



MEDIA ADVISORY

Be advised that on **Thursday, May 31 at 2:00 PM at the New Brunswick Museum (1 Market Square, Saint John, NB E2L 4Z6)** the Belledune Port Authority and the Mi'gmaq communities of the province will be signing a first of its kind in corporate Canada-First Nations agreement, their ***Relationship, Engagement and Consultation Protocol***.

A media conference will be co- lead by President and Chief Executive Officer of the Belledune Port Authority and Chief David Peter- Paul of the Pabineau First Nations and executive member of the New Brunswick Mi'gmaq organization, Mi'gmaw'e'l Tplu'taqnn Incorporated.

The *Protocol* is the first of its kind because it is co-owned by the two parties and recognizes the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; the Aboriginal and Treaty rights of the Mi'gmaq People as confirmed in section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982; and by decisions of the Courts of Canada.

Saint John (Fort Howe) is a historic venue for the signing number of treaties between Mi'gmaq and British officials in 1700s and is recognized as a respectful venue for the signing of the ***Relationship, Engagement and Consultation Protocol***.

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