



**ALGONQUIN NEGOTIATION REPRESENTATIVES AIP/TREATY
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND ONTARIO -
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Dear Elector,

In my role as the Principal Negotiator for the Algonquins of Ontario (“AOO”), I am pleased to provide you with a further report on the status of the ongoing negotiations with the Governments of Canada and Ontario (“the Governments”) hopefully leading to an Agreement in Principle and a Treaty.

The Governments’ negotiating teams are meeting with your Algonquin Negotiation Representatives (“ANRs”) on a monthly basis with the goal of achieving an Agreement in Principle (“AIP”) in the early part of 2011.

In addition, with the assistance of the Technical Advisory Group (“TAG Team”) comprised of Jim Hunton of Jp2g Consultants Inc., legal counsel Alan Pratt, Economist Brad Heys and accountant Bruce Thompson, the ANR Working Groups are meeting several times monthly to prepare for each of the monthly tripartite negotiations.

Those monthly negotiation sessions with the Governments are being held in different Communities each month so that public meetings can be held with local Algonquins to brief them on the progress of the negotiations while answering any questions that they may have. The following is a list of the upcoming public meetings and their locations:

- Wednesday July 21, 2010 at Odawa Native Friendship Centre in Ottawa @ 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday August 18, 2010 at Pembroke Legion Hall in Pembroke @7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday September 22, 2010 at M & L Community Hall in Madawaska @ 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday October 20, 2010 at Mike Rodden Arena in Mattawa @ 7:00 p.m.

- Wednesday November 24, 2010 at Native Canadian Centre in Toronto @ 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday December 15, 2010 at Makwa Community Centre in Pikwàkanagàn @ 7:00 p.m.

Please access the AOO website www.tanakiwin.com for further information.

The AIP that is currently being negotiated will not be a legally binding document. It will represent a framework containing the principal terms of settlement that will be placed in the Treaty. It will be subject to a ratification vote by the Algonquin voters in Ontario in order to determine whether the proposed overall package of rights and benefits is acceptable in principle to the Algonquins of Ontario. Only after the agreement in principle is ratified will negotiations on a final Treaty take place. That Treaty must also be ratified by eligible Algonquin voters before it can take effect.

Some of the topics under discussion as part of the AIP are:

- Algonquin eligibility
- Algonquin lands
- capital transfers
- other economic measures
- fisheries and wildlife
- Algonquin Park, other parks and protected areas
- Algonquin culture and heritage
- governance
- natural resources

In addition, the ANRs are discussing a draft Constitution for the AOO which will be submitted to the Algonquin people for their consideration and approval in principle as part of the aforementioned AIP ratification vote. Items within the draft Constitution include:

- Algonquin rights and values
- Algonquin Nation citizenship
- Community membership
- Algonquin Government
- Algonquin judiciary
- Elections for Community Chiefs and Councils
- Elections for the Algonquin Grand Council
- Dispute resolution
- Financial Administration
- Algonquin land and water

We urge you to contact the ANR representing your Community or, if you are non-affiliated with any of the ANRs to discuss the elements of the AIP and Constitution and provide him/her with your views on them. Your participation will insure that the AIP package that is eventually negotiated and the Constitution that is prepared are ones that you are comfortable with.

While the AIP negotiations and the development of the Constitution are underway the AOO continue to respond to consultation initiatives from the Governments. Those initiatives are now being fielded by the Consultation Office in Pembroke which is currently staffed by Janet Restoule and Greg Lunn (our biologist). Their number will soon be increased when an Executive Director is hired. As well, will also soon have access to an archeological team who will prove to be invaluable on projects where artifacts are located and in helping us finalise the archeological chapter of the AIP. We encourage you to visit the consultation office whose address is as follows: 31 Riverside Drive, Suite 101, Pembroke, ON K8A 8R6

We believe that you will not only be pleased with it but also proud of it.

Fundamental to the AIP and the Constitution are the eligibility criteria which will determine who will ultimately be considered a beneficiary under the Treaty and a citizen of the Algonquin Nation. We are very close to finalising those criteria. Once that has been accomplished, the Algonquins of Ontario will be asked to complete an application form that will lead to their being registered as voters, with respect to the AIP and the approval of the draft Constitution. That application process will hopefully be launched soon and your anticipated cooperation and your participation in it are most appreciated.

There are also a number of ancillary initiatives underway with respect to such items as the draft protocol with respect to minerals and mining activities within the Traditional Territory, the interprovincial bridge in Ottawa, the development of Lansdowne Park, the new Forestry Tenure plan to name only a few. One project in particular deserves special mention. A draft Memorandum of Understanding and Participation Agreement have been negotiated with Canada and the Canada Lands Company with respect to the development of the former military base of CFB Rockcliffe in Ottawa which will involve significant AOO participation. Details of that proposed transaction are being circulated to the Communities by your ANR's. Please contact your ANR for further information on this important matter.

Finally, I would remind everyone that the Nation Gathering is taking place in Mattawa this year on July 10, 2010. Details of this event can be obtained by your ANR or on the Tanakwin website or by calling (705) 744-3360.

I would like to thank a large number of you for taking the time and trouble to attend the public meetings that have been held and to meet with me there to discuss your concerns with respect to these very important negotiations. We are

extremely interested in any suggestions or concerns that you may have with respect to the various matters that we are dealing with and I can assure you your views will be taken into consideration as the AIP and Constitution are developed.

Once again I wish to thank all of you for your continuing interest and support with respect to this extremely important project that we are undertaking on behalf of the Algonquins of Ontario.

Yours very truly,

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