

ALGONQUIN LAND CLAIMS ON LAKE WESLEMKOON

A report to the members
of the LWCA

April 15, 2013



Lake Weslemkoon Conservation Association

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1. LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

To all LWCA members:

The LWCA Board would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the Land Claims on Lake Weslemkoon.

We are being directly impacted as the Algonquin Community is targeting two parcels of land at the north end of the Lake as treaty lands. Although the Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) has reassuring provisions, how the Land Claims will finally affect us – the people who hunt and fish, permanent residents, cottagers and the LWCA – is still uncertain.

In December of 2012 the AIP was released to the public. The Federation of Ontario Cottagers, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, the Canadian Sportfishing Industry Association and the Ontario government have held numerous townhall meetings across eastern Ontario in February and March to inform those concerned and impacted by the Land Claims. *(See p. 17 for some related news articles.)*

The LWCA has established a subcommittee to both monitor the Land Claims process and provide updates as needed. Our new LWCA website will be live by the May 24 weekend and will give updates about this and other initiatives from the LWCA and its board members and community.

Look forward to seeing you on the Lake this summer!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sean F. Boyle".

Sean Boyle
LWCA President

2. ALGONQUINS OF ONTARIO LAND CLAIM FACT SHEET

The Land Claims is a complex issue. Below is a quick overview excerpted from the Ontario government document entitled "Algonquin of Ontario Land Claim Fact Sheet."

The Algonquin Land Claim is the largest and most complex land claim in Ontario under active negotiation, covering a territory of nine million acres, or 36,000 square kilometres, and populated by more than 1.2 million people.

Ontario accepted the claim for negotiations in 1991, 22 years ago. If successful, settlement of this long-standing land claim would result in Ontario's first modern-day constitutionally protected treaty.

The negotiators for the Algonquins of Ontario, the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario released a Preliminary Draft Agreement-in-Principle in December 2012. It sets out the main elements of a potential settlement, which would include:

- The transfer of 117,500 acres of Crown lands to Algonquin ownership,
- \$300 million as settlement capital provided by Canada and Ontario,
- Defined Algonquin rights related to lands and natural resources.

This draft document was put forward to the public, Algonquin membership and legal interest holders for review and comment. Seeking the public's input at this stage in negotiations is unprecedented. This is just one step in a lengthy process before an agreement can be reached.

QUICK FACTS

Lands

- Less than 4 per cent of the Crown land in the claim area is proposed for transfer.
- The vast majority of the Crown land base would remain open to all existing uses.
- Land would not be taken from private owners.
- No one would lose access to cottages or private property.
- No one would lose access to navigable waterways.
- No new First Nation reserves would be created.
- After transfer, Algonquin lands would be subject to the same land use planning and development approvals and authorities as other private lands.

- All identified lands would be in the area of the 10 Algonquin communities represented in the negotiations, close to where their members live. These land selections would:
 - » Restore historically significant sites to the Algonquins,
 - » Contribute to the social and cultural objectives of Algonquin communities,
 - » Provide a foundation for economic development.
- Existing hunt camps would continue.
 - » Agreements would be negotiated with the Algonquins of Ontario.
 - » Ontario would facilitate these negotiations.
- Algonquin harvesting rights would be subject to provincial and federal laws necessary for conservation, public health and public safety.
- The Algonquins would continue to develop harvesting plans with Ontario. For example, the Algonquins have voluntarily limited their moose harvest for the last 20 years. This arrangement with Ontario would continue.

