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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: MICHEL MCDONALD**

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,

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

c.c.: Dr. Darryl Leroux

Attachment: McDonald Submission

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# ALGONQUIN TRIBUNAL

Submission by the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation

Written by Darryl Leroux, PhD

Disputed Ancestor: Michel McDonald (RIN #14703)

## POSITION STATEMENT

I have reviewed the initial document available on the Algonquin Tribunal website for Michel McDonald: Document 1 – Enrolment Officer Report Regarding Michel McDonald and Appendices.

I agree with the Enrolment Officer's (EO) main findings about Michel McDonald:

- Michel was married to two Algonquin women (Mary Whiteduck in 1866 and Mary Constant in 1869). There are no known surviving children from either marriage.
- Michel had his only known surviving children with a French-Canadian woman by the name of Elizabeth Arcand, who died more than a decade before him.
- Michel was enumerated as born in Manitoba in the 1871 Census for Bagot and Blythefield in Renfrew County and the 1901 Census for Palmerston and Canoto in Addington County.
- Michel and his six children were recorded as “Cree French Breed” in the same 1901 Census.

The EO's report is unclear about Michel McDonald's Indigenous origins. However, no evidence was presented that he had Algonquin parentage or was of Algonquin descent. For that reason, it is my assessment that Michel McDonald is not an “Algonquin Ancestor” as defined in Article 1 of the Special Resolution of January 22, 2020.