalioq !





# Interim Executive Director

**Chastity Mitchell**

We are in an era of change and with change comes shedding and growth. This past year has allowed me in my capacity to assess the on-going needs of our organization and communities while recognizing the strengths, gaps and challenges during this shift. I'm hopeful the future engagement exercise with our leadership through strategic planning will strengthen and harmonize the mandate of the MMS.

We continue to meet regularly with our Chiefs Executive Committee, who provide support and direction on the mandates of the MMS. Our immediate future will take us into planning with our Mi'gmawei Mawio'mi Leadership to review the inner-workings, goals and aspirations of our MM communities setting a renewed road map for MMS.

One of our current mandates is to build a Comprehensive Land Claim Consultation and Engagement Plan that would allow us to engage our citizens on important subject matters that would set a vision. The citizens, the people are the responsible rights holders.

Management continues to build on existing policies and practices. I'm a firm believer that you can't transform change on old ways and practices. There's always room for improvement and inclusion in the work we do. Accountability comes in different forums, there's accountability to our citizens then there is accountability to governments for reasons of funding. Our fiscal sound continues to be key in managing program services and budgets. I invite you to flip through the pages including our audited financial statement.

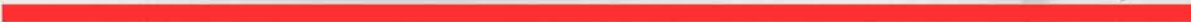
I'm pleased to share we fully settled into our new office located in Listuguj and welcome you for a tour and petawei at any time.

In spirit of wellness.

Gwe Citizens of Gespe'gewa'gi,

With the arrival of Gesig, Mother Earth will be covered with the blanket of snow that gives us a magnificent scenery. Changing everything into gentle curves and snow-capped trees. Here's a gentle reminder to use our beautiful territory, explore our Gespe'gewa'gi trails, and it's medicine to connect with the land.

As the Interim Executive Director of the Mi'gmawei Mawio'mi Secretariat, the accountability and transparency to our Citizens is always a priority. The Mi'gmawei Mawio'mi Secretariat is pleased to start the Gesig season by presenting our Annual Report 2022-2023. This edition focuses on some important highlights from our Chair to  
Ango'tmeg Nmt'ginen,  
Communications, Nijgina'muet,  
Negotiations and Finance.



# Ango'tmeg Nmt'ginen

**Juliette Barnaby AN Director**



The Ango'tmeg Nm'tginen have been devoting some time to increases staff capacity and knowledge base in mapping using the GIS system.

Responding to consultations requests (see table) in a timely manner is a challenge that we take seriously by researching on the consultations and best practices in terms of Consultation and Accommodation policies and procedures.

We have updated the consultation and accommodation protocols that we use in the office. All the acknowledgement letters have been updated to include the UNDRIP language. It is important to reiterate that we are Indigenous and that we have never ceded our Mi'gmaq territory.

Our team, along with the Negotiation team had our first Bilateral meeting with Quebec representatives. We were mandated by the chiefs to organize a committee to discuss the vacation lot lease draw from the Government on our territory. Terms of references were developed and approved by Leadership. Each community is committed to the vacation lease working group. This file is still in progress.

We are currently working on our strategic plan for the next 5 years. Our team has grown exponentially since we all started in 2022. Despite encountering several hurdles along the way Our team has successfully overcome each one. We continue to keep our 4 Pillars in mind when answering all Consultations: Conservation, Indigenous Rights, Social and Economical. The conservation and protection of the territory and our precious resources will always come first.

Organisation's name	Acronym:	Number
Ministry of Resources Naturelles & Forets	MRNF	21
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	MAPAQ	1
Ministry of Economy, Science, and Innovation Quebec	MEIEQ	1
Ministry of Culture and Communications	MCC	1
Ministry of the Environment, the Fight against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks	MELCCFP	12
Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs	MFFP	1
Department of Fisheries and Oceans	DFO	11
Transport Canada	TC	4
Transports et Mobilité durable Quebec	MTMD	4
<b>Total:</b>		<b>56</b>

# Communication

It is obvious that the MMS communications unit has been deeply affected by the past few years events. Despite these challenges, we were able to reorganize our communications planing and activities. accordingly.

First, we worked with external consultants to completely redesign our website, making it more user-friendly and modern. This update will allow our citizens to better interact with one of our online communication tool .

In addition, we have strengthened our presence on social medias, which has allowed us to reach a wider range of audience and maintain more active communication with our fellow citizens. We believe that social media plays a vital role in spreading information today, and we are going to be more active on Social media.

In addition, we participated in several information sessions in the communities to keep you informed of the latest developments and answer your questions. We also published a treaty pamphlet, with the aim of increasing public awareness of this important issue. We understand the importance of effective and transparent communication with our citizens. This is why we are working to quickly fill vacant positions within the Communications Unit.

**Donald Jeannotte-Anglehart**  
Communication Specialist



Our goal is to be closer to you and to better inform you. We thank you for your understanding and support, and we are committed to continually improving our communications efforts.

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# Nujigina'muet

It is with enthusiasm that I present this report to leadership and citizens of Gespe'gewa'gi.

**Loni Vicaire**  
Nujigina'muet Coordinator

Mi'gmaq History Month, is important to us so we organized an information session for Gespeg members. The presentations included topics on Mi'gmaq identity, territory, language and intro to treaties, the Indian Act, and the broken treaty relationship.

