



April 9, 2024

Eleanor Roulston, Warden
Municipality of East Hants
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Dear Warden Roulston:

RE: Proposed Addition to Reserve, Sipekne'katik

This letter is to inform you that Sipekne'katik has, by way of a Band Council Resolution, submitted a request for an addition to reserve to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). Sipekne'katik has requested that land, located in the municipal district of East Hants in the Province of Nova Scotia, identified as PID 45098829, be added to Indian Brook IR No. 14 (see attached).

As you may know, reserves are land that has been set apart for the use and benefit of a First Nation. The Government of Canada has discretion to create reserves and add land to existing reserves in accordance with Canada's Addition to Reserve/Reserve Creation Policy Directive. I would like to request your input on this Addition to Reserve Proposal by July 9, 2024.

As part of the Addition to Reserve Process, the First Nation will negotiate agreements with local governments on issues such as service provisions, by-law harmonization and land-use planning. Local government(s) and the province are encouraged to work with the First Nation using the "good neighbour" approach. This approach involves good will, good faith and reasonableness in discussions between the First Nation and other governments.

We encourage municipal, provincial and First Nation governments to work together on common and shared obligations and goals. By working together, we can advance our collective work in the spirit of reconciliation and a nation-to-nation relationship. Communication among all relevant parties is encouraged when addressing issues of mutual concern.

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Should you have any questions or wish to receive further information, please contact Jackie Qaqqasiq, Land Management Advisor, by phone at (902) 397-2365 or by e-mail at jacqueline.qaqqasiq@sac-isc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

c.c.: Council of Sipekne'katik
Stuart Knockwood, Director of Administration
Jackie Qaqqasiq, Land Management Advisor – ISC Atlantic



Figure 1: Location map of PID 45098829 (highlighted in yellow) extracted from Service Nova Scotia Property Online website.

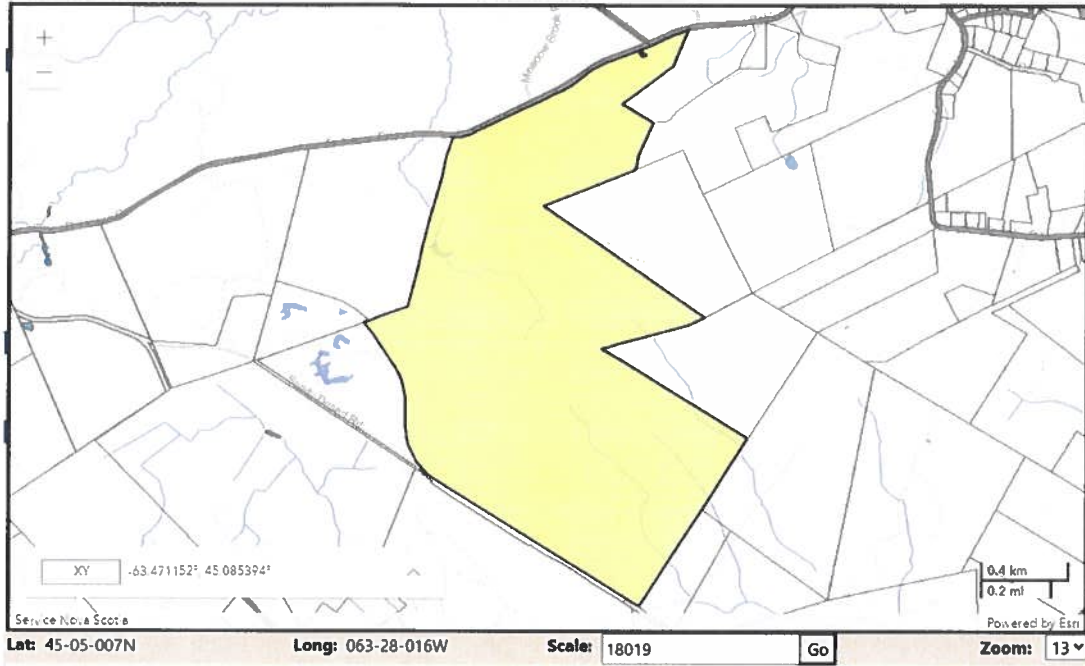


Figure 2: PID 45098829 in relation to Indian Brook IR No. 14.

