



February 18, 2022

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Sent via email: [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

Re: Dissolution of the Ontario Land Tribunal, Town of Gravenhurst

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Dear Premier Ford

At the Town of Gravenhurst Council meeting of Tuesday February 15, 2022, Council passed the following motion:

**WHEREAS** Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy;

**AND WHEREAS** an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, "that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community";

**AND WHEREAS** our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage developments to meet the need for attainable housing in our community;

**AND WHEREAS** our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage developments to meet certain environmental standards which are voided by the Provincial Policy Statement;

**AND WHEREAS** our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the District of Muskoka, as delegated from the Province, in accordance with the Planning Act;

**AND WHEREAS** it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to adopt Official Plan amendments or approve Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan;



**AND WHEREAS** it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Gravenhurst Official Plan;

**AND WHEREAS** municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the Town of Gravenhurst;

**AND WHEREAS** the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in conformity with municipal Official Plans and consistent with Provincial Planning Policy;

**AND WHEREAS** all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Councils are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process;

**AND WHEREAS** Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province or their designate in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings;

**AND WHEREAS** lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

**AND WHEREAS** the existence of the OLT acts as a barrier that restricts municipalities from protecting the environment from development that is uncharacteristic of its community;



**NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Town of Gravenhurst requests the Government of Ontario dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing, and restricting a municipality's ability to enforce self-determined environmentally-friendly development policies in Ontario;
2. A copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and,
3. A copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.
4. A suitable alternative appeal process be investigated by the Province utilizing an elected board of appeal

Sincerely,

Kayla Thibeault  
Director of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Town of Gravenhurst  
KT/ds

cc.

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org)

Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition [horwatha-qp@ndp.on.ca](mailto:horwatha-qp@ndp.on.ca)

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Small Urban GTHA Mayors of Ontario

Regional Chairs of Ontario

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All Ontario Municipalities



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MPP - Etobicoke Centre

*Working for you!*

The Ontario government is making life more affordable and convenient for nearly eight million vehicle owners by eliminating licence plate renewal fees and the requirement to have a licence plate sticker for passenger vehicles, light-duty trucks, motorcycles and mopeds, effective March 13, 2022.

The government is introducing red tape legislation later today that would enable the province to refund eligible individual owners of vehicles for any licence plate renewal fees paid since March 2020. Upon passage, vehicle owners will receive a cheque in the mail starting at the end of March and throughout the month of April.

Eliminating renewal fees will save vehicle owners \$120 a year in southern Ontario and \$60 a year in Northern Ontario for passenger and light commercial vehicles.

To receive a refund cheque, vehicle owners who have moved recently will need to confirm that their address information on their vehicle permit or driver's licence is up-to-date at [Ontario.ca/AddressChange](https://www.ontario.ca/AddressChange) by March 7, 2022, and pay any outstanding fees, fines or tolls. For more information and/or assistance with changing an address, vehicle owners can call ServiceOntario's dedicated line at 1-888-333-0049.

Under the proposal, renewal fees will also be eliminated for passenger, light-duty commercial vehicles, motorcycles and mopeds that are owned by a company or business. However, no refunds will be given for the period of March 2020 to March 2022.

Vehicle owners will still be required to [renew](#) their licence plate every one or two years at no cost to confirm their automobile insurance is valid and pay any outstanding Highway 407 tolls and other municipal fines. The government is working with partners to develop a new, more user-friendly process that will continue to validate automobile insurance requirements, support law enforcement efforts and collect municipal fines and unpaid Highway 407 tolls.

The Ontario government is also investing in Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology as part of its commitment to provide police with the tools they need to do their jobs, improve public safety and strengthen roadside law enforcement efforts



across the province. An ALPR system can read thousands of licence plates per minute allowing officers to process more information on licence plates. It also has the capability of capturing vehicles of interest such as amber alerts, drivers with a suspended licence, and stolen vehicles.

Renewal fees and requirements for licence plate stickers for heavy commercial vehicles and snowmobiles remain unchanged.

Best Regards,

Office of MPP Kinga Surma  
Etobicoke Centre

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February 22, 2022

**Delivered by email**  
premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 22, 2022**

**Re: Item 10.1 – Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request to Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal  
(OLT)**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 22, 2022, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and**

**Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community”; and**

**Whereas our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and**

**Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and**

**Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Town of Aurora Official Plan; and**

**Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Aurora Official Plan; and**

**Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Aurora; and**

**Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans; and**

**Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and**

**Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and**

**Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and**

**Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and acts as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;**

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Town of Aurora Council requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors’ Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael de Rond". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael de Rond  
Town Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/is

Copy: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Opposition, New Democratic Party  
Steven Del Luca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party  
Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario  
All MPPs in the Province of Ontario  
Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario (Ontario's Big City Mayors)  
Small Urban GTHA Mayors  
Regional Chairs of Ontario  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

February 23, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of February 22, 2022 the following motion regarding request for action related to "Renovictions" and other bad faith evictions was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO.** **CW-41-2022**

**DATE:** **February 10, 2022**

**MOVED BY:** **Councillor MacNaughton**

**SECONDED BY:** **Councillor Hirsch**

**WHEREAS** tenants in Prince Edward County and throughout Ontario need stable homes and predicable rents;

**WHEREAS** the Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound destabilizing effect on both the job market and the rental housing market;

