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TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

September 18, 2012

**Ontario Progressive Conservative Party Introduces
"Ability to Pay Act, 2012"**

Issue: Arbitration Process

Background:

On September 12, 2012, a Private Member's Bill was introduced which contains the PC Party of Ontario's proposed changes to the current arbitration system.

The *Act* highlights three key points:

- An arbitrator's decision must factor in specific economic and budgetary factors, like the taxpayers' ability to pay, when making decisions and to explain those decisions in writing;
- Establish a panel of independent arbitrators to decide public sector cases within three months; and
- Dedicate an "Ability to Pay Division" that would publish data and comparative information on compensation, as well as proactively disclose all arbitration decisions.

The *Act* is expected to go to the second reading on October 4, 2012. For more detailed information on the Bill, please visit the [Ontario PC's website](http://www.ontla.on.ca). The Bill is available at <http://www.ontla.on.ca>. AMO is analyzing the Bill and will keep members informed of this and its on-going status.

Earlier this year, the government wrote municipalities indicating that during the current legislative session it would re-introduce its arbitration provisions that were originally contained in its Budget Bill. Those provisions were not extensive and did nothing to clarify the ability to pay criteria. At this point, we are not aware of the government's plans, whether to work with this Bill or introduce its own.

AMO and others believe that the clarity on ability to pay is important to re-balancing the

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process in a way that supports accountability and transparency of decisions made by arbitrators since their decisions impact municipal costs, budgets and taxes. Arbitration continues to be an important issue to AMO and its members. Arbitration awards are contributing to ever rising emergency services costs across Ontario, rising faster than other municipal services, the cost of living and the rate of inflation. These disproportionate increases stretch municipal budgets and draw funds away from other vital programs and services.

For more information, visit "Advocacy" at www.amo.on.ca.

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Dear Treasurer:

As you are aware, a payment was recently issued to your municipality in respect of hydro-electric generating stations (power dams).

The government is in the process of reviewing a broad range of programs to ensure they continue to meet their policy objectives while taking into account the province's fiscal situation. The power dam special payments program is currently being examined in the context of this review process, and as a result, the issuance of 2012 payments was later than in previous years.

Although the review is not yet complete, the 2012 payments were issued in order to assist municipalities with the implementation of their 2012 budgets. The payment includes an increase based on the year-over-year change in the consumer price index (CPI). The ministry will continue to examine the power dam special payment program in order to confirm its design for future years.

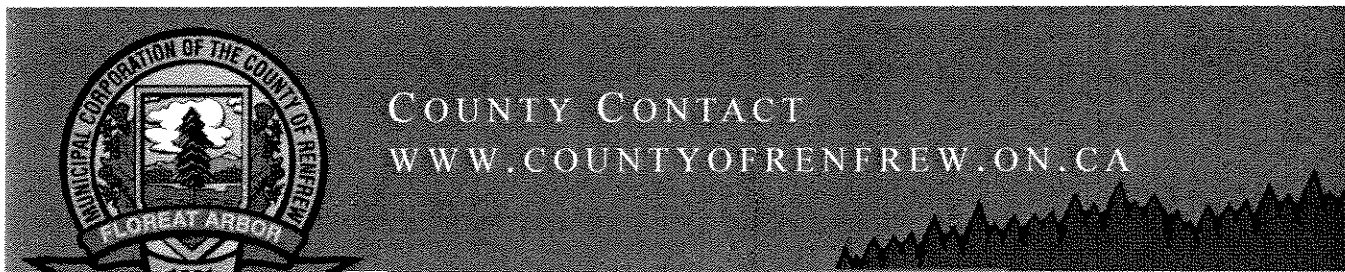
The amount of the power dam payment that was issued to your municipality for the 2012 tax year is \$105,557.94.

If you have any questions regarding this payment, please contact Ian Veitch at 416-325-2382 / Ian.Veitch@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Allan Doheny
Assistant Deputy Minister (A)



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DID YOU KNOW...?

- The Renfrew County United Way's goal for 2012 is \$500,000 and all money assists only local organizations.
- McNab/Braeside Township Driver Keith MacMillan won the 2012 County of Renfrew Roadco competition held at the Pembroke Public Works Garage.

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MESSAGE FROM THE WARDEN



Welcome to the final edition of the 2012 County Contact Newsletter. Over the last year, our county has been met with various challenges, but perhaps the greatest challenge has been the impact of a major drought throughout the summer months. The summer of 2012 will long be remembered not only for its lack of precipitation, but for the resilience of our agricultural and business community to deal with this natural crisis. In response to this unprecedented crisis, the County of Renfrew acted as Co-Chair with the Ministry of Natural Resources of The Water Response Team. This was

relatively new territory for all of us here in the county, and sensing the urgency of the situation, our Council passed a Resolution that budgeted \$30,000 to keep all residents informed through the media of updates related not only to the drought, but also best water conservation practices, updates of fire restrictions and other matters. At the time of this writing, we are still not out of the woods on this issue, and the County of Renfrew was still in a *Level 2 Drought* condition which calls on all residents to practice a voluntary 20% reduction of water use. All of us are hopeful that the worst of the drought is behind us, so that we can move forward. Speaking of moving forward, all members of County Council were thrilled to learn that Bill 11 passed Third Reading in the Provincial Legislature. This

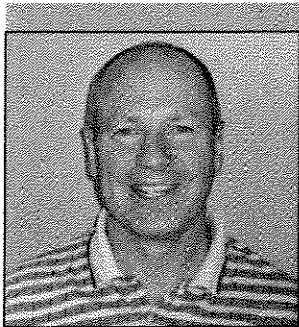
Bill called for the permanent allocation of funds to the Eastern Ontario Development Fund. This program was originally spearheaded by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and has been instrumental in helping to create jobs in Eastern Ontario. One of the changes proposed by the Wardens' Caucus is the ability for smaller businesses to access this cost-sharing program by reducing the number of employees from 10 to 5 or less. It was difficult for smaller businesses to access this program, so the proposal was made to reduce the number of employees. Many of our local businesses fall into this Small Business Category. I hope that a permanent commitment of funds to this program will help create jobs in the county and enrich the quality of life for all of us.

-Bob Sweet

UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



As we enter the Fall season, I am pleased to announce two major corporate initiatives taking place. In 2011, many employees signed up for voluntary payroll deductions as a way to help support the United Way and the many programs and services it provides for residents in many communities. Some of our employees will be out canvassing, so if you are interested in helping out, please let the HR Department know. Also, watch for the many healthy living initiatives during October. Once again, there will be various programs and health challenges all designed to help improve the quality of life for County of Renfrew employees. I hope that many of our employees take advantage of this corporate initiative. We had great response in 2011, and your involvement makes our workplace a healthy workplace!



