

MI'GMAWEI MAWIOMI SECRETARIAT

# IGNUA'TAQAN

*IGANIGA'TUNEJ SAMQWAN*



**SPECIAL ISSUE - NOVEMBER 2017**

*Let's Talk about: OIL & GAS*

**4 Sessions • 82 Participants**

**Gespeg • Gesgapegiag • Listuguj • Montreal**



GESGAPEGIAG GESPEG LISTUGUJ

# INTRODUCTION

## LET'S TALK: OIL & GAS (FIRST SESSIONS)

In this special issue, we provide some of the results from a series of Community Sessions entitled 'Let's Talk', with the subject being Hydrocarbons that were held during October and November 2017. During these sessions, a number of presentations were given on Oil and Gas. These sessions are only one of the ways in which MMS will be engaging citizens through the next several months on oil and gas.

The first presentation of the evening was by Tanya Barnaby, MMS Executive Director, who presented the MMS perspective. Tanya's presentation focused on the files that MMS works on in relation to Oil and Gas in Gespé'gewāgi. The first project she talked about was the Chaleur Terminal Inc. (CTI) project which is a project that the Mi'gma'wei Mawiomis went to provincial court to put a stop to because of the lack of consultation to the Mi'gmaq. If the CTI project were to move forward, it would see 220 rail cars filled with heavy crude oil transported by rail on its way to Belledune. The MM believes the transportation of this crude oil through the fragile rail system of the Matapedia and Restigouche rivers is too dangerous to allow to continue.

The second project Tanya spoke about was the Offshore Oil and Gas project at Old Harry. The governments of Newfoundland, Canada and Quebec are developing projects that would allow offshore drilling in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The MM believe this project should not be allowed to move forward because of the potential catastrophic impact it could have on our ecosystem.

Finally, Tanya's presentation spoke about the onshore oil and gas file. She went into details about the Anti-Fracking resolution that the Leadership passed in November 2016 banning any hydraulic fracking in Gespé'gewāgi. Further, she spoke broadly about the legal context of the consultation process. If you visit the [migmawei.ca](http://migmawei.ca) website, you will be able to see her presentation in full.

Bassem Abdradou, P.Eng. M.A.Sc, Senior Project Manager LMG (Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government), spoke about the technical component of hydrocarbons development. What conventional oil and gas development is, how it works and what could be the risks of any development. His presentation was technical in nature and allowed us to get a picture about what oil and gas looks like on the territory.

Christianne Bernard, C.E.O. of MMBC (Mi'gma'wei Mawiomis Business Corporation) gave the last presentation which was focused on the FAQ's (Frequently asked Questions) that MMBC gets about oil and gas. She stated that currently, there are no agreements between the MMBC or MMS and any oil and gas company

This was the first of two sessions. Our next round of the 'Let's Talk' sessions will be held at the end of November. We encourage all Mi'gmaq citizens to join us and have their voices heard.

Follow us on Facebook for more information on when and where the 'Let's Talk' sessions will be in your community.

**[Facebook.com/Migmawei](https://www.facebook.com/Migmawei)**

**Bookmark our Events page for updates.**

**Visit: [www.migmawei.ca](http://www.migmawei.ca)**



# LET'S TALK: OIL & GAS

The Good  
The Bad  
The Ugly

## Gesgapegiag Session • October 25<sup>th</sup> 19 Community Members • 1 Leadership



LET'S PUT OUR  
WATER FIRST

## **Your Comments** • **Your Questions**

*Editors Note* : On these 2 pages, we provide some of the comments and questions heard at all 4 Community Sessions in Gesgapegiag, Listuguj, Gespeg and Montreal. The comments/questions are printed exactly as they were heard at the sessions - none of the featured content were edited.

- Why is the process of how the oil is extracted so important? Why not discuss the effects of the oil extraction?
- We need to change the way we receive consultation letters
- Risks – The citizens are concerned that once you allow a company to start drilling, we've opened the door to others. "Once we've said yes to oil drilling, we've given up the protection of our territory"
- Concerns that fracking can create earthquakes.
- A citizen asked what happens to the oil and gas if it is not removed from the ground.
- What kind of affects will it have on climate change?
- If ever a MOU is signed, is there a certain percent of benefits for each community?
- If we do not accept any understandings with oil companies, then legally, they should not proceed, right?
- "We do not need oil companies in our territory"
- We want to know what the real issues are with oil and gas – the real risks.
- Our ancestors are buried in the land. Mining is against our spiritual law – you do not disturb ancestors unnecessarily. Being anti-oil and gas may be about our culture and values and beliefs about our land.
- Why isn't the District Tribal Council included and consulted with, if we are all working together?
- The dangers of pipelines.
- Information on seismic testing – it was mentioned that it's the loudest noise in the water – it would be what is killing the right whales.
- Is there any non-conventional oil exploration at the moment?
- In the consultation process, did you consider Quebec not cooperating; do you have a plan B? A plan C?
- Does the consultation agreement affect the treaties process? Our people did not develop a consultation process; we are buying into the government's processes.
- Has there been any studies done on the impact on the animals, medicines? If any oil and gas exploitation would to happen?