**AND WHEREAS** Citizens and communities are hurt by unscrupulous practices such as bad faith "Renovictions" and false "personal use" evictions which can, and do directly impact the affordable housing crisis, as well as inflict damage (both financial and mental) particularly on our most vulnerable citizens;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward requests that the Government of Ontario:

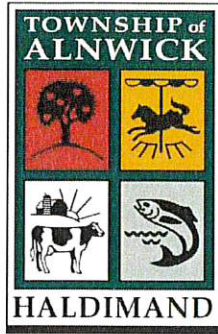
1. take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever-increasing problem of "Renovictions" and other bad-faith evictions;
2. extend rent control to all tenancies including those first occupied after November 2018 which are currently exempt from rent control restrictions; and

**THAT** this resolution be circulated to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, MPP Todd Smith, and the Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, all Ontario Municipalities, and AMO.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**



## Proclamation

Event: Year of the Garden 2022

Date: June 18, 2022

**Whereas** the Year of the Garden 2022 celebrates the Centennial of Canada's horticulture sector; and

**Whereas** gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together; and

**Whereas** the Year of the Garden 2022 will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and the experience garden of our municipality; and

**Whereas** gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic; and

**Whereas** Communities in Bloom in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden;

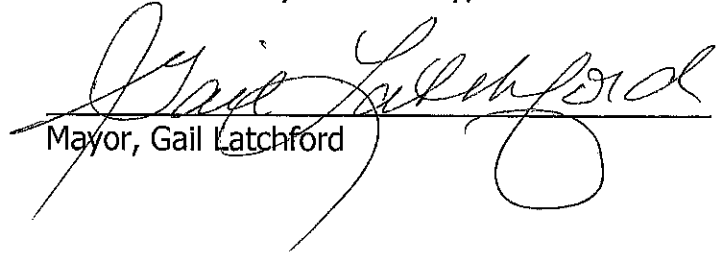
**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** I, Mayor Gail Latchford, on behalf of the Township of Alwick/Haldimand do hereby proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges; and

**That** the Saturday before Father's Day, June 18, 2022, be recognized as Garden Day in the Township of Alwick/Haldimand as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022; and

**That** the Township of Alwick/Haldimand is committed to be a Garden Friendly Township supporting the development of its garden culture; and

**That** all municipalities across Canada be invited to proclaim 2022 to be the Year of the Garden in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to all municipalities of Ontario, and for that purpose.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2022



Mayor, Gail Latchford



# “BIG DATA Means BIG IDEAS”.

## 2022 FONOM Conference

Hosted by the City of North Bay, May 9-11, 2022

Best Western, 700 Lakeshore Drive, North Bay, ON (705) 474-5800

Don't miss out! This year's in-person Conference will be an informative event for municipal representatives on issues relevant to Northern municipalities.

This year's Keynote speaker is Doug Griffiths. Doug is the author of **13 Ways to Kill Your Community**. He will provide a lively, full of personality, conversational, breezy, concise, and fun session. One can imagine seeking out information on boosting their local community, sighing dutifully as they seek out material, and then being relieved and delighted when what they find turns out to be as entertaining as it is informative.

During the FONOM Conference Hosted by the City of North Bay in May, FONOM will be hosting a **Northern Leaders Debate**, with three of the four Leaders confirmed. The FONOM Board would like to solicit our members for debate questions they would like to have asked during the debate. We would ask that the question be submitted **by Friday, April 29**. The FONOM Executive Committee will review the questions for consideration. Please ensure the question is of regional importance.

Also included in this year's Conference are displays from a selection of exhibitors and the opportunity to network and discuss leading practices with other municipal representatives.

Need a place to stay? Book a hotel room at the [North Bay Best Western](#) by calling 705-474-5800. Use booking code: FONOM

**Registration Ends April 26 at 4:30 pm**

To register and for more information, visit: [www.northbay.ca/FONOM](http://www.northbay.ca/FONOM)

For all conference inquiries, please get in touch with the City of North Bay  
Phone: 705-474-0400, ext. 2329  
Email: [fonom@northbay.ca](mailto:fonom@northbay.ca)

Talk soon, Mac

Mac Bain  
Executive Director  
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities  
615 Hardy Street North Bay, ON, P1B 8S2  
Ph. 705-498-9510

P.S. FONOM GoNorth Promotional Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3FQKMBzS6E>

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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
HELD  
February 22, 2022

**NOTICE OF MOTION PREPARED BY COUNCILLOR CHAMPAGNE**

**2022-64**

**Moved by Councillor Champagne**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kelly**

WHEREAS Council received the presentation slide from the North Bay French River Algonquins from their public meeting held in North Bay December 7th, 2021;

AND WHEREAS the North Bay French River Algonquins have provided the Municipality with an Area Map Draft Revision #2 and the list of affected Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities wish to keep protected areas as Recreation lands;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the following Municipalities along with the Area Draft Map Revision #2 and the presentation from the North Bay French River Algonquins provided at the Council meeting held December 14th, 2021:

- Township of Bonfield
- Municipality of Callander
- Municipality of Calvin
- Township of Chisholm
- Municipality of Markstay/Warren
- Town of Mattawa
- Township of Nipissing
- City of North Bay
- Township of Papineau-Cameron
- Municipality of Powassan
- Municipality of St-Charles
- Municipality of West Nipissing



AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to FONOM, AMO, OGRA, ROMA and Ministry of Indigenous Affairs.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**Councillor Champagne requested a recorded vote on this motion No. 2022-64. Results of Recorded Vote:**

Deputy Mayor Trahan - YEA

Councillor Kelly - YEA

Councillor Lougheed - YEA

Councillor Champagne - YEA

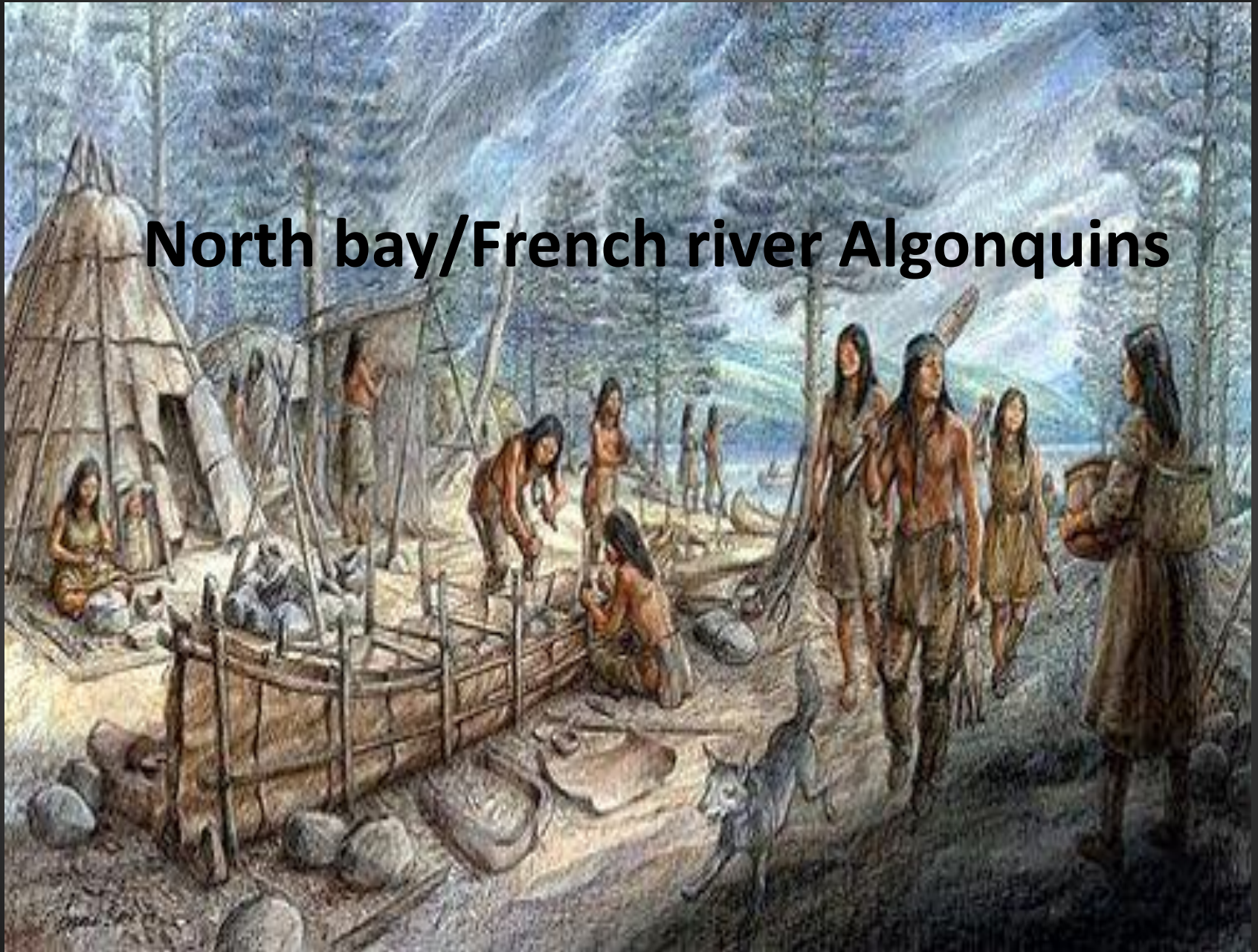
Mayor Rochefort - YEA

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of  
Resolution No. 2022-64 passed by the  
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris  
on the 22nd day of February, 2022.

*Monica L. Hawkins*  
Monica L. Hawkins, AMCT  
Clerk



# North bay/French river Algonquins





# GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING December 7<sup>th</sup>

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- OPENING COMMENTS by  
the Chairman
- Rolland Boissonneault





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- It was our goal to have a distribution of directors representing different locations within the boundaries of the NBFRA and to establish policies and procedures that will best suit the needs of our members.
  - Good governance principles demand that an organization's board of directors ensure overall high ethical behavior which I know that we have within our Corporation of 9 board members, including myself, Rolland Boissonneault as Chairman and I will leave the floor to the directors to present themselves.



# Our board of directors

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- Rolland Boissonneault.....Chairman
- Rene Giroux.....Vice- Chairman
- Jerry “Jay” Michaud.....Director
- Stephane Bellemare.....Director
- Maxime Gareau.....Director
- Cecil Demers.....Director
- Camille Gaudreault.....Director
- Guylaine Sullivan.....Director
- Gerry Serre.....Director

# North bay/Mattawa Algonquin Appeal update

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- It was decided that only 20 family names with guaranteed Algonquin ancestries were included in the appeal to minimize any delays in the process.
- Once these families have been returned their AOO title it will open the process for other certified Algonquin families that were removed from the voters list to be re-instated.
- Our case is in the hands of a legal team that will represent us in this appeal process.
- Further information will be passed on to our members once we are notified.

