Michael Nicholas (1969 – 2019)

The APANB-AAPNB Board of Directors regrets to inform its membership of the passing of Michael Nicholas. Besides being a son, brother, and uncle, Mike was a mentor, colleague, and friend to many in New Brunswick's archaeology community. Mike was a graduate of Fredericton High School and St. Thomas University where he was active in the Native Student Council and the Archaeological Society. As a proud member of the Wolastoqiyik, he was passionate about his life’s work in his chosen field of archaeology. At the time of his illness, he was employed as Senior Archaeologist with the Province of New Brunswick and held the position of Ministerial Archaeological Inspector. He worked on many archaeological projects in New Brunswick including The Enclosure, the Augustine Mound, Metepenagiag, Jemseg, Fort La Tour, and at Bristol and Sisson Brook; important sites, where he acted as Field Supervisor. Mike was Co-Director of the excavations at Pennfield Ridge in southwestern NB, which is currently the oldest archaeological site in the Maritimes and dates back over 13,000 years to the ancestors of the Wabanaki Confederacy. During his career, Mike authored or co-authored more than twenty publications on topics of archaeology and was respected by his colleagues. He loved to share his knowledge about the fascinating history of this land and to tell stories about the adventures he experienced in the course of his work.

Mike will be greatly missed by all who knew and worked with him, and the contributions he made to the conservation of New Brunswick’s archaeological record will remain as a part of his legacy. We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to all of Mike’s family, friends, and colleagues at Archaeological Services Branch during this difficult time.

Respectfully,

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