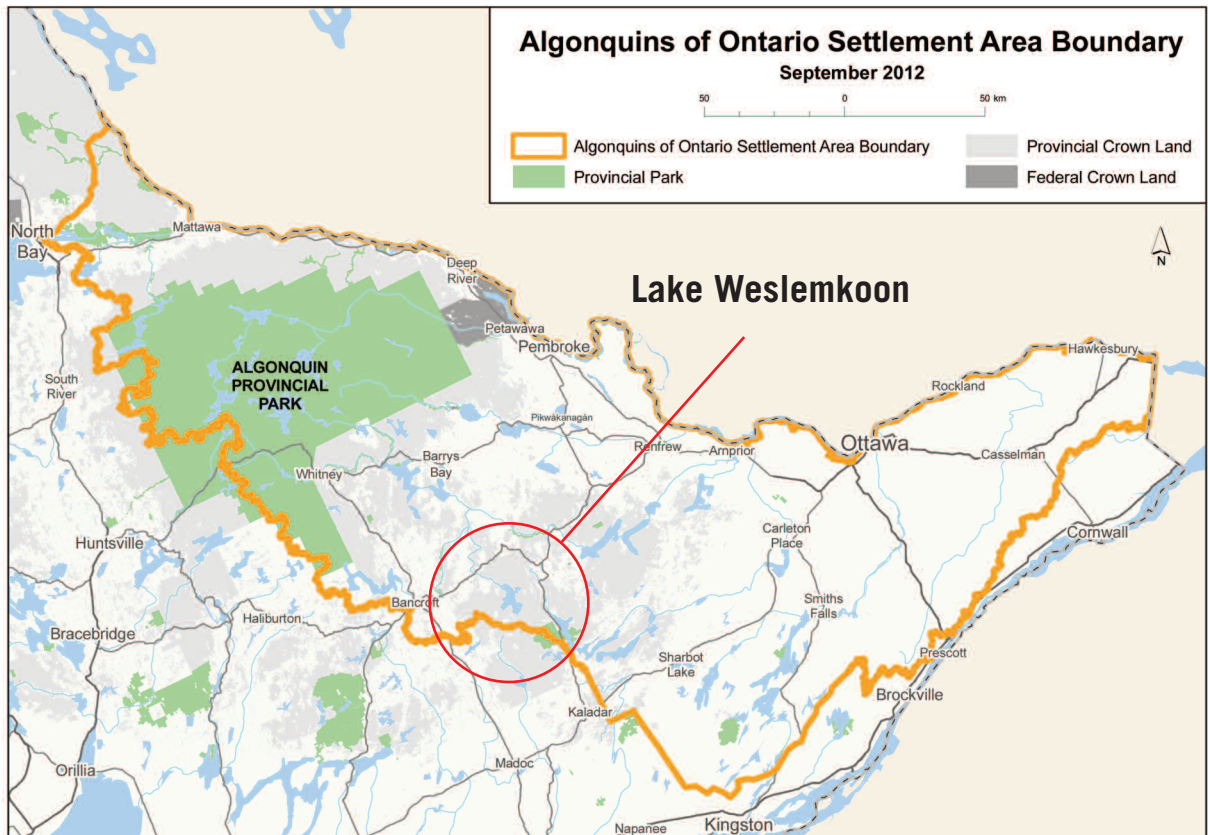
Parks

- Algonquin Park would be preserved for the enjoyment of all.
- Ontario would continue managing all parks. The Algonquins would have a greater planning role.
- Three non-operating parks and parts of four non-operating parks are proposed for transfer.
- A new 30,000 acre provincial park is being recommended.
- For every acre of park land proposed for transfer, six acres would be added.



To download a PDF of the complete Fact Sheet document go to:
www.ontario.ca/algonquinlandclaim.

3.a MAP 1: SETTLEMENT AREA BOUNDARY



The Algonquin land claim covers a significant area of 36,000 square kilometres or 8.9 million acres within the Ottawa and Mattawa River watersheds.

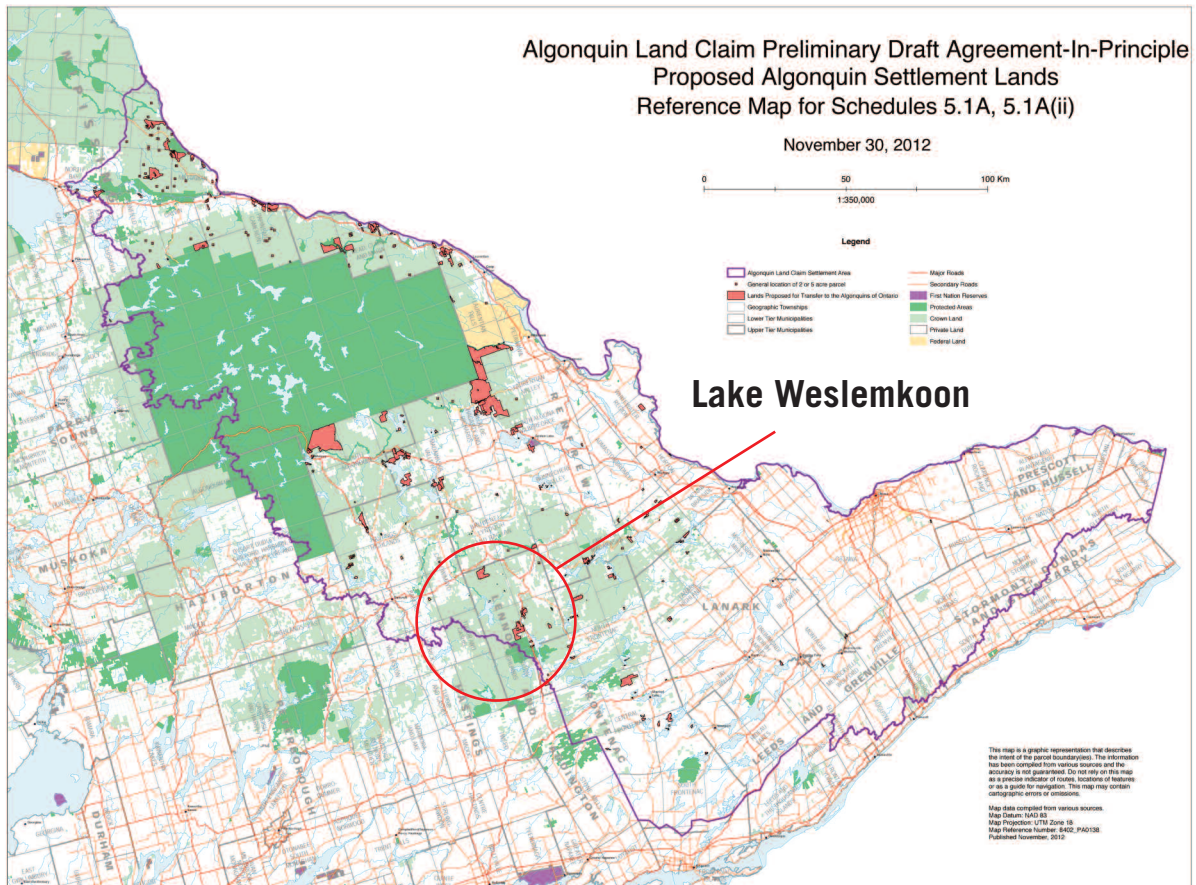
Approximately 59 per cent of the claim area is privately held patented land, 21 per cent is within Algonquin Park, 16 per cent is provincial Crown lands, and four per cent is federal Crown land. More than a million people reside and work within the claim territory.

