

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

### Q&A

**Q. Who was involved in the naming process?**

A. The naming of Ihtoli-maqahamok -The Gathering Space [ee-doe-lee MAH-qwah-HA-muck] was a community process that involved Saint John citizens (using an online public engagement tool), the Civic Commemoration Committee, Common Council, City of Saint John staff, and consultation with First Nations' leaders from The Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick (WNNB). WNNB held final consultations with Wolastoqey Elders, who endorsed the renaming of the space in the Wolastoqey language.

**Q. What is this space? How will it serve our community?**

A. As the name suggests, the space will be used for community gatherings. As part of the bigger Fundy Quay development, Ihtoli-maqahamok – The Gathering Space will bring new life to this incredible public space in the very heart of Saint John. It includes a performance stage for concerts, film screenings, and special events, a community ice rink, space for vendors, and greater access to the water.

**Q. Where is it located?**

A. Just beyond the intersection of King and Water streets, toward the water.

**Q. When will it be open to the public?**

A. There will be a ribbon-cutting and official community gathering at Ihtoli-maqahamok – The Gathering Space once construction is complete. Stay tuned for more details!

**Q. Why this name? Why now?**

A. Ihtoli-maqahamok – The Gathering Space is a commemorative name that pays homage to both the ancestors of the land on which the space rests, but also the spirit of the space and the way it has been used over the centuries: as a place of community and gathering.

**Q. What about accessibility?**

A. Accessibility was at the forefront of this development. People with varying physical abilities will be able to gather, rest, and enjoy the beautiful waterfront.

**Q. How do I pronounce Ihtoli-maqahamok?**

A. The pronunciation is [ee-doe-lee MAH-qwah-HA-muck]. We encourage our community to familiarize themselves and each other with the name, meaning, and pronunciation of this space. A good place to start is this online Passamaquoddy-Maliseet language portal:

**Definition of Ihtoli-maqahamok:** <https://pmportal.org/taxonomy/term/1637>

**Pronunciation of Ihtoli-maqahamok:** <https://pmportal.org/dictionary/ihtoli-maqahamok>