



# Algonquins of Ontario

## **Roles and Responsibilities of Algonquin Negotiation Representatives**

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The Algonquins of Ontario are comprised of ten Algonquin Communities located across the Settlement Area. These include the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation and the Algonquin Communities of Antoine, Bonnechere, Greater Golden Lake, Kijicho Manito Madaouskarini (Bancroft), Mattawa/North Bay, Ottawa, Shabot Obaadjiwan, Snimikobi 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.

The Algonquin Negotiation Team consists of the Chief and Council of the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation and one representative from each of the nine other Algonquin Communities. These Algonquin Negotiation Representatives (ANRs) are elected by the Algonquins of Ontario through elections for a three-year term.

The ANRs represent the interests of their respective Communities in negotiations among the Algonquins of Ontario and the Governments of Canada and Ontario towards a modern-day Algonquin Treaty.

The roles and responsibilities of the Algonquin Negotiation Representatives (ANRs) are set out in the “Terms of Reference for Algonquin Negotiation Representatives September 26, 2005,” available online at: <http://tanakiwin.com/anrToR>.

The ANRs have the responsibility of meaningfully consulting with, and taking direction from each of their respective Communities and to provide direction and instructions to the Principal Negotiator for the Algonquins of Ontario with respect to the negotiations.

In particular, the ANRs are required to:

- (a) take all necessary measures to advance the negotiations leading to the Algonquin Treaty
- (b) act in the interests of the Algonquins of Ontario while reflecting the uniqueness of each Algonquin Community
- (c) evaluate and develop positions and strategies for the negotiations
- (d) prepare budgets, strategies and current positions in relation to the negotiations, with the assistance of such staff as may be necessary
- (e) retain and direct the Principal Negotiator and other professional advisors as needed in relation to the associations
- (f) during the negotiations, maintain an ongoing review of all proposed land and natural resource development and dispositions within the Algonquin Territory and develop a coordinated approach to such consultations

- (g) develop and implement a meaningful consultation and communication strategy to ensure any effective ongoing dialogue with Algonquins relating to the negotiations
- (h) develop joint communications with the negotiation teams for Ontario and Canada as required
- (i) ensure that all necessary information relating to the negotiations shall be communicated on an ongoing basis to all ANRs in order to ensure that all Algonquins will be as well-informed regarding the negotiations as is possible
- (j) participate in, and/or Chair, a number of internal and external Working Groups established to address specific issues or matters of interest
- (k) attend several meetings monthly, often at the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office in Pembroke
- (l) maintain an office for ongoing outreach for their Community