Source: FOCA Website



To download a PDF of the map go to:
http://www.aboriginalaffairs.gov.on.ca/english/negotiate/algonquin/consultation_map.pdf

3.b MAP 2: PROPOSED ALGONQUIN SETTLEMENT LANDS

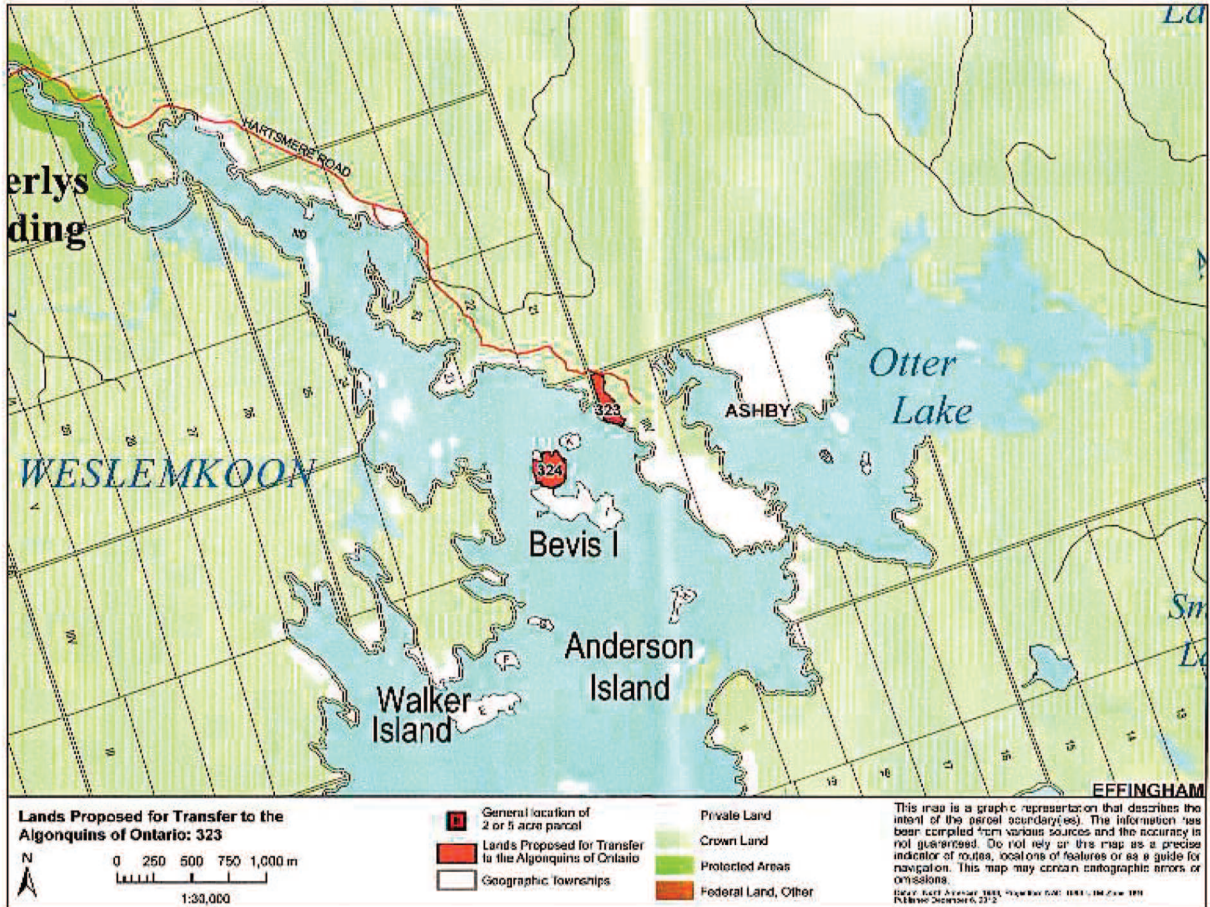


The sporadic areas on the map that are marked in red are the proposed settlement lands. It includes more than 200 parcels of provincial Crown land ranging in size from a few acres to just over 30,000 acres.



To download a high resolution PDF of the map go to:
http://www.tanakiwin.com/aip/Map_B-ALC_Proposed_Algonquin_Settlement_Lands.pdf

3.c MAP 3: PROPOSED ALGONQUIN SETTLEMENT LANDS ON LAKE WESLEMKOON



There are two proposed areas on Lake Weslemkoon. They are marked in red.

Property #323 is a 7.7 acre lot with both road and water access chosen for community recreation reasons. Property #324 is 10.1 acres and was chosen for spiritual/cultural reasons.