# CULTURE AND HERITAGE REPORT

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- Lake Nipissing, named also **Nipissin** and Lake of Nipissiriniens which means "little water" and was the fishing and hunting grounds of the Nipissing tribe.
- Their language was Algonkian; "These are true Algonquin's, and they alone have retained the Algonquin language without alterations".
- The Algonquin's were their friends and the Huron's their allies. The Iroquois defeated them and destroyed them almost to the point of extinction.



- Those who managed to escape the Iroquois' fury found refuge on Lake Nipigon.
- By 1647 the Nipissing regrouped in the Lake Nipigon and continued to use their historical routes but at a greater risk.
- They never surrendered their ancestral fishing and hunting grounds and never signed a treaty.
- In 1671 the Nipissing tribe relocated in the missions of Trois Rivieres and others in Oka. They were nomad people, meaning they had no fixed residence but within their fishing and hunting habitat.
- Hunting and fishing provided the bulk of sustenance for the Algonquin & Nipissing people.



- The Nipissiriniens had their main summer village on the North side of Lake Nipissing (which Champlain visited in 1615) and whose territories extended over a considerable area in all directions from that lake including parts of Northeastern Georgian Bay, the Mattawa River and the adjacent portions of the Ottawa River Watershed.
- The Nipissing Tribe took a great quantity of sturgeons, pike and carp , some of them of enormous size, from both their lake (Nipissing) and the Sturgeon River.
- They never surrendered their ancestral fishing and hunting grounds and never signed a treaty.

# Nations of the Great Lakes Region (EARLY 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY)





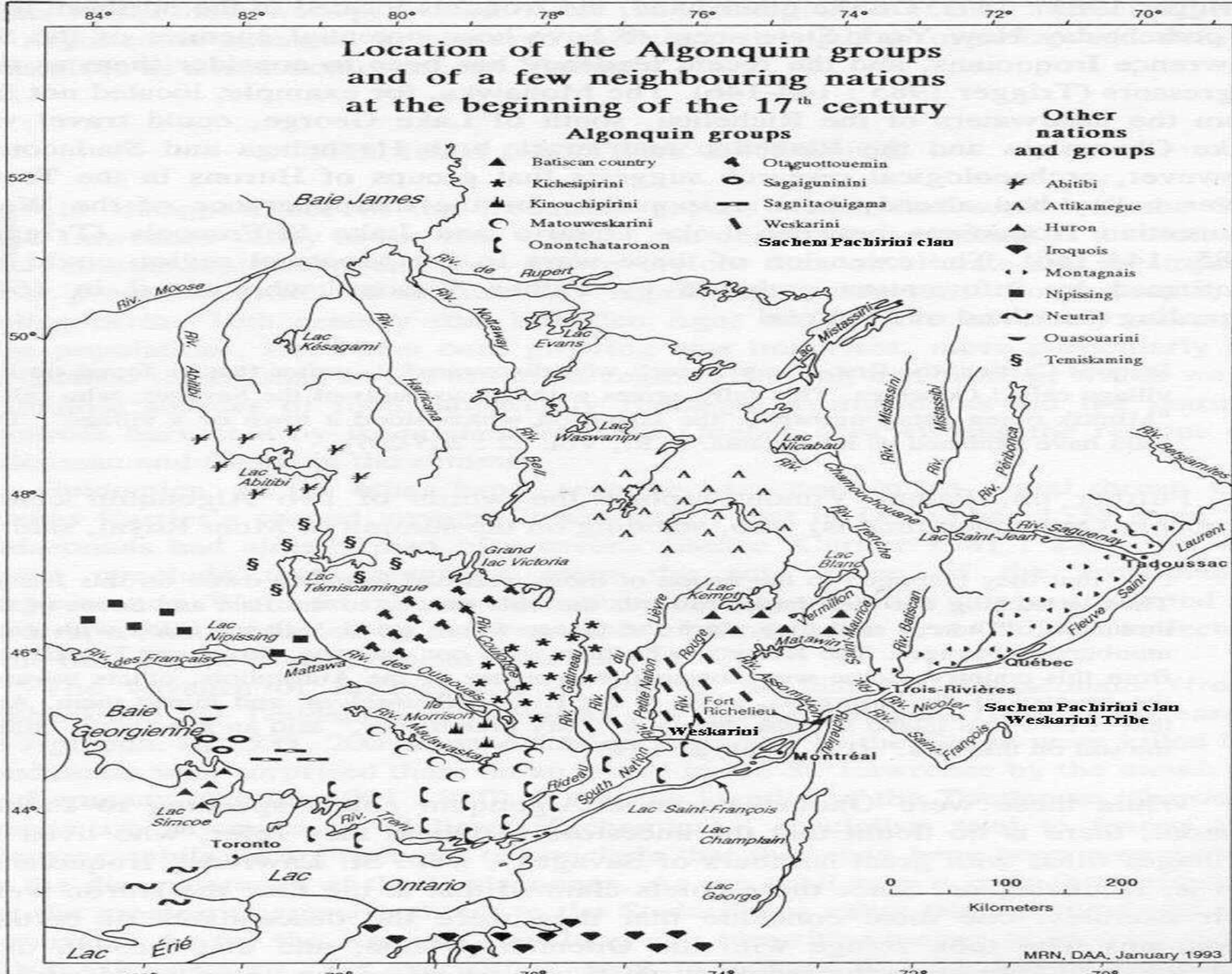
# Location of the Algonquin groups and of a few neighbouring nations at the beginning of the 17<sup>th</sup> century

