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This newsletter will provide you with up-to-date information on the Algonquins of Ontario Treaty negotiations.

If you have any questions, contact your Algonquin Negotiation Representative or the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office. Contact information is on the back page.

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Message from your Algonquin Negotiation Representatives

The Algonquins have sought justice and recognition from the Crown for over 250 years. The Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) have now reached a moment of decision:

- Will we move forward towards Ontario's first modern-day, constitutionally protected Treaty?
- Or, will we or future generations be obliged to start over to try to secure an agreement?

Our ancestors began petitioning the Crown in 1772. Our people's pleas were not heeded and our land was gradually taken from us, without our consent and without compensation.

Negotiations began in 1991, and then fell apart ten years later because of Algonquin disunity. We managed to rebuild a relationship among our Communities and reached a proposed Agreement-in-Principle (AIP). It has been very hard work, and more hard work lies ahead.

As your Algonquin Negotiation Representatives (ANRs), we have pushed Ontario and Canada as far as possible. Should the Ratification Vote be positive, we have every hope that the proposed AIP will form the basis of a Final Agreement that will become an Algonquin Treaty. But, there is still more work to be done.

We have every intention of continuing our efforts to improve the current package towards a stronger Treaty during the next phase of our negotiations, in co-operation with the Governments of Canada and Ontario. We believe that the current political situation presents a unique opportunity, in that it is rare to have both a federal and a provincial government that have expressed their sincere commitment to justice and reconciliation for Indigenous peoples.

Between February 29, 2016 and March 7, 2016, Algonquin Voters will decide whether or not to ratify the proposed AIP. The ratification of the proposed AIP will serve as an indication of support for the framework of an agreement that is reflected in the proposed AIP and whether negotiations towards a Final Agreement will take place.

The decision is yours. If you choose to ratify the proposed AIP, we will proceed to negotiate towards achieving a Treaty that would be protected under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. It is important to note that the proposed AIP, even if ratified, will not be a legally binding document.

We assure you that no Treaty can be imposed on the AOO without our clear consent through a Ratification Vote on a proposed Final Agreement. All eligible Algonquins will be able to enrol for the vote on the Final Agreement, even if they are not currently enrolled for the proposed AIP Ratification Vote.

The information in this newsletter is in two sections. The first section will give you an overview of the proposed AIP and details about the Ratification Vote. The second section will describe other areas of interest to the AOO, including economic, traditional and cultural opportunities and initiatives that are enhancing the *Algonquin Presence*, made possible by our Treaty negotiations.

If you are enrolled as an Algonquin Voter, you should already have an information package that includes the proposed AIP, a plain language Executive Summary and a confidential letter from our Principal Negotiator and Senior Legal Counsel. Even if you are not enrolled, these materials (other than the confidential letter) are available on our website: www.tanakiwin.com

A "Yes" vote on the proposed AIP will mean that we will continue the negotiations leading to a Final Agreement. All eligible Algonquins will have the opportunity to vote to accept or reject the Final Agreement.

A "No" vote will put us in a position of uncertainty. All we can say is that, in that eventuality, we and the federal and provincial governments will have to decide if the conditions are right to try to go back to the drawing board. We may be able to restart the negotiations. On the other hand, we may not. It is difficult to speculate on what may happen until we can assess the results of such a vote and determine the reasons for it.

This is a decisive moment in our shared Algonquin history. We believe that we can continue to restore our Nation and enhance the Algonquin presence within our Territory and in Canada. We can work towards securing the long delayed justice that our Nation deserves.

However, each of us has only a single vote. It is the Algonquin Voters who will determine whether we have achieved a framework for moving forward to those goals.

We urge all Algonquins to become informed, provide us with your feedback and stay connected.

Clifford Bastien Jr.
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Pikwakanagan

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Bonnechere

The Ratification Vote

Who's Who

Ratification Committee

The Ratification Committee is an independent body established by the AOO, Canada and Ontario to produce a Voters List and oversee the ratification process for the proposed AIP. The Ratification Committee is comprised of two individuals selected by the AOO, one by Ontario, and one by Canada as well as the Chairperson, who has been approved by all three Parties.

Laura Sarazin (Chair), Algonquins of Ontario

Narry Paquette, Algonquins of Ontario

Terry Charbonneau, Algonquins of Ontario

Anne Huxtable, Canada

Brian Donaldson, Ontario

Ratification Vote Manager

In December 2015, **Vaughn Johnston, Ratification Vote Manager**, mailed a package to all enrolled Algonquin Voters, containing information on the upcoming Ratification Vote on the proposed AIP. That package contained:

1. A Notice of Vote including information on:
 - (a) the ballot question
 - (b) who is eligible to vote
 - (c) how you can vote
 - (d) voting days, times and stations
 - (e) how you can learn more
 - (f) dates, times and locations for upcoming information sessions
2. A CD containing the proposed AIP
3. A plain language Executive Summary
4. A confidential letter from the Principal Negotiator and Senior Legal Counsel

In early January 2016 a second package will be mailed containing:

1. Instructions for Algonquin Voters on how to vote by Mail-In Ballot
2. A colour-coded, pre-folded Mail-In Ballot
3. A Secrecy Envelope
4. A Declaration of Voter form (also colour-coded)
5. A postage-paid Return Envelope
6. This Newsletter

If you are an enrolled Algonquin Voter and did not receive either of these packages, are unable to view the materials provided on the CD or if you require further information, contact the Ratification Vote Manager.

By Mail:

Ratification Vote Manager c/o
Algonquins of Ontario
Agreement-in-Principle
Ratification Committee
162 Pembroke St. East
P.O. Box 308
Pembroke, ON K8A 6X6

In Person:

Ratification Vote Manager c/o
Algonquins of Ontario
Agreement-in-Principle
Ratification Committee
31 Riverside Drive, Suite 101
Pembroke, ON K8A 8R6

Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Closed on Statutory Holidays

By Phone: **1-855-629-8683** (toll free) or **613-629-8683**

By Fax: **613-629-8685**

By Email: ratification@tanakiwin.com

Community Ratification Officers

Community Ratification Officers will support the Ratification Committee and the Ratification Vote Manager in conducting the ratification process. Hired on a part-time contract basis, the Community Ratification Officers will be assisting with various tasks and procedural duties, including attending information sessions with the Ratification Vote Manager and supporting the conduct of the vote at one or more voting stations.

Community Liaison Support

Community Liaison Support will aid the ANRs in locating and raising the awareness of Algonquin Voters about the Ratification Vote on the proposed AIP. These positions are community-based, and will support the ANRs in developing and delivering information to give Algonquin Voters a reasonable opportunity to obtain, review and understand all relevant materials prior to the Ratification Vote.

Voting

The effectiveness of the Ratification Vote will depend on your participation. This is a historic moment of choice. Make your voice heard. Whether or not you support the proposed AIP, every vote counts!

All Algonquin Voters will be given the option of voting by either Mail-In Ballot or in person at any one of the Voting Stations as further described below.

Who is Eligible to Vote

All persons on the 2015 Final Voters List of Algonquin Voters under Chapter 15 of the proposed AIP are eligible to vote. You will be required to produce government-issued photo identification in order to vote in person. If you do not have government-issued photo identification, please bring the best alternative identification that you have in order to satisfy the Ratification Vote Manager as to your identity.

If your name is not on the Algonquin Voters List and you believe there has been an accidental omission, contact the Ratification Vote Manager at ratification@tanakiwin.com or by phone, mail or in person. See contact information previously outlined.

Ballot Question

The ballot question is as follows:

Ballot Question Question du bulletin de vote

AS AN ALGONQUIN VOTER DO YOU:

Agree to and approve the proposed Agreement-in-Principle between the Algonquins of Ontario and the Governments of Ontario and Canada; and

Authorize and direct the Algonquin negotiation team to act on behalf of the Algonquins of Ontario to negotiate the terms of a Final Agreement based on that Agreement-in-Principle?

EN TANT QU'ÉLECTEUR ALGONQUIN:

Acceptez-vous et approuvez-vous l'entente de principe proposée entre les Algonquins de l'Ontario et les gouvernements de l'Ontario et du Canada; et

Autorisez-vous et ordonnez-vous à l'équipe algonquaine de négociation d'agir au nom des Algonquins de l'Ontario pour négocier les modalités d'un accord définitif fondé sur cette entente de principe?

What Does a "Yes" Vote Mean?

A "Yes" vote on the proposed AIP will mean that the AOO negotiation team will continue to negotiate towards a Final Agreement. All eligible Algonquins will have the opportunity to vote to accept or reject the Final Agreement.

What Does a "No" Vote Mean?

A "No" vote will put the AOO in a position of uncertainty. If that happens, the AOO and the federal and provincial governments will have to decide if conditions are right to try to go back to the drawing board. We may be able to restart the negotiations. On the other hand, we may not. It is difficult to speculate on what may happen until we can assess the results of such a vote and determine the reasons for it.

How Can I Vote?

If you are an Algonquin Voter on the 2015 Final Voters List, there are two ways for you to vote. First, you can vote in person at any one of the seven voting stations. See the *Mark Your Calendars* section that follows for dates, times, and locations.

Second, you can vote by Mail-In Ballot. Each Mail-In Ballot is colour-coded to identify the Community with whom you are affiliated, but does not contain any information that would reveal your identity. Colour-coded ballots will make it possible for the Ratification Vote Manager to report on the voting results of each Community.

Your Mail-In Ballot must be received by the Ratification Vote Manager by the close of voting on the last Voting Day, **Monday, March 7, 2016**, or that vote will not be counted. Please take the time to get informed. Contact your local Algonquin Negotiation Representative or attend one of the many Information Sessions. Then, cast your vote, and mail in your Ballot and Declaration of Voter (also colour-coded) as soon as possible to allow for possible delays in the mail.

If you intend to vote by mail but you did not receive a Mail-In Ballot, contact the Ratification Vote Manager at ratification@tanakiwin.com or by phone, mail or in person. See contact information previously outlined.

Mark Your Calendars

Information Sessions

A series of information sessions will be held between January 25 and February 4, 2016, at which the Ratification Vote Manager will provide information on the voting process and the AOO Negotiation Team will provide information on the contents and implications of the proposed AIP. Representatives of both the Governments of Canada and Ontario will attend to answer your questions. Part of each information session will be subject to solicitor and client privilege.

Monday, January 25, 2016

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Ottawa West – Nepean
2055 Robertson Road
Ottawa, ON
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

St. James Major Catholic
School Hall
14608 Road 38
Sharbot Lake, ON
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Makwa Community Centre
83A Kagagimin Inamo
Pikwakanagan, ON
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Lake St. Peter Community Centre
5 Boulter Lake Road
Lake St. Peter, ON
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 30, 2016

Native Canadian Centre
16 Spadina Road
Toronto, ON
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Monday, February 1, 2016

Travelodge Kingston LaSalle Hotel
2360 Princess Street
Kingston, ON
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Best Western Pembroke Inn and
Conference Centre
1 International Drive
Pembroke, ON
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Mike Rodden Arena
450 Hurdman Street
Mattawa, ON
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 4, 2016

Davedi Club
313 Airport Road
North Bay, ON
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Ratification Vote

The in-person vote will be held from **February 29, 2016 to March 7, 2016**. All Algonquin Voters on the 2015 Final Voters List can vote in person at **any one** of these voting stations:

Monday, February 29, 2016

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 425
1015D Legion Road
Sharbot Lake, ON
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Holiday Inn Express &
Suites Ottawa West – Nepean
2055 Robertson Road
Ottawa, ON
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 72
202 Pembroke Street East
Pembroke, ON
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Mike Rodden Arena
450 Hurdman Street
Mattawa, ON
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 4, 2016

Davedi Club
313 Airport Road
North Bay, ON
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 5, 2016

Makwa Community Centre
83A Kagagimin Inamo
Pikwakanagan, ON
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Monday, March 7, 2016

Lake St. Peter Community Centre
5 Boulter Lake Road
Lake St. Peter, ON
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Voter Enrolment

Eligibility to participate in the Ratification Vote is based on criteria set out in Chapter 3 of the proposed AIP. Chapter 15 describes the process of enrolment, including protests against enrolment decisions. Enrolment under these provisions took place during 2012 and 2013, and a number of protests against enrolment decisions were addressed.

All three Parties are committed to a full enrolment process when it comes time to vote on a Final Agreement, including the right to protest enrolment decisions.