Source: Jon Keeble's report

4. PROPOSED LAND CLAIMS ON LAKE WESLEMKOON

Report by Jon Keeble

Two properties on north Lake Weslemkoon have been identified as part of the land claim. The information below was obtained from Jim Hunton, lead negotiator for the Algonquins of Eastern Ontario. He was at a meeting sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs in Kingston, March 8th. The parcels are identified as parcels 323 and 324. They are intended for two very different activities and based on the four categories for Settlement lands:

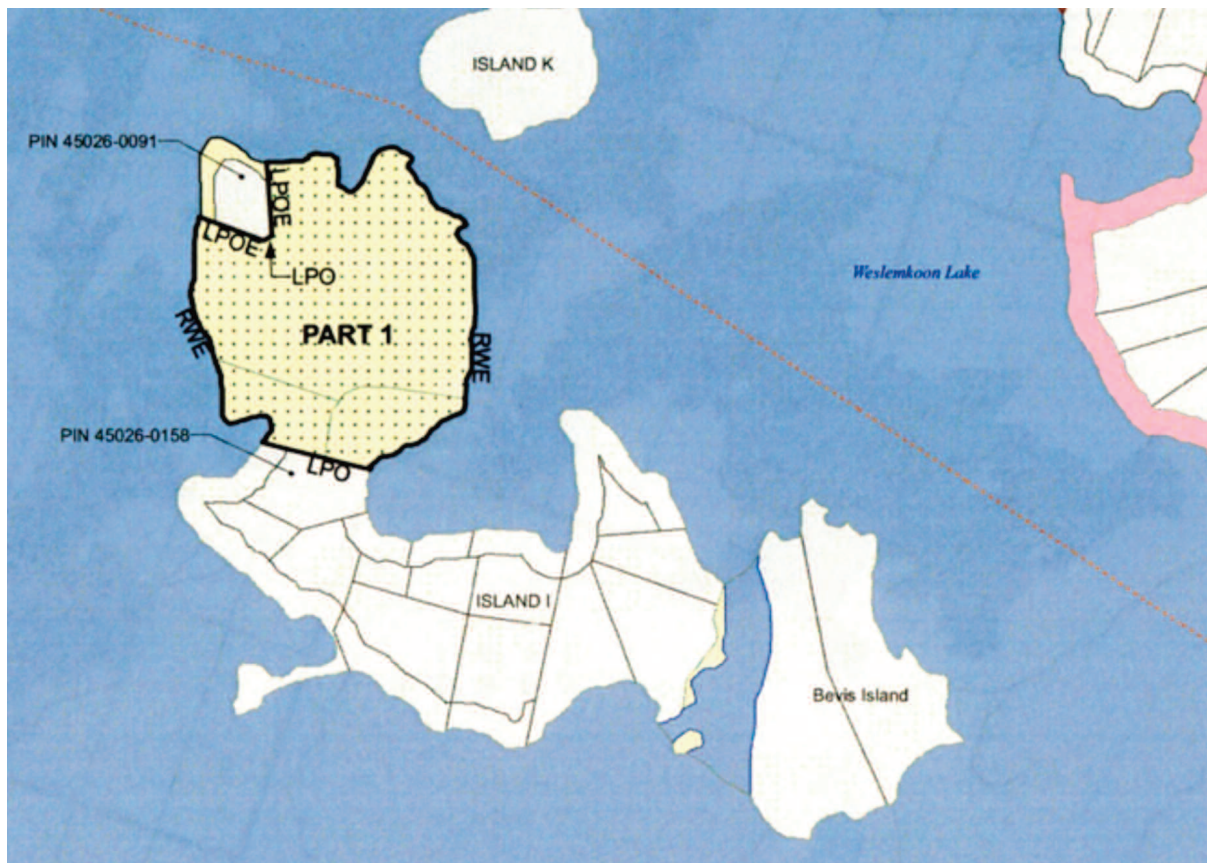
1. Future institutional residential, industrial development
2. Historical/spiritual
3. Community recreation and environmental protection
4. Economic development, resources, tourist, commercial



PARCEL 323

323 is the 7.7 acre lot with both road and water access. It is categorized as #3 community recreation. Mr. Hunton said that the category allows for uses such as a hunting camp or

cottage. The use is not settled. Over the spring and summer, the negotiators for Algonquins, Ontario and the Federal government will be going over every parcel to define the eventual use. Any building will have an approved septic system, set back determined by the building code. Any building will comply with the official plan, and be cognizant of any change of status such as “at capacity” on Weslemkoon.



