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FW: Algonquins of Ontario Treaty Negotiations Update

Attachments:

Provincial Park additions_Letter_26Oct2020.pdf; ALC_Backgrounder_Oct2020.pdf; AOO_Claim_Area_Map_Oct2020.pdf; MNRF_Supplemental Report_Notice to Inspect

Oct2020.pdf

Hi Monica,

Please add this email and the attachments to Council correspondence for the Nov. 10th meeting.

Jason

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From: EER Feedback (MNRF) < EERfeedback@ontario.ca>

Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:45 PM

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Subject: RE: Algonquins of Ontario Treaty Negotiations Update

This information is being provided for municipal staff and elected officials. The Ontario negotiation team for the Algonquin land claim wishes to advise you that we are starting another round of consultations on Monday, October 26 regarding the Crown lands proposed for transfer to the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) as part of the future land claim settlement. Consultations will also include boundary-related notices for the recommended addition to Lake St. Peter Provincial Park and the recommended Whiteduck Provincial Park at Crotch Lake in Frontenac County.

This is the next stage of our consultations, building on the scoped notifications we provided in July 2020 to:

- those who have existing legal interests (e.g., leases, licences or permits) on the Crown lands that have been added as proposed AOO settlement lands since our previous consultations in 2017
- property owners within 120 metres of the new proposed AOO settlement lands
- those with property within 120 metres of Crown lands which were removed from the proposed AOO settlement lands package

- those with legal interests on Crown lands which were removed from the proposed AOO settlement lands package
- interested Indigenous communities.

Further information about this consultation process and links to current maps is available on-line at Ontario.ca/algonquinlandclaim.

Updated information on the provincial lands that are being proposed to be transferred into Algonquin ownership

 MNRF's Supplemental Report: Changes to Proposed Settlement Lands and/or the 2017 Draft EER can be found at: https://www.ontario.ca/page/algonquin-land-claim-environmental-evaluation-report

Environmental assessment information related to the recommended addition to Lake St. Peter Provincial Park and the recommended Whiteduck Provincial Park (i.e., the new natural environment class provincial park in the area of the Crotch Lake Conservation Reserve), along with the public notice associated with proposed changes to the hunting regulations under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (FWCA)

- These two notices can be found at: https://www.ontario.ca/page/algonquin-land-claim-additions-to-ontarios-provincial-park-system
- MECP's Draft Environmental Assessment Summary Report for provincial park additions can be found at: https://www.ontario.ca/page/algonquin-land-claim-draft-environmental-assessment-summary-report

We encourage you to direct any requests for information to:

- the Ontario website at Ontario.ca/algonquinlandclaim
- the Ontario Information Centre for the Algonquin Land Claim 31 Riverside Dr.

Pembroke ON K8A 8R6

Phone: 613-732-8081 or 1-855-690-7070

E-mail: alcinfo@ontario.ca

Please feel free to contact the Ontario negotiation team via the coordinates above if you have any questions.

Pour obtenir les renseignements en français, veuillez communiquer avec le ministère des Richesses naturelles et des Forêts au eerfeedback@ontario.ca.



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October 26, 2020

Hello,

Since 1991, the governments of Canada, Ontario and the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) have been negotiating towards a settlement of the Algonquin Land Claim. A key part of these negotiations is the recommended addition of Crown land to Lake St. Peter Provincial Park and the establishment of a recommended provincial park (Natural Environment Class) in the area of the Crotch Lake Conservation Reserve, to be named Whiteduck Provincial Park.

These recommendations were included in the Algonquins of Ontario Agreement-in-Principle signed by the three negotiating parties on October 18, 2016. However, as a result of ongoing negotiations, the recommended boundaries for both provincial parks have changed since the release of the AOO Agreement-in-Principle.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is inviting you to comment on the following projects (Category B) under the Algonquin Land Claim Declaration Order:

- 1. Amending a boundary by regulation to add Crown land to Lake St. Peter Provincial Park (Recreational Class); and
- 2. Rescinding a boundary by regulation for Crotch Lake Conservation Reserve (the lands to be included in Whiteduck Provincial Park) and establishing a boundary by regulation to create Whiteduck Provincial Park (Natural Environment Class).

For detailed information on these project assessments, including net environmental effects associated with amending, rescinding and establishing the boundaries by regulation, based on ecological, social, economic, and cultural criteria, please read the Draft Environmental Assessment Summary Report [https://www.ontario.ca/page/algonquin-land-claim-draft-environmental-assessment-summaryreport].

Ontario is also seeking your input on proposed changes to hunting regulations under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (FWCA) related to these two provincial park boundaries. These proposed changes would allow hunting to continue as described in the enclosed notice.

A summary of both consultations can be found at: https://www.ontario.ca/page/algonquin-iand-claim-additions-to-ontarios-provincial-park-system

If you have questions about either project, or would like to provide comments, please contact us at 1-844-276-9091 or eerfeedback@ontario.ca. Comments will be received until December 10, 2020.

Sincerely,

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October 26, 2020

RE: Algonquin Land Claim – Proposed Settlement Lands in eastern Ontario Supplemental Report to the Draft Environmental Evaluation Report Notice of Opportunity to Inspect

Canada, Ontario and the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) continue to make progress in their negotiations towards a settlement of the Algonquin land claim. A key component of the negotiation is the proposed transfer of provincial lands (proposed Settlement Lands) to AOO ownership. The transfer would occur following the approval of a final Settlement Agreement which is still a few years away.