## Algonquin groups

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ Batiscan country</li> <li>★ Kichesipirini</li> <li>▲ Kinouchipirini</li> <li>○ Matouweskariini</li> <li>⌒ Onontchataronon</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◄ Otaguottouemin</li> <li>○ Sagaiguninini</li> <li>— Sagnitaouigama</li> <li>◄ Weskarini</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sachem Pachirini clan</b></p> |
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## Other nations and groups

- ✈ Abitibi
- ▲ Attikamegue
- ▲ Huron
- ◆ Iroquois
- Montagnais
- Nipissing
- ⌒ Neutral
- Ouasouarini
- § Temiskaming





# The journey begins



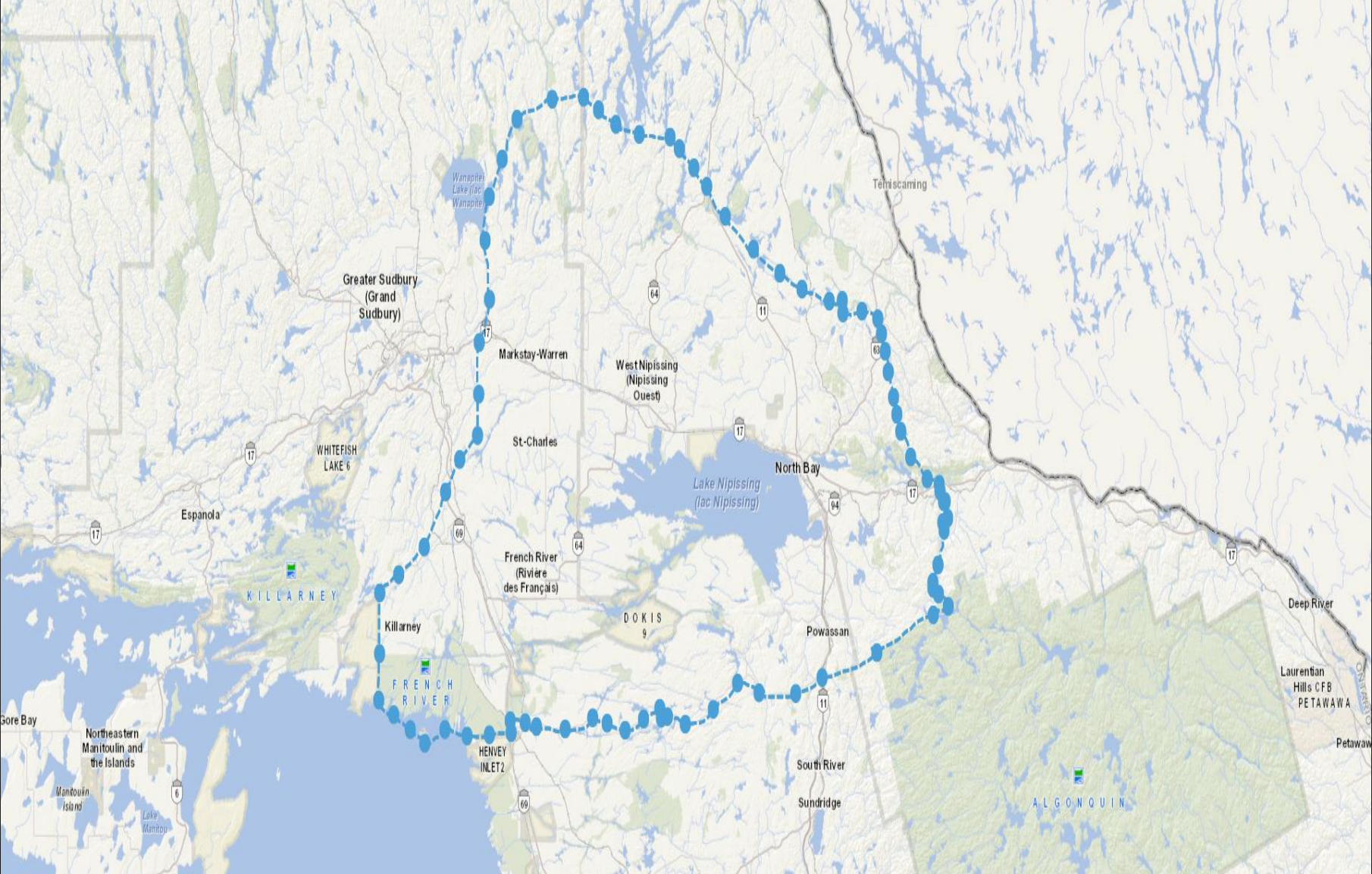
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- Since its inception on August 16<sup>th</sup> 2021
  - The North Bay/French River Algonquins is now a not-for-profit Corporation registered under the Federal NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION ACT.
  - In our Certificate of Incorporation, it indicates that our Corporation is for “The establishment and operation of a non-profit organization for the purpose of uniting the residents of the North Bay/French River area who are of Algonquin origin”.

