

ALGONQUIN TRIBUNAL

Responding Submission by the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation **Disputed Ancestor: Cécile McDonnell dit Mawishk (RIN# 14687)**

POSITION STATEMENT

This document is a follow-up to our original responding submission last month. It adheres to the instructions for reply submissions published on the Algonquins of Ontario website: “The primary purpose of reply submissions is to address any new information or arguments that may have been included in the responding submissions of a participant who takes an opposing view. It is expected that reply submissions will be brief and specifically address any new information or arguments.” As such, our reply submission comments on the following two new documents available on the Tribunal website:

- Reply Submissions by J. Poirier; and
- Enrolment Officers Reply Report to Poirier Reply #14687.

[Analysis of Submissions in Favour of McDonnell’s Continued Inclusion](#)

James Poirier’s responding submission provides an excerpt of Elaine Mitchell’s work, his DNA results, an excerpt of a report commissioned by the Métis Nation of Ontario, and other miscellanea. None of it provides documentation to support his claim that Cécile McDonnell was Algonquin. The MNO report does claim that Cécile McDonnell was Alan McDonnell and Margaret Cameron’s daughter, which could mean that Cécile was Algonquin, but they do not provide any evidence for that argument.

[Conclusion](#)

The Enrolment Officer’s Reply Report puts to rest any speculation that Cécile McDonnell dit Mawishk was Algonquin by reiterating the ample documentary record that confirms that her parents were not Alan and Margaret. The historical record suggests that Cécile was an Indigenous woman, likely Saulteaux, from hundreds of kilometres northwest of Algonquin territory. In that sense, it continues to be our assessment that Cécile McDonnell dit Mawishk is not an “Algonquin Ancestor” as defined in Article 1 of the Special Resolution of January 22, 2020.