We have created a brochure that included topics of Mi'gmaq Treaty Day, Mi'gmaq History Month, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Every Child Matters. The brochures will complement public presentations, help bring awareness to those initiatives, and be available for download on the MMS website, [www.migmawei.ca](http://www.migmawei.ca).

Throughout Mi'gmaq History Month, several educational posts on the MMS Facebook page were made. The posts included information about Mi'gmaq Treaty Day, the Nm'tginen, Treaty and Aboriginal Rights, seven districts of Mi'gma'gi, and the different Mi'gmaq language orthographies. The MMS is working towards using our social media platforms to further engage with the public and share more informational posts.

## Visit to the Nova Scotia Public Archives

MMS staff and leadership from Listuguj, Gesgapegiag and Gespeg were invited to the Nova Scotia Public Archives and view the Peace & Friendship Treaties,



The archivist, explained how the treaties landed at the Nova Scotia Archives. The treaties that are nearly 300 years old and continues to drive the work of the MMS.

## Sugarloaf Senior High School Culture Day

The MMS participated in the SSHS Culture Day to discuss Treaty Relationships with the students. MMS staff provided students with a workshop on the Treaty Relationship and discussed some of MMS's important work on Consultation and the Gespe'gewa'gi Management Plan.





# Agnutmatesnu

**Alicia Moffat-Metallic**  
Agenutmatesnu Coordinator

In this Report you will find information about various agreements, negotiations, and mandates related to the recognition of Indigenous rights and self-determination, particularly within the context of Gespeg and Gesgapegiag. Here's a summary of the key points:

1. Gespeg and Gesgapegiag Fisheries Agreement (2022):

- Completed and signed in 2022.

2. Gespeg Park Forrillon Rights Reconciliation Agreement (2022):

- Completed and signed in 2022.
- Awaiting federal signature.

3. Ginuwei Niganil'joqataqan "Our Framework Agreement":

- Expected to be finalized in the upcoming year.

New mandates following MM 2022.

- Comprehensive Land Claim Consultation and Engagement Plan:
- Vacation Lot Working Group

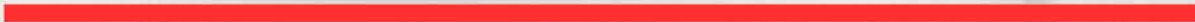
This year our focus will be on the following files: Concluding Ginuwei Niganil'joqataqan Negotiations.

Completing Treaty Related Measure Contribution Agreement before March 2024.



The TRM is complimentary to the signed Fishery Agreement, the TRM contribution agreement will allow Gespeg and Gesgapegiag access funding to further their fishery governance. G and G will identify collective projects regarding fishery governance and are expected to begin the projects following the completion of the contribution agreement after March 2024.

Consulting and engaging community members on the Comprehensive Land Claim policy (if mandate received from MM) is also an important piece.



# Finance

**Jill Metallic-Condo**



The Mi'gmawei Mawio'mi Secretariat (MMS) Finance department is responsible for managing contribution agreements from the Federal and Provincial governments. They work closely with all department heads of the MMS to keep them informed and aware of their budgets.

Their role includes:

- Accounts payable, and accounts receivable,
- Payroll, including the balancing of all mandatory employer related costs (MERCs), pensions, Group insurance
- Monthly reconciliation of the visa
- Bank statement reconciliation,
- Travel and
- Purchase order requests and reconciliation,

MMS is guided by the Executive Finance Committee (EFC) which consists of 1 council member from each community plus the Chair. The EFC is put in place to oversee the integrity of all financial transactions, record keeping and reporting. The Finance team work closely with the EFC members and the Executive Director to assure all financial policies and procedures, funding obligations and key financial budgets are approved and adhered to.

Every fiscal, the Finance team prepares all the financial reports, statements, decisions and any other financial transactions during the full year for our annual Audit. They work countless hours to keep the sound financial management of our audit transparent and the Secretariat in excellent financial standing.

# Financial Statement

**Mi'gmawei Mawiomí Secretariat**  
**Operation and Accumulated Surplus (Deficit) by Department**  
 Year ended March 31, 2023

	ISC	Other revenues	Total revenues	Total expenses	Transfer from (to)	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	Adjusted accumulated surplus (deficit), beginning of year	Accumulated surplus (deficit), end of year
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
01145001 Tribal Council Funding (NG30)	350,000		350,000	352,637		(2,637)	34,750	32,113
01222001 Discussion Table (NG8R)	740,321		740,321	1,019,771	128,271	(151,179)	151,179	
01370003 Nation rebuilding (NG9V)				427	427			
01680001 Federal Initiative on Consultation (NGD5)	90,000		90,000	120,459		(30,459)	20,515	(9,944)
30000000 McInnis Development		17,500	17,500	17,629	129			
60000000 SAA Consultation & Accommodation		350,000	350,000	341,575		8,425	45,651	54,076
63000000 MERN Revenue Quebec								
65000000 NEB Agreement								
70000000 Investment Funds - MMRLP		32,843	32,843	40		32,803	2,306,329	2,339,132
80000000 Operational Act Old		200,262	200,262	174,139	(128,827)	(102,704)	220,698	117,994
91000000 COVID Fund							21	21
99999999 Discontinued projects							8,682	8,682
	<u>1,180,321</u>	<u>600,605</u>	<u>1,780,926</u>	<u>2,026,677</u>		<u>(245,751)</u>	<u>2,787,825</u>	<u>2,542,074</u>

The accompanying notes and schedules are an integral part of the financial statements.



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