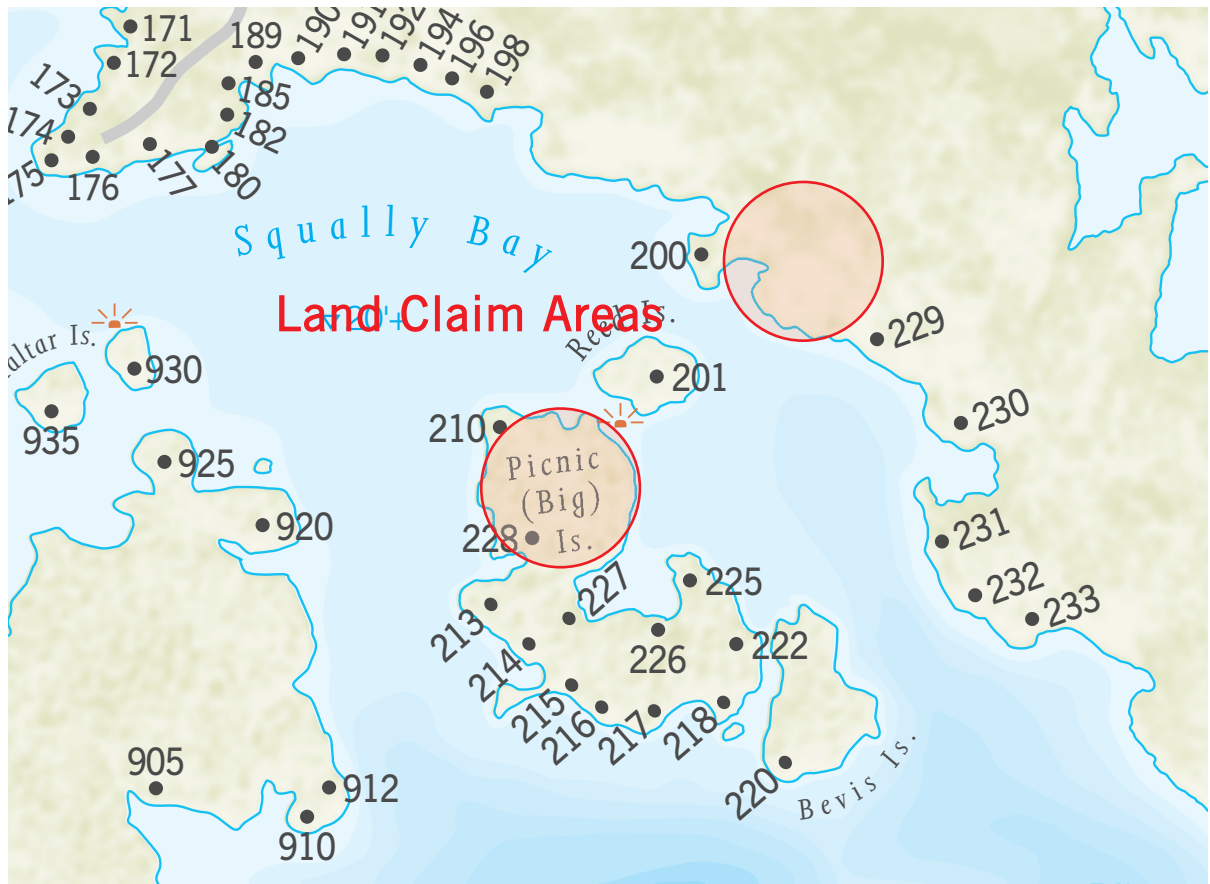
PARCEL 324

The 10.1 acres of Property 324 is intended for quite different purposes. It was chosen for #2 spiritual/cultural reasons. Mr. Hunton said elders had mentioned that all islands had cultural and historical significance. This land would be largely undeveloped with a dock for landing and possibly a 20 x 20 foot one room “safety cabin” without plumbing. The province has not agreed at this time to the idea of a cabin.

IMPACT

The most directly affected private lands for 323 appear to be: 200, 201, and 229

The most directly affected private lands for 324 appear to be: 210, 227, 228



TIMING

The meetings that are now ongoing plus those being held by others such as FOCA are generating a range of concerns and questions. These are to be dealt with in the next round of negotiations by the three parties. The hope is to issue a more refined version of this Preliminary Draft Agreement-in-Principle (AIP). The Final Draft AIP could be ready by the end of 2013 and will be voted on by the 8,500 adult members of the eastern Algonquin communities. If they accept the AIP, then Queen's Park and Ottawa must approve. Somewhere in those months the myriad of questions regarding present users from mines, aggregate pits to hunting camps to snowmobile trails have to be worked out.

Negotiations after AIP ratification begin again to reach the Final Agreement by 2016 to 2020. That Final Agreement would again be voted on by the Algonquin communities. If accepted, then the fine details of surveying each parcel and updating of all the affected municipal records could begin as the Algonquin Nation Trust receives the titles. That could take up to 10 years for all the disparate properties.

It's worth noting, under the subject of timing, that the Algonquins of Eastern Ontario have never had a treaty with the Crown. Starting in the 1700's and then in the 1800's, court rulings agreed that a treaty was needed. A lawsuit in the 1980's led to an agreement to negotiate as the Algonquins have "unextinguished aboriginal rights" to most of eastern Ontario. In the mid 1990's the Feds, Ontario and the Algonquins began to move forward and have kept going in spite of several changes of government at both levels. The three lawyers at our presentation were hopeful that the political will to bring this to a conclusion will hold.

SELLING OF PROPERTY

As noted above, the Algonquin Nation Trust will be the owner of the over 117,500 acres proposed in the Preliminary AIP. While sale of some property is considered likely, selling will not be encouraged so the heritage for future Algonquins will not be lost.

