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Subject: Algonquin Land Claim Update

I am writing this email on behalf of the Buckshot Lake Cottagers Association.

Our Executive is asking for an update from your point of view of the current status of the claim negotiations for our Annual General Meeting scheduled for Sunday July 17, 2016.

If a representative is interested in attending our meeting to make a presentation you would be most welcome. The meeting will be held at the Clar-Mil Hall in Plevna On.

We would appreciate any assistance that you could provide.

Guy Lefebvre

Subject: RE: Algonquin Land Claim Update
Date: Wed, 22 Jun 2016 16:24:20 +0000

Dear Mr. Lefebvre:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Buckshot Lake Cottagers Association with an update on the Algonquin land claim negotiations. While I will not be able to attend the meeting in person, you are welcome to share this response.

As you know, the negotiators for Canada, Ontario and the Algonquins of Ontario initialed a proposed Agreement-in-Principle

(AIP) approximately a year ago, on May 29, 2015. The full AIP, including descriptive plans for each of the more than 200 proposed Algonquin Crown land selections, can be accessed through the Ontario website at Ontario.ca/algonquinlandclaim.

An Algonquin ratification vote on the proposed Agreement-in-Principle was held during the first week of March 2016. This was the next planned step in the negotiation process, in order to help all three negotiation parties assess the feasibility of continuing negotiations toward a Final Agreement.

Attached is a news release issued by the Algonquins of Ontario providing information about the outcome of the vote. The results were very positive, with 93.5 per cent of participating Algonquin voters approving the proposed Agreement-in-Principle. However, during the lead-up to the vote some concerns were raised by members of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation.

At this time, the Chief and Council for Pikwakanagan are working with their community to address the concerns that were raised, which primarily relate to provisions for future self-government negotiations for that First Nation.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to advise you of some changes in the Ontario negotiation team.

Doug Carr, former Assistant Deputy Minister of the Negotiations and Reconciliation Division of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, has been appointed as Ontario's new Chief Negotiator for the Algonquin land claim negotiations. Mr. Carr replaces Brian Crane, who has provided 18 years of dedicated service in this capacity.

I have also taken on a new role within the Ontario negotiation team, and will now be acting as the senior negotiator, replacing Meish Podlog who retired from the Ontario public service earlier this spring.

As you can see, this is a time of significant change for the Ontario negotiation team. We are committed to engaging in the next stage of the negotiations in a manner that will help us to achieve reconciliation with the Algonquins of Ontario while being considerate of the interests of their neighbours in eastern Ontario.

Planning for the consultations that will support those goals will be a priority for the Ontario negotiation team.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact the Ontario Information Centre on the Algonquin Land Claim by phone at 613-732-8081 or 1-855-690-7070 toll-free, or by e-mail at alcinfo@ontario.ca.

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