

POTLOTEK BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Mi'kmaq Education Act

Enacted by both federal and provincial (Nova Scotia) levels of government, this Act gives jurisdiction over primary and secondary school education to the participating Mi'kmaq communities. The Act gives this jurisdiction to the Band council of each participating Mi'kmaq community and authorizes each Council to either exercise the jurisdiction itself or establish a Committee or Board of Education to exercise that jurisdiction on the Band Council's behalf.

Chapel Island Education Constitution

The Band Council of each participant Mi'kmaq community is to adopt its own Education Constitution – The Chapel Island Education Constitution – under which it defines the education jurisdiction and identifies such Committee or Board of Education established by the Band Council to exercise that jurisdiction.

The Chapel Island Band Council, by adopting the Chapel Island Education Constitution, names and authorizes the Potlotek Board of Education to exercise its education jurisdiction in the Chapel Island Community.

Under the Education Constitution, the Band Council indemnifies the members of the Board of Education in the exercise of education jurisdiction against any claims or charges which may be brought against them.

Education Act of Chapel Island

The Band Council of each participant Mi'kmaq community by adopting an Education Act for its own community establishes the rights of members of the community to education and school attendance and establishes and authorizes the enactment of policies and laws (including regulations) by the Band Council or its delegate, the Potlotek Board of Education.

Potlotek Board of Education: Policies and Laws

Under the authority of the Chapel Island Education Constitution, the Chapel Island Education and the Band Council Resolution establishing the Board of Education, the Potlotek Board of Education may enact policies and laws to administer and govern education jurisdiction for Daycare, Headstart, Primary and Secondary schooling in the Chapel Island community and for the determination and decision making on post-secondary school support for community members.

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