

October 26, 2020

**RE: Algonquin Land Claim – Proposed Settlement Lands in eastern Ontario
Supplemental Report to the Draft Environmental Evaluation Report
Notice of Opportunity to Inspect**

Canada, Ontario and the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) continue to make progress in their negotiations towards a settlement of the Algonquin land claim. A key component of the negotiation is the proposed transfer of provincial lands (proposed Settlement Lands) to AOO ownership. The transfer would occur following the approval of a final Settlement Agreement which is still a few years away.

Recent negotiations have resulted in changes to the proposed Settlement Lands, including the addition of new parcels of land to the proposed lands package. Changes may be due to technical information, changes to government programs, feedback from consultation or requests from the AOO. The proposed Settlement Lands package continues to include:

- the transfer of provincial Crown lands and publicly-held acquired lands;
- the transfer of Crown assets on proposed lands (e.g. former ranger camps); and
- the amending and rescinding in whole or in part, of boundary regulations for some provincial parks.

The proposed Settlement Lands package is being assessed in accordance with the Algonquin Land Claim Declaration Order made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Ontario has prepared a “Supplemental Report to the Draft Environmental Evaluation Report: Proposed Settlement Lands” which provides information about parcels that have changed, or that have been added or removed from the proposed Settlement Lands package. The Supplemental Report identifies existing interests on the lands and potential environmental effects associated with the changes. The Supplemental Report also

provides proposed municipal official plan designations and zoning for new and modified parcels which will apply after the proposed Settlement Lands are transferred into AOO ownership.

The Supplemental Report updates information about the proposed Settlement Lands package that was shared in Ontario's 2017 Draft Environmental Evaluation Report (EER). The Draft EER assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed transfer of lands and, where relevant, proposed mitigation measures in accordance with the requirements for Category C projects under the Algonquin Land Claim Declaration Order. The Draft EER also included proposed municipal official plan designations and zoning which will apply after the proposed Settlement Lands are transferred into AOO ownership. The Supplemental Report is to be read in conjunction with the Draft EER released in 2017.

Ontario is continuing to consult with stakeholders, Indigenous communities and the public as part of our environmental assessment responsibilities. At this time, Ontario is providing this update to everyone with a known or potential interest in the future transfer of the proposed Settlement Lands to the AOO.

Included in this package are:

- a backgrounder on the AOO treaty negotiations; and
- a map showing the provincial lands that are being proposed to be transferred into AOO ownership.

MNRF is seeking comments on the "Supplemental Report to the Draft Environmental Evaluation Report: Proposed Settlement Lands" from October 26, 2020 through December 10, 2020. All comments received during this comment period will be considered and a Final Environmental Evaluation Report will be prepared and released for final public inspection.

To view the "Supplemental Report: Changes to Proposed Settlement Lands" and/or the 2017 Draft EER please use the following links:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/algonquin-land-claim-environmental-evaluation-report> or:

French: <https://www.ontario.ca/fr/page/revendication-territoriale-des-algonquins-rapport-devaluation-environnementale>

Please direct your comments on the Supplemental Report, and any questions or requests for information, or requests to be added to the mailing list to Bruce Mighton at:

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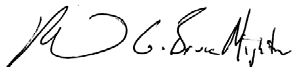
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Sincerely,



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