GENERAL NOTES

- Aboriginals have hunting and fishing rights to feed their families but the agreement places conservation at the top of the list. The rights can be constrained for conservation reasons if government intervenes. The agreement will include a comprehensive fisheries management and planning role for the AOO and Ontario.
- Transferred property will be taxed by the municipalities based on the usage norms at the time.
- The Algonquin voters who are registered number 8,500. The lawyers said they had been rigorously screened for ancestry.
- Algonquin Park will remain a public facility. Under the agreement the AOO will sit on advisory and planning boards for the park and its forestry activities. Preliminary plans call for a pavilion that would highlight the culture and history of the Algonquin.
- Bob Potts of the law firm Blaney, McMurtry is the chief negotiator for the Algonquins. With some passion he said the agreement can be characterized as a reconciliation of an unresolved situation that started in 1772 when the Algonquins began their search for a treaty. It can be the start of a cultural revival and celebration of a history in contrast to the past. It can be a part of the solution and he urged taking a constructive, not destructive attitude.

5. LWCA BOARD'S OFFICIAL RESPONSE

The LWCA Board has sent two letters outlining our initial questions and concerns.

LWCA Letter 1: page 1 of 2

**L.W.C.A.
LAKE WESLEMKOON CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION**

*BY FACSIMILE TO 1-705-753-5460
& BY REGULAR MAIL*

Thursday, January 10, 2013

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Claims Negotiations Support Unit
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Manager, Claims Negotiations Support Unit

Dear Sirs:

The Lake Weslemkoon Conservation Association represents interests of cottagers and others on Lake Weslemkoon and Otter Lakes, which are lakes located generally southeast of Bancroft in the Township of Addington Highlands.

A copy of the Preliminary Draft Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement-In-Principle has been forwarded to us by certain members of our association.

Concerns which the L.W.C.A. may have would include issues such as:

- 1) In reviewing the draft Agreement, we note that the Agreement calls for the Transfer of certain parcels of land which are located on Lake Weslemkoon to one or more Algonquin Institutions. It has been identified that the form of ownership would be the same as all other private lands in the Province, subject to certain exceptions. However, these exceptions have not been identified or outlined and as such it is not possible to provide full and detailed comments with respect to any concerns which the L.W.C.A. may have until such time as those exceptions are identified. It would be appreciated if you could please advise as what those exceptions may entail.
- 2) We to take this opportunity to advise that Lake Weslemkoon and Otter Lake have both been identified as highly sensitive lake trout lakes by the Ministry of Natural Resources and they are also identified as such in the Township's Official Plan. As such, there is a restriction (and/or fundamentally a prohibition) with respect to the creation of new lots for development purposes for lands upon these lakes. The Transfer of these parcels would therefore be tantamount to the creation of new lots upon the Lake, which therefore fundamentally contravene the provisions of the Official Plan and the policies of the Ministry of Natural Resources.
- 3) In addition, should these parcels be created, the L.W.C.A. must express its concern with respect to ensuring that the Algonquin Institutions must comply with the relevant provisions of the Official

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Plan, Zoning By-Laws and Building Code prior to any development of these lands. It is my understanding that this is to be the case, however, the Agreement sets forth certain exceptions as a result of the exclusionary clause, and as a result there is no definitive answer to this issue.

4) A further concern would be the entitlement of the Algonquin Institutions and other members with respect to harvesting wildlife and fish throughout the year on Crown Lands located throughout the Settlement Area and surrounding areas. The defined area of the Settlement Area has not been set forth and in particular the definitions section of the draft Agreement does not specifically outline same. It would be appreciated if the definitions section could be provided for review. The lake trout and other fish populations within these lakes are extremely fragile and if same are subject to excessive pressure by entitling persons to harvest same throughout the year there would be a significant detrimental impact upon same. Chapter 8 in the draft Agreement deals with the issues of harvesting and the L.W.C.A. requests confirmation that any and all harvesting rights within Weslemkoon and Otter Lakes be subject to the same limitations as all other individuals within the Province. One notes that the Agreement specifies that the Minister of Natural Resources may allocate additional wildlife species that may be at risk within or near the Settlement Area. It is the position of the L.W.C.A. that both the bass and lake trout populations within the Lakes be deemed as species at risk.

5) With respect to the Transfer of lands, it is noted that the Agreement indicates that the Algonquins may also identify Federal Crown lands that could be transferred by Canada to an Algonquin Institution. The draft Agreement does not outline any such lands. The L.W.C.A. requires confirmation as to whether or not any additional lands are to be transferred to any Algonquin Institution and we look forward to receipt of this information.

We wish to take this opportunity to advise that these are the preliminary comments of the L.W.C.A. and we may have further additional comments.

This is also to confirm that these comments are not meant to supplant any comments made by any other individuals.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,

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Response from the Government of Ontario

The Land Selection Process Agreement mentioned in the letter below can be accessed at www.ontario.ca/algonquinlandclaim.

Government of Ontario Letter: page 1 of 3

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February 25, 2013

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Dear Mr. Bottos,

Thank you for your letter of January 21, 2013 with respect to the Preliminary Draft Agreement in Principle (PDAIP) for the Algonquin land claim and proposed settlement land parcels 323 and 324 – Weslemkoon and OtterLakes.

Before responding to the specific points in your letter I would first like to refer you to an important document that has guided the land selection process including the identification of proposed parcels 323 and 324. The December 2009 Land Selection Process Agreement sets out an organised and systematic approach the negotiation parties agreed to follow to identify possible settlement land selections. It made clear what the common objectives of the three parties were, how the land selection discussions would take place and what processes the parties will follow.