County of Renfrew Water Response Team Committee Co-Chairs Alastair Baird and MNR Manager Rick Watchorn



DROUGHT 2012: COUNTY OF RENFREW WATER RESPONSE TEAM

The Ministry of Natural Resources issued a Level 2 drought warning for Renfrew County on July 19. The declaration was issued based on data showing significantly lower than historical average rainfall amounts and surface water levels on lakes, rivers and streams. In particular, ministry-regulated gauges on the Petawawa, Bonnechere and Madawaska Rivers showed they were at 40 per cent of normal stream flow for this time of year. Level 2 is declared if one-month precipitation falls to between 40 and 60 per cent of normal or when the three month or 18 month total precipitation is between 40 and 60 per cent of the average level. A Level 2 means that there are minor problems with the

supply of water. Prior to that declaration, a Water Response Team was created to document and respond to this crisis in the county. The team's mandate is to assess the human, economic and environmental impacts of the drought and communicate them to the public and elected officials. It is Co-Chaired by the County of Renfrew's Manager of Economic Development Alastair Baird and the Ministry of Natural Resources Manager Rick Watchorn. Mr. Baird stressed "it is not the role of the response team to address emergency response, nor does it handle financial compensation, nor does the team carry any legislative authority. Only the province can en-

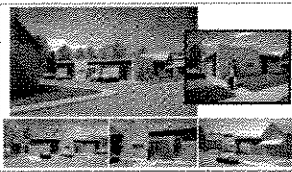
act and enforce conservation measures, through legislation." On July 13 the first meeting of the Renfrew District Water Response team was held at the County of Renfrew building in Pembroke. Warden Sweet authorized \$30,000 to be allocated towards a public awareness campaign to urge voluntary water consumption. The team has met, and continues to meet, on a weekly basis since July to gather information and updates. Other members of the team include the Ministries of the Environment, Agriculture, 17 local municipalities and various stakeholders including OPG and Renfrew Hydro.

NEW SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICES IN ARNPRIOR

The Social Services Department will soon have a new home in the Town of Arnprior. The tentative date for Renfrew County Housing Corporation and Ontario Works to relocate to 80 McGonigal Street is scheduled for May 2013. The County of Renfrew purchased the building earlier this year, and under the di-

rection of the Department of Development & Property, the new site will meet the many needs of the community. Lead architect Wendy Brawley and Jason Davis, who is the county's GIS Coordinator and Project Manager, met with the County of Renfrew's Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) to review the build-

ing in terms of accessibility for persons with disabilities. Members of the AAC were impressed with the efforts of the builders to go beyond minimal standards in terms of accessibility. Once completed, Social Services staff will relocate from the current building located at 100 Madawaska Boulevard and begin servicing clients.



80 MCGONIGAL STREET DEVELOPMENT

Tenant Relations Coordinator Jackie Agnew



SOCIAL HOUSING ADVOCACY PROFILE: JACKIE AGNEW

Jackie Agnew began the new position of Tenant Relations Coordinator on October 31, 2011. Although her office is located in the Renfrew County Housing Corporation Office in Renfrew, Jackie in fact spends much of her time meeting with residents in all the Social Housing Units from Arnprior, Renfrew, Pembroke, Barry's Bay and other locations. Jackie was previously employed with the Eganville Youth Centre and the

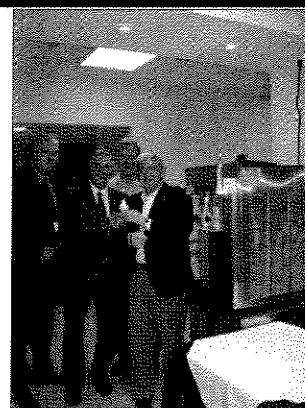
Renfrew County District Public School Board. One of Jackie's main responsibilities is to assist the tenants of the 900+ units in the areas of referrals to various social services programs, assist them in developing a budget when they are in financial difficulty, help mediate neighbor disputes, and other day-to-day activities within the Social Housing complexes. Jackie points out that one of her biggest challenges was appreciat-

ing the unique cultures of the rural communities. "I was amazed at just how unique each community is and the various needs of each area." But Jackie also sees rewards in her role. "I was so happy when a client I was working with on a budget called to express her thanks and how she was able to provide little extras for her son with my budgeting assistance." Jackie has appreciated all the support she receives from her colleagues.

LONG TERM CARE HOMES UPDATE: BONNECHERE MANOR & MIRAMICHI LODGE

The Health Arts Society of Ontario concert series continues throughout the Fall and Winter. All concerts are open to the general public and they are taking place in the Miramichi Lodge Community Centre. The classical music performances are scheduled for: September 12 beginning at 1:30 PM; October 10 beginning at 1:30 PM; November 14 beginning at 1:30 PM and a special Christmas performance scheduled for December 12 at 1:30 PM. Admission is free, but donations to the Miramichi Foundation are greatly appreciated. The Miramichi Lodge Foundation was successful in securing a New Horizons For Seniors Grant to start up its "Senior Peer Program." This new program helps seniors in the community take part in a variety of recreational and social programs to help reduce isolation and lets seniors actively participate in community events. If you know of any seniors who might be interested, please contact Donna Cotnam at 613-735-4693 ext. 213.

Warden Bob Sweet had the pleasure of serving up the first ice cream cone to some residents at Bonnechere Manor in the Town of Renfrew. The ice cream machine was purchased through a donation to the Bonnechere Manor Foundation from the County of Renfrew Expo 150 Committee. Warden Sweet and County staff helped serve ice cream for residents and guests at the Manor. As Warden Sweet pointed out, "one of the legacies of Expo 150 was the donations made to various organizations throughout the county. The theme of Expo 150 was past, present and future, and the residents of Bonnechere Manor represent the proud history of our county."



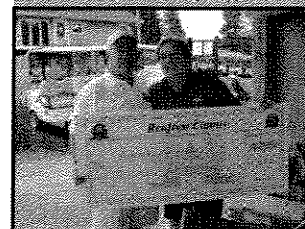
Bonnechere Manor Administrator Sherry Hoelter, Mayor Jack Wilson, CAO Jim Unwin and Warden Sweet serve up some ice cream at Bonnechere Manor

2012 WARDEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT: TAKING A SWING FOR SOME LOCAL CHARITIES

County of Renfrew Warden Bob Sweet is pleased to announce that the annual Warden's Invitational Golf Tournament raised a total of \$3600 for three local non-profit organizations. Community Living, The Bernadette McCann House and the local Food Bank all received a cheque in the amount of \$1200 to help in the admini-

stration of their various programs. The 8th Annual Golf Tournament was held at the Roanoke Golf Course in Petawawa on Friday, September 7. When presenting the cheques, Warden Sweet commented on the success of this event. "To date, this golf tournament has raised over \$30,000 to help local organizations in the deliv-

ery of their programs. I want to personally thank all those involved for their ongoing generosity in making this event possible. This golf tournament not only brings together players from throughout Renfrew County, but it is an opportunity to raise funds for some very worthy local causes. Plans are already underway for 2013.



