When we speak, Spirit is present.

Ceremony and Consensus
For generations to come, people and Spirit have been present as we entered alliances and treaties with other nations.

Snoopy was, and are, sovereign representatives of their communities. Treaties were sealed with only a feather blowing in the wind and the sun setting in the west. Stomping down was a symbolic act of granting treaties and naming their way. Always, our agreements seek to protect our land and all life on it.

When the Mi'kmaq Snoopy agreed to the Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British in the 1700s, they were extending an offer to live in Mi'kma'ki as part of no-kwap. Through this invitation to a treaty relationship, they sought to live in peace and friendship.

For more than 250 years, Britain and HRM Canada denied the treaty relationship established in the 1700s. If Mi'kmaq oral histories had not carried the treaty relationship through this period of denial, there would be no Treaty Rights today.

Peace and Friendship
As Britain settled invasion in Mi'kma'ki, both nations turned to treaty-making to establish peace and friendship that was to endure forever.

The Peace and Friendship Treaties were not just treaties; they are agreements about how to live together (Mi'kmaq). Through them, we learn when relations were made.

The treaties were living documents signed without dates. The time frame of the agreements is “their heirs and the heirs of their heirs forever.”

Chain of Treaties
The CFRC tried to seal the foundation for agreements treaties in 1743, 1750, and 1764. Creating a “Chosen Clan of Treaties.” The Peace of Treaties that followed was no different. Treaties were not just agreements on paper. They were agreements on the land. They would be respected in the land. The treaties were made to last until the end of all time. This led to the Treaty of 1752 and the Treaty of 1760.

The treaties were not treaties signed during the 1700s and 1800s. Treaties were signed in 1771 and 1871. The Treaty of 1771 and the Treaty of 1871 are the only two treaties ever signed by the newly formed United States or with the British.

Denial and Damage
Shortly after the last treaty was signed in 1773, the British used population growth and military strength to overpower Mi'kma'ki with the emergence of Canada as a nation. The Courts settle in control of Mi'kmaq and their language and culture. The purpose of the land became known as “Treaty Land.” They displaced Mi'kmaq people and culture. Treaty Denial affects everyone in the region of communities – land, culture, women and children. They include the creation of the Indian Act, the policy of Centrality, and the Indian Residential School System.

Despite these difficulties, Mi'kmaq continue to hunt, fish and gather. Perhaps provided limited opportunities to sell goods or that other work. Above all, people depended on their forests. With the forests destroyed a cause and ground down, old histories allow the treaties alive.

Family and Belief
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