

# 2026 NOVA SCOTIA INDIGENOUS TOURISM AGM / TRADESHOW & CONFERENCE

*Destination Mi'kma'ki*

**March 30-31, 2026**  
**Delta Dartmouth Hotel**

**NSITEN Members FREE**  
**Associate Members**  
**\$100.00**

**Full Registration: \$200.00**  
**Register online at:**  
**www.NSITEN.com**

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## NSITEN AGM/AGA

Each year our membership come together to hear about our yearly reports and decide on their new leadership. Last year NSITEN went with a new system of leadership based on each Mi'kmaq Traditional District voting on their leadership. NSITEN Full Members Only.



## Conference & Trade Show

We have lots to share in our 2026 NSITEN Tourism Conference with our new keynote speakers, workshop presenters and key partner updates & projects! The Trade Show Event will showcase our top NSITEN vendors! Be sure to register online on our website!



## Indigenous Tourism Awards

NSITEN will once again accept nominations to recognize and award our Seven (7) Indigenous Tourism Awards (see our website for more details, categories and deadlines!) Awards link: [www.NSITEN.com/Awards](http://www.NSITEN.com/Awards)

**DELTA DARTMOUTH HOTEL: (902) 468-8888.**  
**ASK FOR NSITEN RATE OF \$153.00 PLUS TAX**

**NSITEN CONFERENCE AGENDA**  
**DELTA DARTMOUTH CONFERENCE CTR.**  
**240 BROWNLOW AVE, DARTMOUTH, N.S.**

**MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**Doors open at 12:00pm for AGA/AGM**

**1:00PM-4:00pm**

NSITEN AGM/AGA - All full voting members of NSITEN members are asked to attend.

**5:00PM - 9:00pm**

**TRADESHOW EVENT OPENS**

**6:00pm - 9:00pm**

**NSITEN Awards Dinner & Banquet**

Mi'kmaq Music & Cultural Showcase  
**(Registration begins at 5:30pm)**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2026**

**TOURISM CONFERENCE DAY**

**8:45am-9:00am**

Opening Prayers & Welcome

**9:00am - 12:30pm**

Conference Keynotes & Workshops

**12:30pm - 1:30pm**

Lunch for all Registered Participants

**1:30pm - 4:00pm**

Tourism Workshops & Door Prizes

Closing Comments & Prayers

**Note: NSITEN Trade Show Area will be open all day with breaks to support our vendors!**

**Special hotel rates are available at the Delta Dartmouth Hotel for registered participants.**

**CONTACT US**  
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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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## 2026 NSITEN Annual General Meeting NSITEN MEMBERS ONLY

**ALL NSITEN MEMBERS ATTENDING THE  
TOURISM CONFERENCE ARE URGED TO ATTEND**

**Monday, March 30th**



- 12:00pm
- Registration & Lunch
  - Traditional Opening
  - Introduction of Executive
  - Review of Agenda
  - NSITEN Annual Report
  - NSITEN Financial Report
  - NSITEN Election of New Board of Directors
  - Proposed By-Law Changes
  - Review of NSITEN Tourism Conference Agenda
- 4:00pm
- Closing Comments



- 4:30pm \* TRADESHOW OPENS \*
- 5:30pm \* DINNER REGISTRATION \*



- 6:00pm \* BANQUET DINNER \*
- 7:00pm \* AWARDS SHOW \*

## 2026 NSITEN TOURISM CONFERENCE & AWARDS SHOW

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- 5:30pm Reception / Networking
- 6:00pm Opening Welcome  
Host: Robert Bernard  
Traditional Prayer (Elder)  
Food Served / Music Begins
- 6:30pm Awards Show Overview  
Lifetime Achievement Awards  
Honour Song
- Lifetime Achievement Award #1**  
Awarded to Gould Family (We'koqma'q)
- Lifetime Achievement Award #2**  
Awarded to Joey Gould (We'koqma'q)
- Lifetime Achievement Award #3**  
Awarded to Morning Star (Eskasoni)
- Lifetime Achievement Award #4**  
Awarded to Hubert Francis (Elsipogtog)
- 7:00pm Music Entertainment  
Alan Syliboy & ThunderMakers
- 7:30pm NSITEN Tourism Awards (Pt.1)
- 8:00pm Special Musical Performance  
Cherise Basque & Tevin Nicholas
- 8:30pm NSITEN Tourism Awards (Pt.2)
- 9:00pm Closing Ceremonies

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## 2026 Nova Scotia Indigenous Tourism Conference DELTA DARTMOUTH HOTEL MARCH 30-31, 2026

### Tuesday, March 31st, 2026 (Morning)

-  8:30am Registration
- 8:45am Traditional Opening (Elder)
- 9:00am Keynote Speaker  
Kevin Eshkawkogan, President  
CEO/Indigenous Tourism Ontario
- 9:45am State of Mi'kma'w Tourism  
Robert Bernard, NSITEN
- 10:15am Mi'kma'wey Debert Project  
Mercedes Peters / Sharing Stories
-  11:00am 15 Minute Break - Transition
- 11:15am Workshops Breakouts
- Room #1: "Reconcili-ACTION & Tourism"  
Robert Bernard, NSITEN
- Room #2: "KINU Tourism Project" (MSVU)  
Kelsie Johnston/Jordynn Bernard
- Room #3: "Successful Digital Marketing"  
Two Bridges Digital Marketing
- Room #4: "Achieving Market Readiness"  
Skye Glen Consulting
- 12:30pm Lunch (Trade Show Hall Way)  
Visit our Trade Show Vendors  
Door Prizes at Trade Show Room  
(Must be present to win!)  


### Afternoon Schedule

- 1:30pm Welcome Back!! 4 Door Prizes!!
- 1:45pm Workshop Breakouts (2:00pm)
- Room #1: "Wapna'kik Music Association"  
Atlantic Indigenous Musician Panel
- Room #2: "Jajikte'k SeaWall Hiking Trail"  
Building Mi'kma'w Guiding Experiences  
Robert Bernard & Meril Rasmussen
- Room #3: "Successful Digital Marketing"  
Two Bridges Digital Marketing
- Room #4: "Achieving Market Readiness"  
Skye Glen Consulting
- 3:30PM TRANSITION TO MAIN ROOM
- 3:45pm Door Prizes (4)
- 4:00pm Closing Comments  
\* Closing Ceremonies \*

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