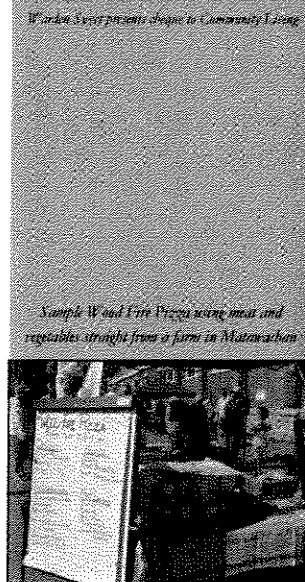
Warden Sweet presents cheque to Community Living

TASTE OF THE VALLEY FINISHES IN COBDEN

The annual tradition of Taste of The Valley winds up on Saturday, October 13 at the Cobden Agricultural Grounds from 8:00 AM—3:00 PM. Once again over 100 local producers will be on site to showcase the finest beef, pork, dairy, produce, honey, maple syrup and so much more. What makes Taste of the Valley so unique is not only the presence of local food producers, but a number of other County of Renfrew independent businesses showcasing their unique prod-

ucts along side various crafters, artists, authors and others. There is also local musicians on site to entertain the thousands of visitors who get the opportunity to meet and buy products from their neighbours. Since its inception in 2007, Taste of the Valley has become one of the largest exhibitions of local producers in the county. Over the years, hundreds of small independent agribusinesses and other sectors have been able to introduce

their "made-in-Renfrew-County" products not only to local residents, but to the hundreds of visitors who travel to experience this unique event. Taste of the Valley has already visited Barry's Bay and the Town of Renfrew, so be sure to mark October 13 on your calendar for the final event. Also be sure to bring your coolers to load up on frozen and fresh goods. There will be a Kidz Zone, pig roast, and a new Wood Fire Pizza using only local meats and veggies!



Sample Wood Fire Pizza using meat and vegetables straight from a farm in Mattawa/Chapin

"During my time on Council, I have come to learn that all my fellow councillors truly work for all the residents of Renfrew County. It is refreshing to see everyone pulling together for a common goal of making our area one of the best places to live anywhere in Canada!
Mayor Don Eady

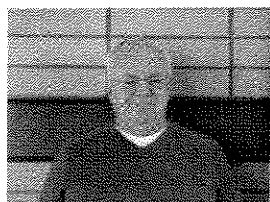
Keith MacMillan of McNab Braeside was the winner of the 2012 Public Works Roadeo!



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County Council Profile: Horton Township Mayor Don Eady

Mayor Eady has served on Horton Council since 2001, his first three terms as Councillor and his current role as Mayor. His extensive Municipal and business experience is very beneficial for the important decisions that are made as Mayor and also as a Member of County Council. Don resides in Horton Township and he has retired and sold his business Draperies Plus in Renfrew. Mayor Eady is involved in many fundraising efforts and community events throughout Horton Township. In 2012, Mayor Eady was appointed to the Operations and Development & Property Committees. In addition to his council duties, Don is a strong supporter of the Horton Community Centre and its NHL size outdoor covered rink and is proud of the fact that it's the only one in Eastern Ontario. Mayor Eady invites everyone to visit Horton Township and attend one of their monthly dances at the Community Centre or enjoy a tasty meal at Horton's Annual Harvest Supper on October 13, 2012.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How many County and Municipal Truck Operators compete in the Annual Roadeo?

A: There were 37 drivers competing for the title of Champion Driver in the County of Renfrew.

Q: Can I purchase a map listing roads in the County of Renfrew?

A: The County's GIS Department publishes county road maps. Call 735-3204 to purchase one.

2012 RURAL RAMBLE!

This fall, Rural Rambling will be easier than ever as the traditional self-guided driving tour goes digital! The 2012 Rural Ramble is a free online event, running from September 1st to October 31st. The new website, www.theruralramble.ca, will feature an interactive Calendar of Events which consumers will be able to use to create personalized Rural Rambles. The annual Rural Ramble is organized by the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA), and over the years has grown from a small two day farm tour to a free, on-going festival featuring four themes: Adventure & Exploration, Agriculture & Food, History & Heritage and Arts & Culture. The website, designed by *Blue North Studios*, will showcase special events that take place during the Rural Ramble. Events and activities will be clustered together around the Ottawa Valley's signature *Roots and Rivers* driving routes used in previous fall promotional campaigns. The Rural Ramble is the perfect opportunity for the cultivation of new friendships and Valley hospitality. Come back to the countryside with us! The Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) is the official destination marketing organization for the Upper Ottawa Valley and proudly represents more than 215 tourism businesses, comprised of attractions and events, accommodation, dining and retail establishments, rafting companies and outfitters, artists and galleries, as well as media and industry suppliers.

FEEDBACK!

Any ideas for the next issue?

We encourage your feedback on this edition of the newsletter. One of the responsibilities of elected officials and public servants is to communicate our efforts both internally and externally. We were encouraged by the feedback on the last issue, and have incorporated some of those suggestions into more about how your County works for you and some of the staff who provide the services. In order to do this, we need your help. So, once again, we are looking to you for comments, suggestions, and submissions. If you have a community event or project that you would like mentioned in the next newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 20, 2012

**RENFREW COUNTY STILL IN LEVEL 2 DROUGHT SITUATION
Residents Urged To Continue To Monitor Water Usage**

Pembroke (ON): Following a meeting of the County of Renfrew/Ministry of Natural Resources Water Response Team, it was noted that the County of Renfrew is still in a Level 2 Drought situation. This involves the voluntary reduction of water by commercial, residential and business use by 20%. The Water Response Team(WRT) is coordinated by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, per Government of Ontario policy, and is made up of representatives from: the Ontario Ministry of Environment, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and County municipalities and emergency services.

All residents of the County of Renfrew are encouraged to voluntarily reduce their water usage. Some residents have reported that the wells on their properties have either dried up completely, or are providing minimal output. The Water Response Team encourages residents with dry wells to contact well drillers for advice in terms of restoring water. As well, the Renfrew County & District Health Unit can answer questions in terms of water conditions throughout the county.

The Water Response Team has also developed a short questionnaire for residents and businesses that document the economic effects of the drought in the region. These forms are available at all local municipal offices, and residents are encouraged to take a moment and fill them out.

