

# Algonquins of Ontario



*Renewed Hope – A Journey of Survival, Rebuilding and Self Sufficiency*

## WAMPUM BELT

INFORMATION SESSION | with Brian Charles

**Saturday, February 4th, 2017 | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

### The Settlers Room

Clarion Hotel and Conference Centre (formerly Travelodge)  
900 Pembroke St. East, Pembroke, ON



Join us on Saturday, February 4th for an interactive, hands-on information session that will explore a unique collection of wampum belts that have a connection to Anishinabe history.

The collection – an assortment of reconstructed life-sized wampum belts – is a result of a collective research and commemoration project that honours the ancestors of the Chippewas of Lakes Huron and Simcoe that served in the War of 1812 as allies to the Crown.

Though we may have been taught that wampum belts were only for the Iroquois, they were also made by the Algonquin Anishinabe as reminders of promises made. The collection represents actual belts that were created over several centuries, each to preserve the history of agreements among First Nations, and between First Nations and Europeans.

The session will be hosted by Brian Charles, an off-reserve Band Member of the Chippewas of Georgina Island. Born in Toronto, Brian currently resides along the northwest shore of Lake Simcoe in Hawkestone, Ontario. He has traveled to Pikwakanagan on many occasions over the years during his time at Georgian College, attending post-secondary education fairs.

Come view this incredible collection of recreated wampum belts of Iroquoian and Algonkian origin, so that the next time you pick up a wampum bead, you may have a new appreciation for its meaning in a cultural context.

To reserve your spot, please contact your Algonquin Negotiation Representative, email [algonquins@tanakiwin.com](mailto:algonquins@tanakiwin.com), or call **613-735-3759** or **1-855-735-3759**.

Lunch and light refreshments will be provided.

Space is limited, so please respond no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.