The Proposed Agreement-in-Principle

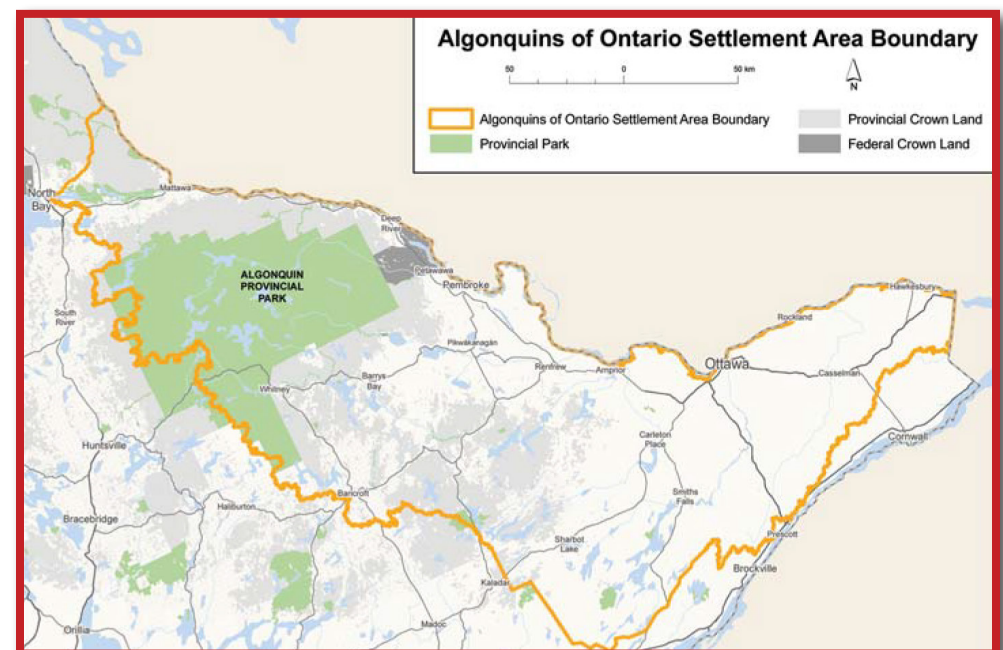


Figure 1: Algonquins of Ontario Settlement Area Boundary. Sharing Agreements with neighbouring First Nations are to be discussed.

The proposed AIP is not a legally binding document. If it is ratified, it will still not be legally binding.

The proposed AIP is a statement of the main elements of an Algonquin Treaty, clarifying and defining the rights of the AOO and outlining the obligations of all three Parties: the AOO, Canada and Ontario.

It provides the foundation for negotiations and is a major step towards the Final Agreement that once approved by all parties will have the legal status of a modern-day Treaty.

Changes Reflected in the Proposed AIP

It is important to note that the **proposed AIP** contains some differences from the **Preliminary Draft AIP**, which was released for public review on December 13, 2012. Following this release, the AOO, Canada and Ontario engaged in extensive consultation efforts to garner feedback from Algonquin Voters, stakeholder groups, elected officials and the general public. This level of consultation at the AIP stage is unprecedented in the history of Treaty negotiations in Canada.

As a result of the consultations and the feedback received, the AOO, Canada and Ontario carefully considered all of the feedback, reviewed the contents of the Preliminary Draft AIP and negotiated some revisions to the document. The AOO provided Algonquin Voters with a summary of these changes at a series of regional meetings throughout Algonquin Territory in August 2013.

These changes include:

- (a) revisions to the text of the proposed AIP to enhance its legal clarity
- (b) amendments to a number of proposed land selections including minor modifications to parcel boundaries, the addition of easements to provide access and a limited number of modifications to parcel boundaries and the withdrawal of two land selections in exchange for alternative arrangements
- (c) new principles and processes for fisheries management plans for the Settlement Area, including interim protection for certain brook trout lakes in Algonquin Park while studies are undertaken

The **fundamental elements of the Preliminary Draft AIP** – namely, the capital transfer, the land quantum and the articulation of Algonquin rights – **remain unchanged within the proposed AIP**. Rather, the changes that have been made aim to provide the document with greater clarity and certainty.



Overview of the Proposed AIP

The **Executive Summary** and the **proposed AIP** in their entirety can be reviewed at <http://www.tanakiwin.com/aip.htm> or in the materials mailed out to Algonquin Voters in December, 2015. Here is a simplified chapter-by-chapter overview of the key elements of the proposed AIP. Please consult the proposed AIP for greater detail.

Preamble

The preamble is a short statement that introduces the AIP. The Preamble recognizes the Algonquins as an “Aboriginal people of Canada” within the meaning of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

Chapter 1: Definitions

This chapter sets out the definitions of the key terminology that is subsequently used in the proposed AIP.

Chapter 2: General Provisions

This chapter sets out the legal framework for the Final Agreement including:

- (a) certainty with respect to Algonquin rights set out in the Final Agreement without extinguishing **any** rights
- (b) rules to resolve any conflicts that might arise between the Final Agreement and federal and provincial legislation
- (c) releases and indemnities provided by the Algonquins
- (d) principles for the interpretation of the Final Agreement

The chapter contains standard language found in other modern-day Treaties, including:

- (a) the **AIP will not be legally binding** but, if approved, will form the basis to negotiate the Final Agreement
- (b) the **Final Agreement will be legally binding** with Aboriginal and treaty rights protected under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*
- (c) in addition to what is achieved in the Final Agreement, Algonquins will continue to enjoy the same rights and benefits as other Canadian citizens
- (d) the Final Agreement will only be amended with the consent of all three Parties

Consultation. The Final Agreement will establish the obligations of Canada and Ontario to consult, and where appropriate, accommodate the AOO.

Certainty. The Final Agreement will constitute a full and final settlement of the Algonquins’ Aboriginal Rights and title in Canada (except in the Province of Quebec). **The Aboriginal Rights and title of the Algonquins that may have existed prior to the Final Agreement will not be extinguished** but will continue as modified by the Final Agreement. The Final Agreement will not affect any Aboriginal Rights that the AOO have in Quebec and it will not affect any Aboriginal Rights of Algonquin communities in Quebec or any other Aboriginal peoples anywhere, including in Ontario.

Releases and Indemnities. The Final Agreement will release Ontario and Canada from past infringements of Aboriginal rights, including failures to consult that may have occurred prior to the Effective Date of the Final Agreement. It will also provide an indemnity in the remote event Ontario or Canada is successfully sued in relation to such matters.

Non-Derogation Provisions. Nothing in the Final Agreement affects, recognizes or provides any constitutionally protected rights for any Aboriginal peoples other than the AOO.

Other Matters. Various other matters are addressed by this chapter, including access to federal and provincial programs and services, disclosure of information, limitation on legal challenges, as well as communications and notices.

Chapter 3: Eligibility and Enrolment

This chapter describes how a person of Algonquin descent can become a Beneficiary under the Final Agreement in order to share in the benefits under the Final Agreement. Following the ratification of the Final Agreement the AOO will appoint an **Enrolment Board** to register Algonquins as Beneficiaries and will maintain a public registry of Beneficiaries.

An individual will be entitled to be registered as a Beneficiary if that individual is a Canadian citizen and:

- (a) declares himself or herself Algonquin and can demonstrate:
 - i. direct Lineal Descent from an Algonquin Ancestor (a preliminary list of whom is in the proposed AIP)
 - ii. that the Applicant or a recent ancestor was part of an Algonquin Collective after July 15, 1897 and prior to June 15, 1991
 - iii. a present-day cultural or social connection with an Algonquin Collective
- or
- (b) is a member of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation

However, an individual cannot be a Beneficiary if that individual:

- (a) identifies as a member of another Aboriginal group and asserts Aboriginal or treaty rights within the Algonquin Settlement Area
- or
- (b) is a member of another Aboriginal group that is a party to another comprehensive land claim settlement or treaty unless that person ceases to be enrolled under the other comprehensive land claim agreement or waives entitlement to Aboriginal or treaty rights other than those described in, or recognized, by the Final Agreement.

The Final Agreement may provide that an individual be eligible to enrol as a Beneficiary under a process of community acceptance should the Final Agreement be ratified and approved. The criteria for Beneficiary enrolment, including custom adoption and community acceptance will be discussed if the proposed AIP is ratified.

Chapter 4: Claims Institutions

The Final Agreement will identify the **Algonquin Institutions** that will receive and manage Settlement Lands, the Capital Transfer and other assets, and the institutions that will fulfill responsibilities and exercise powers on behalf of the Algonquins under the Final Agreement.

The Algonquin Institutions will be developed by the AOO to serve Beneficiaries and to hold land claim assets. They will be transparent and accountable and will ensure equitable treatment and access to benefits.

Following the Effective Date of the Final Agreement, the AOO may restructure, replace or create new Algonquin Institutions and will maintain a public register of them.

Chapter 5: Lands

This chapter describes the transfer of Settlement Lands, to be transferred in fee simple absolute, to one or more Algonquin Institutions. This form of ownership will **include mineral rights**. These Settlement Lands will be no less than **117,500 acres of Provincial Crown Land** and consist of more than 200 parcels of land ranging in size from a few acres to about 30,000 acres.

What Does the Settlement Land Package Represent?

The Algonquin Territory described in the proposed AIP as the Settlement Area is approximately 9 million acres. The available Provincial Crown Land in the Settlement Area is about 3.3 million acres.

Nearly 2 million acres of the 3.3 million acres is comprised of Provincial Parks, including Algonquin Park which is 1.8 million acres in size (and where the AOO will have extensive management input). This leaves approximately 1.3 million acres of Provincial Crown Land available for AOO land selections.

The **Settlement Land** package described within the proposed AIP totals not less than 117,500 acres of Provincial Crown Lands, comprising over 200 parcels of land and approximately 10% of the available Provincial Crown Land. These lands range in size from a few acres to about 30,000 acres.

The proposed AIP identifies all of these Settlement Land parcels and using the CD provided to enrolled Algonquin Voters or the AOO website (www.tanakiwin.com) detailed descriptions and maps of each parcel can be accessed.

Additional opportunities remain for the identification of federal lands to be included in the land package following the ratification of the proposed AIP as well as the purchase of privately owned lands on a willing buyer/willing seller basis following ratification of the Algonquin Treaty.

Also, learn more about how the AOO will be involved in the management of Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves in Chapter 9.



Land Selections

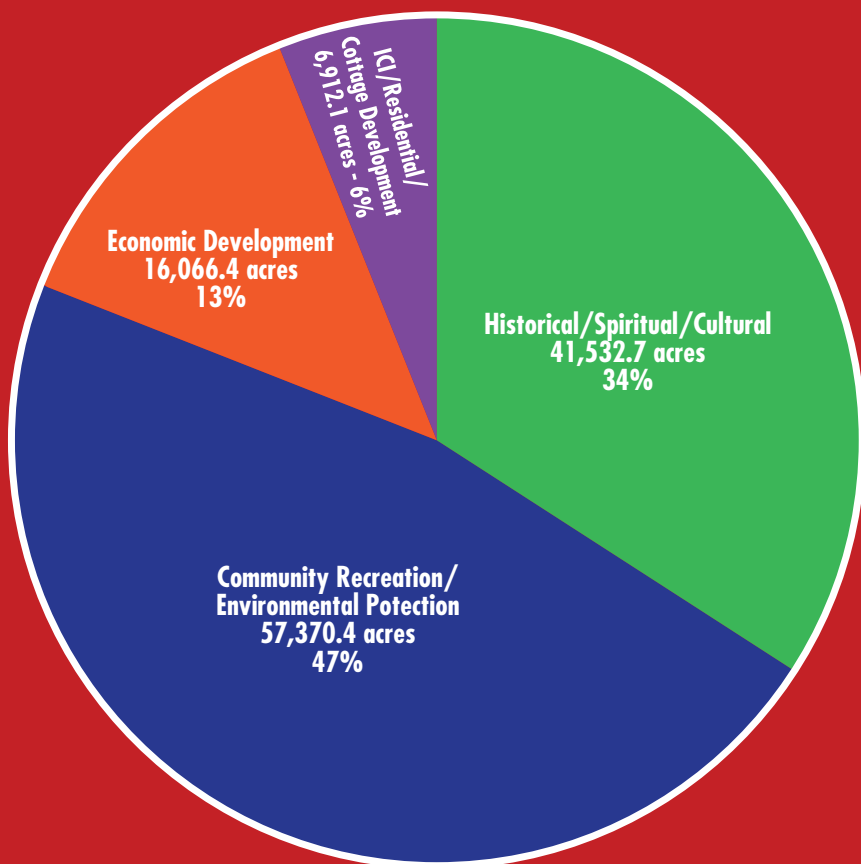
Land has long been recognized as the source of strength and the basis of Nationhood. An appropriate Algonquin land base will provide Algonquin people with the opportunities to exercise our ongoing relationship with Mother Earth, protect cultural, environmental and historically significant areas and provide support for economic development and the provision of job opportunities for Algonquins going forward.

The proposed AIP provides for transfer of provincial Crown land parcels, as well as an undetermined number of parcels of Federal surplus lands that are still subject to negotiations.

The land selections were made by the ANRs, their community advisors and the Technical Advisory Group to address the following four major categories:

- Lands having Historical/Spiritual/Cultural Significance
- Lands for Community Recreation/Environmental Protection
- Economic Development
- Institutional/Commercial/Industrial (ICI) and Residential/Cottage Development

Figure 2: This figure shows the conceptual distribution of Settlement Lands by category and subject to final calculations.



Prior to the Final Agreement, Canada and the AOO will identify Federal Crown Lands that could be transferred by Canada to an Algonquin Institution, where the lands have been declared surplus to federal Government requirements.

The Parties may agree to changes to the proposed Settlement Lands, prior to the Final Agreement, but the overall amount of land that would be transferred by Ontario would remain not less than 117,500 acres.

Canada and Ontario will retain the beds of navigable waters.