For more information:

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Algonquins of Ontario



Renewed Hope – A Journey of Survival, Rebuilding and Self Sufficiency

A PUBLICATION OF THE ALGONQUINS OF ONTARIO NEGOTIATION TEAM

ISSUE 1 – SEPTEMBER 2012

This newsletter will provide you with up-to-date information on the negotiations regarding the Algonquins of Ontario land claim.

If you have any questions, contact your Algonquin Negotiation Representative or the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office. Contact information is on the back page.

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Message from the Principal Negotiator

A journey that began nearly 250 years ago when the first Algonquin Petition was submitted to the Crown in 1772 is approaching its next critical phase.

We now believe that it is timely to share with you, the Algonquin Voters, several key elements of the draft Agreement in Principle (AIP), even though some Chapters, such as Harvesting, Parks and Protected Areas, Heritage and Culture, for example, are still under intensive discussion with Ontario and Canada. Over the next few months, as the negotiations proceed, you will be presented with information to help you decide if the Treaty negotiation process should continue based on this draft document.

It is important for the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) to consider proposed elements of the draft AIP and offer comments before a formal vote is held in 2013. The Governments of Ontario and Canada, who will be signatories to this Agreement, are also consulting with their constituents and interest groups for comments.

When the draft AIP is completed, it will represent the product of extensive internal and tripartite meetings over the past several years with Ontario and Canada and your Algonquin Negotiation Representatives (ANRs), who have been elected to complete this monumental task. It will also be the product of advice from a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on legal, planning, economic and land issues.

As your Principal Negotiator, appointed by the ANRs to move this process to its next phase, I can assure you without hesitation that the draft AIP that we are working on is the very best that can be achieved in the present circumstances. If wisely managed, the benefits of a Treaty based on the draft AIP that we are attempting

to conclude will be more than sufficient to assure the Algonquins of Ontario an enduring place in the social, political and cultural fabric of Ontario. It will also lay a foundation for not only the provision of services and programs that are needed now, but also economic prosperity to the Algonquins of Ontario for generations to come. Algonquin aboriginal rights and title will, for the first time, be clearly identified and protected by Canada's Constitution in practice as opposed to theory.

This is an historic time for the Algonquins of Ontario, and the decision facing each Algonquin Voter on the draft AIP is one to be taken most seriously. With your approval, the journey that began nearly 250 years ago can move one vital step closer to a conclusion.

The ANRs, the TAG Team and I look forward to meeting with you and your fellow Algonquin Voters over the next few months as we continue to consult with you to move forward with this important document.

Thank you for permitting us the honour to share this moment with you. We look forward to your further involvement and cooperation in this historic endeavour.

Robert J. Potts
Principal Negotiator and Senior Legal Counsel
Algonquin Treaty Negotiations

Algonquins of Ontario Land Claim – A Snap Shot

The Land Claim

The Algonquins of Ontario are on a journey of survival, rebuilding and self-sufficiency – a journey that includes building relationships with our neighbours within the Algonquin Nation.

The Algonquins of Ontario claim includes an area of 9 million acres within the watersheds of the Kichissippi (Ottawa River) and the Mattawa River in Ontario, an unceded territory that covers most of eastern Ontario. More than 1.2 million people live and work within the Settlement Area. There are 84 municipal jurisdictions fully and partially located within the Settlement Area, including 75 lower and single tier municipalities and 9 upper tier counties.

Algonquin petitions to the Crown seeking recognition and protection for Algonquin land and other rights date back to 1772. In 1983, the Algonquins of Pikwākanagān First Nation (known at the time as the Algonquins of Golden Lake) commenced the land claim by formally submitting the most recent petition, with supporting research, to the Government of Canada in 1983 and the Government of Ontario in 1985. The Province of Ontario accepted the claim for negotiations in 1991 and the Government of Canada joined the negotiations in 1992.

Working Towards a Modern Day Treaty

The Algonquins of Ontario and the Governments of Canada and Ontario are working together to resolve this land claim through a negotiated settlement. If successful, the agreement we reach will take the form of a modern day treaty with aboriginal and treaty rights protected under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

The Algonquin Treaty will provide certainty about the ownership, use and management of land and natural resources for the Algonquins and everyone else in the Settlement Area. This will remove the barriers to economic growth created by existing uncertainties and contribute to a more stable social, political and economic environment with greater potential for regional economic development, jobs and growth.

Guiding principles of our negotiations, agreed to by the AOO, Ontario and Canada, are set out in a Statement of Shared Objectives, originally signed in 1994 and re-affirmed by the three negotiating Parties in March 2006.

Statement of Shared Objectives (1994, renewed 2006)

We are committed to achieving a just and equitable settlement of the long-standing claim of the Algonquins of Ontario, and in doing so, we intend to:

- **Avoid creating injustices** for anyone in the settlement of the claim
- **Establish certainty and finality** with respect to title, rights and interests in the land and natural resources with the intention of promoting stability within the area and increasing investor confidence
- **Identify and protect Algonquin rights**
- **Protect the rights of private landowners**, including their right of access to and use of their land
- **Enhance the economic opportunities of the Algonquins** with the intention of also benefiting and promoting general economic and commercial opportunities in the area
- **Ensure Algonquin Park remains a park** for the appropriate use and enjoyment of all peoples
- **Establish effective and appropriate methods and mechanisms for managing the lands and natural resources** affected by the settlement, consistent with the principles of environmental sustainability
- **Consult with interested parties** throughout the negotiations process and to keep the public informed on the progress of the negotiations

Status of the Negotiations

The Parties are making progress in their negotiations toward a draft Agreement in Principle (AIP). The AIP will be a non-binding agreement that will set out the key elements of an eventual Final Agreement or Algonquin Treaty. This is an important milestone in the negotiation process, but only one step of many towards finalizing a Treaty.

More work remains to be done by the negotiating Parties before the draft AIP can be put out for broad consultation with Algonquin communities and other interested Parties, and for an Algonquin ratification vote. For more information see *Key Elements of the Draft AIP*.

The Communities Involved

Today, the Algonquins of Ontario are comprised of ten Algonquin communities located across the Settlement Area. These include the Algonquins of Pikwākanagān First Nation and the Algonquin communities of Antoine, Kijicho Manito Madaouskarini (Bancroft), Bonnechere, Greater Golden Lake, Mattawa/North Bay, Ottawa, Shabot Obasdiwan (Sharbot Lake), Snimikobi (Ardach) and Whitney and Area.

These ten communities are working together, based on a Protocol signed in 2004, which provides a unified approach to reach a settlement of the Algonquin land claim.

