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Algonquin Land Claim

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**TO:** Municipal CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

**DATE:** December 17, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Preliminary Draft Agreement-in-Principle (AIP)  
Algonquin Land Claim

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This memorandum follows the series of discussions members of Ontario's negotiation team had with you and Council this past year. The municipal information and comments provided by municipalities as a result of those discussions has been very helpful to Ontario's negotiation team. We hope to continue this work with your municipality once the draft AIP has been ratified by the parties.

I am now pleased to advise you that a Preliminary Draft Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) is available for public review. As noted by the Ontario negotiation team during our discussions with you, this Preliminary Draft AIP is a work in progress that is still under review and subject to revision by the Parties.

Following this review, the negotiators will complete a draft Agreement-in-Principle that will be submitted to the Algonquins of Ontario for a ratification vote. This is expected to take place in 2013. After the ratification vote the Draft AIP must be approved by Ontario and Canada. Further negotiations would then take place to reach the detailed content of a Final Agreement. This final stage of negotiations is expected to take several years.

An information package on the Preliminary Draft AIP, including maps, is available through links at any one of the 3 websites noted in this memo.

As noted in the 2012 Ontario discussions with municipalities, no land transfers will occur until after a Final Agreement is negotiated, ratified and in effect. Once land has been transferred, the Algonquins of Ontario will become private land owners, subject to the same planning laws and requirements as other private property owners.

In early January, 2013, Ontario will be sending each affected municipality Descriptive Plans for the Crown land parcels within your municipality which have been identified for potential transfer to Algonquin ownership. While these plans are not final or intended to be formal plans of survey, they are much more detailed than the key maps which were used in Ontario's earlier discussions with municipal representatives.

We hope you will find these plans helpful as you review the proposed parcels in more detail with respect to municipal interests.

Members of the negotiation teams will be holding meetings with the public to discuss the contents of the Preliminary Draft AIP in early 2013. Municipal staff and the public, including ratepayers and those with other interests in your municipality, will have an opportunity to learn more about the Preliminary Draft AIP at these meetings.

You are welcome to attend these meetings, which will be publicly advertised as details are confirmed. You can also contact any of the negotiation teams at any time with your questions or comments:

Algonquins of Ontario:  
Email [algonquins@nrtco.net](mailto:algonquins@nrtco.net) ;  
Phone 613-735-3759 or 1-855-735-3759 (toll free)

Ontario:  
E-mail [alcinfo@ontario.ca](mailto:alcinfo@ontario.ca) ;  
Phone 613-732-8081 or 1-855-690-7070 (toll free)

Canada:  
E-mail [Revendication-Algonquins-OntarioClaim@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca](mailto:Revendication-Algonquins-OntarioClaim@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca) ; Phone 1-800-567-9604 (toll free) or 1-866-553-0554 (TTY toll free)

Should you, other municipal staff or members of Council receive inquiries about the Preliminary Draft AIP, or any other aspects of the Algonquin Land Claim, do not hesitate to refer people to the contact information above.

A similar update has been provided to municipalities in the land claim settlement area where there are no proposed identified settlement land parcels.

Brian Crane  
Ontario Chief Negotiator

cc Bob Potts, Algonquins of Ontario Principal Negotiator  
Ron Doering, Canada Chief Negotiator  
Norm Lemke, Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) Co-Chair  
Municipal Focus Group

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**Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria**

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**From:** "Heather\_Clay McKechnie" <hcmckechnie@hotmail.com>

**Date:** January-12-13 1:31 PM

**To:** <twpshcm@xplornet.com>

**Subject:** Correspondence for meeting on January 14, 2013

Would you please include this letter as part of your correspondence received in the council packages for consideration on January 14, 2013.

As ratepayers, it is our opinion that Mr. Doug Antler should be appointed as a councillor for the Townships due to the fact that he lost only by 12 votes in the last election. A bi-election at any cost would be an additional cost to the ratepayers without just cause. This is in keeping with the fact that no one else ran in the last election except Mr. Antler against Mrs. Grills. It would be the first time in many years that the northern half of our municipality would have representation at the council table making their views and opinions known to council.

