

## **Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office**

In July 2009, the Algonquins of Ontario (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.

The team which supports the ongoing efforts at the Consultation Office are as follows:

### **Janet Stavinga, Executive Director**

Janet Stavinga serves as the Executive Director of the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office. As the Executive Director, Janet brings over 18 years of experience in multi-stakeholder processes. For 12 years, she served as an elected municipal official, first as a Councillor for the former Township of Goulbourn, then as Mayor and, for six years, as an Ottawa City Councillor. Janet is also an experienced facilitator with expertise in multi-stakeholder forums with government, industry, and community organizations.

Throughout her career she has worked on innumerable complex issues to strengthen public engagement, foster inter-jurisdictional cooperation and build strong, healthy communities. Janet understands the complexities and challenges facing communities and the importance of integrating science and effective public participation within planning processes. She is passionate about community sustainability, civil society, and creating positive, constructive change.

Janet holds a Master of Science Degree from McGill University and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Geography, Resource Management from University of Windsor.

### **Megan Aikens, Strategic Communications Coordinator**

Megan joined the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office in September 2012 and enthusiastically serves as the Strategic Communications Coordinator. Through her diverse work and volunteer experience over the past ten years, Megan has conceptualized, designed and implemented a wide-range of communication programs of varying scales.

As a Master of Arts student specializing in Aboriginal politics, Megan conducted in-depth research on a number of policy areas impacting Aboriginal peoples across Canada. The core of

her research examined the conditions that produce intergovernmental cooperation between First Nations and local governments in Ontario.

Megan holds a Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Political Science from Wilfrid Laurier University and is firmly committed to building a sustainable future for generations of Algonquin to come.

### **Katrinna Demers, Resource Technician**

Katrinna Demers graduated from Sir Sandford Fleming College in the spring of 2008 as a Fish and Wildlife Technologist. She has widespread work experience with the Ministry of Natural Resources working as an invasive species technician, a bear management technician, assisting in broad-scale monitoring programs, coordinating and operating an emergency deer feeding program, working on aerial moose and elk surveys, assisting with forestry audits and working as a wetland biologist.

Katrinna spent a season out in British Columbia working at Northern Lights Wildlife Wolf Center as an interpreter. During the winter of 2012 she was successfully granted with the opportunity to participate in the Introduction to Law Enforcement and Compliance Level 1 course representing the Algonquins of Ontario.

Working for a non-government agency Katrinna also coordinated and implemented the Renfrew County Shoreline Stewardship Program during the summer of 2012. Katrinna reached out to waterfront property owners, assessing over 500 properties and providing property owners with individual reports on how to improve and naturalize their shoreline.

Katrinna has a love for nature, spending the majority of her time in the outdoors - hiking, hunting and fishing are some of her hobbies. She looks to expand her knowledge and continue to grow, passionate about managing our natural resources for a sustainable future. Katrinna is also a member of the Algonquins of Bonnechere.

### **Nona Golding, Administrative Assistant**

As the Administrative Assistant at the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office, Nona brings over forty years of administrative and financial experience to her role. She has worked with a variety of organizations including the Department of Indian Affairs, the Union of New Brunswick Indians, the Department of Supply and Services and the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation. Nona is a member of the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation and lives on the reserve with her husband Don.

### **Ethan Huner, Resource Technician**

Ethan Huner received his college education from Sir Sanford Fleming College School of Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences in Lindsay, ON. He is a graduate of both the Ecosystem Management and Parks and Forest Management Technician programs. His education provides a strong foundation in biology of flora and fauna, and natural resource management practices and principles.

Ethan's passion to work with people paved the way to providing Environmental and Cultural education and consultation to the public, private stakeholders, and First Nation communities and organizations throughout a ten year professional career as a Naturalist in the United States and Canada.

Prior to accepting the position as Resource Technician with the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office, Ethan had worked for Algonquin Provincial Park as a Interpretive Naturalist and Fish and Wildlife Technician for the past five years. His studies and research efforts within Algonquin Park included conducting lake and fish surveys, monitoring and surveying for species at risk turtles and birds, carnivore tracking and monitoring projects, and investigating white-tailed deer migration patterns. Ethan has also participated in MNR research projects in Algonquin Park on black bear den studies, moose calf collaring and tracking, and species at risk monitoring.

Beyond natural science experience, Ethan has also developed a strong understanding of archaeology within the Algonquin Traditional Territory. Working with archaeologists in the field, and investing his own time on the land, he has been involved in documenting various archaeological sites and artifacts within Algonquin Park.

Ethan continues a deep connection to traditional values and life-ways of native culture. He is a grass dancer, and singer who has been travelling the powwow trail for many years.

### **Christine Luckasavitch, Economic Development Officer**

Christine Luckasavitch is a proud member of the Whitney and Area Algonquins. Born and raised in Whitney, Ontario, Christine has a deeply-rooted love for Algonquin Provincial Park and the traditional land of her ancestors.

A graduate of Acadia University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and History, Christine began her career with the Algonquins of Ontario as the Research Assistant to the American Eel Project in partnership with Canadian Wildlife Federation. In March 2013, Christine joined the Algonquins of Ontario as the Economic Development Officer. Her personal interests lie in natural and cultural history, archaeology, genealogy and literature.