



## “Sustainable Conservation – Heading for Harmony”

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### ***Installing Energy Savings: Partnering with Mi’kmaq Communities in Nova Scotia***

In 2013, Efficiency Nova Scotia Corporation (ENSC), in partnership with the Mi’kmaq Rights Initiative (KMK) and Sustainable Housing, delivered a large scale Residential Direct Install (RDI) project in Mi’kmaq communities. The RDI included installation of low cost energy saving products, data collection, education and outreach, and training. Energy saving products including CFL bulbs, faucet aerators, high efficiency shower heads, and electric hot water tank wraps were installed in Mi’kmaq households by trained members from their community. In addition, installers collected home specific data like the type of heating system, type and amount of electronics and appliances, and visible building enclosure details which could influence energy use. This data will be presented to each community to identify future endeavours. This presentation will summarise how an effective partnership between ENSC and the KMK delivered a service that respected the cultural values and linguistic challenges, equipped Mi’kmaq communities with expertise, and resulted in significant energy savings.