The document specifically recognized that existing interests had to be considered carefully and that there were important economic and social functions that Crown lands played in the claim area. This public document can be accessed through the website – www.ontario.ca/algonquinlandclaim or by directly contacting the Ontario Public Information office for the Algonquin Land Claim at alcinfo@ontario.ca or by calling the toll free number at 1-855-690-7070.

The responses noted below appear in the same order as the points itemized in your letter:

1. The form of ownership of lands proposed to be transferred as Settlement Lands to an Algonquin Institution(s) will be in fee simple absolute. Section 5.1.3 of the PDAIP refers to potential exceptions that would be set out in the Final Agreement. An example of an exception is set out in Chapter 12- Taxation of the PDAIP in subsection 12.2 on Specified Algonquin Lands, where three specific parcels are identified as not subject to property taxation with subject to the provisions outlined from 12.2.1 to 12.2.4 respectively.
2. There are still many years before a final settlement agreement will be reached. In particular, the transfer of Settlement Lands will be subject to the environmental assessment process under the Algonquin Land Claim Declaration Order also posted on the aforementioned website, which will provide additional opportunities for public input and consultation.
3. While there is no PDAIP section reference in your comments on the exceptions and exclusionary clause, we would however refer you to subsections 5.7.2 and 5.7.3 in section 5.7 Land Use Planning that refers to a process whereby the Settlement Lands will be transitioned to municipal planning jurisdiction. The parties will also be working closely with municipalities to ensure that intended purposes for parcels are compatible with local municipal planning regimes.
4. The defined Settlement Area of the Claim is set out in the maps which were publicly posted on the website www.ontario.ca/algonquinlandclaim on December 13, 2012. For harvesting, the parties do not anticipate a significant change in Algonquin harvesting activities post treaty. The Crown retains its existing ability to take necessary measures to address conservation, public health, public safety or other emergency.
5. Section 5.1.2 of the PDAIP anticipates the possibility of some Federal Crown Lands becoming available should the Algonquins express an interest in the available lands and should those lands actually be acquired following a process prescribed under the federal Surplus Real Property Initiative. With respect to lands to be provided by Ontario, Section 5.1.4 of the PDAIP notes that where the parties may agree to any modifications with respect to the Settlement Lands the total land quantum will remain not less than 117, 500 acres.

The Preliminary Draft Agreement-in-Principle is still a work in progress and subject to revision by the negotiation parties. Revisions will be informed by information from the current public review process, including the March public information sessions posted on the website www.ontario.ca/algonquinlandclaim and other important meetings currently underway or planned with adjacent private landowners and legal interest holders on Crown land proposed for transfer. Please encourage your association members to attend any one of the eight advertised March public information sessions.

If the Algonquins of Ontario ratification vote is successful and the process continues, there are still several years of work before reaching the detailed content of a Final Agreement, including more discussions with municipalities and stages for more public and stakeholder input to inform the next phase of negotiations.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to provide your preliminary comments. I trust this information will be of assistance to you and we look forward to receiving any further additional comments that you may have.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David MacDonald', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David MacDonald
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Claims Negotiation Support Unit
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Ministry of Natural Resources

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Wednesday, April 03, 2013

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Attention: Ms. Sydne Taggart, Land Negotiator

Dear Sirs/Madam:

RE: Weslemkoon and Otter Lakes – Parcels 323 & 324

This letter is in reply to the correspondence to Mr. MacDonald dated February 25, 2013.

With respect to the land selection process which identified parcels 323 and 324 on Weslemkoon and Otter Lakes, I wish to firstly advise that the LWCA has concerns and issues with respect to the manner and process by which these parcels become included in the Algonquin land claim settlement.

The LWCA wishes to advise that it was not consulted during the land selection process with respect to either Weslemkoon and Otter Lakes. It would be appreciated if you could provide specific details with respect to the justification regarding the inclusion of these parcels in the PDAIP for our further consideration. There has been no substantive involvement of the Algonquins in matters involving the lakes with respect to stewardship, conservation, participation at LWCA annual general meetings, correspondence with the LWCA, or substantive participation in activities in and surrounding the lakes. Accordingly, I submit that there is a fundamental lack of a considerable, consistent, recent and deliberate nexus between the Algonquins and these lakes. Accordingly, it is the position of the LWCA that the parcels may not satisfy the objectives and policies used in the settlement lands selection process and there does not appear to be any substantive justification for the inclusion of these parcels in the land settlement. The LWCA would be pleased to discuss this matter in greater detail with you at any time.

In addition, matters of oversight, control and stewardship have not yet been fully detailed and provided for in the PDAIP and should be further detailed.

With respect to the balance of the comments contained in your correspondence, we note that many of the comments indicate that the PDAIP remains a work in process. Many of the concerns raised by the LWCA, we respectively submit, are not adequately addressed in the PDAIP and much of the language in the PDAIP is broad in nature and does not provide any specifics as to mechanisms for protection and oversight which should be put in place, in the PDAIP.