- Suggested to use a more simple language so people can feel like we are talking with them and not to them.
- What's MMS position on oil and gas exploration?
- What MMS is saying is that you've been mandated to give information to the community members, and if the communities decide that they want to go ahead with oil and gas development, then you're going to be mandated to go ahead with oil and gas exploration? What can we do as community members or individuals to make sure our voice is heard if we do not agree with the decision of the leadership?
- I think there should be a broader range of information. There was nothing in regards to the treaties or the Marshall decisions. The ball is dropped after the money starts coming in. Please provide more options.
- Who are meeting with the heads of Junex and other industries?
- Fracking is very dangerous to the watersheds.
- Are there any industries that are talking about fracking in Gespe'gewa'gi?
- Should mention the Donald Marshall decision.
- I think MMS should push the Mi'gmaq to get out there and use the territory.
- Have a step by step "next plans" available for everyone to see (facebook page, website)
- Do you have another PowerPoint presentation that justifies why we should not be participating in the oil and gas?
- Need to consider the land, fish, traditional territories -- I don't see any of that in your presentation.
- Would like to see the leadership of all three communities at next session.



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**Listuguj Session • October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**44 Community Members • 7 Leadership**







**Mi'gmawei Mawiomi Resolution**

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| Chronological Number:<br>2016-01                     | Subject:<br>Mi'gmawei Mawiomi Secretariat<br>Opposition on Fracking | Originated by:<br>Mi'gmawei Mawiomi<br>Secretariat |
| The Councils of:<br>Gespeg, Gesgapegiag and Listuguj |   | District<br>Gespe'gewa'gi                          |
| Date of duly convened meeting:<br>September 14, 2016 |   |  |

**WHEREAS** the Mi'gmaq of Gespe'gewa'gi, seventh district of the national Mi'gmaq territory, Mi'gmagi, have aboriginal rights, treaty rights and aboriginal title in Gespe'gewa'gi;

**WHEREAS** the Mi'gmaq of Gespe'gewa'gi constituted the Mi'gmawei Mawiomi (MM) following a political accord uniting the three communities (Gesgapegiag, Gespeg and Listuguj);

**WHEREAS** the MM officially informed the governments of Quebec and Canada on the existence of Mi'gmaq rights through a statement of claim (the Nm'tginen) describing the extent and meaning of our rights that are constitutionally protected under section 35 of the Constitutional act, 1982;

**WHEREAS** with our constitutional rights comes our obligation to protect our territory and its resources in order to ensure the collective and individual well-being of our citizens of the actual and future generations;

**WHEREAS** the different exploration/exploitation petroleum companies where authorized by the Quebec government to undertake drilling throughout Gespe'gewa'gi;

**WHEREAS** the Quebec government issued those permits without consulting the MM;

**WHEREAS** some of those petroleum companies are considering using fracking and chemical stimulation to accomplish their exploratory work;

**WHEREAS** the MM asserts that the risks and impacts associated to fracking and chemical stimulation are too big and harmful to the water and to the species present in the waters of our territory;

**WHEREAS** Petrolia Inc, announced to the public that there is a possibility that they would use fracking and chemical stimulation for the drilling conducted in the City of Gaspe;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the MM is against any form of fracking, and chemical stimulation that may be used by a petroleum company within Gespe'gewa'gi;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MM will undertake the actions, as well as the legal recourse required to stop any form of fracking and chemical stimulation that may be used by a petroleum company, such as Petrolia Inc. within Gespe'gewa'gi;

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**Gespeg Session** • **October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**7 Community Members** • **0 Leadership**





# NEXT STEPS

- Compile the results of the sessions with the surveys: Update Leadership
- Move forward with 2nd round of Citizen sessions
  - Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> in Gespeg
  - Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> in Listuguj and Gesgapegiag
  - Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> in Montreal
- Use other mediums to engage citizens
- Submit comments to Quebec on the regulations by December 4th
- Continue to draft the Consultation & Accommodation protocol
- Leadership meeting on Dec. 12-13 for formal update and direction on further steps.
- Continue the Community surveys on Oil & Gas in Gespe'gewa'gi

If you haven't filled out a survey on Oil and Gas yet, please contact Erika Barnaby at 418.788.1760 ext. 8141 or by email at [ebarnaby@migmawei.ca](mailto:ebarnaby@migmawei.ca) to set up your appointment.

Conducting the Oil & Gas surveys are:

- Nancy Jalbert in Gespeg
- Jeannette Martin and Amanda Crozier in Gesgapegiag
- Sandy Germain and Audrey Isaac in Listuguj

All participants in the survey have a chance to win a \$200 Visa Gift card that will be drawn on December 1st, 2017.

