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# *Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation*

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March 7, 2023

Algonquin Tribunal  
31 Riverside Dr #101  
Pembroke, ON  
K8A 8R6

Dear Panel Members,

**RE: Tribunal Hearing for Subject Ancestor: FREDERICK FERRIS**

On behalf of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation (“AOPFN”), I write to convey our intention to participate in the Algonquin Tribunal’s inquiry into the lineage of the Subject Ancestor noted above for the purposes of the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors.

We appreciate that our submission is past due, however, in the interest of ensuring a fulsome record and that the views of AOPFN are duly considered, we request leave of the Tribunal to accept our submission. In this regard, we attach our submission, prepared by Dr. Darryl Leroux and endorsed by the Chief and Council of the AOPFN.

Please confirm acceptance of our submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Jocko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Wendy Jocko, Chief  
On behalf of the Council, Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation

c.c.: Dr. Darryl Leroux

Attachment: Ferris Submission

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# ALGONQUIN TRIBUNAL

Submission by the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation

Written by Darryl Leroux, PhD

Disputed Ancestors: Frederick Ferris and Walter Ferris (RIN #5208 & #2196)

## POSITION STATEMENT

I have reviewed the document available on the Algonquin Tribunal website for Frederick and Walter Ferris: Document 1 – Enrolment Officer’s Report Regarding Frederick and Walter Ferris.

I agree with the Enrolment Officer’s (EO) main findings about Frederick and Walter Ferris:

### Frederick Ferris

- Frederick Ferris married Nancy Good in or near Moose Factory on 8 July 1833.
- Nancy Good was likely the daughter of an Englishman working for the HBC and a Cree woman from the James Bay region.
- Frederick Ferris worked at various HBC trading posts in the James Bay watershed in the 1830s and 1840s, until he retired in 1848.
- Frederick Ferris’ Indigenous ancestry comes through his mother, who was likely from north-central British Columbia.

### Walter Ferris

- Frederick’s son Walter was born at the HBC’s Flying Post on 6 December 1841.
- He married Annie McDonald on 28 July 1864 in Rolph Township, Renfrew County.

The EO’s report clarifies that neither Frederick Ferris nor his son Walter are of Algonquin descent. It’s most likely that Frederick’s mother was an Indigenous woman from British Columbia, and Walter’s maternal grandmother was a Cree woman from James Bay.

As such, it’s my assessment that neither Frederick Ferris nor Walter Ferris are an “Algonquin ancestor” as defined in Article 1 of the Special Resolution of January 22, 2020.