Algonquin Objectives in our Negotiations

- Reaffirm the honour and pride of the Algonquin people
- Ensure the survival and prosperity of the Algonquin people and culture
- Raise awareness and understanding among non-Algonquin people about Algonquin history and culture
- Achieve reconciliation of the relationships of the Algonquins with the Governments of Ontario and Canada

The Algonquin Negotiation Process

The Algonquin negotiations are following a process that, if successful, will result in a Final Agreement or Algonquin Treaty. The general steps in this process include:

1. **KEY HISTORIC ELEMENTS OF THE LAND CLAIM** – The Province of Ontario accepted the claim for negotiations in 1991 and the Government of Canada joined the negotiations in 1992. Guiding principles, agreed to by the AOO, Ontario and Canada, were set out in a Statement of Shared Objectives originally signed in 1994 and re-affirmed by the three negotiating Parties in March 2006.
2. **VOTER ENROLMENT** – An Addendum protocol was created, establishing initial criteria for Electors, with the first election of ANRs in 2005. Following the election of the ANRs, ongoing efforts were made to further refine elector enrolment/criteria for voters. A Preliminary Voters List was posted in March 2011 and the enrolment process was reinstated in 2012. A Preliminary Voters List (Updated) was posted in May 2012.
3. **NEGOTIATION OF AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE** – An AIP is the first step towards reaching a modern treaty. The AIP will not be a legally binding document. It will set out the basic elements of a proposed settlement. This will provide a foundation for the negotiation of a Final Agreement that will clarify and define the rights of the AOO as they relate to land and natural resources, among other matters, and the obligations of all three Parties.
4. **AIP RATIFICATION** – The proposed AIP will be put to a vote by the Algonquin Voters in 2013.
5. **EVALUATION OF AIP RATIFICATION VOTE** – If the AIP is approved by a sufficient number of Algonquin Voters within each community, then the Governments of Ontario and Canada will be asked to approve it. Following these approvals the Parties will engage in negotiations towards a Final Agreement. If the AIP is not ratified, the Parties will have to consider the reasons for the failure and the negotiations may or may not resume.
6. **TREATY NEGOTIATION AND RATIFICATION** – A Final Agreement will set out the rights of the AOO. It will have to be ratified through another vote by the AOO. The Governments of Ontario and Canada will then each have to adopt settlement legislation to give the force of law to a modern day Algonquin Treaty protected under the Canadian Constitution.
7. **IMPLEMENTATION** – An implementation plan will be developed and agreed to by the Parties as part of the settlement negotiations, prior to the Final Agreement. It will outline the Parties' responsibilities to implement the terms of the Final Agreement. Settlement funds will be deposited in Trusts within the first two years following the Final Agreement. Lands will then be transferred over several years following the Final Agreement.
8. **ENROLMENT OF BENEFICIARIES** – Once ratified and given the force of law, the Algonquin Treaty will require individual Algonquins to enrol if they wish to become Beneficiaries.

Key Elements of the Draft AIP

The draft AIP continues to be a work in progress. The Parties are currently engaged in consultation processes with their constituents. It is important to highlight that the following information is not meant to be comprehensive, but rather provides a snapshot of our ongoing negotiations. All of these Chapters continue to be under intensive discussion. Additional details on these Key Elements will be forthcoming following these consultations and ongoing negotiations.

Setting the Stage – Preamble and General Provisions

The proposed Preamble of the draft AIP will contain a clause which acknowledges that the Algonquins of Ontario are an "Aboriginal people of Canada" within the meaning of Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

The Chapter of the draft AIP on General Provisions sets out clauses which will be inserted in the Final Agreement during the next phase of negotiations. For example, the General Provisions state that:

- The AIP has no legal or binding effect but will be the basis for the next step, that is, the negotiation of the Final Agreement
- The Final Agreement will not affect the rights of the Algonquins as Canadian citizens
- ADO Aboriginal rights in Quebec and Aboriginal rights in Ontario of Quebec Algonquins will not be affected by the Final Agreement
- Aboriginal title and rights in relation to lands and natural resources will not be "extinguished" but will "continue as modified" by the Final Agreement
- After the Final Agreement, Canada and Ontario may dispose of Crown lands and water or authorize the use of natural resources and water, subject to any consultation provisions to be negotiated after the Agreement in Principle

Transfer of Funds, Trusts and Taxation

Within the proposed terms of the draft AIP, Canada and Ontario will make a substantial payment of funds (Capital Transfer) to an Algonquin Trust or other institution. The income generated by the Capital Transfer will be tax free if held within and invested by an approved Settlement Trust. The payment of the Capital Transfer within the terms under discussion will be accomplished within two years of the signing of the Final Agreement.

On the signing of the Final Agreement, Canada will also transfer funds as part of the 2010 Agreement between the ADO and Canada with regards to the disposal of CFB Rockcliffe.

It is the expectation that a portion of the Capital Transfer will also be used to repay the loan associated with the negotiation process.

Nation and Community Lands

Transfer of Settlement Lands to the Algonquins. If the AIP is finalized, the Final Agreement would provide that Ontario transfer the parcels identified as Settlement Lands to Algonquin Institutions/Trusts. These selections would include Core Lands for use by the ADO, Community Lands, as well as certain selections for economic development.

The Algonquins have also included in their proposed land selection package parcels of Federal Crown Lands within the Settlement Area, including an interest in the development of CFB Rockcliffe and other economically important sites.

All Algonquin proposed land selections are subject to agreement with Canada or Ontario. A process of consultation by government on proposed Algonquin land selections is now underway.

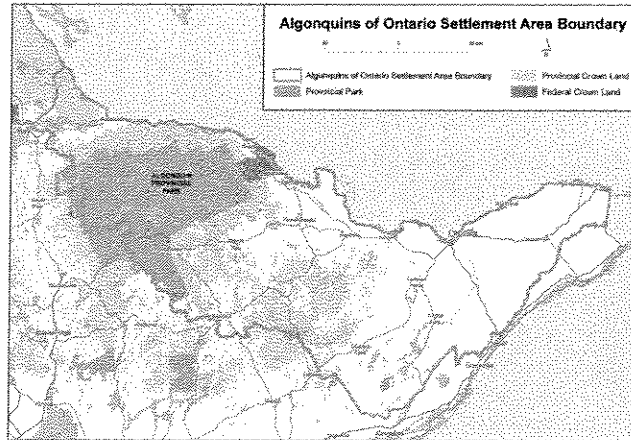


Figure 1. Algonquins of Ontario Settlement Area Boundary. Sharing Agreements with neighbouring First Nations are to be discussed.

Fee Simple – The Highest Form of Ownership. It is proposed that the Settlement Lands would be transferred in fee simple absolute and would include all surface and subsurface rights including, without limitation, all minerals on, under or within those lands.

