



ALGONQUIN LAND CLAIM AGREEMENT: DEADLINE TO COMMENT IS COMING UP: OCTOBER 17, 2017

September 29, 2017 – [Land claim process seeks public input on proposed settlement lands](#) (Perth Courier)

Comments or concerns should be submitted by Tuesday, October 17 to eerfeedback@ontario.ca, by phone at 1-844-276-9091, or by mail at the Ontario Information Centre, Algonquin Land Claim, 31 Riverside Dr., Pembroke, ON, K8A 8R6

The Wolfe Lake (Westport) Association has been notified through Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association and also by writings in the Perth Courier with updates of the Algonquin Land Claim. Please find below the text shared with us. This notice includes information for the public on how to comment on the First Nations land claims. We have members who are very interested because of the Wolfe Lake property involved. So anyone who would like to comment should submit their concerns by Tuesday October 17.

This is sent to you as a friendly reminder of the upcoming deadline.

FOCA (the Federation has been notified that the next step towards a settlement of the Algonquin Land Claim involves an assessment of the potential environmental effects related to the proposed transfer of lands in accordance with the signed Agreement-in-Principle (AIP). The Agreement involves the transfer of approximately 117,500 acres of provincial lands to the Algonquins of Ontario.

The Draft Environmental Evaluation Report (EER) addresses environmental effects, which under the Environmental Assessment Act include social, cultural, economic and natural environment effects. In assessing the environmental effects of the transfer of provincial lands, it documents the effects to:

- access;
- industries, public utilities and business interests;
- recreational uses;
- adjacent land uses;
- natural environment; and
- cultural environment.

Ontario is seeking comment on the Draft EER from August 28, 2017 through October 17, 2017. All comments received during the notice period will be considered and a Final Environmental Evaluation Report will be prepared and released for public inspection.

The Draft EER can also be reviewed and commented upon during nine public open houses, or electronically. To obtain a copy of the Draft EER and/or provide comments online, please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/algonquin-land-claim-draft-environmental-evaluation-report>

November 2016 – Recent FOCA meetings with representatives from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation have provided a timetable for next steps in this land claim process:

Spring 2017: Proposed terms of the Environmental Assessments (EA) related to land dispositions/transfers will be made available for public consultation

2018: Revised / final versions of the EA will be posted for comment.

Algonquin Land Claim Brochure, Oct. 2016 (pdf, 2MB)

Infographic – Algonquins of Ontario Land Claim Negotiations

Note there are detailed property maps of the Proposed Settlement Lands, including the parcel #'s, available at the following links:

- District of Nipissing
- County of Renfrew
- County of Lennox-Addington
- County of Lanark
- County of Hastings
- County of Frontenac
- City of Ottawa

For details, links, and background on this issue, visit FOCA's webpage:

<https://foca.on.ca/algonquin-land-claim-agreement-in-principle-signed/>

Would you like to re-read the article in the Perth Courier, this is the link:

“Land claim process seeks public input on proposed settlement lands”, you can read it following this link:

<https://www.insideottawavalley.com/news-story/7582896-land-claim-process-seeks-public-input-on-proposed-settlement-lands/>

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