# BOUNDARIES FOR NORTH BAY/FRENCH RIVER ALGONQUINS

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- The area of the Mattawa River to lake Nipissing, namely the townships of CALVIN, BONFIELD, BOULTER, CHISHOLM, EAST FERRIS, POWASSAN, NORTH HIMSWORTH (Callander) and NORTH BAY as well as the North side of Lake Nipissing to the Georgian Bay within the municipalities of WEST NIPISSING, WARREN, HAGAR, ST-CHARLES, MONETVILLE, NOELVILLE and LAVIGNE and others along the French River and it's distributaries.
- Historically these areas were the Algonquin, Nipissing & Amikwabe tribes' habitats prior to the European presence which was also their fishing, hunting and ceremonial grounds. Excluded from our jurisdiction territory will be Nipissing First Nation, Dokis and Henley Inlet Reserves.

# Preliminary map



# OUR VISION

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- It is not the NBFRA'S vision to develop crown land in our territory.
- As a nonprofit corporation it is our goal to create recreational areas for the public in order to keep the natural beauty of our lakes and forests and to maintain control over our fishing and hunting grounds in order to prevent depletion of our valuable natural resources.

# Our biggest goal

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- Is to protect our resources from the abuse and destruction within the **NBFRA** boundaries
- to maintain the beauty that was sustained for centuries prior and after the European settlement.
- It is our responsibility and duty that our future generations enjoy the same natural privileges that we have.

# NBFRA QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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- **NBFRA** will have a revised list of the approved ancestors which are from the Algonquin, Nipissing and Amikwabe Tribes, as they are all classified as Algonquins.

# AOO,AIP Update

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- There is at least 54 Algonquin ancestors which have no Algonquin origin, that are on the draft list as approved ancestors for the **Algonquin Nation of Ontario** and the list is being used to qualify applicants for memberships
- In the next few slides, you will see how the numbers don't add up.



# AOO voters list breakdown

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- The 2015 AOO Voter's List that was prepared for voting on the Agreement In Principle dated February 2016.
- Total members on the list provided with the name of their ancestor is 3,058

# Greater Golden Lake

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- Algonquins .....136.....19 %
- Non Algonquins..... 580... 81 %
- Total Votes.....716
  
- Votes on the AIP
- Yes 496
- No 34
- Rejected 01
- Total Votes 531
- List compiled by the Algonquin Secretariat analysis A.O.O. voters' list of February 2015 to vote on AIP between February 29, 2016 to March 7 2016.

# Bonnechere

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- Algonquins .....173.....45.9 %
- Non Algonquins..... 204.....54.1 %
- Total Votes.....377

- Votes on the AIP
- Yes 397
- No 14
- Rejected 00
- Total Votes 411

# Ottawa

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- Algonquins .....5..... 0.08 %
- Non Algonquins..... ..57.... 91.9 %
- Total Votes.....62
- Votes on the AIP
- Yes 51
- No 16
- Rejected 00
- Total Votes 67

# Mattawa/North bay

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- Algonquins .....1,530.....86.9 %
- Non Algonquins.....230.....13.1 %
- Total Votes.....1,760
- Votes on AIP
- Yes 1,612
- No 51
- Rejected 4
- Total votes 1,667
- This Community removed approx. 600 members which had an approved ancestor after the vote which represents 37.2 % that they claim shouldn't have voted.

# Sharbot Lake

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- Algonquins .....69.... 88.5 %
- Non Algonquins.....09 .....11.5 %
- Total Votes.....78



# Antoine

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- Algonquins .....22...100 %
- Non Algonquins.....00
- Total Votes.....22

# Whitney

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- **Algonquins .....00.....00 %**
- **Non Algonquins.....01....100 %**
- **Total Votes.....01**

- **No affiliation members**
- **Algonquins .....00.....00 %**
- **Non Algonquins.....05.....100 %**
- **Total Votes.....05**
- **Votes on the AIP**
- **Yes 9**
- **No 2**
- **Rejected 0**
- **Total Votes 11**

# END RESULTS FOR THE AIP VOTES

as per ratification officer Vaughn Johnston & witnessed by Laura Sarazin

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- Yes.....3,341
  - No..... 225
  - Rejected..... 9
  - Total.....3,675
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- 89% were unqualified to vote on the AIP
  - Not included in the 89% are all the members that lost their cards based on Jean Prevost and Francoise Leblanc.
  - There is at least 54 Algonquin ancestors which have no Algonquin origin, that are on the draft list as approved ancestors for the **Algonquin Nation of Ontario** and the list is being used to qualify applicants for memberships

# What we're not about!

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- Greater Golden Lake had a Harvest Draw meeting for moose tags at Chief Pauline Connie Mielke's residence on August 15, 2021.
- As per CBC's investigation Chief Mielke is not an Algonquin as it was noted that her ancestors Thomas Lagarde dit St Jean & his wife Emilie Sophie Carriere dit Jamme were not Algonquins.