Described below are highlights of certain specific aspects of **Settlement Lands**:

Roads. Ontario will not transfer public roads, but may transfer some unopened road allowances. Municipalities may transfer some road allowances that are under their jurisdiction.

Existing Rights or Legal Interests – General. Existing rights or legal interests of third parties on Settlement Lands will continue on those lands after transfer to the AOO. Existing rights or legal interests could be recreation camps, public utilities, traplines, mining leases and claims or aggregate licences. The AOO will negotiate agreements with the holders of existing rights or legal interests that will include their access rights.

Forest Operations on Settlement Lands. Settlement Lands that are subject to a Sustainable Forest Licence (SFL) will be transferred after the expiry of the applicable Forest Management Plan. In the meantime the AOO will be consulted regarding amendments to these Forest Management Plans. The Algonquins will negotiate transition plans with Ontario, SFL holders and others to ensure continued access during a transition period after the land is transferred to the AOO.

Public Utilities. Money paid by public utilities for the use of Settlement Land between the Final Agreement and the transfer of Settlement Lands will be held in trust by Ontario and then will be paid, with interest, to the AOO once the lands are transferred. After that, those public utilities will pay the AOO for continuing access and use of the land.

Public Access to Protected Areas. The public will continue to have access to Provincial Parks and other Protected Areas across Settlement Lands as set out in the Final Agreement.

Algonquin Interests in Crown Lands. The AOO and Ontario will negotiate agreements with respect to certain Areas of Algonquin Interest. These agreements will provide special protection for identified parcels of Crown Land that are of particular cultural or historic importance to the AOO. The AOO will also have rights of first refusal to purchase certain identified parcels of Crown Land in the future should Ontario decide to sell those lands.

Boundaries, Surveys and Descriptions. Canada and Ontario will pay the surveying costs to establish the boundaries of Settlement Lands and certain other legal interests.

Environmental Assessment. The transfer of Settlement Lands by Ontario and Canada will be subject to environmental assessment as set out in applicable Provincial Laws and Federal Laws.

Contaminated Sites. Canada and Ontario will not transfer any lands that are determined to be contaminated beyond a standard that is acceptable to the Parties. The Parties may agree to transfer contaminated lands under certain circumstances such as prior remediation or Algonquin acceptance of the contaminated lands. The Final Agreement will address the obligations of the Parties if Settlement Lands are found to be contaminated beyond an acceptable standard after the Date of Transfer to the AOO.

Land Use Planning. The Final Agreement will identify official plan designations and zoning for the Settlement Lands. After the Date of Transfer to the AOO, provincial laws and municipal by-laws and policies on land use planning will apply to Settlement Lands.

Access to or across Settlement Lands. Laws governing access to or across private property will apply to Settlement Lands unless otherwise stated in the Final Agreement. Certain researchers currently conducting research on Crown Lands under provincial authority will continue to have access to those lands for research purposes after they become Settlement Lands. Access across Settlement Lands will be provided to those who require it to enjoy their legal interests.

The AOO will try to reach agreement with groups that maintain trails for the public or group members to provide authorization for the use and maintenance of the trails. The public will continue to have the right to use, free of charge and at their own risk, existing portages on Settlement Lands that link navigable waters.

General. Settlement Lands will continue to be subject to expropriation, subject to any special provisions that may be set out in the Final Agreement. Nothing in the Final Agreement will confer any right of ownership of waters on Settlement Lands. Nothing in a Final Agreement will create obligations to establish or maintain public roads or to provide services to Settlement Lands that are not otherwise required by law.

The Importance of Islands

Islands have a spiritual connection in Algonquin history and culture. The AOO Negotiation Team has confirmed provincial support for the transfer of 41 islands in various lakes throughout Algonquin Traditional Territory. The AOO Negotiation Team is currently working to acquire 12 additional islands in the Ottawa River.

The historical, spiritual and cultural significance of Chaudière and Victoria Islands is also fully appreciated by the AOO Negotiation Team, although they will not become Settlement Lands. Through the negotiation process as well as through the *Consultation Process Interim Measures Agreement* efforts are underway to enhance the recognition of the Algonquin presence at these important locations. Strong relationships are being forged with Energy Ottawa, Windmill Development Group Inc. and the National Capital Commission to ensure that the Algonquin presence is recognized and celebrated.



Creation of Nation Parks

The proposed AIP provides for three large parcels of land which **will not** be subject to municipal property taxes as long as they remain undeveloped. These Nation Parks are as follows:

- Nation Park 1 (REC 350): Gauvreau Lake Area, Township of Orlig (approximately 3,000 acres)
- Nation Park 2 (REC 91_G): Regional Core Lands, Whitney Area adjacent to Algonquin Park, Township of South Algonquin (approximately 18,200 acres)
- Nation Park 3 (REC 96_I): Regional Core Lands, adjacent to Algonquin Park and Barron River, Township of Laurentian Valley (approximately 31,900 acres)

These lands will provide major opportunities for community recreation and environmental protection. Opportunities for economic development will be discussed through future conceptual planning and consultation with Algonquin Communities. The role of property taxation will be discussed at that time.



Clean Energy Projects – Generating Revenues for the Future

Under the Province of Ontario's Large Renewable Energy Procurement program the AOO has entered into partnership agreements with project proponents for the development of a 170 MW wind farm near Denbigh, Ontario and for the development of a 14.5 MW Solar Farm on the former Trail Road Landfill Site in the City of Ottawa.

If either of these projects are successful through the Ontario Ministry of Energy approval process, they will, on implementation, create revenue sharing and job opportunities for Algonquins. A decision on these projects is expected in March, 2016.

Learn more about other Clean Energy opportunities in *The Algonquin Presence* section of this newsletter.



Economic Development Opportunities

Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Rockcliffe was established by the Department of National Defence in 1898 and was once home to over 450 military families. In 1994 the base was decommissioned. In 2010, the AOO and **Canada Lands Company** entered into an innovative Participation Agreement for the redevelopment of the former CFB Rockcliffe in Ottawa. Canada Lands Company acquired the site from the federal government in 2011 and has since been engaged in the consultation and planning process for the site's redevelopment as a Master Planned Residential, Commercial and Institutional Community located east of downtown Ottawa overlooking the Ottawa River.

The Participation Agreement establishes a direct financial interest for the AOO in the development of one of the most desirable and valuable parcels of land in Canada. It also provides opportunities for commemoration of the history of the AOO within the site, AOO engagement in concept development and land use planning, and for the AOO to acquire lots under the municipally-approved plan.

Through the Participation Agreement the AOO have entered into Letters of Intent with **Tartan Land Consultants Inc.** and **Windmill Development Group** for the development of townhomes and semi-detached housing units. These homes and units will be developed on selected portions of Phase 1A of the project scheduled to begin construction in 2016. The Algonquins will benefit through profits from this development.

The AOO continues to discuss with Canada Lands Company other potential sites within Ottawa that may form the basis of yet further Participation Agreements.

Learn more about these projects as well as other economic development opportunities in *The Algonquin Presence* section of this newsletter.



Aerial view of the former Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Rockcliffe.

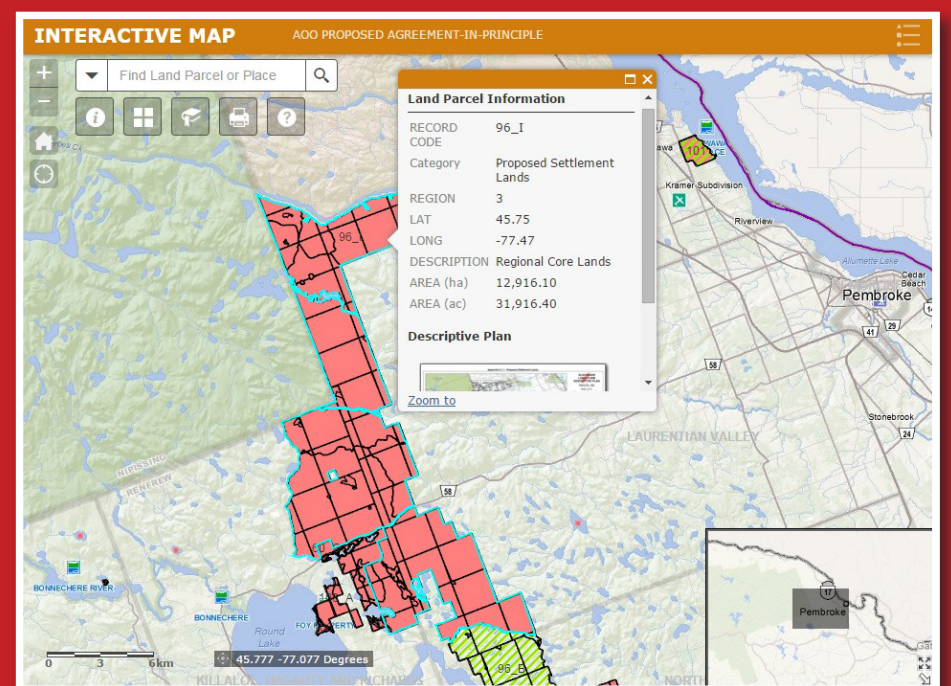
AOO Proposed AIP Interactive Map

The proposed AIP contains a series of Reference Maps and Descriptive Plans, which depict information related to one of the following two categories of Provincial Crown Lands:

(a) **Proposed Settlement Lands** which are lands to be transferred to Algonquin ownership in fee simple absolute

(b) **Algonquin Interests in Crown Lands** which are lands that will continue to be provincial Crown land but in which particular Algonquin Interests will be recognized

In addition to the materials on the CD that was mailed to each Algonquin Voter and the copies of the proposed AIP and supporting appendices and schedules on the AOO website www.tanakiwin.com, an interactive web-based map has been developed to provide a single access point for users to easily explore and navigate through the proposed AIP's various Reference Maps and Descriptive Plans. Here is a screen shot of that map in action.



Wherever additional information about the Settlement Area or specific parcels was readily available, it has been integrated into this interactive map. Access the interactive map on the AOO website at www.tanakiwin.com or on your smartphone by scanning the following QR code:



Chapter 6: Capital Transfers and Loan Repayment

Canada and Ontario will transfer **\$300 million** (based on December 2011 values) to an Algonquin Institution or Institutions, adjusted for inflation to the date it is transferred. The payment will be made in three payments over two years starting on the Effective Date of the Final Agreement. \$10 million of the payment related to the development of the former CFB Rockcliffe will be paid somewhat sooner, at the signing of the Final Agreement and interest will be paid on the second and third payments.



What Does the Tax Status Mean for the Value of the Capital Transfer Amount?

The AOO can place the capital payment in a tax-exempt Settlement Trust. If the capital payment and income earned on it were taxable, the capital payment would have to be as much as **\$650 million** to generate the same level of revenue for AOO programs and services. The actual benefit of the tax free status will depend on various factors that can be assessed at the time of the transfer, such as the investment strategy adopted by the Trust.

The funds previously provided to the Algonquin Opportunity (No. 1) Corporation for renewable energy projects under a 2009 Interim Agreement will be deducted from Ontario's payment.

The Algonquins will repay any outstanding amounts under the terms of the Algonquin negotiation loan agreements with Canada. Prior to the Final Agreement, Canada and the AOO will agree on the amount of those outstanding loans, which will then be repaid by deducting the amount from Canada's payment.

The transfer of funds may be adjusted prior to the Final Agreement if it is decided to include a special purpose fund, or other monetary benefits, including resource-related benefits, provided that the total value is not greater than \$300 million.

Chapter 7: Forestry

This chapter recognizes the importance of the **forest industry in the Algonquin Settlement Area**. Ontario and the Algonquins agree to work cooperatively to maintain support for the existing forestry operations, as well as increase Algonquin participation in, and benefits from the forest industry. Between the AIP and the Final Agreement, Ontario will continue to work with the AOO to develop and strengthen forestry-related economic opportunities for Algonquins. Initiatives identified in this chapter will include:

- (a) measures to increase Algonquin employment and participation in the forest industry throughout the Settlement Area, including in Algonquin Park
- (b) potential for Algonquin benefits as a relevant factor when evaluating tender bids or other government contracting procedures
- (c) provision of training opportunities for the Algonquins in the forestry industry in Algonquin Park, including silviculture
- (d) measures to develop Algonquin capacity to play a meaningful role in the forest industry throughout the Settlement Area
- (e) Ontario will consult with the AOO regarding any new forestry policy initiatives including the Ontario forestry tenure and pricing review

Ontario will appoint at least one person nominated by the AOO to the Board of Directors of the **Algonquin Forestry Authority**. The nature and scope of Algonquin participation in forest management and planning, including representation on planning teams inside and outside Algonquin Park, will be set out in the Final Agreement.

Participation in Forestry Management Plans

The *Crown Forest Sustainability Act* requires a Forest Management Plan (FMP) for each ten-year period for Forest Management Units (FMU) located throughout the province. These FMPs contain a number of key components including the long-term management direction, planned operations, determination of sustainability, description of the monitoring program and any supplementary documentation related to each FMU.

