



**ALGONQUIN NEGOTIATION REPRESENTATIVES AIP/TREATY  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND ONTARIO  
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Dear Voter,

In my role as the Principal Negotiator for the Algonquins of Ontario (“AOO”), I am pleased to announce the public release of the Preliminary Draft Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement-in-Principle (“Preliminary Draft AIP”).

This Preliminary Draft AIP is being made available for public review to support broad public consultation efforts in the Algonquin Land Claim negotiations. This document is the product of several years of detailed negotiations with the governments and the Algonquin Negotiation Representatives (“ANRs”) who have, in turn, consulted with their Communities, to the extent that the confidentiality guidelines within the negotiation process have permitted.

This Preliminary Draft AIP continues to be work in progress that is still under review and subject to revision by the Algonquins of Ontario, Canada and Ontario.

You will find enclosed in this package an Introductory Note, Frequently Asked Questions and an Executive Summary of the Preliminary Draft AIP.

Si vous désirez recevoir une version française de la note d’introduction, des questions demandées fréquemment et du sommaire exécutif de l’accord en principe, s’il- vous-plaît communiquer avec votre représentant(e) algonquin(e) de votre communauté. Ces trois publications sont également disponibles en français sur demande.

The complete Preliminary Draft AIP and the associated maps may be viewed at [www.tanakiwin.com/aip.htm](http://www.tanakiwin.com/aip.htm).

Coming in early 2013, watch for the *Algonquins of Ontario Newsletter – Issue 2* and a schedule of upcoming meetings. The *AOO Newsletter – Issue 2* will provide additional insights into the Preliminary Draft AIP.

As part of this review process, we will be asking for your views. Following this process, a final draft of the Agreement-in-Principle will be submitted to the Algonquins of Ontario for a ratification vote. This is expected to take place later in 2013 to allow time to consider feedback from voters.

Upon a successful Algonquin ratification vote, the final draft Agreement-in-Principle would be submitted to the Governments of Ontario and Canada for approval. Following such approval and signature, the Agreement-in-Principle would serve as a non-binding statement of the main elements of a settlement of the Algonquin Land Claim. This Agreement-in-Principle would form the framework for future negotiations towards a Final Agreement.

Negotiations leading to a Final Agreement could then begin. A Final Agreement would also need to be approved by the Algonquins of Ontario and by the Legislature of Ontario and the Parliament of Canada. All of these steps are dependent upon a successful ratification vote on the Agreement-In-Principle.

On behalf of the Algonquin Negotiation Representatives, we look forward to meeting with you and your fellow Algonquin Voters over the coming months as we continue to consult with you and receive your input to move forward with this important document.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact your local Algonquin Negotiation Representative or the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office Toll free at 1-855-735-3759 or 613-735-3759 or Email [algonquins@nrtco.net](mailto:algonquins@nrtco.net).

Thank you once again for your ongoing interest and support for this historic process.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Potts'.

Robert J. Potts  
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