# RESULTS FROM AOO HARVEST DRAW :

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- Documents released by Algonquin of Greater Golden Lake dated September 2, 2021 by ANR chief Connie Mielke
- Re : 2021-2022 HARVEST
- The draw results that took place on Sunday August 15th, 2021 at chief Mielke's residence is as follows.
  - 40 tags in total were allocated for bulls and cows:
  - 27 were given to Non Algonquins
  - 8 were questionable as no record of ancestry was available
  - 5 were Algonquins

# Bow hunting



- 13 tags in total were allocated for bow hunting
- 9 were given to Non Algonquins
- 1 was questionable as no record of ancestry was available
- 3 were Algonquins



# Elk Hunt



- 6 tags in total were allocated for Elk hunting
- 2 were given to Non Algonquins
- 4 were questionable as no record of ancestry was available

# Deer allocation

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- On the same document it also stated that 2 deer were allocated per family.
- It was also indicated by Chief Mielke that hunters also killed deer in feeding areas and she commented this is a concern and should be discouraged.



# In conclusion

- Reckless harvesting is reducing the forest and its habitat.
- Due to the attractive timber revenues, some Algonquin communities have forgotten about their past.
- We must work together to preserve nature and at the same time allow for responsible harvesting.
- Clear cutting forests and strip-mining the land should be controlled.
- NBFRA will work closely with all timber management projects to limit the damage to our land by implementing strict harvesting guidelines.

# A message from our Elder

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- An Algonquin elder “Harold .../Skip/ Ross

Kaamidjiyuk Sibi Innini Running River Man”

I quote: “If Modern man would or could learn to respect Mother Earth as we (Algonquins) did many years ago, they would learn to preserve many things that we are losing, things that can never be replaced”.

The popular names of ANCESTORS listed below will be removed from the list of North Bay/French River Algonquins for not meeting the criteria of having any Algonquin ancestry.

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- Thomas Lagarde dit St Jean
- Emilie Sophie Carriere dit Jamme
- Jean Prevost & Francoise Leblanc;
- Paule Ouripehenemick;
- Jacques Paquette;
- Hannah Mannell ;
- Cecile Mawiskak (Mc Donell);
- Peter Clermo (Clermont);
- Pierre Mikkima;
  
- including 45 other ancestors.

# “Questionable decisions ?”

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- On July 14, 2010 an appeal was presented in Mattawa regarding the Laplante ancestor.
- The chief of Mattawa/North Bay Algonquins and Joan Holmes, the enrollment officer were present when the appeal board endorsed with a majority to reinstate the appellants from the Laplante line as Algonquins.
- Following the ruling of July 14, 2010 the appellants received a letter from the enrollment officer stating and I quote **“We are happy to inform you that the appeal board ruled that the appellants can be enrolled as Algonquins for the purpose of negotiation of the Algonquin land claim”** and furthermore **“has been placed on the electors list and are illegible to vote in Algonquin negotiations representative (ANR) elections”**.



# “Questionable decisions ?”cont.

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- In a letter dated July 15, 2020 the appellants received another letter stating and I quote **“furthermore you will not be eligible for any benefits including harvesting under the authority of the Algonquins of Ontario”** and **“you will not be eligible to vote on the ratification of the final treaty and you will not become a beneficiary of that treaty”** and **“In addition, you will be afforded the opportunity to appeal the decision of the enrollment officer”**. Hard to believe that these letters were sent by the same enrollment officer.

## A statement from our Chairman

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- During my past political experience on different boards, I know for a fact that only the Minister of any government branch has the power to overrule an appeal decision. NO ONE ELSE has the authority to overrule therefore the Appeal Board decision is final.

# RE-INSTATED ANCESTORS

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- Marie Elize Marguerite Ranger dit Lavallee, daughter of Marie Angelique Masanakaniekokwe •
- Marie Josette Kijikokwe aka Kiwikijikokwe (Bechamp/Pigeau) who were wrongfully rejected from the list of the Algonquin Nation of Ontario's approved Ancestors draft list. (draft means not final). Cont.....

# RE-INSTATED ANCESTORS

## Quotes

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- Au poste des Allumettes le 27 Aout , 1838  
Baptême d'Augustin Bechand (jr.)
- *Bechand Margin note:*  
« Ils ont nombre d'enfants. Elle est libre de pouvoir se marier, fidèle avec infidèle s'entendrait-il au cas présent un parti n'étant point Savage ».  
*Charles de Bellefeuille ptre.*
- Augustin Jr. is the son of Augustin Bechand Sr. and Josette Kwekkikjikokwe.

# RE-INSTATED ANCESTORS

## Quotes (cont.)

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- ENROLMENT OFFICER'S translation of this note, and I quote "Josette Kwekkikjikokwe sauvage infidèle du poste volant de Matawakamang dans le District de Northwest (dans le district de l'Abitibi mission de Maniwaki).
- Quote " It also noted that the couple had been married in the Indian fashion when the children were born".  
(all fabricated)
- A block of Algonquins was removed based on fabrication taking away their heritage and rights (as per the Constitution Act of 1982 s35) done disrespectfully.

# CBC investigation

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- August 9, 2021 CBC with an update posted September 13, 2021 they indicated that Jean Lagarde dit St-Jean was not an Algonquin and that over 1,000 people including both Algonquin chiefs of Ottawa & Greater Golden Lake communities who also had him as an ancestor.
- Neither Robert Potts nor the consultant/enrollment officer to this day took any action or recommend the removal of these non Algonquins.
- Robert Potts told CBC “It is difficult to respond, it consists of vague statements and allegations presented in summary way” adding “I haven’t seen much of the information that you have referred to”.
- Chief Davie Joannis from the Antoine Community stated “The revelations about the letter could mean hundreds of people will be struck from the AOO membership list”

# CBC investigation “continue”

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- Bill Mann, author of the conspiracy theory says the letter was dropped in his mailbox in 2011.