***\* The current Community sessions and Community Surveys are NOT Consultation sessions.***

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**Montreal Session** • **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**12 Community Members** • **2 Leadership**





**NOV. 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
**WEDNESDAY**



# LET'S TALK

## **IGANIGA'TUNEJ SAMQWAN**

*"Let's put our water first."*

*"I'd like to know more."*

*"How can I have my say?"*

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**JOIN US. TALK WITH US.  
ENGAGE WITH US.  
LET'S TALK MORE**

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**WHEN:**

**TIME:**

**WHERE:**

**WEDNESDAY**  
Nov. 22, 2017

12:00pm NB

**LISTUGUJ**  
Listuguj Bingo Hall

**WEDNESDAY**  
Nov. 22, 2017

4:30pm QC

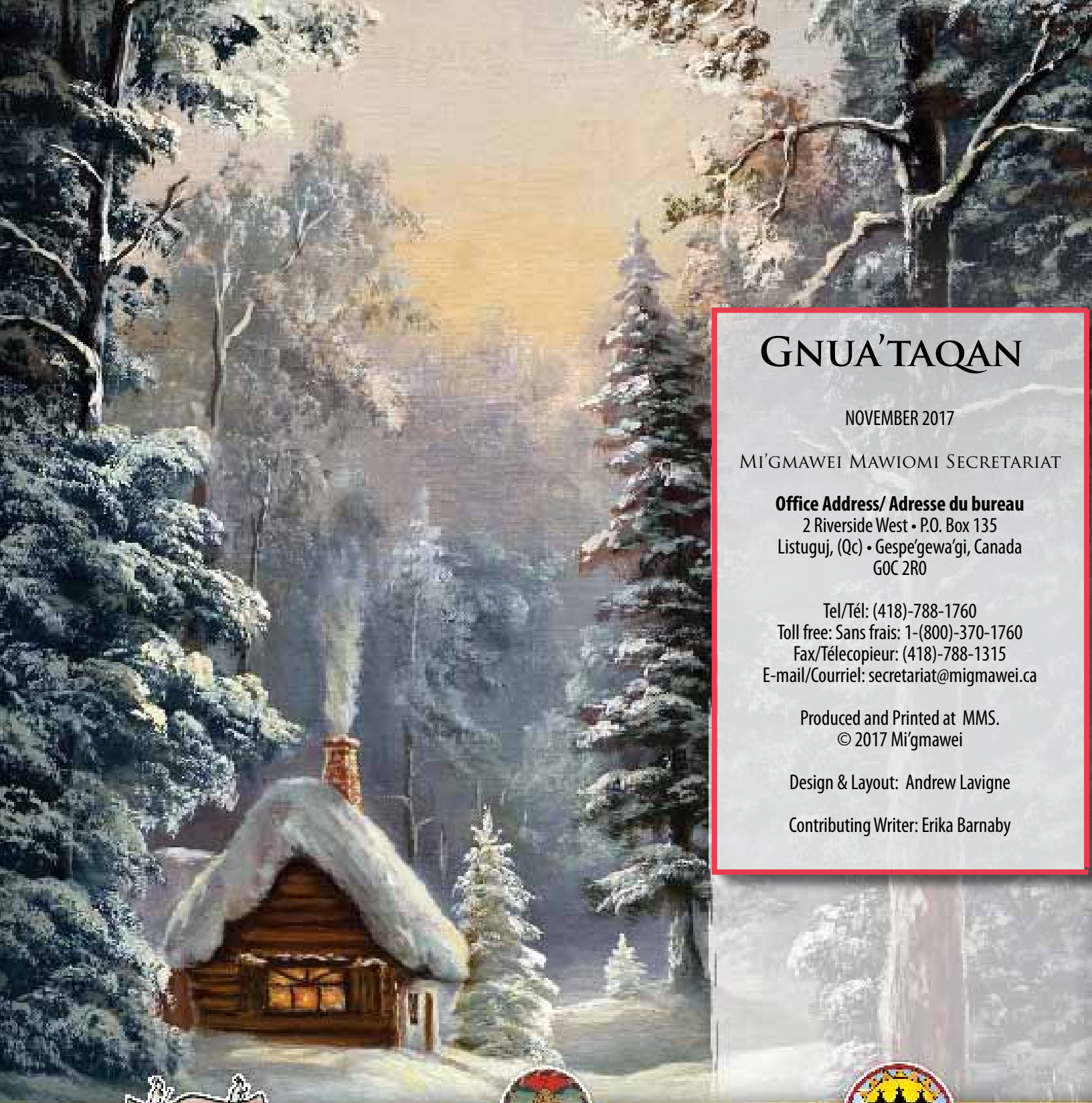
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Galgoasiet N.R. Building

**A Meal will be served.**

**Door Prize: \$100 Gift Card**

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