Funds for Future Land Acquisitions. The ADO will set aside a portion of the Capital Transfer to fund future land acquisitions.

Nation and Community Trusts to Manage Settlement Lands. It is proposed that the majority of any Settlement Lands will be held within a Nation Trust, for the ADO as a whole. It is also proposed that individual Community Trusts be created. These Community Trusts would develop and deliver projects and services specific to the needs and interests of each Community.

It is proposed that these Trusts will own and manage Nation Lands and community projects. Management systems will be developed by the Algonquins of Ontario to ensure that community and regional interests have a meaningful voice in the management, acquisition, disposition and development of lands within their respective areas. These Trusts would be transparent in their operations and audited annually.

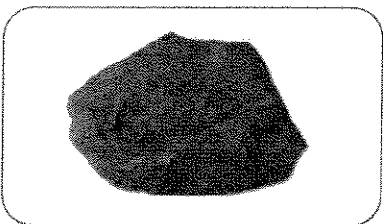
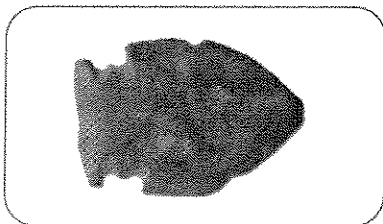
Existing Legal Interests on Settlement Lands. It is proposed that legal interests on Settlement Lands existing at the time of transfer would continue on those lands after transfer to an Algonquin Institution, in accordance with agreements to be negotiated with these interests. These interests include, but are not limited to, Sustainable Forest Licenses (SFLs), hunt camps, public utilities, trap lines, mining leases and claims, and aggregate licenses.

Key Elements of the Draft AIP

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Heritage and Culture

The proposed AIP will contain a Chapter addressing Algonquin Heritage and Culture, including such matters as burial sites, reinterment of human remains and associated artifacts, and other matters.



Over the years, large numbers and varieties of stone artifacts have been found in Algonquin territory. These items were used in hunting, defense, fishing, building with wood, shaping bone, food preparation, leatherwork, and for decorative and spiritual purposes. Courtesy of Omāmiwinini Pimādjowin, The Algonquin Way Cultural Centre.

Parks and Protected Areas

The proposed draft AIP will contain a Chapter addressing among other things the use and management of Parks and Protected Areas within the Settlement Area, including Algonquin Park.

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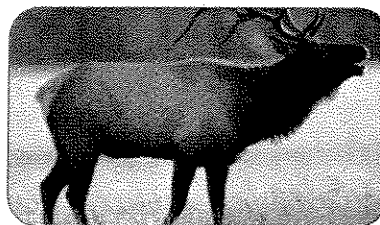
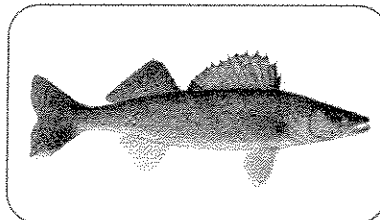
Forestry

Algonquins have resided in forested areas since time immemorial. The Algonquins have an ongoing link to the land for collecting forest resources – for the construction of shelters and accommodations, to gather medicines, to engage in hunting and gathering food, to make birch bark canoes, and for cultural and spiritual purposes. Algonquins are also engaged in modern forest operations. In keeping with these fundamental values, the proposed Forestry Chapter contains key elements to ensure meaningful participation and partnerships for the AQO in the forest industry by:

- Developing additional economic opportunities, in concert with the Forest Industry and Ontario to enhance the industry's competitiveness
- Exploring training and employment opportunities for all Parties, including aboriginal sensitivity and cultural awareness training initiatives and capacity building

Harvesting

Like the other Chapters of the draft AIP, the Harvesting Chapter is a work in progress. It is anticipated that this Chapter will describe Algonquin harvesting rights and will also address management and planning measures relevant to those rights, enforcement and other matters.



Self-Government

The conclusion of a Final Agreement will only be possible if the Parties are able to agree on matters related to the Pikwākanagān First Nation reserve and Pikwākanagān First Nation self-government arrangements.

Nothing else in the Final Agreement will affect any Aboriginal right of self-government that the Algonquins may have, or prevent any future negotiations among the Parties relating to self-government.

Dispute Resolution

This draft Chapter proposes a process to resolve disputes that may arise between the Algonquins and Canada and/or Ontario relating to the interpretation, application, implementation or alleged breaches of the Final Agreement, and any other matters identified in the Final Agreement in a way that provides an alternative to the court process.

The Algonquin Presence

In July 2009, the AOO, Canada and Ontario entered into a *Consultation Process Interim Measures Agreement*. This Agreement sets out a one window approach for Canada and Ontario to consult with the Algonquins of Ontario on proposed activities or projects in Algonquin Territory while our negotiations are ongoing. The Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office in Pembroke serves as this one window. Since 2006, over 450 consultation requests have been received and over 200 files are active at this time.

This *Consultation Process Interim Measures Agreement* and the Consultation Office are providing the AOO with an unparalleled opportunity to express the interests of the AOO in relation to virtually every public sector development in the Settlement Area. This has led to the AOO being recognized as a key participant in the development of lands, resources and public policy throughout the Settlement Area.

While our negotiations move forward, a number of very exciting initiatives are also taking shape and serve to:

- Enhance Algonquin presence and influence for land development and major infrastructure activities in Algonquin Traditional Territory
- Strengthen relationships with municipalities and other government agencies
- Establish Algonquin credentials as strong players in the social, economic and political fabric of eastern Ontario and Canada

Some of these exciting initiatives include:

The **Ottawa Light Rail Transit (OLRT)** project has gained considerable momentum as the proposed LeBreton Flats Transit Station has been identified as an "Algonquin themed" station. The location of this station is of particular significance to the Algonquins as it is within close proximity to Chaudière Falls and Victoria Island, both of which are sacred gathering places for the Algonquins since time immemorial.

Ottawa City Council is committed to integrating Algonquin history, culture and arts into the **Lansdowne Revitalization Project** through specific Algonquin interpretive elements including way-finding based on the four colours, an Ethno-Botanical Garden, a Teaching Circle, plantings of trees of significance to Algonquin culture, and Algonquin Art Commissions.

The analogy of the Sweetgrass Braid is used to describe the relationship between the Algonquins, Canada and Ontario - the image of three strands interwoven to produce a strong and resilient braid. The three diverse strands remain distinct and to some degree separate, but the weaving of them creates a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts.

An Algonquin Treaty can bring this idea into existence, and our negotiations involve the weaving of the braid that will symbolize a powerful reconciliation of diverse roots, culture and sovereignties of the Parties.