It has also been brought to our attention that the following email has been circulated throughout the community by a relative of a Township employee and reads as such:

"I believe it is of the public's best interest to have an election rather than appoint the runner up. It was obvious at the last election he wasn't the person the public wanted in there. So why not let the public decide again."

Of course, this email was opinion based only and may be construed as biased; therefore, we are sending our thoughts and concerns in the form of this correspondence. Since it was such a close election, we believe the people did substantially set out very obviously their wants, needs and confidence in Mr. Antler. Also, due to the fact that Mr. Antler is a successful businessman in our community, we feel he has the experience and business knowledge that would benefit the Township and bring a positive perspective to the table.

Thank you.

Heather & Clayton McKechnie

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**Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria**

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**From:** "Ahronsons" <ken.ahronson@sympatico.ca>  
**Date:** January-13-13 8:43 AM  
**To:** "Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria" <twpshcm@xplornet.com>  
**Subject:** Doug Antler to replace Dave Foot  
Please forward to Tammy

Thank you

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Tammy:

Please exercise your right as a responsible council and appoint Doug Antler as our new councillor. I've known Doug for many years going way back to our AECL days. Doug is bright, extremely competent and tuned into the needs of the Township. He will serve us all well. Having Doug on council will in all likelihood attract some of the other bright lights among us to contest a seat on HCM's council. Do not waste more of the municipality's money on a bi-election when we have an excellent candidate waiting in the wings.

Regards,

ken and Jo Anne Ahronson  
392 Donnelly Road,  
Mackey, ON

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**Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria**

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**From:** "Gary and Nicky Gervais " <ngervais@hotmail.com>  
**Date:** January-13-13 4:36 PM  
**To:** <tlstewart1@live.com>; "Head Clara & Maria Township " <twpshcm@xplornet.com>  
**Cc:** <reservations@antlerslodge.ca>  
**Subject:** By- election?

We at 296 Chokecherry Lane support Doug Antler in becoming a councilor and that he should be appointed to the position of councilor for the Townships ..

Thanks  
Gary Gervais

[wart1@live.com](mailto:wart1@live.com)

Subject: RE: Correspondence for meeting on January 14, 2013  
Date: Sat, 12 Jan 2013 13:40:26 -0500  
To: [hcmckechne@hotmail.com](mailto:hcmckechne@hotmail.com)

Heather

Can you have anyone who wants Doug in to contact me preferably by email. I want to have some numbers when I go Monday. Thanks  
Tammy

Sent from my Windows Phone

From: Heather\_Clay McKechnie

Sent: 12/01/2013 1:33 PM

To: theresa clouthier; Tammy Stewart; bob reid; [reservations@antlerslodge.ca](mailto:reservations@antlerslodge.ca); earl and sybil;  
Bob and Pauline; [morefeet67@hotmail.com](mailto:morefeet67@hotmail.com)

Subject: FW: Correspondence for meeting on January 14, 2013

FYI

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To: [twpshcm@xplornet.com](mailto:twpshcm@xplornet.com)

Subject: Correspondence for meeting on January 14, 2013

Date: Sat, 12 Jan 2013 14:31:14 -0400

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Thank you.

Heather & Clayton McKechnie

Sent wirelessly from my BlackBerry device on the Bell network.

Envoyé sans fil par mon terminal mobile BlackBerry sur le réseau de Bell.

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**Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria**

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**From:** "Linda Winston Chartrand" <linda-winston@hotmail.com>  
**Date:** January-07-13 10:28 PM  
**To:** <twpshcm@xplornet.com>  
**Subject:** Election Please forward to Reeve Stewart

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Madam Reeve

I believe it is of the publics best interest to have an election rather than elect the runner up. It was obvious at the last election he wasn't the person the public wanted in there. So why not let the public decide again.  
A ratepayer Linda Chartrand