

Algonquins of Ontario

Archaeological Liaison Training Course

The Algonquins lived in present-day Ontario for thousands of years before Europeans arrived. Algonquin territory originally extended from the St. Lawrence River to the French River in the west, south to the Adirondack mountains in New York State, and north above Lake Abitibi. Over the past several hundred years, the description of Algonquin Territory has changed to be the lands and waters on both sides of the Ottawa River watershed from modern Hawkesbury to Lake Nipissing and north past the headwaters of the Ottawa River. Today, ten Algonquin communities comprise the Algonquins of Ontario:

- The Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation
- Antoine
- Kijicho Manito Madaouskarini (Bancroft)
- Bonnechere
- Greater Golden Lake
- Mattawa/North Bay
- Ottawa
- Shabot Obaadjiwan (Sharbot Lake)
- Snimikobi (Ardoch)
- Whitney and Area

The AOO Settlement Area includes an area of more than nine million acres within the watersheds of the Kitchissippi (Ottawa River) and the Mattawa River in Ontario, the unceded territory that covers most of eastern Ontario, including Ottawa, and most of Algonquin Park.

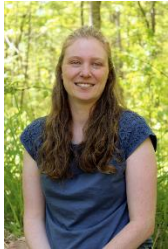
As part of supporting consultation with the AOO, we are engaged in archaeological fieldwork across the Settlement Area. To build upon our capacity to be involved in projects, we require trained liaisons to participate in a variety of paid opportunities during the field season. To support building this knowledge and experience within communities, the AOO will be hosting two individual Archaeological Liaison Training.

The first training is sponsored and organized by Matrix Heritage. This will be an exciting and diverse day and will include archeological presentations by Matrix Heritage, True North Archeological Services, Kinickinick Heritage, and Courtney Cameron from Cameron Heritage. The day will exploring archeological concepts and techniques, sharing perspectives about archeology and hands-on exercises in and outside of the classroom.

About the Teachers:



Ken Swayze is a Professional Archaeologist who has completed over 500 compliance archaeological assessments in eastern and central Ontario, and recorded, sampled, conserved, or salvaged numerous archaeological sites. Other projects include field courses and assessments in Nunavut for the Inuit Heritage Trust; an archaeological master plan for the Nipissing First Nation; directing Public Archaeology excavations at Bonnechere Provincial Park and Algonquin Provincial Park; and, directing field schools on Nipissing Nation Lands for Ojibway students. In addition to archaeological fieldwork, Ken teaches two Anthropology courses at Nipissing University in North Bay: an introduction to the archaeology of Lake Nipissing and the Ottawa Valley; and a field course of archaeological excavation.



Ms. Courtney Cameron has been working in the field of Heritage Resource management since 2000 and has worked throughout Canada for several environmental firms. She received her Bachelor of Science (Hons) from Lakehead University (1997), and her Master of Arts from the University of Alberta (2004). She is now based in Renfrew County, where she owns and operates an archaeological business. She focuses on conducting archaeological assessments in Eastern Ontario, offering children's community programming in archaeology and conducting archaeological research in Renfrew County. Since 2000, she has been involved in approximately 100 archaeological assessments and has been the lead archaeologist or license holder for approximately 45 archaeological assessments of various types and sizes.

Matrix Heritage or True North Archaeological Services Teams Bios:

Ben Mortimer, Matrix Heritage Senior Archaeologist and Principal

Ben Mortimer is the Principal of Matrix Heritage and a specialist in Ontario and Canadian federal archaeology. He has gained over 24 years of professional experience from working in both the federal civil service and private sector and has overseen over 400 archaeological projects across the province. Ben gained a breadth of experience, advancing through a 13-year career at Parks Canada, followed by 9 years in a senior management position as the Senior Archaeologist and founder of the Archaeological Services Division at Paterson Group. Ben has worked extensively with private and public clients, from small single unit residential developments to large developments and public infrastructure projects over many kilometers with large crews and complex stakeholder interactions. Ben's leadership on recent large-scale projects at Point Pelee National Park, Barrack Hill Cemetery in Ottawa, and his extensive archaeological experiences across various themes and times demonstrate his ability to lead and manage a diversity of archaeological projects in all regions and historic periods of Ontario and to effectively work with multiple stakeholders.

