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**RE: Algonquin Tribunal Regarding Hannah Mannall/Mannell RIN# 18786**

Dear Members of the Tribunal:

I am writing to you to respond to the submissions made in favour of removing of Hannah Mannall from the AOO Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors. I am responding primarily to the letter submitted by Wendy Jocko that includes the one-page written submission of Darryl Leroux. I will also comment briefly on the submissions made by both Veldon Coburn and the Enrolment Officer (EO). I am beyond disappointed that this issue has once again been brought forward, but I hope to finally clarify any misunderstandings one last time.

I have tremendous respect for the work in social justice issues and the academic achievements of Professor Veldon Coburn. Unfortunately, there are serious problems with the report that was attached to his submission. The report is full of errors – including simple details such as Hannah Mannall’s birth year. The report suggests that Hannah was born in 1895 in at least 3 or 4 different paragraphs. It is well documented that Hannah Mannall was born in 1795. Overall, the report is poorly researched, and it does not even mention the author’s name. The report concentrates on where Hannah was conceived and born, and it does not once mention her Algonquin mother RIN# 18788. The report also contains a lengthy disclaimer and states that the report should not be used as a substitute for professional advice.

The EO’s report on the other hand, although well written, focuses almost exclusively on Charles Thomas and John Mannall. However, neither are the focus of the inquiry.

The one-page submission by Darryl Leroux is beyond troubling. Although Darryl Leroux was awarded a research grant in 2020 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, his submission provided none of his own research. He simply agrees with the EO’s assessment of Charles Thomas, who has nothing to do with the inquiry before the Tribunal. He also seems to believe that Hannah Mannall was *conceived* in Ojibway territory, which is the most ridiculous statement I have ever read from an academic. Also, Darryl Leroux is an Associate Professor in Social Justice and has absolutely no background in history or the fur trade.

The inquiry before the Tribunal only concerns only Hannah Mannall RIN# 18786 and her Algonquin mother RIN# 18788. I kindly request the Tribunal disregard any information regarding the personal and/or private dealings of Charles Thomas or his Cree ancestry. There is an abundance of information available on Charles Thomas and the entire Thomas Line, but I want to stress that this inquiry only refers to Hannah Mannall.

Let me be clear: Hannah Mannall's mother, RIN# 18788, was an Algonquin woman from Fort Temiskaming. She formed a union, or a "country marriage", with John Mannall RIN# 18787 around 1793/94 after he was introduced to her father, an Algonquin fur trader from Fort Temiskaming. This introduction was arranged by Aeneas Cameron after he met John Mannall around 1790-91. After the formation of Upper and Lower Canada in 1791, Hannah's maternal grandfather thought it would be more advantageous to form an alliance with the British HBC and arranged for the union of his daughter RIN# 18788 to John Mannall. Any descendants of Evelyn Sunstrum in the Mattawa/North Bay area could have easily provided this information, but to my knowledge none have ever been contacted.

John Mannall worked for the HBC in the area for many years before meeting Aeneas Cameron, but never formed a union or "country marriage" with any Indigenous woman until after meeting Cameron. John Mannall was never very successful at trading with the Algonquin until after his union with Hannah's mother. This union proved to be extremely profitable to John Mannall, and a brief look at his earnings before and after the union are well documented in HBC records. All this information is historical fact and not oral tradition or family lore.

Aeneas Cameron was notorious for arranging these unions between European men and Algonquin women. Aeneas Cameron himself formed a union with an Algonquin woman from Fort Temiskaming, however, the EO has completely overlooked this aspect of history and has instead concentrated almost exclusively on the history of Charles Thomas and John Mannall. Much of the EO's report is an elaboration of the information on Charles Thomas contained in the 1993 report on the Algonquins of Golden Lake Claim by Joan Holmes and Associates. It appears that very little research has been conducted on Hannah Mannall's Algonquin mother, which is the focus of the upcoming hearing. I would have preferred to see research from a historian concentrating on the changing dynamics in the fur trade after 1791 and why it was advantageous for Mannall to take an Algonquin wife.