A Mineral Exploration and Development Protocol Agreement between the AOO and the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, and first of its kind in the province, that sets out guidelines for mineral exploration within the Algonquin Settlement Area.

The completion of an AOO position paper entitled **Returning the Kichissippi Pimisi, the American Eel, to the Ottawa River Basin**. The American Eel is considered sacred to the Algonquins and has been an essential part of the Algonquin culture for thousands of years. The eel is a model of strength and adaptability, living in harmony with its surroundings. It is vitally important that we serve as the voice of the eel to ensure its survival.

The **CFB Rockcliffe Participation Agreement**, executed between the AOO and the Canada Lands Company in 2010, and in the process of being implemented. CFB Rockcliffe was originally established by the Department of Defence in 1898. The base was once home to over 450 military families, but since 1994 has been decommissioned. Through this agreement, the AOO has a direct financial interest in the development of one of the most desirable and valuable parcels of development land in Canada.

Efforts to build and strengthen relationships with **Parks Canada** and the **National Capital Commission** are moving forward through a number of projects including the Rideau Canal Promenade and the Interprovincial Bridge as well as the exploration of various federal real estate opportunities.

Another step forward in our journey to bring visibility to the Algonquins and our language is through **municipal street naming**. The AOO have been approached by a few municipalities to work together to identify Algonquin words and names that could be used and locations where these names might be appropriate. The municipality would then work with developers to promote the use of these words for street names in new subdivisions or other developments.

Update on the Voter Enrolment Process

An initial Voter Enrolment process resulted in the posting of a Preliminary List of Voters in March 2011 and a supplementary Voters List in April 2011. Over the past several months, progress has been made in negotiations with Canada and Ontario to the point that all three Parties determined that the Voter Enrolment process should be reinstated in the expectation of a vote on a draft AIP in 2013. This further enrolment resulted in a more comprehensive 2012 Preliminary List of Voters (Updated) numbering over 8700 eligible Algonquin Voters.

Following the posting of the 2012 Preliminary Voters List (Updated), there have been some protests filed challenging Voters who have been enrolled as well as protests by applicants who were denied enrolment. These protests, along with other protests filed in the initial 2011 phase of enrolment, are now being processed by the

Review Committee, or where appropriate, by former Superior Court Justice James Chadwick, all in accordance with the ratification process contained in Chapter 15 of the draft AIP. For further details on the Enrolment Process see <http://www.blaneyalgonquin.com/voter-enrolment.html>

More recently, at the request of the Review Committee, Ontario, Canada and the AOO have agreed to extend the time for the protests to be resolved to the spring of 2013.

Following the processing of the protests, the 2013 Final List of Eligible Algonquin Voters for the draft AIP will be posted.

Stay tuned for further details.

Algonquins of Ontario



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Who's Who

Algonquin Negotiation Representatives. The Algonquin Negotiation Team consists of the Chief and Council of the Algonquins of Pikwākanagān First Nation and one representative from each of the nine other Algonquin communities. These Algonquin Negotiation Representatives (ANRs) are elected by the Algonquins through elections for a three-year term. Your 16 ANRs and their community affiliation are as follows:

Clifford Bastien Jr. Mattawa/North Bay	Patrick Glassford Greater Golden Lake	Cliff Meness Pikwākanagān
Ronald L. Bernard Pikwākanagān	Diane Joonisse Antoine	Jim Meness Pikwākanagān
Katherine Cannon Kipicho Menito Madsaukanini (Bancroft)	Sherry Kohoko Pikwākanagān	Kirby Whitaduck Pikwākanagān
Lynn Cloutier Ottawa	Don Kohoko Pikwākanagān	Richard Zohr Bonnechere
Bob Craftchick Whitney and Area	H. Jarrow Lavalley Pikwākanagān	Doreen Davis Shabot Obaadiwan (Sharbot Lake)
Randy Malcolm Sarnia (Ardoch)		

Algonquins of Ontario Ratification Committee. An independent Ratification Committee has been established by the ADO, Canada and Ontario to produce a Voters List and oversee the ratification process for the draft AIP. The Ratification Committee is comprised of five individuals - two selected by the Algonquins of Ontario, one selected by the Government of Ontario, and one by the Government of Canada as well as the Chairperson, who has been approved by all of the Parties. The process and schedule being implemented by the Ratification Committee has been agreed to by the ADO, Canada and Ontario.

Review Committee. The ADO, after consultation with Canada and Ontario, appointed a Review Committee to rule on any protests filed challenging Voters who have been enrolled on the Preliminary Voters List as well as protests by applicants who were denied enrolment. The Review Committee is made up of a panel, any three of whom can render a decision. With the exception of the judicial member, the Honourable James Chadwick, formerly of the Superior Court of Ontario, all Review Committee members are Algonquins. The Ratification Committee is required to refer all protests, including all relevant information, to the Review Committee for their consideration.

Next Steps in the Draft AIP

Further work on the draft AIP will be undertaken following a series of meetings to be held throughout the Settlement Area during the first two weeks of September 2012. These meetings are open to all enrolled Algonquin Voters. The Governments of Canada and Ontario are also in the process of holding meetings with their stakeholders and constituents.

The Algonquins of Ontario will be holding further meetings with our communities over the coming months with a view to finalizing the draft AIP. Following the finalization of the draft AIP, additional meetings will be held with Algonquin Voters to explain and discuss the terms of the draft AIP with a ratification vote expected to take place in 2013.

Stay Informed – Stay Connected!

Provide your up-to-date contact information to ensure that you receive updates on the draft AIP, future voting information and are made aware of upcoming meetings.

Contact your local Algonquin Negotiation Representative or the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office
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Watch for Issue 2 – Coming Soon!

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TO: Committee of External Advisors (list attached)
Municipal Advisory Committee (list attached)

DATE: September 20, 2012

This letter will provide you with a general update from Ontario on the status of the Algonquin Land Claim negotiations including an overview of our recent consultation initiatives which many of you have requested.

Status of the Agreement in Principle

The draft Agreement in Principle (AIP) is still under active negotiation, particularly with respect to harvesting rights and culture and heritage protection. However, the negotiators have reached a consensus at the Table with respect to the Algonquin land claim boundary, a ceiling on the total amount of Crown land to be transferred to the Algonquins and the size of the Capital Transfer.

The Algonquins plan to hold a ratification vote to approve the draft Agreement in Principle during 2013, after which the draft AIP must be approved by Ontario and Canada. Once the Agreement in Principle has been approved and signed, negotiations will begin on the drafting of a Final Agreement and an Implementation Plan. The Final Agreement will not be completed and approved by the Ontario legislature and by Parliament for a number of years.

