

Media Advisory:

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Attention News Editors:

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

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- **The election of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Regional Chief for New Brunswick and PEI will be held in Charlottetown today, November 6, 2014;**
- **This is the first time that the Regional Chief election has been held on PEI**

Today, Thursday, November 6th, the Assembly of First Nations will be holding their election for Regional Chief NB-PEI at the Delta Prince Edward at 4:00 p.m.

The Regional Chief NB-PEI is one of 10 Regional Chiefs and sits on the Executive Committee of the Assembly of First Nations. Regional Chiefs are elected every three years by Chiefs in their regions.

This is the first time that the Regional Chief NB-PEI election has been held on PEI.

Roger Augustine, from Eel Ground First Nation is the incumbent AFN Regional Chief NB/PEI.

There are 2 First Nations on PEI, Abegweit First Nation and Lennox Island First Nation, and 15 in New Brunswick (see list [here](#)).

The term "First Nations" refers to one of three distinct groups recognized as "Aboriginal" in the *Constitution Act* of 1982. The other two distinct groups characterized as "Aboriginal" are the Métis and the Inuit.

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is a national advocacy organization representing First Nation citizens in Canada, which includes more than 900,000 people living in 634 First Nation communities and in cities and towns across the country.

Among other roles, the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI serves as a Provincial-Territorial Organization affiliated with the Assembly of First Nations.

The election for the AFN National Chief will take place December 9-11 at the 2014 Special Chiefs Assembly being held in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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