Currently, each FMP is prepared in two phases. Phase I of the preparation of an FMP includes the long-term management direction that provides for the sustainability of the forest with regard for plant and animal life, water, soil, air and social and economic values, including recreational values. It remains in effect for the entire ten year period. Phase I also involves detailed planning of operations for the first five year term of the plan. Phase II then consists of detailed planning of operations for the second five year term (i.e. years six to ten).

The Algonquin Settlement Area includes Algonquin Park Forest, Bancroft-Minden Forest, Mazinaw-Lanark Forest, Ottawa Valley Forest and Nipissing Forest. Many of the Algonquin communities have been actively engaged in the development of these Forest Management Plans and the protection of Algonquin cultural heritage resources and other interests over the last two decades.

Updated Phase II FMPs for these Forests were completed within the last two years. FMP Planning Teams for each of these Forests included representatives from the AOO communities as well as support from the AOO Consultation Office, where required. Through representation on the Phase II FMP Planning Teams, the AOO were able to:

1. effectively inform and provide input within the Phase II Planning Process
2. bring forward any potential areas of concern and work collaboratively to identify mutually beneficial solutions
3. identify areas of concern that would be more appropriately addressed during the next Phase I Planning Process
4. ensure that Algonquin values and interests are protected from any negative impacts of FMP operations



Chapter 8: Harvesting

Harvesting Rights. This chapter describes the rights Algonquins will have under the Final Agreement to harvest fish, wildlife, migratory birds and plants for domestic purposes throughout the year on Crown Lands, including Protected Areas, located throughout the Settlement Area. Algonquins will also have the right to harvest on privately-owned lands within the Settlement Area if the landowner or occupier consents.



Harvest Management Plan

Algonquin traditional practices of hunting, trapping, fishing and gathering flora for medicinal, food and other purposes reflect the history of Algonquins as a hunting and gathering society. These practices embody an inherent respect for the environment and a fundamental commitment to the sustainable management of resources which has been passed from generation to generation.

The rights of Aboriginal peoples in Canada to engage in traditional activities that are fundamental to their unique histories, cultures and spiritual beliefs are recognized by the *Constitution Act, 1982* and upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada. Under this legal framework, the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) currently possess the right to harvest wildlife, fish, migratory birds and plants for domestic purposes 365 days per year, and the exercise of this right is subject only to measures that can be justified for conservation or public health and safety. As such, an Algonquin Treaty will not create Aboriginal rights for the AOO but rather, it will clearly articulate what these rights are and how they may be exercised.

As stewards of the land and resources within their Traditional Territory, the AOO recognize the fundamental importance of protecting viable populations of flora and fauna for generations to come. Since 1991, the AOO have pioneered ground-breaking harvest management plans for moose in Algonquin Park and Wildlife Management Units surrounding the Park. These plans set out when and where the harvest by Algonquin harvesters can occur, what the total harvest is to be and who is eligible to participate through a tag system.

Harvest limits for moose and elk are established in cooperation with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), based on data on wildlife conservation and the sustainability of wildlife populations. We believe that the AOO is the first Aboriginal group in Canada that has voluntarily enacted these types of harvest management practices.

The AOO recognize that sustainable harvesting is fundamental to the Algonquin way of life and also important to our neighbours. As demonstrated over the past 20 years, the AOO are committed to working together to ensure the protection of viable populations of fish and wildlife for future generations.



Algonquins will have the right to **trade and barter** amongst ourselves for fish, wildlife, migratory birds, and plants. Matters relating to trade and barter with other Aboriginal peoples will be discussed prior to the Final Agreement.

Commercial harvesting and the sale of by-products of fish, wildlife, migratory birds, and plants will be subject to laws of general application, other than the sale of by-products of migratory birds, which can be sold.

Algonquin harvesting rights are communal rights and the AOO will have the legal authority to allocate, monitor and manage harvesting by Algonquin Beneficiaries.

Algonquin Harvesting rights will be subject to laws and other measures that are necessary for conservation, public health or public safety. Ontario or Canada will consult with the AOO prior to implementing any such measure.

Within the Settlement Area, both moose and elk will be designated as an "allocated wildlife species". This designation is made where an allocation system for a species is required for conservation. The Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry can determine the total number of animals of that species that may be harvested, as well as the Algonquin allocation of that harvest in accordance with a process to be set out in the Final Agreement.

Specifically, a **total allowable harvest** will be established for allocated wildlife species in consultation with the AOO, taking into account the interests of other users. After a total allowable harvest is established, an Algonquin allocation will be determined taking into account the right of Algonquins to harvest and other criteria set out in the harvesting chapter of the Final Agreement. The AOO will follow an Algonquin Harvest Plan when harvesting an allocated wildlife species. This allocation system will build on the current informal system of determining an Algonquin harvest of moose and elk for purposes of the existing interim AOO Harvest Management Plan.

The Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry may allocate additional wildlife species if, after consulting with the AOO, it is determined that there is a conservation risk to that species or a population of the species within or near the Settlement Area. The process for allocating wildlife species will involve the AOO in data sharing, gathering and analysis.

Algonquin **harvesting of moose** in Algonquin Park will continue in the area currently designated for AOO harvesting of moose. Ontario and the AOO may agree to amend this area in the future. The harvesting of moose in Algonquin Park and elsewhere in the Settlement Area will be subject to an Algonquin Harvest Plan provided for in the Final Agreement, and until then, the existing interim AOO Harvest Management Plan will continue. In the future, moose and elk may cease to be allocated wildlife species if the allocation is no longer required for purposes of conservation.

The Final Agreement will also deal with:

- (a) sharing agreements between the AOO and other Aboriginal peoples
- (b) the use of shelters and resources, including trees, incidental to Algonquin harvesting on Crown Land and in Protected Areas
- (c) Algonquin access to Crown Lands within the Settlement Area for purposes of harvesting, including the use of roads and trails
- (d) the legal authority of the AOO to participate in Algonquin wildlife harvest plans and fisheries management plans in collaboration with Ontario
- (e) fisheries management planning for the Settlement Area

Algonquin Participation in Moose and Elk Aerial Inventories

Over the last decade the AOO, working in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) have become important players in moose aerial inventory surveys in Algonquin Park. This involvement expanded to elk aerial inventories beginning in early 2012.

Moose Aerial Inventories are winter aircraft surveys designed to get precise estimates of the moose populations in Ontario's Wildlife Management Units (WMUs), and involves estimating the number of moose, recording moose age class and sex, and analyzing population dynamics and trends. To date, the data collected for both moose and elk have assisted in the development of the AOO annual Harvest Management Plans.

The AOO are continuing to work with the Ministry to develop coordinated approaches to enable the effective participation of the Algonquins in the collection of data relating to fish and other wildlife across the Territory.

Fishing. Prior to the effective date of the Final Agreement, Ontario and the AOO, and where necessary Canada, will make every effort to develop fisheries management plans for all fish harvesting in the Settlement Area, including provisions for the conservation of brook trout in Algonquin Park.

Provisions regarding the development of a Fisheries Management Plan for Algonquin Park have been added to the proposed AIP since the release of the Preliminary Draft AIP.

The proposed AIP outlines that while a fisheries management plan is being developed for Algonquin Park, a **number of interim provisions will apply to Algonquin domestic fishing:**

- (a) there will be no winter fishing by Algonquins in four specific zones in Algonquin Park that contain lakes with naturally reproducing brook trout and lake trout fisheries which may be particularly sensitive to the impact of fishing, pending a determination on how fishing, including winter fishing, affects fisheries in these four zones or there is a fisheries management plan for them
- (b) there will continue to be no fishing in six lakes in Algonquin Park that are closed for scientific research purposes
- (c) the AOO will continue to refrain from using live bait in Algonquin Park
- (d) the AOO will continue not to fish for brook trout or lake trout during spawning season in Algonquin Park
- (e) the AOO will have a meaningful role in gathering and analyzing information relating to fishing in the Settlement Area and in monitoring compliance with the interim provisions
- (f) the AOO and Ontario will discuss the potential for a fish stocking program for the Settlement Area



Fisheries Studies

The proposed AIP provides for certain interim restrictions on fishing by the AOO in Algonquin Park as some particularly sensitive fisheries are studied. Since the drafting of the proposed AIP in 2013, considerable studies have been done that suggest that at least some of those interim restrictions may not be necessary.

Fisheries studies are being completed to collect information which will be used to assist with the management of fish populations in specific areas - Fishery Management Zones established by the MNRF - or zoning specific to lakes and other bodies of water. This information is used to assess the health and population of specific species, for example lake trout and walleye, which may receive a higher level of fishing pressure. Information collected can be used to determine if restrictions such as slot limits, season changes or closures need to be implemented for the lake or waterbody in question. These studies are also completed to better understand the ecology of a specific lake.

The Ministry's fisheries studies during the 2015 season were conducted by Harkness Laboratory of Fisheries Research, located on Lake Opeongo in Algonquin Park. The coordination between Harkness Laboratory of Fisheries Research and the AOO Consultation Office this past season resulted in a significant increase in the level of engagement by AOO community members.

Based on the preliminary results from these studies, the AOO are hopeful that at least some of the interim restrictions will not be necessary in the future. Our discussions with the Ministry are continuing.



Photo of Brook Trout provided courtesy of Vantage Point Media House.

Trapping. Algonquins will have the right to trap furbearers for domestic purposes. Trapping for commercial sale will be governed by federal and provincial law. Ontario and the AOO will negotiate a **Trapping Harmonization Agreement** prior to the effective date of the Final Agreement.

Enforcement. Enforcement matters will continue to be the responsibility of Canada or Ontario. The role of the AOO in enforcement with respect to Algonquin Beneficiaries will be subject to further discussion prior to the Final Agreement. Algonquin Beneficiaries will not be required to hold licences to harvest in the Settlement Area for domestic purposes or to pay any fees in lieu of those licences, but Algonquin Beneficiaries will be required to:

- (a) obtain licences for the use and possession of firearms under federal or provincial law on the same basis as other Aboriginal peoples
- (b) provide documentation to enforcement officers to demonstrate that they are Algonquin Beneficiaries

General Provisions. A number of general provisions included in this chapter clarify that:

- (a) the jurisdiction of Canada and Ontario will be maintained in relation to fish, wildlife, migratory birds and plants
- (b) harvesting by the general public will continue to be subject to laws of general application
- (c) conservation is the fundamental principle of the management of fish, wildlife and migratory birds and includes protection of spawning grounds, breeding areas, migratory bird sanctuaries and fish sanctuaries

Chapter 9: Parks

This chapter describes how the AOO will engage with Ontario in the management planning of Protected Areas, specifically, Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves, in the Settlement Area.



Participation in Protected Area Management. The Parties agree that **ecological integrity** will be the first priority in the management of Protected Areas in the Settlement Area.

The Final Agreement will provide that Ontario will appoint at least one person nominated by the AOO to the **Ontario Parks Board of Directors**. If other boards are established related to Protected Areas in the Settlement Area, the AOO will have representation on those boards as well.

The Final Agreement will set out three levels of Algonquin engagement in Protected Area management as follows:

Level 1: The AOO review and comment on Protected Area Management Directions prepared by Ontario.

Level 2: The AOO are members of the planning teams in the development and amendment of Protected Area Management Directions.

Level 3: In Algonquin Park and 15 other identified Provincial Parks¹, the AOO and the responsible Protected Area Manager will work through a planning committee to jointly develop, amend and examine Management Directions, secondary plans and other planning and education instruments.

¹ These other parks include: Ottawa River (Whitewater) Provincial Park; Petawawa Terrace Provincial Park; Westmeath Provincial Park (Bellows Bay); Alexander Lake Forest Provincial Park; Crotch Lake Conservation Reserve and proposed Provincial Park; Deacon Escarpment Recommended Conservation Reserve; Egan Chutes Provincial Park; Egan Chutes Provincial Park (waterway addition); Hungry Lake Conservation Reserve; Lake St. Peter Provincial Park and proposed addition; Mattawa River Provincial Park; Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park; Upper Madawaska River Provincial Park; Upper Ottawa River Recommended Provincial Park; and Bon Echo Provincial Park.

Ontario will consult with the AOO if it proposes to establish a new Protected Area in the Settlement Area, and will also consult with the AOO on the level of participation the AOO will have in the new Protected Area.

Following the AIP, the AOO and Ontario will engage in Level 3 planning for Petawawa Terrace Provincial Park and Westmeath (Bellows Bay) Provincial Park. They will endeavour to reach agreements to reflect Algonquin culture in those parks and to address Algonquin access to those parks for cultural activities. Further, Westmeath (Bellows Bay) Provincial Park will be renamed by the AOO and Ontario.

Algonquin Park – Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre, one of the newest facilities in Algonquin Park, is a world class interpretive facility depicting the natural and human history of the Park through a series of exhibits, dioramas and a video presentation. It opened in 1993 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Algonquin Park and the entire Ontario Parks system. Out of the public's view is the lower level of the Visitor Centre, housing administrative offices, plus a research area consisting of a library and a herbarium (pressed plant library). The Friends of Algonquin bookstore, Sunday Creek Café, and the Algonquin Naturalists are also all housed in the Visitor Centre.

