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ABORIGINAL ELDERS CELEBRATE HERITAGE DAY AT THE JOGGINS FOSSIL CENTRE MONDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2017

Joggins, Nova Scotia--- Aboriginal elders and spiritual leaders, Emile Gautreau and Louise Goodwin, will assist the Joggins Fossil Centre in celebrating Nova Scotia Heritage Day on Monday February 20 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Nova Scotia Heritage Day is an annual reminder of the province's past and the remarkable people, places and events that have contributed to the province's unique heritage. For Canada's 150th anniversary Heritage Day 2017 celebrates the Mi'kmaq culture and the many accomplishments of the Mi'kmaq people.

At the Joggins Fossil Centre Emile Gautreau and Louise Goodwin will present a ceremony to the 7 directions, speak about aboriginal peoples from across Canada and create music with clapping sticks and drums.

Emile Gautreau has received many honours including a Nova Scotia environmental award and a Trans-Canada Trail award from the town of Amherst. While living in western Canada Mr. Gautreau developed a close relationship with the Dene people. In recognition of this he was made an honorary member of the Dene nation and was a recipient of a Canada Centennial Medal. In 2009 he was recognized as the educator of the year by the Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication.

Louise Goodwin is recognized and registered in New Brunswick as a spiritual wedding officiant. She has facilitated drum circles and has a passion for harvesting native plants for food & medicine.

Gautreau and Goodwin who reside in Amherst, have been called upon from across Canada to conduct guided walks and share nature experiences with school groups, community gatherings, outdoor leadership programs, museums and parks programs.

This Heritage Day event is free, for all ages and open to the public and is part of the Community Coffee Break series offered by the Joggins Fossil Centre. Refreshments will be served.

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