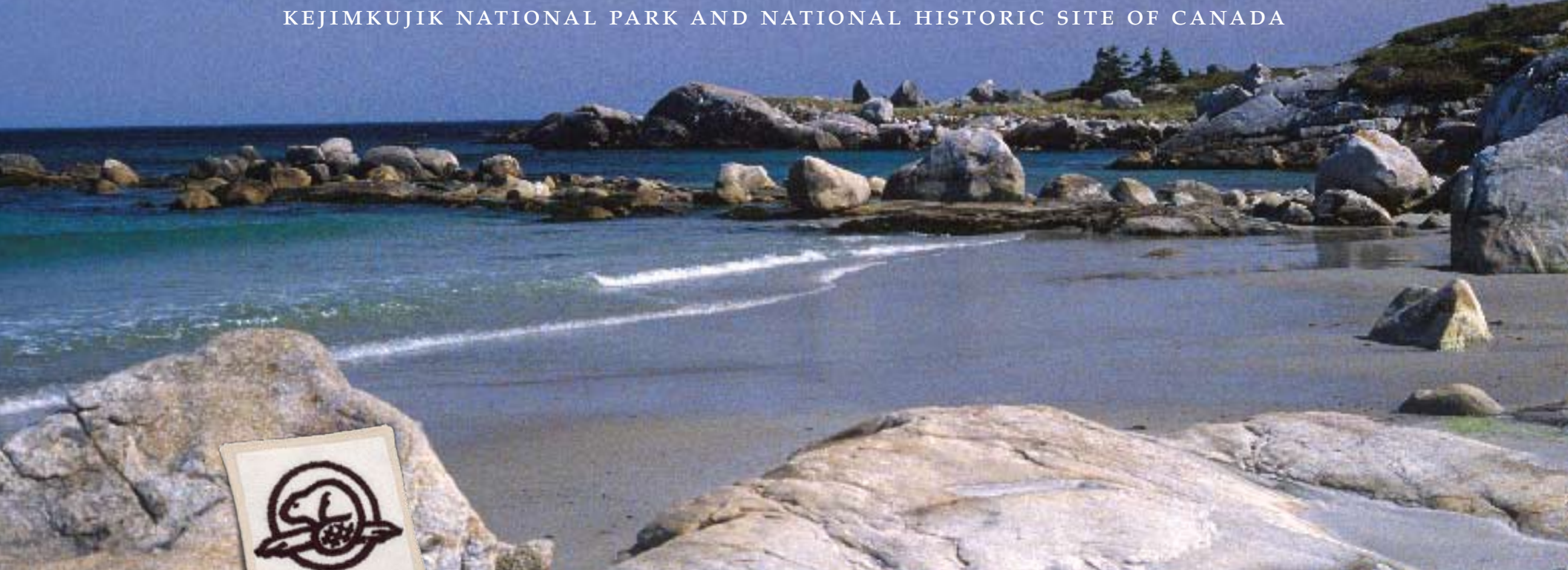




HELP US PLAN THE FUTURE

KEJIMKUJIK NATIONAL PARK AND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA



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Established in 1969, Kejimikujik National Park protects part of the Atlantic Uplands Natural Region of Nova Scotia. The Seaside Adjunct on the Atlantic coast, which protects representative ecosystems of Nova Scotia's south shore, was added to the park in 1986. The inland portion of the park, which encompasses Mi'kmaw petroglyphs, habitation sites, burial sites, and travel routes, was designated a national historic site in 1995 in recognition of its significance as a Mi'kmaw cultural landscape.

Kejimikujik is an important part of Parks Canada's system of national parks, national historic sites, and national marine conservation areas. It is recognized as a significant area for Mi'kmaw culture, species at risk and is a nationally recognized research site. Kejimikujik is also a popular recreational destination for Nova Scotians and tourists alike.

Parks Canada is in the process of developing a new management plan for this important national park and historic site. The plan is a strategic

guide for Kejimikujik for the next 15 years and will provide clear direction for maintaining and restoring the ecological health of the park and for ensuring the integrity of the historic site. The plan will also provide direction for enhancing visitor experiences and offering stimulating opportunities for learning and involvement.

A successful management plan requires effective and ongoing involvement from the public. *Please take the time to read and respond to this newsletter before April 30, 2006.*

A Shared Vision The foundation of the management plan is a vision of success – a vision that describes what we want for the future of Kejimikujik for the next generation. In order to encourage commitment and support, this vision needs to be created collaboratively with partners, stakeholders, visitors and the public.

As an initial step, our planning team sought input from members of the Mi'kmaw community and a variety of stakeholders regarding their views for the future of Kejimikujik.

The draft vision presented in this newsletter is the result of these discussions and applies to all elements of Kejimikujik – the inland portion of the national park, which is also a national historic site, as well as the coastal portion of the park, the Kejimikujik Seaside Adjunct. *We would like to know your thoughts and wishes for the future of this naturally and culturally significant place.*



Kejimkujik

A vision for the next generation

From the rich diversity of forests, lakes and streams of the interior to the beaches and dunes of the rugged coast, this is a place where the people have shaped the land and the land has shaped the people since time immemorial.

Mi'kmaw heritage is respected, shared and celebrated – Kejimkujik is a sacred place where Mi'kmaq connect spiritually and emotionally to their ancestors, where the natural and cultural resources that attest to their legacy are respected and presented for future generations, and where Mi'kmaq culture thrives through gatherings, celebrations and ceremonies.

R E S P E C T

We work together – Staff, First Nations, partners, communities and visitors work together to plan and manage Kejimkujik for future generations. We are known for excellence in scientific, traditional and cultural history. We inspire and promote sustainable resource management and stewardship in the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve.

C O L L A B O R A T E

As the centre of the Mi'kmaw District of Kespukwitek (meaning "Land's End") and the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve, Kejimkujik is a place where nature and culture are respected, intertwined, and inseparable.

P R O T E C T

Nature Flourishes – The forests, wetlands, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems that characterize this region of southwestern Nova Scotia are healthy and whole. Kejimkujik offers a protected haven for native plants and animals and the evolution of natural processes.

C O N N E C T

People connect with nature, culture, ancestors, family and friends – Kejimkujik is a peaceful place to experience the wonders of nature and to discover the rich cultural heritage of the Mi'kmaq. Diverse, year-round opportunities offer the chance to pause and reflect, to learn and enjoy. Lifetime memories are created here through personal connections with nature and culture, which can include camping beneath towering hemlocks, travelling historical Mi'kmaq canoe routes, or listening to the pounding of the Atlantic coastal surf.

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Parks Canada wishes to involve groups and individuals interested in Kejimkujik National Park and National Historic Site throughout the planning process. We need your input regarding the draft vision presented in this newsletter. We are also interested in any other thoughts and ideas you may wish to share regarding future management direction for Kejimkujik.

Some questions to consider as you formulate your comments:

- What is your reaction to the vision presented in this newsletter? Does it capture your vision for Kejimkujik?
- What should be changed about Kejimkujik?
- What should stay the same?

Please send us your thoughts by faxing, mailing or emailing your comments. All responses will be treated confidentially. *Include your name and contact information and we will enter you in a draw to win a free season's pass!*

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