The Algonquin Peoples exhibit is currently being refurbished at the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre. The exhibit will tell the story of the Algonquin people by expanding on information which reflects Algonquins as we are – a proud and wise people, resourceful and talented, and living in flourishing communities. As an additional bonus, showcases featuring ancient artifacts found in Algonquin Park will also be updated by including descriptions about the artifacts, the area in which they were found as well as how they were used. New additions to the exhibit will reflect bountiful harvests, medicines, quartz tools and multi-generational families, depicting interactions between generations.



Photo of the Algonquin Park Visitor Centre provided courtesy of the Visitor Centre.

Access to Protected Areas. The Final Agreement will deal with access roads, trails, the use of motorized vehicles and other access issues in Protected Areas through Protected Area Management Planning processes that consider the maintenance of ecological integrity as well as the Algonquin interest in access to Protected Areas for harvesting. The AOO will work with Ontario and the Algonquin Forestry Authority in the development of Forest Management Plans that deal with the construction and decommissioning of forestry roads and water crossings in Algonquin Park.

Cultural Recognition in Protected Areas. Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties will try to reach agreements to address cultural recognition in Protected Areas and to also identify one or more sites in Algonquin Park or in other Protected Areas for Algonquin use for cultural or ceremonial gatherings. Protected Area Management Plans may include other initiatives to recognize Algonquin culture.

Ontario and the AOO will explore the development of a signature project such as a cultural centre, museum or other tourist destination in Algonquin Park or in another Protected Area, subject to feasibility studies.

Employment and Training in Protected Areas. The Final Agreement will include measures to support employment and capacity training for the AOO to help Algonquins meet job requirements in Protected Areas. Prior to the Final Agreement, Ontario and the AOO will explore the potential for an **Algonquin Steward Program** for Algonquin Park.

Additions to Protected Areas. The Final Agreement will deal with a recommended addition to Lake St. Peter Provincial Park and a recommended Provincial Park (Natural Environment Class) in the area of Crotch Lake subject to all applicable laws including land use planning and environmental assessment processes.

De-regulation of Certain Provincial Parks. Ontario will not seek approval to de-regulate certain Provincial Parks ² in whole or part without prior written authorization by the AOO. Such authorization will not be unreasonably withheld.

² These parks include: Deacon Escarpment Recommended Conservation Reserve; Petawawa Terrace Provincial Park; Westmeath Provincial Park; Ottawa River (Whitewater) Provincial Park; Crotch Lake Conservation Reserve; and Lake St. Peter Provincial Park.

National Parks and Related Federal Matters. Canada will consult with the Algonquins before establishing any National Park, National Marine Conservation Area, Migratory Bird Sanctuary or National Wildlife Area within the Settlement Area. If a National Park or National Marine Conservation Area is established in the Settlement Area, the Algonquins and Canada will negotiate Algonquin participation in planning and management and the exercise of Algonquin harvesting rights within the new Park or Conservation Area.

With respect to the **Rideau Canal National Historic Site**, Canada will provide the Algonquins free access for boat launching and related parking and lockage where Parks Canada provides such services. Prior to the Final Agreement, Canada and the AOO will discuss:

- (a) Algonquin involvement in management planning related to the Rideau Canal National Historic Site
- (b) Algonquin access to selected lock station sites for constructing storyboards or picnic and rest stop facilities
- (c) Algonquin harvesting on Federal Crown Land on the Rideau Canal National Historic Site, including the use of shelters and camps on those lands

Chapter 10: Heritage and Culture

This chapter recognizes that **Algonquin Heritage Resources**, including archaeological sites, artifacts, burial sites and Algonquin documentary heritage resources, represent an important physical manifestation of ancestral and current Algonquin lifeways, traditional values, culture and knowledge for the AOO and must be conserved. Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties will discuss access to Algonquin Documentary Heritage Resources (such as important historical documents) including loans of such documents and the making of copies for research, cultural and study purposes.



Over the years, large numbers and varieties of stone artifacts have been found in Algonquin territory. These items were used in hunting, defense, fishing, building with wood, shaping bone, food preparation, leatherwork, and for decorative and spiritual purposes. Courtesy of Omâmiwinini Pimâdjowin, The Algonquin Way Cultural Centre.

Algonquin Park – Totem Pole

Dan Bowers, of Whitney and Area Algonquins, came across a massive eastern white pine toppled by the high winds during a devastating storm near his home in August 2013. When he first discovered the fallen tree, Bowers said it spoke to him in a way that he had not experienced before.

“I passed by and saw him laying there and could not go by without feeling something in my heart. I could see the life of the Grandfather being drained as the sap began to drip on the earthly tears. He stood there for over 100 years and gave us life as we all walked by. I knew then it was what Creator wanted, to show respect for his life.”

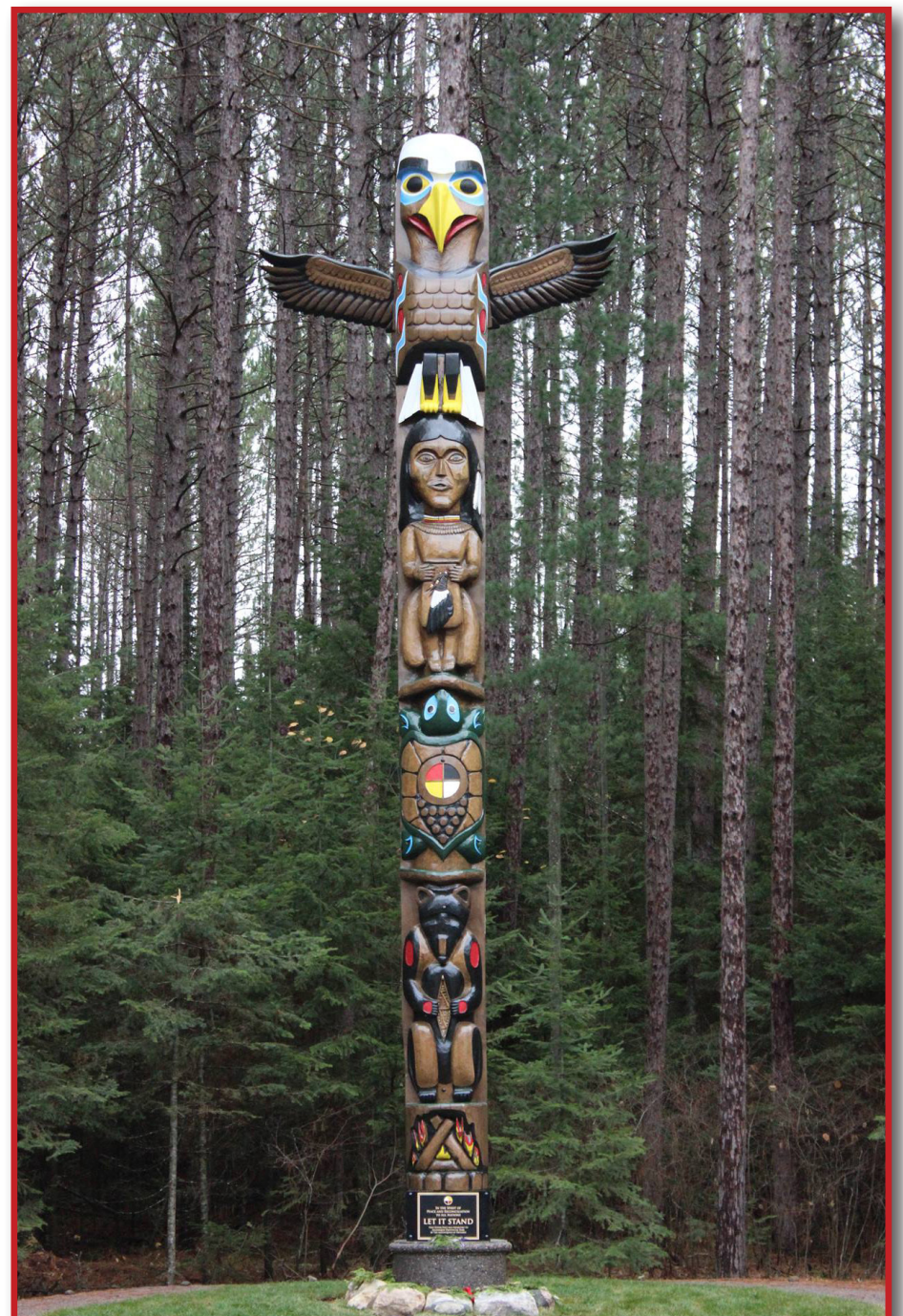
The following winter, Dan decided to honour the Grandfather by carving a totem pole from the ancient tree. Although he had never carved a totem pole in his life, each night he would carve late into the cold evenings with the Grandmothers shining down on him, keeping watch as the seasons changed.

As a Fire Keeper for more than twenty years, Dan had listened to the stories of Elders from all different nations, including those who had been placed in residential schools. As he carved, the stories of these Elders and of the ancestors spoke to him once again. In carving the totem pole, Dan hoped to honour these voices and their stories.

On October 25, 2015, more than 300 people gathered in Algonquin Park to celebrate the totem pole’s new home at the East Gate of the park. In the spirit of peace and reconciliation with all nations, as well as a way to show respect to all cultures, Dan Bowers presented the totem pole to Algonquin Park on behalf of the AOO and the Whitney and Area Algonquins. Park Superintendent Dave Coulas, who had worked with Bowers from the beginning to create a space for the totem pole, was on hand for the presentation.

Although a totem pole is not a traditional way of expressing Algonquin culture, Bowers said that carving the totem pole was his way of sharing Algonquin culture with future generations while honouring the ancestors.

“Looking back on our Elders and our ancestors before us I think of the hardships they had to face,” Bowers said. “This is my way of giving back to them. It is not just for the people - it’s also in recognition of what our ancestors went through. It is in honour of them.”



Mapping of Ancient Shorelines

The AOO, Kinickinick Heritage Consulting and Past Recovery Archaeological Services are combining their resources to develop a model to identify ancient shorelines and the potential for significant archaeological resources. This information will help to minimize potential negative impacts to these archaeological resources by proposed developments and resource extraction within Algonquin Traditional Territory.

Initial efforts will focus on Algonquin Park and Provincial Crown Lands and the routes of the proposed Trans Canada Energy East and the Eastern Mainline Pipeline projects through Algonquin Traditional Territory. The AOO will use this information to provide valuable input into the protection of cultural heritage resources for various resource development projects. Learn more about this project in *The Algonquin Presence* section of this newsletter.

Burial Site Protocol. A protocol will be developed between Ontario and the AOO prior to the Final Agreement regarding burial sites discovered in the Settlement Area. The protocol will take into account traditional AOO burial practices, the principle that human remains are to be treated with respect and that disturbance is to be minimized. The preference of the AOO is to reinter Algonquin remains in the place of discovery or in another location selected by the AOO.

A protocol will also be developed between Canada and the AOO relating to archaeological fieldwork, Algonquin human remains, Algonquin access to Algonquin artifacts in Canada's permanent collection, and other matters.

Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties will explore the feasibility of:

- (a) comprehensive **Algonquin Values Mapping** for the Settlement Area, which would include the identification of areas or potential areas of Algonquin Heritage Resources
- (b) an **Algonquin Nation Trail System**
- (c) Algonquin language and **culturally appropriate place names and signage** in accordance with applicable legislation, policy and municipal bylaws

Cultural Heritage Mapping Project

The summer of 2015 saw the hiring of **Algonquin Cultural Heritage Project Assistants**, made possible through a multi-year grant through the **New Relationship Fund Core Consultation Capacity Project** under the authority of the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs. These Project Assistants will help create a story map - a virtual tour of the Algonquin Nation and history as part of the **Algonquin Cultural Heritage Mapping Project**.

Many of the Algonquin communities developed a list of individuals within their communities who are serving as cultural resources for this project. The Project Assistants are listening to and recording the recollections and traditional knowledge of local and territorial history from these community members. To date over 70 interviews have been completed. Over the next three years, as hundreds of community members orally recount their history, Project Assistants will document personal accounts, family stories and local legends that relate to cultural heritage subjects, and with their permission, they will scan photographs, documenting content details. Efforts will also be made to connect the locations mentioned in these stories to the land. These places will be mapped, with the intention of creating something the AOO have never had before – a concrete and visual cultural landscape of their history. These recollections will:

- Reconnect current and future generations of Algonquins to their heritage
- Allow individuals to trace the movement of their ancestors over the centuries and see how they used the land
- Show how all AOO are interconnected as a large, cohesive family
- Act as resources to bridge the gap between scientific knowledge and cultural heritage
- Act as evidence of use and occupation of territory to support the land rights of the AOO

Learn more about the Cultural Heritage Mapping Project and other NRF projects in *The Algonquin Presence* section of this newsletter.

Chapter 11: Self-Government

The Final Agreement will address self-government arrangements for the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, including the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation reserve. The Final Agreement will only be completed if the Parties are able to agree on these matters.

Except with respect to the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation in self-government arrangements, nothing in the Final Agreement will affect any Aboriginal right of self-government that the Algonquins may have or prevent any future negotiations among the Parties relating to self-government.

How are the Other Algonquin Communities Affected?

The proposed AIP will not affect any Aboriginal rights of self-government for those Algonquins who are not part of self-government arrangements.

