

Subject: RE: Algonquin Land Claim update

June 21, 2018

Hello Mr. Lefebvre:

Thank you for your email requesting an update on the Algonquin treaty negotiations, to be shared at the upcoming Buckshot Lake Cottagers' Association meeting.

Negotiations with the Algonquins of Ontario and Canada are continuing. Because of the complexity of these negotiations, our goal of reaching a modern treaty will take a number of years to reach. There will be further public and stakeholder consultations as the negotiations proceed.

Ontario's most recent public outreach took place in Fall 2017, when a Draft Environmental Evaluation Report (EER) was released for public review and input. Consultation on the Draft EER is one of the ways Ontario has engaged with the public regarding the Algonquin treaty negotiations.

In considering the transfer of provincial lands, the Government of Ontario must meet requirements under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, and a Declaration Order made under the Act for the Algonquin land claim. The Draft EER addressed the environmental effects of the proposed transfer of settlement lands under a treaty with the Algonquins of Ontario. The Draft EER describes current activities, interests and uses of proposed Algonquin settlement lands. It assesses the anticipated environmental effects and identifies areas where more analysis, discussion or consultation is required to understand potential environmental effects. Areas where mitigation measures and monitoring are required are also identified.

The Draft EER proposes official plan designations and zoning for settlement lands. These inform how lands can be used after they are transferred to Algonquin ownership. The proposed official plan designations and zoning for the land parcels will continue to be refined as the negotiations and further supporting consultations proceed.

Input received through the 2017 EER consultations will be reflected in a report that will be available for public review later in the negotiation process.

Again, thanks for your interest in the Algonquin treaty negotiations. If you have further questions, please contact Alison Luke at 613-732-8081.

All the best,

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