Nadine Kopp, Matrix Heritage Senior Archaeologist and Partner

Nadine Kopp is a Senior Archaeologist and Partner at Matrix Heritage, specializing in both terrestrial and underwater archaeology in Ontario. With over 15 years of professional experience, she has built a reputation as a leading expert in 19th century material culture, Great Lakes maritime history, and submerged prehistoric landscapes. Her early career was shaped by extensive fieldwork with Parks Canada, where she worked on excavations at many British Military fortifications across Ontario, as well as by her work with the Bermuda Maritime Museum, where she participated in excavations of early 19th-century coastal fortifications. She later gained significant experience with the Cataraqui Archaeological Research Foundation, where she led excavations, processed early 19th-century material culture, and directed public archaeology and outreach programs. For nine years, Nadine served as a Project Archaeologist at Paterson Group, where she helped develop its Archaeological Services Division. During this time, she managed projects from initial planning and field surveys to full-scale excavation, artifact analysis, and report writing. She has worked on high-profile sites, including extensive excavations on Parliament Hill, leading archaeological investigations at West Block and the Visitor Welcome Centre, and the Chaudière Crossing Southern Structures Renewal Project.

Bradley Drouin, True North Archaeological Services
Principal and Senior Archaeologist

Bradley Drouin is a Principal and Senior Archaeologist with 24 years of archaeological consulting experience. Brad has served as the Professionally Licensed Archaeologist on over 330 Stage 1 to Stage 4 assignments in Ontario as well as taking part in an additional 200 archaeological projects throughout the province. In addition to providing guidance to small scale clients and landowners, over the last ten years, Brad has been managing the archaeology and cultural components for a number of large-scale power projects throughout Ontario, where engagement and participation of Indigenous community members has been key to the success of the project.

Brad received his undergraduate degree in Archaeology from Memorial University of Newfoundland and his Master of Arts with a focus on Mortuary Archaeology from the University of Alberta, in Edmonton.

Aaron Mior, True North Archaeological Services
Principal and Senior Archaeologist

Aaron Mior is a Principal and Senior Archaeologist with 16 years' experience in Ontario archaeological consulting. He received a Bachelor of Arts Honor's degree from the University of Toronto and a Master of Maritime Archaeology from Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia. Aaron is a Professionally Licensed Archaeologist and has held marine archaeological permits issued by the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism and Parks Canada Agency.

Aaron has provided archaeological consulting services in Ontario for a variety of private and government clients, with experience excavating and recording pre-contact Indigenous land use and historical period sites on land and underwater. Through these projects he has developed a strong understanding of legislative requirements for the mitigation and protection of cultural heritage resources and implemented project specific strategies for many complex projects.

Dates:

ALL dates must be attended in full to complete the AOO Archaeological Liaison Training Course

Friday, May 30th with Matrix Heritage from 9am – 5pm In-person

Saturday, May 31st & Sunday, June 1st with Ken Swayze & Courtney Cameron from 9am – 5pm Virtually or in-person (optional)

Saturday, June 7th & Sunday, June 8th, 2025 with Ken Swayze & Courtney Cameron from 9am – 5pm Virtually or in-person (optional)

Location:

The course is to be held at AOO Consultation Office, Suite 101 – 31 Riverside Drive, Pembroke, ON, K8A 8R6 and online.

Contact us:

Confirm your participation for this training opportunity, please contact: Candise Todd Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office by e-mail at ctodd@tanakiwin.com **no later than, Friday, May 23rd, 2025**. We ask that when you RSVP you provide your name, address, email, phone number (both home and cellular) and any special dietary requirements (allergies etc.).

Included/Provided:

Course, snacks, refreshments, lunch and paid kms to provide you with the proper field training for paid Archaeological Monitoring Fieldwork on the mandatory in-person day **ONLY: Friday, May 30th, 2025**. The rest of the dates are online or optional in-person at your cost.