

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

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### Changes to Parks Canada Interim Arrangement

In June 2012, the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs and Parks Canada signed an interim arrangement to give the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia free entry to Kejimikujik National Park/National Historic Site, Cape Breton Highlands National Park and the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site.

This arrangement, negotiated through the Made-in-Nova Scotia-Process, has been very successful and since its introduction, there has been an increase of Mi'kmaq visitors to these three sites.

Because of its success, Parks Canada and the Assembly have agreed to extend the free access to all National Parks and National Historic Sites managed by Parks Canada, in Nova Scotia.

The vehicle identifiers, as pictured here, are valid until 2017 and will work at all the sites listed below. If you have not received an identifier, they are available to members of the 13 Mi'kmaq First Nations in Nova Scotia, and other Mi'kmaq who are on the General Indian List of Nova Scotia. The Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia may access this program by presenting their Status Card at their local Band Office to receive an identifier, which is to be displayed in the vehicle when visiting one of the national parks. Status Cards must be presented at the Visitor Reception Centre for free entry into any of the historic sites.



Access has been expanded to now included 30 different locations such as:

- Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site
- Fort Anne National Historic Site
- Grand- Pré National Historic Site
- Halifax Citadel National Historic Site
- The Bank Fishery - The Age of Sail Exhibit
- St. Peters National Historic Site of Canada

A full list of Park Canada sites in Nova Scotia, with details and locations, can be found at <http://mikmaqrightrights.com/negotiations/parks-canada-interim-arrangement>

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