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Dear NBFRA Members,

I would like to sincerely thank each of you for your continued support.

I am pleased to provide an update on our recent progress with our legal counsel and with our Member of Parliament, Ms. Pauline Rochefort.

At this stage, our solicitor is arranging meetings with government ministers to further our recognition process. Currently, membership cards serve as proof of Algonquin ancestry and can assist students in obtaining funding for their education.

Once we receive official government approval, these cards will also provide hunting and fishing privileges. In the meantime, membership fees are being used primarily to cover our solicitor's costs.

Those who have yet to pay their memberships fees for 2025-26 can do so by sending an e-transfer to the following email address northbayfrenchriveralgonquins@gmail.com or by cheque made out to the North Bay/French River Algonquins and sent to Camille Gaudreault at 924 McIntyre Street West, North Bay, On P1B3A4.

We give many thanks to Mark Cotnam for developing our new website, it is accessible through the following link <https://nbfra.ca/>

I understand that the process can sometimes feel slow and frustrating. Please know that I, and our committed group of Directors have been dedicated to this work on your behalf for over four years. My personal goal is to see our recognition finalized before I turn 81 — by the end of this year.

Thank you again for your trust and commitment to our shared cause.

Sincerely,

Rolland Boissonneault

Chairman

North Bay French River Algonquins