

ALGONQUIN TRIBUNAL

Reply Submission by the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation Disputed Ancestor: Michel McDonald (RIN #14703)

POSITION STATEMENT

This document is a follow-up to our responding submission from last month. It follows 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 three documents available on the Tribunal website:

- Responding Submission by B. Majaury re: V. Coburn Submission
- Responding Submission by H. Majaury re: V. Coburn Submission
- Responding Submission by B. Whetung re: V. Coburn Submission

None of the arguments forwarded by these parties in their responding submissions are supported by the historical record. It is our continued position that Michel McDonald is not an Algonquin Ancestor according to Article 1 of the Special Resolution of January 22, 2020.

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

The first document is by Robert (Bob) Majaury and is a reply to Dr. Veldon Coburn’s initial submission. The second document is by Heather Majaury and is a reply to Dr. Veldon Coburn’s initial submission. The third document is by B. Whetung and is a reply to Dr. Veldon Coburn’s initial submission.

Just as in their initial submissions, these authors present their committed belief that their ancestor Michel McDonald was an Algonquin man. However, none of them produce any new evidence that would help clarify McDonald’s origins, beyond that which was contained in the Enrolment Officer’s initial report. Unfortunately, Bob and Heather Majaury engage in unwarranted conflict with citizens of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation in their submissions. Heather Majaury even calls out “Mr. Coburn and the Pikwakanagan Reserve” for taking a position against the inclusion of Michel McDonald.

Given that the authors’ submissions and the Enrolment Officer’s responses provide no new documentation that clarify McDonald’s origins, then our continued position is that Michel McDonald is not an Algonquin Ancestor according to Article 1 of the Special Resolution of January 22, 2020.