

Motion as passed: Algonquin Land Claim, Agreement in Principal; response by the Lake Clear Property Owners Association Inc., duly moved, seconded and carried at the LCPOA Annual General Meeting, July 20, 2013.

WHEREAS the three parties conducting the Algonquin Land Claim negotiations released the Preliminary Draft Algonquin Land Claim Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) to the public in December, 2012;

AND WHEREAS several provisions of the draft AIP are of serious concern to the Lake Clear Property Owners Association Inc. (LCPOA);

AND WHEREAS the LCPOA supports the rights of the Algonquins of Ontario to a modern day treaty;

AND WHEREAS the Canada and Ontario Negotiation Teams are responsible for representing the approximate 1.4 million non-Algonquin residents in the land claim area and have failed to conduct dialogue or reasonable consultation with their constituents when negotiating issues of paramount importance to organizations such as the LCPOA;

AND WHEREAS the draft AIP provides for unlimited fishing 365 days per year by Algonquin Treaty beneficiaries with no limits on daily numbers, size or equipment such as any kind of nets so that the carefully nurtured fishery in Lake Clear could potentially be devastated in days should abuse occur;

AND WHEREAS the draft AIP provides for unlimited hunting 365 days per year on Crown Land by Algonquin Treaty beneficiaries so that any family engaging in activities such as picnicking on Crown land in the summer months could be subject to observing the legal shooting of deer or other wild game without any restrictions respecting conservation or safety;

AND WHEREAS the draft AIP provides for every Crown Land island on Lake Clear, excepting the tiniest, and including mainland Crown Land with Lake Clear waterfront to be deeded in fee simple to the Algonquins of Ontario with no consultation or mutual regard for a degree of proportionality between the non-Algonquins who use the land and the Algonquins of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Canada and Ontario Negotiation Teams have a responsibility to the non-Algonquin property owners on Lake Clear who also deem the public lands and waters and its fish and wild life values enormously important for our economy, our culture, our heritage, our way of life and our quality of life;

NOW THEREFORE THE LAKE CLEAR PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Federal and Provincial Algonquin Land Claim Negotiating Teams be formally requested to negotiate amendments to the draft AIP to provide for reasonable conservation measures that would eliminate the potential for abuse and destruction of the carefully nurtured fishery in Lake Clear.
2. The Federal and Provincial Algonquin Land Claim Negotiation Teams be formally requested to negotiate amendments to the draft AIP to provide for reasonable conservation and safety measures to eliminate the public danger and conservation potential abuse involved in unlimited and uncontrolled hunting on Crown Land on a year-round basis.
3. The Federal and Provincial Algonquin Land Claim Negotiation Teams be formally requested to revisit the intent to deed virtually all Crown Land islands on Lake Clear and Crown Land abutting Lake Clear to the Algonquins of Ontario by accepting the principle that mutual regard and respect dictate that reasonable proportionality be accepted by retaining some of the Crown Land as public land for the perpetual enjoyment of all citizens, Algonquin and non-Algonquin alike.
4. The Federal and Provincial Algonquin Land Claim Negotiation Teams be formally requested to consider that in the early 1970's Lake Clear was designated an environmentally sensitive lake and at that time it was determined there would be no further development of lots beyond those already surveyed and approved and we request that the Algonquin Land Claim also accept and respect that designation.

AND FURTHER that this resolution be also circulated to the Federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, the Provincial Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and to all M. P.s and M. P. P.s in the land claim area.