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Greetings,

On behalf of Al Stewart, C.B. Pappin and myself, I would like to again thank you for your time and the helpful suggestions and comments you offered when we met with you earlier this fall.

A number of common themes emerged through the course of the meetings. For example, you told us that:

- there is a keen interest in focus groups or other forums related to specific areas of interest, where government and non-government participants can engage in practical dialogue to explore, share suggestions or input, and better understand topics under discussion in the negotiations;
- you are interested in having more information about Ontario's research and analysis related to the matters under negotiation;
- you want opportunities for the Algonquins of Ontario to be involved in discussions; and
- you want to see more public information about upcoming processes and where stakeholders and the general public can be involved.

We appreciate the thoughtful advice you provided regarding Ontario's approach to future consultations. We have shared your views with senior management at the Ministries of Aboriginal Affairs and Natural Resources and Forestry. Careful consideration is now being given to how we will incorporate a renewed consultation approach into Ontario's overall planning for the next stage of negotiations.

As we noted during our meetings, the next anticipated step in the negotiation process will be an Algonquin ratification vote. Decision-making in that regard is in the hands of the Algonquins. If the vote indicates Algonquin support for the proposed Agreement-in-Principle and continuing negotiations toward a Final Agreement, the negotiators will be seeking formal approval of the governments of Ontario and Canada. We hope to be in a position to work with you further once the vote is complete and all parties have had a chance to review the results and determine next steps.

In the interim, Ontario's research on the Algonquin Park fisheries continues and we expect early in the new year to be able to share some results with those of you who have an interest in that area.

Meanwhile, I invite you to contact us if you have any questions or would like to provide any supplementary information to the discussions we had. As we mentioned at the time, we will remain open to your constructive ideas and input.

More Information:

- Algonquin Land Claim Information Centre (1-855-690-7070 or alcinfo@ontario.ca)
- <http://www.ontario.ca/page/algonquin-land-claim>

- Proposed Agreement-In-Principle (AIP) <http://www.ontario.ca/document/algonquins-ontario-proposed-agreement-principle>
- Reference Maps <http://www.tanakiwin.com/our-treaty-negotiations/proposed-agreement-in-principle-3/>
- Descriptive Plans of Settlement Lands <http://www.tanakiwin.com/our-treaty-negotiations/proposed-agreement-in-principle-3/appendix-5-1-1-descriptive-plans-of-settlement-lands/>

Best Regards,

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