My main concern is that most of the submissions in favour of removing Hannah Mannall from the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors has absolutely nothing to do with Hannah Mannall or her Algonquin mother. There seems to be an excessive amount of research into her husband and British father John Mannall, and a lack of research and information on her mother and maternal grandfather.

There was never any mention of Hannah Mannall being anything other than Algonquin until a protest was filed in 2010. There has since been a push to raise a doubt as to whether or not she was conceived on either Cree or Ojibway territory. In September 2010 Chief and ANR Patrick Glassford warned that such protests would set a dangerous precedent for the future. (See attached newsletter from September 2010). I worry that this is one last attempt to further a politically motivated mandate that was previously unsuccessful at removing Hannah Mannall from the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors.

Sincerely,

Lynn Minor Vahey



*Kwey! Kwey! - Welcome to -*

# TURTLE ISLAND

*The official newsletter of the membership of the  
Algonquins of Greater Golden Lake First Nation.*

September – 2010

## Special Meeting at Foy Park

I am writing to you to address a letter written by Robert Potts, Principal Negotiator on behalf of the Algonquins of Ontario that was recently sent out to members of the families that have been enrolled on the basis of their direct lineal descent from Margaret Thomas, Charlotte Thomas, Eleanor Foy (nee Thomas) or Hannah Mannell, who was the wife of Charles Thomas.

Mr. Pott's letter stated that there was an appeal made that called into question whether the Thomas siblings and Hannah Mannell should have been recognized as Algonquin ancestors. It also stated that an Enrolment Review Board will be established to hear the appeal in an open and transparent process. Dates have now been set for September 29, 30 and October 1 at the Best Western in Pembroke.

As your Chief and Algonquin Negotiation Representative (ANR) I am appalled with this outcome and in no way support any action aimed at attacking the enrolment of our members. We believe that the appeal by Pikwàkanagàn Council and the ANR is politically motivated. The action of the ANR table has also created a precedent that could now allow all board approved files to be reviewed and protested at the will of any elector. This is exactly what we fought so hard to protect. Simply put, this is discriminatory, as no Algonquins who are "status Indians" have to go through such a process.

We will not stand by and allow our fellow Algonquins to be attacked in this manner. As your Chief, I have been working diligently on your behalf with Chief Richard Zohr of the Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation and have retained legal counsel to represent your family and your concerns. We will be hosting an information session at Foy Provincial Park on Sunday September 12, 2010 at 2 pm which will allow you to meet with your Chief and legal counsel and to address this issue.

I want to ensure you that I along with your fellow community members are standing by you in this time of crisis to make certain that your inherent rights will be protected at all cost.

## **We urge all members to come out and give support on this crucial issue.**

**PLEASE NOTE** -The **Moose draw has been moved** to facilitate this Special Community Meeting to Saturday September 11, one day earlier. Same location and time – Foy Park at 1:00 PM. Please inform all members you may know.

We hope you all can join us for a very special two day event in Foy Park. This is the third time we have planned an event like this and hope many of you can attend. Camping and trailers are encouraged to stay the night (Saturday September 11, 2010) or you can drop by for the day (Saturday or Sunday). If you would like to come in early on Friday evening, you can also be accommodated with a designated area. Accommodation is also available to those with special needs.

## **A Feast in the Traditional Manner.**

Why not join us in our feast in celebration of our place in the territory. Please bring your own plates, cutlery, etc. to minimize the use of foam disposables.

**Volunteers needed!**- Sites are available Friday for those that wish to volunteer to help in set up, etc. If you or any family member can volunteer any time for this event please call 613 757 0765 or e-mail. Meegweetch!

