



# Algonquins of Ontario

## Algonquin Cultural Heritage Project Assistants

(Contract Employment)

### Stewardship and Conservation of our Cultural Heritage Resources

Algonquin heritage resources represent the physical and spiritual manifestation of ancestral ways of life, traditional values and knowledge of the Algonquins. It is critically important that these resources be protected to preserve Algonquin history and traditions, while honouring and fostering pride in Algonquin identity and culture and also promoting awareness and education about the Algonquin people for future generations.

Algonquins have lived in present-day Ontario for thousands of years before Europeans arrived. Today, the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) are comprised of ten Algonquin communities. These include the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation and the Algonquin communities of Antoine, Kijicho Manito Madaouskarini (Bancroft), Bonnechere, Greater Golden Lake, Mattawa/North Bay, Ottawa, Shabot Obaadjiwan (Sharbot Lake), Snimikobi (Ardoch) and Whitney and Area.

The AOO have been awarded a three year grant through the *New Relationship Fund Core Consultation Capacity Project* under the authority of the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs to support the contract employment of up to eighteen **Algonquin Cultural Heritage Project Assistants**.

The **Algonquin Cultural Heritage Project Assistants** will schedule and conduct interviews with Algonquin Elders and members within their community to collect evidence of local and territorial history. This will include documenting family stories, local legends, and personal experience accounts relative to cultural heritage subjects. These recollections and storytelling are invaluable resources to bridge the gap between scientific knowledge and cultural heritage, and to reconnect current and future generations of Algonquins to their heritage.

Our goal is to have community members in each community who will collect, transcribe, and archive data from interviews, and, with permission, scan photographs, documenting content details.

Successful candidates must be self-starters, be able to schedule and complete work without supervision, and know how to operate audio/video recorders, photo scanners, and relevant computer software and internet services.

Work will start in early July 2015, and demand a flexible work week of no more than 35 hours to accommodate interview scheduling. Each position will be for approximately 250 hours (or about 7 weeks) at a rate of \$17/hr, plus \$0.40/km mileage for necessary travel. Successful candidates may be re-engaged for each year of the project (up to period ending March 31, 2018). Orientation will be provided to the successful candidates before the project begins.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit their resumes, **no later than NOON on Friday, June 26, 2015** either to their local Algonquin Negotiation Representatives, or to the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office by email at [algonquins@tanakiwin.com](mailto:algonquins@tanakiwin.com), and we will forward them your local ANR for the selection process (please include your community affiliation).

We thank all candidates for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.