The proposed AIP will protect the future rights of the other Algonquin Communities to negotiate self-government.

Chapter 12: Taxation

The transfer of money and Settlement Lands from Ontario and Canada will not be taxable.

Parcels of Algonquin Lands, specifically Nation Parks 1 (REC 350), 2 (REC 91_G) and 3 (REC 96_I) will be exempt from property taxes as long as they remain unimproved. Structures used exclusively for harvesting, such as cabins and tent frames, will not be considered "improvements". Prior to the Final Agreement, the AOO will be required to make arrangements with local government authorities for the cost of services agreed to be provided on these lands.

The Parties will enter into a tax treatment agreement to come into effect on the Effective Date of the Final Agreement. It will provide that one or more Settlement Trusts may be established to hold Algonquin capital that will not be subject to income tax if the terms and conditions specified in the tax treatment agreement are met.

Chapter 13: Dispute Resolution

This chapter outlines processes to resolve disputes regarding the interpretation, implementation or alleged breaches of the Final Agreement. The AOO, Canada and Ontario commit to resolving disputes in a timely, amicable, non-adversarial, and collaborative manner without litigation.

A Dispute Resolution process will include:

- (a) a Party giving written notice to another Party or Parties
- (b) the Parties designating representatives with authority to negotiate a resolution of the matter
- (c) selection of a mediator if the dispute is not resolved after a specific time period (or application to the Court to have one appointed)
- (d) if mediation does not resolve the dispute, the option to appoint an arbitrator who will have the authority to make a binding determination (or application to the Court to have one appointed)

Nothing in this chapter prevents a Party from seeking an injunction from the Court in case of urgency or where there is a risk of irreparable harm to a right of a Party under the Final Agreement.

Chapter 14: Implementation

An Implementation Plan will be developed prior to initialling the Final Agreement. The Implementation Plan will have a term of 10 years from the Effective Date of the Final Agreement and will identify the following:

- (a) obligations of the Parties under the Final Agreement
- (b) costs associated with discharging those obligations and who will pay such costs
- (c) activities to be undertaken to fulfill those obligations and the Party who is responsible
- (d) timelines for activities to be completed, including an agreed-upon timetable for the transfer of Settlement Lands to an Algonquin Institution or Institutions
- (e) how the Implementation Plan can be amended

The Implementation Plan will not be a part of the Final Agreement and it will not create legal obligations among the Parties.

The Parties will appoint an **Implementation Committee** prior to the Effective Date of the Final Agreement. It will be responsible for monitoring the progress and implementation of the Final Agreement, the Tax Treatment Agreement, the Implementation Plan and any other ancillary agreements. The Implementation Committee will be required to submit annual reports that will be publicly available.



Chapter 15: Ratification of the Agreement-in-Principle

This chapter deals with the enrolment of Algonquins for the purpose of voting on the proposed AIP and sets out the AIP Ratification Process. The parts of the chapter dealing with the enrolment of Algonquin Voters for the Ratification Vote on the proposed AIP have already been implemented.

Entitlement to vote on the proposed AIP is based upon the eligibility criteria for enrolment provided in Chapter 3. The enrolment process is managed by a Ratification Committee, whose members have been appointed by each of the three Parties. The Ratification Committee is assisted by an Enrolment Officer who certifies whether applicants meet the requirement of direct lineal descent from an Algonquin Ancestor and a Ratification Vote Manager who is responsible for conducting the Ratification Vote itself.

The Ratification Committee was required to publicly post a preliminary voters list of persons who have been enrolled as Algonquin Voters. Persons who were on that preliminary list could protest the inclusion or omission of a name on or from that list in accordance with criteria set out in this chapter. Applicants who were unsuccessful in having their names placed on the list could also protest their omission.

Protests were managed by a Review Committee, appointed by the AOO, in consultation with Ontario and Canada. Decisions of the Review Committee are final for the purposes of the AIP Ratification Vote but will not determine future rights to participate in the Ratification Vote on the Final Agreement or to enrol as a Beneficiary after the Final Agreement as outlined in Chapter 3.

Chapter 16: Ratification of the Final Agreement

The ratification of the Final Agreement will require:

- (a) a successful Ratification Vote on the Final Agreement by the AOO
- (b) the signing of the Final Agreement by the ANRs or their successors, as well as by authorized representatives from Ontario and Canada
- (c) Implementation Legislation from Canada and Ontario

Details of the Final Agreement Ratification Vote process will be developed by the Parties and will be set out in the Final Agreement. The enrolment process will guarantee the right to make protests of enrolment decisions prior to the Final Agreement Ratification Vote.

The Ratification Committee that was established under Chapter 15 for the ratification of the AIP will also manage the implementation of the Final Agreement Ratification Process. The task of the Ratification Committee will include establishing an updated Preliminary Voters List and an updated Final Voters List for the Final Agreement Ratification Process, preparing and distributing information about the Algonquin Ratification Vote, and conducting and reporting the results of the Ratification Vote.

The Final Agreement will also set out a process for appealing enrolment decisions of the Ratification Committee.

Who's Who

Algonquin Negotiation Representatives

The Algonquin Negotiation Team consists of the Chief and Council of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, who are elected under the Pikwakanagan Custom Election Code, and one representative from each of the nine other Algonquin Communities, who are elected by the enrolled Algonquin Voters of each of their Communities for a three-year term.

Your 16 Algonquin Negotiation Representatives and their community affiliations are as follows:

Technical Advisory Group

The AOO have gathered the following group of experts to support negotiation and consultation efforts:

Clifford Bastien Jr. Mattawa/North Bay	Patrick Glassford Greater Golden Lake	Cliff Meness Pikwakanagan
Ronald L. Bernard Pikwakanagan	Davie Joannis Antoine	Jim Meness Pikwakanagan
Katherine Cannon Kijicho Manito Madaouskarini (Bancroft)	Dan Kohoko Pikwakanagan	Sherrylyn Sarazin Pikwakanagan
Lynn Clouthier Ottawa	H. Jerrow Lavalley Pikwakanagan	Kirby Whiteduck Pikwakanagan
Bob Craftchick Whitney and Area	Randy Malcolm Snimikobi (Ardoch)	Richard Zohr Bonnehere
Doreen Davis Shabot Obaadjiwan (Sharbot Lake)		

Robert Potts Principal Negotiator and Senior Legal Counsel, Senior Partner, Blaney McMurtry LLP	Jim Hunton Land Use Planning and Consultation, Vice President, Jp2g Consultants Inc.
Joan Holmes Membership and Enrolment, President, Joan Holmes & Associates Inc.	Janet Stavinga Executive Director, Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office
Alan Pratt Legal Counsel, Alan Pratt Law Firm	Brad Heys Economic Development Planning, Vice President, NERA Economic Consulting
Bruce Thompson Accounting, Partner, MacKillican & Associates	



Stay Informed, Stay Connected

If you have moved, provide your **up-to-date contact information** to ensure that you continue to receive updates on the proposed AIP, future voting information and are made aware of upcoming meetings.

Contact your local **ANR** or the **AOO Consultation Office** Toll-Free at **1-855-735-3759** or **613-735-3759**.

This publication as well as other information on the **proposed AIP** and **Ratification Vote** can be found at www.tanakiwin.com. Also visit the website for information on current initiatives by the AOO, Algonquin history and upcoming events, as well as employment, training, youth and volunteer opportunities.



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The Algonquin Presence

As negotiations move forward, the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) continue to be key participants in the development of land, resources and public policy throughout the Settlement Area. These initiatives enhance the economic, cultural and historic presence of the AOO and are literally putting the AOO on the map in our Traditional Territory.

Many of these initiatives arose from Crown consultations with the AOO in accordance with the Crown's legal duty to consult. Others have arisen as the profile of the AOO and our historic use and occupation of our Traditional Territory acquire greater public prominence.

Provided below is an update on a number of initiatives being coordinated by the AOO Consultation Office. For additional information, contact the AOO Consultation Office or visit www.tanakiwin.com

River [Kichissippi], or to serve as a footnote to its once extraordinary migration up and down the Chaudière Falls. Rather, the renaming to Pimisi Station will draw public awareness and strengthen the call for action – to ensure the survival of the species. It is not lost on the Algonquin people that the survival of pimisi is also an apt metaphor for the survival and rebuilding of the Algonquin Nation.

As the Confederation Line's Algonquin-themed station, the design and art at Pimisi Station will reflect the historical and contemporary cultural significance of the Algonquin people. Algonquin artists and artisans have been invited through a phased approach to submit their qualifications to be considered for the design of contemporary, innovative Algonquin public artworks at Pimisi Station. Unique to Pimisi Station is the strong focus on consultation and collaboration with the Algonquin communities throughout the entire artistic process.

Pimisi Transit Station

In 2006, as the result of consultations with the City of Ottawa, the AOO negotiated a multi-point agreement with the City in relation to a proposed North-South Light Rail Transit project, which was eventually cancelled by the City.

Since the early inception of the East-West Light Rail Transit project (now known as the Confederation Line), the City of Ottawa has embraced the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the art, culture and heritage of the Algonquin people, based on the points in the 2006 agreement. Through a ground-breaking partnership between the AOO and the City of Ottawa, the transit station at LeBreton Flats was identified as an "Algonquin-themed" station. The location of this station is of particular significance to Algonquins as it is within close proximity to Chaudière Falls and Victoria Island, both of which are sacred gathering places for the Algonquins since time immemorial.

In the spring of 2013, the City of Ottawa provided the AOO with the opportunity to rename LeBreton Station with an Algonquin name. Through comprehensive outreach to the AOO communities, a list of potential names for the station was compiled for the consideration of the ANRs. Following an extensive discussion on the various submissions, the ANRs reached consensus on the name – **Pimisi Station**.

Pimisi, the Algonquin word for eel, is sacred to the Algonquin people and has been an essential part of our culture for thousands of years; it is a source of spirituality, medicine, nutrition and material sustenance. The renaming of LeBreton Station to Pimisi Station is much more than a symbolic gesture to honour *pimisi's* once plentiful presence within the Ottawa

Phase 1: Integrated Artworks: Phase 1 of the Confederation Line Art Program was launched in July 2012 and included two separate calls for Algonquin artists and artisans in November 2012. The Phase 1 competitions resulted in the selection of Sobey Art Award winner **Nadia Myre** as the Integrated Algonquin Artist at Pimisi Station.

Nadia Myre is now nearing the completion of her Phase 1 designs for Pimisi Station. These designs were developed through close community engagement with the AOO and Algonquin communities, including participation in the annual Nation Gatherings and Talking Circles.

Phase 2: Permanent, Stand-Alone Artworks: Phase 2 of the Confederation Line Art Program, launched in June 2014, provides opportunities for artists to contribute permanent, stand-alone artworks to the Confederation Line. As with Phase 1, the realization of the Phase 2 artistic design will be developed through a collaborative approach, including community interactions, mentorships and dialogue with Algonquin communities.

The lead Algonquin artist for non-integrated art at Pimisi Station has been recently selected by a Peer Assessment Committee, including representation from the AOO. The contract is to be awarded to Algonquin artist **Simon Brascoupé**. A community engagement plan will require Simon to work with Algonquin communities in Ontario and Quebec throughout the development of the non-integrated artwork for Pimisi Station.

The City of Ottawa will also be planning an event to celebrate the groundbreaking of Confederation Line's Pimisi Station in the spring 2016 and will once again reach out to the AOO to discuss ideas for the planning and programming of this landmark event.



Meet the Artists

Nadia Myre



Nadia Myre is a visual artist from Quebec and an Algonquin member of the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg. For over a decade, her multi-disciplinary practice has been inspired by participant involvement as well as recurring themes of identity, language, longing and loss. Nadia is a graduate from Camosun College (1995), Emily Carr University of Art and Design (1997), and Concordia University (M.F.A., 2002), and a recipient of numerous grants and awards. She is the winner of the prestigious 2014 Sobey Art Award.

Between 2000 and 2002, as a tribute to her mother's effort in obtaining their status, Nadia proceeded to bead over all 56 pages of the annotated Indian Act with the help of over 250 participants. In 2004, she started The Scar Project, an ongoing 'open lab' where viewers

participate by sewing their scars – real or symbolic – onto stretched canvases and writing their 'scar stories' on paper. To date she has a collection of over 1400 canvases and accompanying texts.

Simon Brascoupé



Simon Brascoupé has been a professional artist for over 30 years and is a member of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg from Maniwaki, Quebec. He is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Indigenous Studies at Trent University and an Adjunct Research Professor at Carleton University. He holds a B.A. and M.A. from State University of New York at Buffalo, where he is also completing his Ph.D.

Simon is committed to the revitalization of Algonquin art and culture and is an active researcher and writer on Algonquin art history including rock art, birchbark baskets, birchbark biting and medicinal plants. His commissions have been displayed at the Ottawa Heart Institute, National Capital Commission, Aboriginal Experiences Ottawa, Native American Centre for the Living Arts and in various schools and churches.

In celebration of the traditional wayfinding practices of the Algonquin people, the City of Ottawa is supporting the development of an Algonquin-themed compass. It is envisioned that this Algonquin compass will be implemented as a wayfinding tool throughout the entire Confederation Line as well as within other locations across the City of Ottawa. To spearhead this initiative, the City commissioned renowned Algonquin artist **Simon Brascoupé** to develop the design of the compass in collaboration with Algonquin communities.