*Musicians are most welcomed! If you can play an instrument - please bring it along.*

*We have the use of a fireplace and plan an informal social for Saturday evening.*

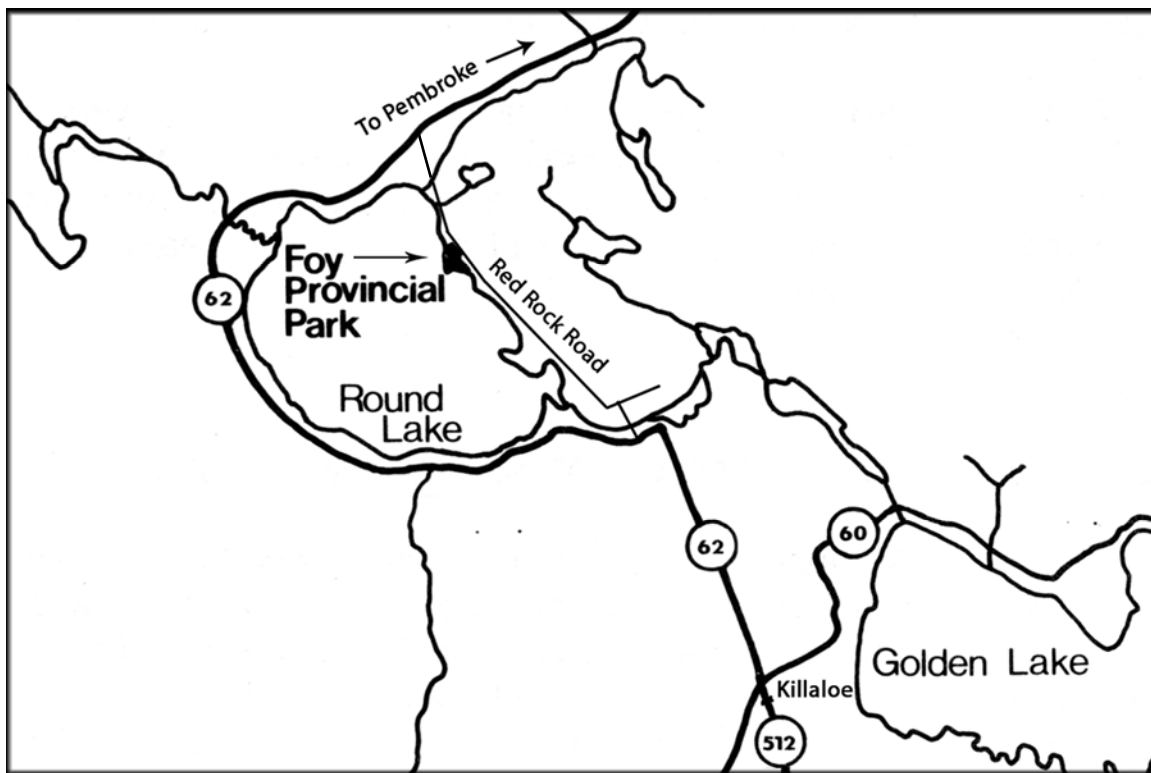
*(Special entertainment has been arranged)*

Do you have an e-mail address? We still are actively collecting e-mail addresses from all of our members. If you have, or have access to an e-mail address, please send it to [chief@greatergoldenlake.com](mailto:chief@greatergoldenlake.com). (If you are receiving this by regular mail, we do not have your e-mail address or the address you have provided in the past is no longer current.)

# We hope to see many of you at Foy Park September 11 & 12, 2010!

## Some points to keep in mind at Foy Park 2010

- Rain or Shine event. We have a large canopy.
- No electricity on sites.
- No fires on individual sites. (a main fireplace are planned)
- No generators permitted in main areas.
- Please bring a chair. (if you have one, bring a folding table)
- Sites need to be vacated by 5:00 PM on Sunday.
- Unsupervised Beach
- There will be no food vendors or any convenience stores on location.
- No pets please.
- Be prepared.



