



## Barra Strait Mi'kmaq Friendship Event

### August 30, 2025

Grand Narrows Waterfront, Cape Breton Nova Scotia.

**Event Overview:** The Grand Narrows Waterfront Development Society (GNWDS) and the 7GI Society are partnering to create a landmark initiative centred on Mi'kmaq history and friendship along the Barra Strait. This project is designed to deepen community connections, promote cultural understanding, and celebrate the rich heritage of the Mi'kmaq people. With a targeted completion in 2025, this initiative includes interpretive signage, student engagement, and cultural events that honour the enduring friendship between Mi'kmaq and non-Indigenous communities.

#### Key Components:

##### 1. Student Artwork Collaboration

- Partnership with Rankin School of the Narrows to incorporate student artwork inspired by the theme of Mi'kmaq friendship through the years.
- Workshops and educational sessions for students to learn about Mi'kmaq culture and history.
- Student Art work to be displayed at our Barra Strait Mi'kmaq Friendship Event (August 2025)
- Selected artwork will be featured on the interpretive signage, providing youth an opportunity to showcase their creativity and connection to the project. (2026)

##### 2. Mi'kmaq Friendship Day (Aug 30 2025)

- A vibrant community event at the Grand Narrows waterfront to celebrate Mi'kmaq friendship and culture.
- Activities to include performances by local Indigenous musical artists, traditional storytelling, cultural demonstrations, and craft workshops.
- On site food offerings with a local cultural flare
- Opportunities for attendees to learn about Mi'kmaq traditions and history in an interactive, inclusive setting.

#### Goals and Impact:

- **Strengthen Relationships:** Foster a deeper appreciation and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.
- **Cultural Preservation:** Highlight and celebrate Mi'kmaq history, heritage, and traditions.
- **Youth Engagement:** Inspire the next generation to connect with and express their understanding of Mi'kmaq stories through art.
- **Tourism Development:** Enhance the Grand Narrows waterfront as a cultural and educational destination.



### Partnership Opportunities:

- Collaborate with local businesses, educational institutions, and community organizations to amplify the initiative's reach and impact.
- Engage sponsors and donors who share a commitment to cultural understanding and community development.
- Promote partners' contributions through branding opportunities on signage, event materials, and media outreach.

**Contact Information:** For more information or to discuss partnership opportunities, please contact:

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**We look forward to working together to celebrate and honour the rich heritage of Mi'kmaq history and friendship along the Barra Strait.**