Should parcels 323 and 324 be included in the lands settlement, we would submit that the PDAIP should be amended to provide for specific language to address concerns and to provide for the ability to register restrictive covenants against the title to the lands being transferred which restrictive covenants are to set out and deal with the following issues:

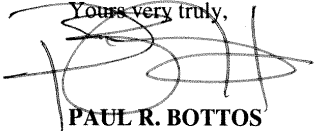
- 1) Non-severability of the lands (accordingly, the parcels to be transferred cannot be further severed into smaller parcels in the future);
- 2) A restrictive covenant requiring adherence to municipal and provincial building and zoning standards. In addition, there may be more site specific restrictive covenants dealing specifically with issues of land uses, nature of buildings, size of buildings, and the number of buildings to be constructed upon the parcels.
- 3) With respect to fishing regulations, the agreement should specifically note and state that any Algonquins fishing upon either Weslemkoon or Otter Lakes must abide by provincial fishing regulations as established by the MNR from time to time. We must specifically request that this language be specifically inserted in the PDAIP. The broad language relating to conservation measures and other measures currently within the PDAIP is, I respectfully submit, not specific or stringent enough and allows for far too much latitude and creates an inability to effectively oversee and control such practices. Both Weslemkoon and Otter Lakes are highly sensitive lake trout lakes and pressures of overfishing, even to a small degree, can certainly tip the balance of the fishing stock within the lake. This has recently occurred in other nearby lakes, including recently in nearby Ashby lake, and as such we must adamantly request that specific language be inserted in the PDAIP should these parcels remain. Weslemkoon and Otter Lakes are now the single source for lake trout for the North Hastings Hatchery which serves to stock lake trout in nearby lakes.

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- 4) A similar provision should be inserted with respect to adherence to hunting regulations and I would respectfully submit that the distance around the lakes be utilized to determine the hunting limit for compliance with provincial regulations. In addition, the creation of a hunting lodge brings with it safety concerns particularly given the location of this parcel, which is in the vicinity of a large number of cottagers and year-round residents.

Accordingly, we would recommend amendments be made to the PDAIP to address these issues. As you have noted the PDAIP is still a work in progress and subject to revision by the negotiating parties and as such there should be no reason why such amendments cannot be discussed and made at this time. Accordingly, I would ask that my previous letter of January 21, 2013 together with this letter be included as part of the public comments.

~~Yours very truly,~~



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cc. LWCA Executive

6. WEBSITES AND DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST



Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement-in-Principle

For a copy of the executive summary of the Preliminary Draft
<http://www.tanakiwin.com/aip.htm>



Federal Government – Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

Provides an overview of the treaty negotiations
<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1355436558998/1355436749970>



Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

A good source of official information
<http://www.aboriginalaffairs.gov.on.ca/english/negotiate/algonquin/algonquin.asp>



FOCA

Fast Facts from the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations
http://www.foca.on.ca/xinha/plugins/ExtendedFileManager/demo_images/Algonquin_backgroundunder_Mar_2013.pdf



Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

A Fact Sheet expressing the concerns of hunters and anglers.
http://algonquinlandclaim.ca/downloads/Algonquin_Land_Claim_Fact%20Sheet%201_Final.pdf



Bonnechere – The Algonquin Community

The Bonnechere Algonquin Community is the community mentioned as the one nearest to Lake Weslemkoon.
<http://www.bafn.ca>

7. ONLINE NEWS ARTICLES



The Daily Observer (Pembroke) – “Staking their own claim”

March 1, 2013

<http://www.thedailyobserver.ca/2013/03/01/staking-their-own-claim>



Bancroft This Week – “Algonquin Settlement Overdue”

March 19, 2013

<http://www.bancroftthisweek.com/2013/03/19/algonquin-settlement-overdue>



Law Times – “Cottagers miffed at lack of consultation on land deal”

March 25, 2013

<http://www.lawtimesnews.com/201303259698/Commentary/Queen-s-Park-Cottagers-miffed-at-lack-of-consultation-on-massive-land-deal>



Webcast – “Algonquin Land Claim Public Information Sessions”

April 15, 2013

www.algonquinlandclaim.ca

8. CONTACT INFORMATION

You can contact any of the negotiation teams at any time with questions or comments

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Letter to Prime Minister of Canada

This letter was provided by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters that you can modify or copy and send to Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Please send copies of your letter to your Federal Member of Parliament, and to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (ofah@ofah.org, PO Box 2800, Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 8L5).

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Dear Prime Minister:

The public lands and waters of eastern Ontario and its fish and wildlife values are enormously important for our culture, our heritage, our way of life, and our quality of life.

The Agreement in Principle of the Algonquin Land Claim will impact the traditions of my family, my friends, and me, now and for future generations.

As such, we deserve to be asked directly by our government about the impacts the Algonquin Land Claim Agreement in Principle will have on us.

Please explain how and when will your officials be contacting us? How will our concerns be incorporated into the land claim negotiation process? How will your government communicate with us to let us know our concerns have been addressed?

We very much look forward to providing you and your government with our perspective on how the Algonquin Land Claim will affect us.

Respectfully,

Letter to Premier of Ontario

This letter was provided by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters that you can modify or copy and send to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne. Please send copies of your letter to your Provincial Member of Parliament, and to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (ofah@ofah.org, PO Box 2800, Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 8L5).

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The Declaration Order from the Minister of Environment of 2007 requires your government to directly consult with us in order to assess and evaluate impacts the Algonquin Land Claim Agreement in Principle will have on us.

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9. HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD

If you have any comments, concerns or questions that you'd like to share please feel free to use the box below to have your voice heard. You can email your response to lwca@weslemkoon.com. Please put "Land Claims" as the subject.