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From: Chief & Council, Glooscap First Nation

To: All Glooscap First Nation members and families

Re: The Micmac Rights Association workshop on November 15 and GFN's proposed Cannabis and Tobacco Law

Dear Glooscap Community,

Chief & Council are writing to you directly because a group called the Micmac Rights Association (MRA) has announced a workshop on our proposed Cannabis and Tobacco Law. It is set for 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 15, 2026, at Robyn's Nest Cannabis Store, 36 Smith Road. The MRA has also circulated a newsletter (#12, October 2026) that claims to analyze our law.

You are free to attend any meeting you choose. But you deserve the facts before you do, so you can judge for yourself who is speaking, on whose behalf, and in whose interest.

The MRA does not speak for Glooscap

The MRA has no authority, role or mandate in Glooscap First Nation. Its newsletter describes its work as being done "on behalf of Micmac Rights Association members living in GFN." That is not the same as speaking for this Nation, and the facts make that clear:

- **No one elected them.** None of the MRA's leaders or members hold elected office in Glooscap. Their members are not chosen by any vote, community process or Mi'kmaw diplomatic process.
- **Their leader is not Mi'kmaw.** The MRA's own newsletter identifies its leader as a member of the Chippewas of the Thames in Ontario. We respect his record and his age, but he is not a citizen of this Nation or of the Mi'kmaw Nation.
- **They are not lawyers.** The MRA's analysis was not prepared by anyone with legal credentials in Indigenous law or Canadian law. It is an opinion piece, not legal advice.
- **They provide nothing to Glooscap.** The MRA delivers no programs, services, housing, jobs or benefits to our members.

Only our membership, through our own governance processes, decides how Glooscap is governed.

Whose interests are being served

Ask who benefits. The MRA's position is that cannabis should be grown and sold on reserve by individuals, outside any community rules. That model serves people who want to run private, unlicensed cannabis businesses for their own gain. It does not share a single dollar with our membership.

Note, too, that this workshop is being held at a private cannabis store. Members can draw their own conclusions about why the people hosting it oppose a law that would put cannabis on our land under community rules and community benefit.

We also have serious concerns about the MRA's conduct. As recently as last year, individuals who served on the MRA's board were involved in group chats containing derogatory and misogynistic comments about Mi'kmaw women. A group that tolerated that conduct does not speak for the women of this Nation, or for any of us.

Finally, the MRA's newsletter repeatedly questions the credibility and integrity of your Chief & Council. It goes so far as to compare our community to a concentration camp. That kind of language is meant to divide us. Outside groups do not get to interfere in Glooscap's community politics.

The facts about our proposed law

GFN's proposed Cannabis and Tobacco Law came from you. Here is how it was built:

- **Drafted with GFN's legal counsel.** Qualified lawyers guided the drafting at every stage.
- **15 rounds of community engagement.** Sessions were held both online and in person.
- **Two community surveys** with more than 60 participants.
- **Over 80% of respondents** said they want Glooscap to enter the cannabis industry as a Nation, with profits shared through direct member benefit payments, as we already do with our other economic ventures.

We moved this law forward to protect the Nation and our members if we enter the cannabis industry collectively. It sets clear rules so that GFN's cannabis trade is safe, defensible and accountable, and so the benefits flow to every member, not to a few individuals.

You will decide

This law has not been enacted. Chief & Council have proposed a referendum, in line with GFN's community governance processes. **A date for the referendum has not yet been scheduled; members will be notified well in advance once it is set.** You, the membership, will decide whether to approve this law and how Glooscap does cannabis business as a Nation.

That decision belongs to Glooscap members. It does not belong to an external, unelected and unrecognized group whose members have their own personal interest in controlling the cannabis industry in this province.

If you have questions about the law, the referendum or the engagement record, please come to us directly. Our door is open, and we will share the full text of the law and the survey results with any member who asks.

We are proud of the work our members put into shaping this law. Whatever you decide at the referendum, it will be Glooscap's decision, made by Glooscap people.

Wela'lin,

Chief Sidney Peters
Councillor Charlotte Warrington
Councillor Gail Tupper
Councillor Amanda Francis

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