

## **Ihtoli-maqahamok - The Gathering Space** [ee-doe-lee MAH-qwah-HA-muck]

### **BACKGROUNDER**

**1788** - The Slip is built. It is used as the centre for the commercial marine business for the South Central Peninsula.

**1960s** - The Slip is partially filled in and used as a parking lot.

**1983** - Market Square is developed by local developer, Pat Rocca. The buildings feature an intriguing blend of historic and modern architecture and style, incorporating the old brick façades of the warehouses that used to line The Slip over a century ago.

**1983 - 2021** - The space is used for loading and unloading ships, community gatherings, Festival by the Sea, the Buskers Festival, and countless other community celebrations.

**2021** - Fundy Quay development project is announced. This project includes the development of retail, residential, and commercial spaces, along with a new seawall, several interactive and public, and an extension of Harbour Passage.

**2022** - In February, Common Council adopted the Terms of Reference for the City's Civic Commemoration Committee.

**2022** - Public engagement is held for the naming process.

**2022** - In September, the Fundy Quay project enters construction phase.

**2023** - In July, Council adopted the Street and Public Space Naming Policy Statement, which empowered the Civic Commemoration Committee to guide and advise Council through the naming of public streets, assets, and spaces including but not limited to roads, parks, buildings, rinks, fields, beaches, and plazas.

**2023** - Through public engagement, research, staff support, and consultation with Wolastoqey Nation New Brunswick, the committee has selected the name Ihtoli-maqahamok - The Gathering Space as a fitting commemorative name for the space.

**Late 2023/early 2024** - Public launch event. The first community gathering at Ihtoli-maqahamok - The Gathering Space. More details to come.