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PEI Mi'kmaq Chiefs congratulate new Native Council President Lisa Cooper

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The Chiefs of PEI's two Mi'kmaq governments are congratulating Lisa Cooper on her election as President of the Native Council of Prince Edward Island.

The Native Council of PEI plays an important role in advocating on behalf of its members respecting the interest of off-reserve and non-status Aboriginal people - including some members of PEI's two First Nations. The Council provides some important services to their membership; most notably their delivery of off-reserve housing programs.

"We congratulate President Cooper on her election. We echo recent statements from CAP National Chief Betty Ann Lavallée in saying Aboriginal groups in P.E.I. need to overcome divisions and search for some common solutions," said Chief Brian Francis.

"The Mi'kmaq Governments want to engage the Native Council and work together."

“I would like to extend a special congratulations to President Cooper, who as a member of Lennox Island First Nation has done us proud in her successful election and her career accomplishments,” said Chief Matilda Ramjattan. “The Mi’kmaq Governments look forward to working in cooperation with Lisa and the Native Council of PEI to ensure positive results for the PEI Mi’kmaq and her membership.”

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