Although we are in active negotiations, we are also engaged in an extensive process of consultation with stakeholder groups, municipal governments and neighbouring Aboriginal groups as described below.

Land Selection

As most of you are aware, the Algonquins have been discussing proposed land selections with our negotiation team for the last two years. The proposed Algonquin land selections have been reviewed and analyzed by affected Ontario ministries and agencies as well as federal agencies. All of the proposed Algonquin land selections are Crown lands within the Algonquin Settlement Area.¹ Algonquin lands will be privately owned (fee simple) lands including mineral rights, not Indian reserves. Algonquin lands will be subject to municipal planning requirements, environmental protection standards and processes and other municipal, provincial and federal laws. Title is expected to be held by an Algonquin land holding trust or other institution.

The Algonquins will be subject to property tax on Algonquin lands except for a limited number of cases where specific lands are not going to be developed and in such cases the Algonquins will be required to enter into fiscal arrangements with local municipalities to pay for services.

Any legal interests in the proposed Algonquin lands, including existing mining claims and mining leases, aggregate permits, trap lines, recreational land use permits and existing access routes will be protected. Where necessary, transitional measures will be negotiated to establish forms of tenure which are appropriate for private land ownership.

We are fully aware that many recreational and commercial users use Crown lands in a variety of ways including for bear management and bait fish areas, forestry operations, and many recreational uses. Ontario's approach in the negotiations has been to try to minimize the impacts of proposed Algonquin land selections on such uses of Crown lands wherever possible.

In May, the Chief Negotiators for the three parties briefed municipal leaders on the status of the negotiations and the process for land selections. In addition, our land

¹ The Algonquin Settlement Area is set out in the attached map.

selection team has held preliminary confidential technical discussions with municipal staff about proposed Algonquin land selections in affected municipal jurisdictions. Further briefings will take place this fall with the municipal councils which have proposed land selections in their jurisdictions. Meetings have also begun with the forestry industry with respect to proposed land selections.

All holders of legal interests affected by proposed land selections will be formally notified and will be provided with an opportunity to discuss arrangements regarding their interests. We expect that notifications will be mailed out to interest holders in late fall and follow-up meetings will take place after that.

We anticipate that information on the proposed Algonquin land selections will be publicly available together with a preliminary draft of the AIP later in the year. We plan to hold regional public information sessions at which land and other components of the draft AIP can be discussed. Shelly Dumouchel will provide you with up-to-date information about the timing of these public initiatives once the details have been confirmed.

All three parties understand that Algonquin land selections will be subject to modifications, even after the Agreement in Principle is in place. This is because there are further reviews, assessments and public consultations required before the transfer of lands, including completion of the environmental assessment process set out in the Declaration Order under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

The transition from Crown ownership to Algonquin private land ownership will necessarily be a lengthy process. Indeed, we do not anticipate transferring any land parcels until after the Final Agreement is in place. This will give us time to work out a number of transitional issues, including the continuation of forestry operations on Algonquin lands, arrangements with local municipalities and arrangements with hunt camps, trapline holders and commercial interests who may be affected. The Algonquins will be a necessary party to many of these discussions.

Harvesting and Parks

Members of the Committee of External Advisors and the Municipal Advisory Committee are keenly interested in how Harvesting and Parks will be dealt with in a draft Agreement in Principle.

As many of you are aware, we have been engaged over the past few months in focus group discussions about the proposed Harvesting Chapter. We have shared as much detail as possible with this focus group while protecting the confidence of the negotiating table. A number of interested organizations, including the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and its affiliated organizations, have participated. These discussions have been very useful and have already had a significant impact on negotiations.

Individual meetings have also been held with a number of organizations, including the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, the Ontario Hunt Camps Association, the Ontario Fur Managers Federation, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Ottawa Chapter and Algonquin Eco-Watch. We will hold additional meetings as required.

Meetings on Parks and on fish management planning are planned to take place over the next two months.

Financial Elements

The major financial component in the draft Agreement in Principle will be a Capital Transfer to the Algonquins after the Final Agreement. Outstanding negotiation loans to the Algonquins will be deducted from this Capital Transfer.

In accordance with federal policy, the income earned from the capital funds may be sheltered from income tax if the funds are held in an approved Settlement Trust. It is anticipated that the Algonquins will take advantage of this policy in order to conserve and grow their capital funds.

Also, implementation funding will be budgeted to support the delivery of the undertakings in the Final Agreement. The details of the implementation funding will be set out in an Implementation Plan which will be negotiated prior to the Final Agreement.

Neighbouring Aboriginal Groups

Canada and Ontario have a responsibility to consult with other aboriginal groups who may be impacted by the Final Agreement. Accordingly, both Canada and Ontario will be engaged in consultations with the Nipissing First Nation, Dokis First Nation, Williams Treaty First Nations, Tyendinaga, Akwesasne, the Quebec Algonquins and other Aboriginal groups.

The Final Agreement will state that the Agreement only addresses the asserted rights of the Algonquins of Ontario and does not affect the rights of other Aboriginal groups.

Algonquin Ratification Vote

It is anticipated that an Algonquin Ratification Vote will be held in 2013. Starting in the fall of 2012, the Algonquins have commenced a series of community meetings to brief their members on the negotiations and to prepare for next year's Ratification Vote. These internal Algonquin meetings will continue over the next few months. The Algonquins have issued a newsletter to inform their members about the Algonquin Land Claim which is attached for your information. (A hard copy is available from Shelly Dumouchel on request.)

Future Meetings

As we move through this process and our consultations become more focused on various aspects of the negotiations, we expect to convene further meetings of the Committee of External Advisors and the Municipal Advisory Committee, as well as with individual organizations whenever such meetings are required. We anticipate that the

Algonquin and federal negotiators will participate in many of these future meetings. We will also continue to provide you with periodic updates on the negotiations.

I enclose a contact list of the Chief Negotiators and key members of the Ontario Negotiation Team should you wish to obtain information or schedule a meeting. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have specific questions.

Brian Crane
Ontario Chief Negotiator

Cc: Ron Doering, Chief Federal Negotiator
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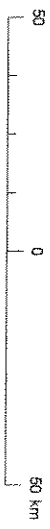
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- Bill Gard, Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society
- Janet Sumner, Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society: Wildlands League
- Phil Morlock, Canadian Sportfishing Industry Association
- Paul Lehman, Conservation Ontario
- Ed Giffin, Conservationists of Frontenac/Addington
- Terry Rees, Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations
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- Richard Rabishaw, Mayor, Town of Laurentian Hills

Algonquins of Ontario Settlement Area Boundary

September 2012



- Algonquins of Ontario Settlement Area Boundary
- Provincial Crown Land
- Federal Crown Land
- Provincial Park