## Upcoming Meeting

### Next Elders Meeting – Friday September 17, 2010

*Elders Meetings start at 1:00 PM. (light lunch at noon)*

*At our Office in the Village of Golden Lake, behind the Post Office.*

# We hope to see many of you at Foy Park September 11 & 12, 2010!

A women's Drum making workshop is planned for Saturday September 11 & 12 at Foy Park, beginning at 10:00 AM. The materials are paid for and there is still room for a few more registrants. This is also open to spouses. Please call Connie Mielke at 613 687 2608 ASAP if you are interested.

## ***How to make a Traditional Hand Drum the Anishnabe way***

*The purpose of this workshop will be to teach Women, how to make their own traditional hand drum made from cedar and deer hides. You will learn how to take care of your drum and why you feast your drum. You will learn traditional healing songs that will help you, as well to support the new journey you walk. You will learn how drumming on a regular basis will bring people together to support each other on this journey.*

Day 1- September 11, 10:00 AM – Foy Park

### ***Teachings of the Traditional Hand Drum.***

Legends of the Traditional Drum and First Nations People  
Why do we feast and make offerings to the drums?  
Parts of the drum and what it means  
Who can be involved with the drums?  
Songs that will help with your healing.  
How to take care of your drum.

### ***Making your Traditional Hand Drum.***

You will learn how to make your drum using the deer hide and cedar hoop.  
You will make your own drum stick using Alder branches and Leather,  
along with decorating it with various items such as feathers and beads

Day 2- September 12, 10:00 AM – Foy Park

### ***Feasting the Drum***

Participants can bring tobacco and offerings such as (blanket, towel, clothing of some sort) and a small dish of food so as to celebrate opening their drum. Afterwards there is a small feast and then we begin drumming.

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## **New Identification Cards**

The new cards will begin distribution at Foy Park on Saturday September 11 at 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM and on Sunday September 12 at 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Over 800 cards have been produced with images of members we have collected in the past. We will send out further news on later dates in October when we are available to have pictures taken and cards produced. For those people we have never taken their photo, or have never submitted a picture, please do so now. Please ensure these are “Passport” type pictures and the name of the person is written clearly legible on the back. B&W or colour images are acceptable. Please do not send low resolution images from computer printers.

## **How to register other family members**

We have been receiving many requests on how to enrol family members. The easiest are children under 18. All that is required is a photocopy of their baptismal certificate or legal size long form birth certificate that names the parents. For children that have been adopted, please forward copies of documentation, privacy and confidentiality will be respected.

**Please note** – **Wallet size Birth Certificates that do not name the parents are useless for registering anyone.**

For those over 18, a representation form is provided on the other side of this page that must accompany a baptismal or long form birth certificate. (That names the parents) All new persons must provide documentation linking to an already register member. Please ensure that all your family members are enrolled! Besides children and grandchildren, this includes your brothers, sisters and cousins of shared Algonquin ancestry. We need to be sure our numbers are known as we think of the future. Please call 613 757 0765 for further assistance. Please mail copies of relevant documents to – AGGLFN, Box 215, Killaloe, ON K0J 2A0 - or Fax to 613 757 0765.

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**Chief Patrick Glassford**  
**Algonquin of Greater Golden Lake First Nation.**

*Please Note – To save on costs, only one copy of this newsletter is being mailed out per household.*

# DECLARATION OF REPRESENTATION

*This form is for the sole use of Enrolled, Entitled or Status Algonquins.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby declare that I am of Algonquin\Nippissing descent.  
Date of Birth, \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

My children under the age of 18 are as follows-

Name _____	Birth date _____
Name _____	Birth date _____
Name _____	Birth date _____
Name _____	Birth date _____

Please indicate the name of your Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

For the purposes of being represented in the Algonquin land claim process, let it be known that we named here are represented by-

*[Please check one box only]*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bancroft            | <input type="checkbox"/> Bonnechere        |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ottawa              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharbot Lake      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whitney             |  |

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*This form supersedes any representation form that may have been previously signed.*