Simon was inspired by ancient pictographs and through dialogue with Algonquins at a number of community gatherings. The Algonquin Wayfinding Symbol features an Algonquin moose in the centre – teaching us how to live in harmony with nature. The other elements of the Wayfinding Symbol include the four sacred directions – teaching us about life, as we are born in the east as children and we move through life as youth, adults and elders. The canoe was selected by Algonquin Elders as a significant symbol as it represents travel, like the light rail. It is also made from the white birch tree, which is, in many ways, beneficial to Algonquin people as it is both medicine and a beautiful building material for canoes, baskets and shelter. Around the canoe is a medicinal plant symbol which can be found on ancient Algonquin birch bark baskets. The ring around the centre symbols is made up of what looks like hills, trees or tipis; this helps form the directions of East, South, West and North.

Around the edge of the symbol are 22 animals that were identified as significant to Algonquin people. The animals begin with the turtle on the bottom and move through fish, water mammals and water birds to land mammals and birds. Finally, the North directional symbol is based on an Algonquin spearhead made of copper that is 4,500 to 5,500 years old.

Rockcliffe Redevelopment



Building Economic Development Opportunities

Following some intense discussions with the Department of National Defence to assert the right of the AOO to be consulted and accommodated in relation to the disposal of the former CFB Rockcliffe in Ottawa, in 2010, the AOO and Canada Lands Company entered into an innovative Participation Agreement for the redevelopment of this unique site.

The Participation Agreement establishes a direct financial interest for the AOO in the development of one of the most desirable and valuable parcels of land in Canada. Specifically, the agreement provides opportunities for cooperation between Canada Lands Company and the AOO including:

- commemoration of the history and connection of the Algonquin people with the site
- engagement of the AOO in all stages of concept development, land use planning and detailed design
- the opportunity for the AOO to acquire lots or blocks under the municipally-approved plan, as development takes place

The AOO and Canada Lands Company are also committed to maintaining a list of qualified Algonquin companies with the capacity, experience and financial strength to provide consulting services or to undertake various elements of servicing to support the redevelopment of the site. These services include engineering, road construction, sanitary and sewer installation and landscaping – and a host of other opportunities. To add your company to this list, please contact our AOO Economic Development Officer at algonquins@tanakiwin.com or (613) 735-3759.

New Name Announced for Rockcliffe Redevelopment

Wateridge Village at Rockcliffe was selected among many names provided to Canada Lands Company as it instantly describes the natural physical features of the former CFB Rockcliffe site. This site lies on the shore of the Ottawa River, and is home to many natural ridges. The addition of the word 'village' brings the essence of community into perspective, while 'at Rockcliffe' situates the community in its Rockcliffe home which is admired for its unparalleled location, landscape and rich historical background. This logo has been selected by Canada Lands Company among dozens of logos due to the fact that it visually reinforces the unity of land, water and community at Rockcliffe. These elements are central to both the Aboriginal and aviation history of the site.



Algonquin Wayfinding Symbol - Celebrating Traditional Practices



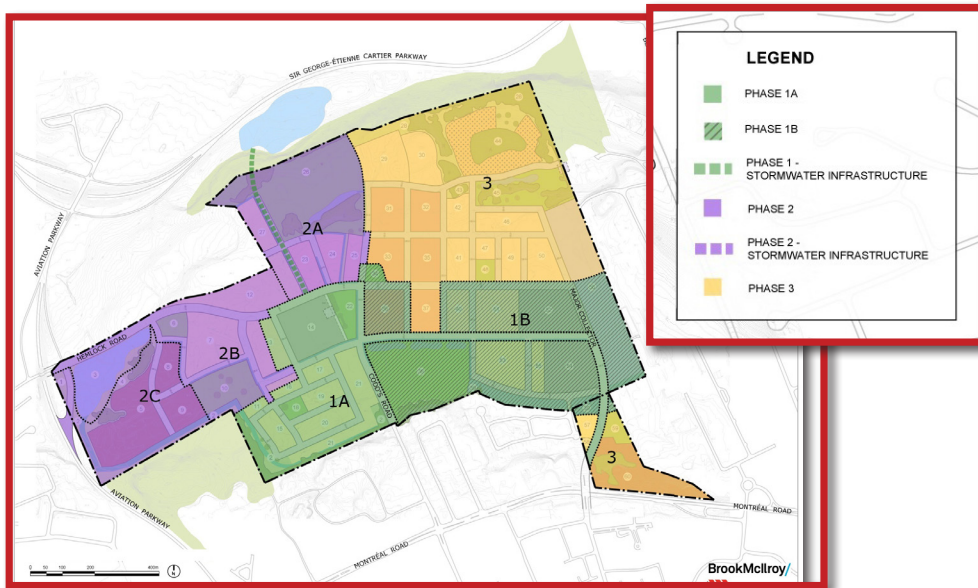
Tartan Land Consultants Inc. and Windmill Development Group

Tartan Land Consultants Inc. (Tartan) and the AOO have entered into a joint venture agreement for Blocks 47 and 52 within Phase 1A of the CFB Rockcliffe Redevelopment Project for the development of a mix of semi-detached units and townhouse units.

The AOO has also entered into a joint venture agreement with Windmill Development Group, Ltd. (WDG) in the development of residential townhouses on Block 43 for Phase 1A of the CFB Rockcliffe Redevelopment Project.

Both Tartan and WDG have significant expertise and experience in the design and development of high-quality residential real estate. The development of these lands is based upon terms that are for the mutual financial benefit of Tartan, WDG and the AOO. The benefits being created for the AOO as a result of these relationships include:

- minimizing financial risk
- providing a reasonable return on investment for both parties
- establishing a "presence" in a high profile development project
- recognizing and celebrating Algonquin history and culture
- increasing Algonquin capacity by way of training and job opportunities
- establishing an operational framework for future land development initiatives between the AOO and both of these companies



Development of Commemoration Opportunities

Canada Lands Company will be commemorating both the Algonquin and military heritage of the former CFB Rockcliffe site through special landscaping in the rights-of-way, park design, entryway features, public art and the naming of roads and parks. The two major themes to be commemorated in this community will be the presence of the Algonquin people in the Ottawa Valley and the military legacy of the former air base.

As indicated in the Urban Design and Architectural Design Guidelines, Canada Lands Company will develop the commemorative elements on lands to be dedicated to the City of Ottawa. Specific military and Algonquin commemoration within Phase 1A will be implemented in street and park names. The AOO will be involved in suggesting potential street names.

Recognition of the Algonquin culture is integral to the development of a successful public realm for the new community.

Early consultations with the ANRs and Elders have indicated that the two main purposes of commemoration are the:

- provision of space with cultural or spiritual value to the Algonquin people, to which all people will have access
- education of the general public about the meaning of this land to the Algonquin people, referencing Algonquin language, culture and inherent relationship with nature

The importance of including elements that are aligned with traditional Algonquin culture, and in particular, associating the site with the Ottawa River (Kichissippi), has been identified as a priority. Respect for a diversity of spaces on the site and recognizing plants that are associated with traditional Algonquin uses will also be featured. To bring these commemorative elements to fruition, extensive dialogue has been facilitated among Canada Lands Company, the AOO and Algonquin Elders at an Elders Circle in April 2012, an Elders Tour of the former CFB Rockcliffe site in September 2013 and an AOO Talking Circle in March 2015.

Some ideas for commemoration that have come forward to date include:

- using the traditional colours associated with the four cardinal directions: white (north), yellow (east), red (south) and black (west)
- incorporating concentric circles in design layouts and details
- referring to Algonquin teachings that anticipate the coming together of different cultures in a relationship of respect
- designing in a way that helps to educate others about Algonquin culture
- planting or retaining trees and shrubs of significance to the Algonquin way of life and spirituality
- honouring Algonquin veterans who have served in the Canadian military, linking the Algonquin and military importance of the site

District Energy Facility Pre-Feasibility Study

Consideration of a District Energy Facility (DEF) for the Rockcliffe Community has been proposed by the AOO and Hydro Ottawa (including collaboration with the National Research Council) to the Canada Lands Company. All parties have agreed to support and participate in a Pre-Feasibility Study for a Rockcliffe Community DEF, which will commence shortly.

As a Pre-Feasibility Study, this effort is exploratory and will:

- define a potential DEF energy services model
- set out a configuration for the DEF integrated with the Rockcliffe Community development
- test market acceptance with prospective developers
- consider alternative energy sources
- assess the preliminary economics of a DEF

A core premise is that a DEF for the Rockcliffe Community shall be supportive of the site's overall development plan and add value to the project overall. The Pre-Feasibility Study will position the parties to consider whether to proceed with a comprehensive Feasibility Study.

Zibi Project – Windmill Development Group Ltd.

Windmill Development Group Ltd. (WDG) signed a historic Letter of Intent (LOI) with the AOO, creating a landmark partnership that will see the preservation and promotion of Algonquin culture in the development of Zibi, a world class sustainable community by WDG and Dream Unlimited Corp.

Zibi, which means 'river' in Algonquin, is being built on the former Domtar Lands, consisting of both the Chaudière and Albert Islands and surrounded by the Ottawa River. Since time immemorial, the majesty of the Chaudière Falls has been regarded as a sacred place for the Algonquin people. As part of the LOI, WDG acknowledges that the land along the Ottawa River (Kichissippi) has never been ceded.

The AOO and Windmill will work in partnership to ensure their aspirations for the site are reflected in various elements in the project design, to establish several initiatives to pay respect to the Algonquin history and to create opportunities for the Algonquin people including:

- economic development strategies - hiring Aboriginal tradespeople to work on the development, and generating business opportunities
- youth employment and mentorship programs
- the showcasing of First Nations culture and heritage including public artwork, signage and design elements to reflect the Algonquin history within Zibi

Forging a Relationship with Hydro Ottawa

Through a 40 year contract with the Ontario Power Authority, **Energy Ottawa** (an affiliate with Hydro Ottawa) will be redeveloping the site at Chaudière Falls with a new generating facility. Once operational, the station will provide sufficient electricity to power 20,000 homes each year. Currently, construction is planned to occur between March 2015 and September 2016, with the expectation that the generating station will be fully operational in February 2017. In addition, the project will include a new pedestrian access bridge to enable public access from Chaudière Island to a viewing area along the south side of Chaudière Falls.



For the Algonquin people, the majesty of the Chaudière Falls has been regarded as a sacred place since time immemorial. Through the **Chaudière Hydro Redevelopment Project**, the AOO are collaborating with Energy Ottawa to define a process that meaningfully integrates important Algonquin cultural elements into the site.

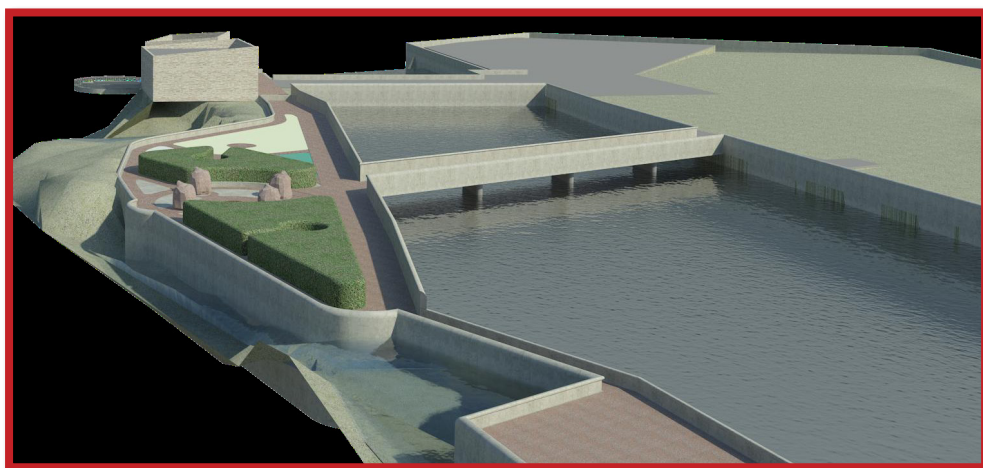
The following are some of the design objectives:

- open access to Chaudière Falls for all peoples
- recognize and promote the importance of the area for First Nations by including and integrating First Nation cultural elements within the development
- integrate a restorative philosophy for the redevelopment of the site to a natural state while maintaining some elements to commemorate the industrial past and history

Highlights of project collaboration between Hydro Ottawa and the AOO include ongoing communication related to design, provision of upstream and downstream passage for pimisi (the American Eel) and public access to the Chaudière Falls, which is adjacent to the project.

Consideration is being given by Hydro Ottawa of AOO use of heritage buildings on the site, notably by Algonquin artisans.

Hydro Ottawa will contribute \$10,000 annually for a period of five years to the AOO for Algonquin cultural activities and events which would be publicly recognized and acknowledged.



Site Overview



Falls Viewing Platform



Teaching Circles

Employment and Education Opportunities with Hydro Ottawa

Hydro Ottawa has proposed a number of partnering opportunities with the AOO that relate to employment and education.

