



Algonquins of Ontario

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TEWIN – A Generational Opportunity to Create One of Canada’s Most Respectful and Sustainable Communities

Tewin is an exciting city-building project that will transform land in southeast Ottawa into a sustainable, connected and complete community founded on Algonquin values. The Algonquins of Ontario, along with our financial partner, are proud owners of this land. We are calling the land Tewin (pronounced “Tay-Win”), which means “home.”

The opportunity to purchase these lands resulted from the Duty to Consult that is required by the Governments in the sale of any proposed surplus lands within the unceded AOO Settlement Area. The purchase of these lands from the Government of Ontario was done separate from, and in advance of, our ongoing Treaty Negotiations with the Governments of Ontario and Canada.

The Algonquins of Ontario acquired the Tewin lands as a unique opportunity to weave the Algonquin people into the socioeconomic fabric of the City of Ottawa, the largest urban centre, within the unceded AOO Settlement Area in an environmentally respectful way.

The purchase of this land was made possible, with our financial partner, Taggart Group of Companies of Ottawa. The AOO explored other partners and we did our due diligence, but we felt strongly that the Taggart Group of Companies was the right partner for the Algonquin people. The Taggart Group of Companies have a track record of success and they embraced the idea of working with us over the long term to build our organizational capacity in such areas as land development, construction and property management.

These lands are an investment in our future and will provide valuable and unprecedented opportunities for growth and development in the City of Ottawa. Algonquin principles and teachings will guide all aspects of the planning, consultation, design and development process for Tewin. Tewin will be a community that demonstrates best practices in sustainable design.

Our landmark partnership with Taggart Group of Companies includes other exciting aspects such as:

- the creation of job and training opportunities for the Algonquin people
- a scholarship program for Algonquin youth in conjunction with local colleges
- opportunities for summer jobs for students and the development of an employment roster

More information about these aspects of our partnership will be provided in the coming year.

However, for now, we are focused on advancing the consideration of these lands as part of the expansion of the urban boundary in the City of Ottawa. Tewn, a project of the Algonquins, along with Taggart Group of Companies, will elevate the City of Ottawa's stature as a global leader in sustainable design.

Tewn will be a leading sustainable community, like no other. We are excited to build the story of Tewn—a story of Algonquin culture and history, unity and collaboration, innovation and excellence, and right relations with nature.

Now is the time.

Sincerely,

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