Recent negotiations have resulted in changes to the proposed Settlement Lands, including the addition of new parcels of land to the proposed lands package. Changes may be due to technical information, changes to government programs, feedback from consultation or requests from the AOO. The proposed Settlement Lands package continues to include:

- the transfer of provincial Crown lands and publicly-held acquired lands;
- the transfer of Crown assets on proposed lands (e.g. former ranger camps); and
- the amending and rescinding in whole or in part, of boundary regulations for some provincial parks.

The proposed Settlement Lands package is being assessed in accordance with the Algonquin Land Claim Declaration Order made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Ontario has prepared a "Supplemental Report to the Draft Environmental Evaluation Report: Proposed Settlement Lands" which provides information about parcels that have changed, or that have been added or removed from the proposed Settlement Lands package. The Supplemental Report identifies existing interests on the lands and potential environmental effects associated with the changes. The Supplemental Report also

provides proposed municipal official plan designations and zoning for new and modified parcels which will apply after the proposed Settlement Lands are transferred into AOO ownership.

The Supplemental Report updates information about the proposed Settlement Lands package that was shared in Ontario's 2017 Draft Environmental Evaluation Report (EER). The Draft EER assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed transfer of lands and, where relevant, proposed mitigation measures in accordance with the requirements for Category C projects under the Algonquin Land Claim Declaration Order. The Draft EER also included proposed municipal official plan designations and zoning which will apply after the proposed Settlement Lands are transferred into AOO ownership. The Supplemental Report is to be read in conjunction with the Draft EER released in 2017.

Ontario is continuing to consult with stakeholders, Indigenous communities and the public as part of our environmental assessment responsibilities. At this time, Ontario is providing this update to everyone with a known or potential interest in the future transfer of the proposed Settlement Lands to the AOO.

Included in this package are:

- · a backgrounder on the AOO treaty negotiations; and
- a map showing the provincial lands that are being proposed to be transferred into AOO ownership.

MNRF is seeking comments on the "Supplemental Report to the Draft Environmental Evaluation Report: Proposed Settlement Lands" from October 26, 2020 through December 10, 2020. All comments received during this comment period will be considered and a Final Environmental Evaluation Report will be prepared and released for final public inspection.

To view the "Supplemental Report: Changes to Proposed Settlement Lands" and/or the 2017 Draft EER please use the following links:

https://www.ontario.ca/page/algonquin-land-claim-environmental-evaluation-report or:

French: <u>https://www.ontario.ca/fr/page/revendication-territoriale-des-algonquins-rapport-devaluation-environnementale</u>

Please direct your comments on the Supplemental Report, and any questions or requests for information, or requests to be added to the mailing list to Bruce Mighton at:

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Sincerely,

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Comments and personal information concerning the proposed transfer of provincial lands to AOO ownership are collected to assist with decision making and potential follow-up with individuals as required. The collection of information complies with *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, may be shared with others as appropriate, including the proponent ministries (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services and Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) as well as the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will only be used / disclosed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have questions regarding the collection, use or disclosures of your personal information please contact the Ontario Information Centre at 1-855-690-7070.

About the Algonquins of Ontario Treaty Negotiations

October 26, 2020

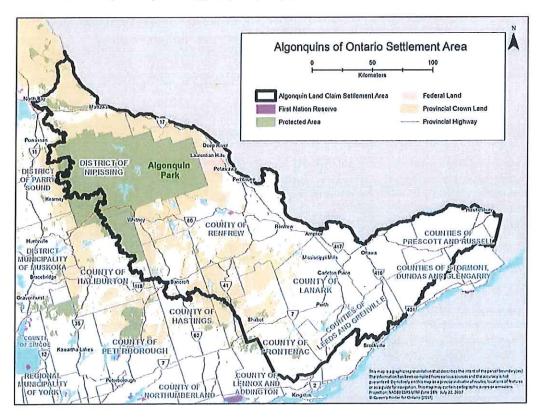
Since 1991, Canada, Ontario and the Algonquins of Ontario have been negotiating towards a land claim settlement in eastern Ontario that covers a territory of 36,000 square kilometres and is populated by more than 1.2 million people.

If successful, the negotiations will produce Ontario's first modern-day constitutionally protected treaty.

Ontario remains committed to a cooperative approach to the land claim settlement that will benefit the Algonquins of Ontario, while considering environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts of the proposed land transfer.

The Algonquins of Ontario assert that they have Aboriginal rights and title that have never been extinguished and have continuing ownership of the Ontario portions of the Ottawa and Mattawa River watersheds and their natural resources.

The boundaries of the claim are based largely on the watershed, which was historically used and occupied by the Algonquin people.



Ontario, Canada and the Algonquins of Ontario are currently engaged in the final stage of treaty negotiations, which the parties anticipate will be concluded in a few more years. If the negotiations are successful, the result will be a Final Agreement that will take the form of a modern-day treaty.

The three negotiating parties (Canada, Ontario and the Algonquins of Ontario) have agreed that:

- land will not be expropriated from private owners
- · no one will lose existing access to their private property
- · no one will lose access to navigable waterways
- no new First Nation reserves will be created as part of the Final Agreement
- after transfer, Algonquin lands will be subject to federal, provincial and municipal jurisdiction, including the same land use planning and development approvals and authorities as other private lands
- arrangements will be negotiated between the Algonquins of Ontario and those who have existing legal interests on the Crown lands that are proposed for transfer

For further information about the negotiations, please visit the Ontario Ministry of Indigenous Affairs website at Ontario.ca/algonquinlandclaim, or contact:

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