Hydro Ottawa job opportunities, made available through external postings on the Hydro Ottawa website, will be forwarded to the AOO for posting on the AOO website under *Current Opportunities*. Interested candidates can apply directly to Hydro Ottawa.

Hydro Ottawa's Summer Student Program will offer post-secondary students an exceptional opportunity to gain valuable work experience by building on their existing knowledge and skills. Direct supervisors will mentor students throughout the summer, helping them learn the ins and outs of the industry, the company and the division they are working in. On an annual basis, Hydro Ottawa will provide two AOO students pursuing post-secondary studies, one male and one female, with employment in this program, provided they meet the hiring requirements expected of any student candidate.

A non-renewable scholarship valued at \$2,000 will be made available to one AOO student studying, or planning to study, at Algonquin College in a Construction and Trades, Engineering or Environmental program. The AOO will be provided with an application package for this opportunity on an annual basis, and will collect applications for submission to a Hydro Ottawa designate by a specified date.

Lastly, upon request by the AOO, Hydro Ottawa agrees to provide representatives or information at career information sessions to provide a better understanding of work opportunities within the electricity sector as part of any career events organized and delivered by the AOO.

New Relationship Funding – Building Capacity to Engage in Consultation

The **New Relationship Fund (NRF)** is an Ontario Government program designed to help Aboriginal communities participate in meaningful consultation and engagement with the Government and the private sector. The Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs administers the fund. This funding, obtained by the AOO in late 2014, is allowing the AOO to deliver on a number of exciting initiatives including strengthening our consultation efforts, commencing a Cultural Mapping Project, and providing employment opportunities for Algonquin Cultural Heritage Project Assistants as well as a Land Management Technician.

Cultural Heritage Mapping Project

The AOO have been awarded a four year grant through the NRF to carry out, among other activities, a **Cultural Heritage Mapping Project**. Spring of 2015 saw the hiring of a Cultural Heritage Project Planner to coordinate the project and several part-time Cultural Heritage Project Assistants from eight participating Algonquin communities whose role it is to interview their community members regarding cultural heritage resources.

This year, the Cultural Heritage Project Assistants are collecting details about our Algonquin ancestors including locations of birth, death, marriage, school, home and work. So far, they have collected audio files, video files and transcripts of interviews, as well as copies of family photos and significant documents, all of which will be held securely by the community and the AOO Consultation Office. Mapping points from this information will be used to show where our people lived throughout our Territory over the past 400 years, family by family or by period of time.

By the conclusion of the Cultural Heritage Mapping Project, and through the recollections of community members, the results will reconnect current and future generations of Algonquins to their heritage, allow individuals to trace the movements of their families, show how all AOO are interconnected as a larger family and act as a resource to bridge the gap between scientific knowledge and cultural heritage.



Photo of Jane Lagassie [right] being shown by Lorraine Montreuil how to braid a bracelet made of Dogbane stems, also known as Indian hemp. These stems can only be used for braiding during the flowering season otherwise they become woody. This photo was taken in August 2015 at Lorraine's store near Mattawa and as part of the Cultural Heritage Mapping Project.



Photo of Baptiste Musicians taken in the Bancroft/Maynooth area in the 1940s.

Algonquin Veterans Honour List

Another project, currently in its infancy, is focused on the promotion of Algonquin Veterans. Algonquin people have a strong history in the military and have served in all wartime missions. To honour their service and sacrifice, the AOO will be publishing a list of our service personnel on the AOO website at www.tanakiwin.com. If you or someone you know would like to be included on this memorial, or if you can provide details of another Algonquin Veteran, please contact the AOO Consultation Office at (613) 735-3759 or algonquins@tanakiwin.com

Archaeological Field Workers

A program is being developed for community members who are interested in employment as Archaeological Field Workers. Course content is being developed by Ken Swayze of **Kinickinick Heritage Consulting**. Through this course, students will be introduced to the theories, concepts and approaches that archaeologists employ to study past cultures through artifacts and other remains.

This course will provide students with a heightened understanding of the field of archaeology as well as enable them to apply for an **Avocational Archaeology Licence** from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Comprised of ten workshops, this course includes, among others, topics on timelines, stone technology, post-glacial landscape, historical time periods and ethics. The course is expected to run in the spring of 2016. If you would like to take part, please contact your ANR or our Cultural Heritage Planner at algonquins@tanakiwin.com or (613) 735-3759.

Land Management Technician and GIS Analyst

The NRF has also supported the hiring of a Land Management Technician who is developing and maintaining a database of information for the AOO Land Selections as well as other information resources in support of our consultation efforts. This database will include such information as existing municipal Official Plans, by-laws, archaeological assessments, environmental reports and descriptive plans in anticipation for the development of the AOO land selections.

The project has also allowed for the hiring of a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Analyst who is developing interactive maps using ArcGIS. These systems will allow the AOO to more effectively access and manage information within the Settlement Area and to facilitate more informed decision-making. The first product of this initiative is the interactive map of the land selections in the proposed AIP that you can access online at www.tanakiwin.com/imap.html

Algonquin Art

During the month of August 2016, an exhibition called *Finding Critical Mass* will be hosted by The Art Gallery of Bancroft. This exhibition, curated by Algonquin Artist Robin Tinney, originally from the Bancroft area, will exclusively feature the work of Algonquin artists.

Robin is currently looking for artists, both amateur and professional, to present a broad range of artwork that is currently being produced by Algonquin artists. The scope of this project will provide opportunities for the artists selected to exhibit, as well as for the many who are not. Robin's ultimate goals are to add to the Algonquin cultural base, cultivate the growth of artists and strengthen the bonds between Algonquin communities. This will be an opportunity for the AOO to have their artists appreciated by their own communities as well as the general public.

Contact Robin Tinney by email at robin.tinney@sympatico.ca or by phone at (416) 531-7374 for further information.



Building Relationships with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Aerial Inventories for Moose and Elk

Over the last decade, the AOO, working in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), have become important players in moose aerial inventory surveys in Algonquin Park. This involvement expanded to elk aerial inventories beginning in early 2012.

Moose Aerial Inventories are winter aircraft surveys designed to get precise estimates of the moose populations in Ontario's Wildlife Management Units (WMUs), which involves estimating the number of moose, recording moose age class and sex, and analyzing population dynamics and trends. To date, the data collected for both moose and elk have assisted in the development of the AOO annual Harvest Management Plans.

The AOO are continuing to work with the Ministry to develop coordinated approaches to enable the effective participation of the Algonquins in the collection of data relating to fish and other wildlife across the Territory. Accurate and trusted data is essential for effective fish and wildlife management.

Aerial Surveys for Winter Monitoring of Fishing Effort

Key elements in any fisheries planning process are estimates of fishing effort and harvest. A fishing effort survey is a basic element of monitoring any fishery for the purpose of sustainable harvest. Good fisheries monitoring is regarded as a basic building block for sustainable harvest.

Currently, the Algonquin Park permitting system for interior use during the open water season and now the corridor camping permit system are providing data on fishing effort throughout most of Algonquin Park. These permits ask if anglers intend to fish during their trip and to complete a volunteer angler survey of catch, harvest and effort (the number of hours they fished each day) while on their interior camping trips.

However, a full year assessment of fishing effort requires information from the winter fishing period in Algonquin Park to complement data from the open water season.

Acquiring data on the winter fishing period in Algonquin Park cannot rely on the park permitting system as there is no recreational ice fishing season in the park. The recommended approach is an **aerial survey** for the purpose of counting on-ice anglers from a plane following a schedule of random weekdays and weekends. Flight survey routes would assess winter angling activity on a set of lakes with flight routes determined by the AOO and MNRF.

AOO community members will participate in the aerial survey of Algonquin Park, including data entry and sharing. AOO community harvest data will remain with the community until a protocol for data sharing is developed. The development of such a protocol would be discussed through a proposed joint AOO community and MNRF Working Group.

This work will assist the AOO and MNRF to determine pressures from winter fishing on sensitive lakes in the Park and will lead to more informed management decisions.

Forestry Management



The AOO, the Ministry and Sustainable Forest License (SFL) Holders located within the Settlement Area have already begun working together to foster a sustainable forestry industry built on a foundation of economic prosperity, conservation and stewardship. More meaningful engagement of the AOO within the forestry industry has also included participation on forestry management planning (FMP) teams (both Phase I and II), participation at tree marker training sessions, and the review of Annual Work Schedules.

Through our participation on FMP planning teams, the AOO have worked closely with the Ministry and SFL Holders to develop protection measures for Algonquin values that may be affected by planned forestry activities.

The identification, communication and protection of Algonquin values will continue to be enhanced through future values collection and mapping projects. These efforts have been, and continue to be, improved through the financial support of the Ministry.

Through our recent participation on Phase II FMP planning teams, the AOO helped to develop protection measures for certain generic Algonquin values occurring within the Bancroft-Minden, Mazinaw-Lanark and Ottawa Valley Forests. These new protection measures have become part of the Conditions on Regular Operations (CROs) within the Final Phase II FMPs for these respective forests.

The CROs include information on what the value is, how much area is required to adequately protect the value from forestry operations, and what types of operations can still occur around the value but modified so that the value is not negatively impacted. The amount of the protected area and modifications to planned forestry operations required to effectively protect Algonquin values varies from value to value. The specific details of Algonquin values information is generally not made available to the public and remains highly confidential.

The CROs will apply to values identified prior to conducting forestry and to values that are encountered during operations.

Under the Phase II FMP for Bancroft-Minden, Mazinaw-Lanark and Ottawa Valley Forests, protection measures have been developed for the following values:

- Historic Traditional Use Trails such as traditional portages, winter trails and other resource use access trails, including sugar bush trails
- Canoe-Grade White Birch Trees and Cedar Trees
- Stone Features such as ancient trail markers, caches, rock shelters, pit houses, other habitations, hunting blinds, ceremonial uses, burials, unique natural arrangements of large stone, rock faces and outcrops
- Culturally Modified Trees such as trees that retain visible signs of historical modifications from use as trail markers, historic canoe making and traditional sugar bush tapping modifications
- Historical and High Cultural Value Camps such as camps and camp areas for cultural gatherings, traditional Algonquin Hunting, fishing and gathering camp locations
- Material Gathering Sites such as sites that include locations of medicinal plants, edible plants and craft materials
- Algonquin Cultural Heritage Landscapes, such as sacred and ceremonial sites, pictographs, petroglyphs sites, significant landscape topography and relic shorelines sites
- Significant Algonquin Harvesting Areas, such as traditional hunting locations and important wildlife habitats, as known through traditional knowledge

While these CROs only apply to three SFLs at this time future Phase I Planning processes with other SFLs across the Settlement Area will allow the AOO to work towards incorporating this information and any future values information and protection measures into all FMPs.

Clean Energy

AOO Clean Energy Plan

The AOO have developed a **Clean Energy Plan** that will catalyze sustainable development outcomes, strengthen Algonquin communities and foster economic growth, in keeping with the important transition to a low-carbon economy. This proposed Plan sets out a course of action for how the AOO communities will identify, assess, develop and construct/operate clean energy ventures on a commercial basis with a range of potential partners.

The AOO are committed to pursuing commercial participation in environmentally low-impact and economically viable hydro, wind, solar, bioEnergy projects, as well as electricity transmission. Our participation in such projects will produce long-term social and cultural benefits, employment opportunities, skills development and investment returns, including carbon credits, for the members of the AOO.

The AOO will consider clean energy project/venture opportunities that are supportive of **Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan**, and will do so in partnership with private companies, local municipalities, developers and regional/local utilities.

The AOO Settlement Area offers abundant clean energy resources. These resources, where they can be developed sustainably, protecting the environment and restoring the ecological habitat of the region, represent a major driver for sustainable economic development for Algonquin Communities and for the Ottawa Valley as a whole.



Ontario Releases New Climate Change Strategy

On November 24, 2015, Ontario took the next step in the fight against climate change by releasing the province's **Climate Change Strategy**. The strategy lays out the Government's vision for securing a healthy, clean and prosperous low-carbon future by transforming the way we live, move, work and adapt to our environment. The AOO, long known as a green energy force consistent with their heritage, supports this strategy and acknowledges that in addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, combatting climate change creates new economic opportunities in renewable energy and clean technologies. If the proposed AIP is ratified the AOO will seek to negotiate provisions in the Final Agreement to deal with Algonquin participation in and benefit from the low-carbon economy.

Lumos Energy

Lumos Energy is the **Clean Energy Advisor** to the AOO. Chris Henderson is the President of Lumos Energy. Henderson plays a major role in enhancing the capacity of Aboriginal communities to develop clean energy projects, finance new technologies and undertake large and complex projects and ventures.



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If you have moved, provide your **up-to-date contact information** to ensure that you continue to receive updates on our efforts and are made aware of upcoming meetings. Contact your local **ANR** or the **AOO Consultation Office** Toll-Free at **1-855-735-3759** or **613-735-3759**.

This publication as well as information about other initiatives can be found at **www.tanakiwin.com**. Also visit the website for information on current initiatives by the AOO, Algonquin history and upcoming events, as well as employment, training, youth and volunteer opportunities.