“It’s brought in a whole number of people who are not First Nation and not Algonquin based on a tenuous (flimsy) tie to a root ancestor”



# CBC investigation “continue”

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- CBC investigation says “Mysterious letter linking 1,000 people to \$1 billion Algonquin treaty likely fake”.
- In a study pursued by Darryl Laroux on behalf of Golden Lake community his finding came to the same conclusion. Given the importance of this pivotal letter, CBC undertook an investigation involving handwriting analysis, archival research, historical review and extensive interviews.

“Experts suggested that the letter is highly suspicious and likely not authentic”.

# CBC investigation “continue”

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- Veldon Coburn said after looking at all this evidence he has concluded “it’s unlikely that this letter is authentic” adding “it’s almost in my mind a certainty that this is a forgery”
- After all this evidence of fraud the AOO’S lawyer Mr. Robert Potts, told CBC it is difficult to respond “as it consists of vague statements and allegations presented in a summary way” adding “I haven’t seen much of the information that you have referred to”.

# CBC investigation “continue”

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- Furthermore Mr. Robert Potts said some critics will “never be satisfied until the Lagarde group is bumped from the beneficiary list” so that there are fewer people to share the settlement. Instead, he was more comfortable to remove about 600 genuine Algonquins from North Bay and area as previously mentioned “so that there are fewer people to share the settlement”. Why was he reluctant to remove members that are not Algonquins and comfortable to remove people that have genuine Algonquin Ancestors.

# CBC investigation “continue”

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- Because of all the irregularities, the fraudulent documents discovered by the CBC investigation, the North Bay/French River Algonquin will be making an official request to modify the Agreement in Principle to implement the financial portion of Mattawa/North Bay Algonquins of Ontario.
- Furthermore, that the AIP be modified to implement the boundaries as shown on the map of the NBFRA considering that 87% of voters were considered illegitimate and not qualified to vote on the AIP.

# Proposed Criteria

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- Many members lost their cards under a PROPOSED CRITERIA. (proposed means suggested guide line) Neither the draft list or the proposed criteria were finalized and approved by the membership, which contravenes with section 10 of the Indian Act.
- Algonquins of Ontario negotiating administrators were the only ones that voted which also contravenes with the Indian Act Section 10 s.(2) and I quote “A band may, pursuant to the consent of a majority of the electors of the band”, meaning the band may control the memberships with a majority of the electors. Furthermore Section 10 s.(4) indicates clearly and I quote “A band’s membership rules can not deprive a person of previously acquired rights to membership”.

# VAN der PEET TEST

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- The NBFRA'S criteria will be based on the VAN der PEET TEST which has been adopted by the Supreme Court of Canada as Justice Lamer C.J. explains "An unbroken chain of continuity is not required".
- Also Justice McLacklin noted in the Van der Peet Test and I quote "It is not unusual for the exercise of a right to lapse for a period time" meaning that the 20 years that was required under the Proposed Criteria of the Algonquin Nation of Ontario contravenes with the Supreme Court of Canada rulings.

# VAN der PEET TEST cont.

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- This test protects only those present-day practices that have a reasonable degree of Continuity with practice that existed prior to contact.
- While the test does not require an unbroken chain of continuity, and while continuity must be interpreted flexibly, such flexibility has its limits.
- While temporal gaps do not necessarily preclude the establishment of an aboriginal right, failing to tender sufficient evidence that at least a connection to the historical practice was maintained during such gaps.



# VAN der PEET TEST cont.

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- Section 35 (1) accords constitutional protection only to the rights of the “aboriginal people of Canada”.
- The courts held that s.35 (1) is to be interpreted to determine the meaning of “ABORIGINAL PEOPLE OF CANADA” as they relied on the VAN der PEET TEST to conceptualize the rights referred to in s.35 (1).
- As stated by the Court of Appeal “Simply put, if the Van der Peet Test requirements are met, the modern indigenous community will be an “aboriginal people of Canada”.
- Mr. Desautel concluded that the Aboriginal people of Canada under s.35 (1) are the modern day successors of Aboriginal societies that occupied what is now Canada at the time the European contact (subject to modification that may be necessary in the case of the Metis).
- Where this is shown, the court ascertains the claimants rights using the Van der Peet Test.

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- Par. 31.... The aboriginal people of Canada under s.35(1) are the modern successors of those aboriginal societies that occupied Canadian territory at the time of European contact.
- This may include Aboriginal groups that are now outside Canada.
- Par. 33.....I would add that an interpretation of “aboriginal people of Canada in s.35(1) that includes Aboriginal people who were here when the Europeans arrived and later moved or were forced to moved elsewhere, or on whom international boundaries where imposed reflects the purpose of reconciliation.

# Your personal information

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- The NORTH BAY/FRENCH RIVER ALGONQUINS strongly suggests that in order to expedite your interest in North Bay/French River Algonquin memberships, that you insist from the Community from which you were refused, ignored or had your card revoked, to provide you with your file which was given to them when you applied.
- If your community says that it is the consultant & enrollment officer, Joan Holmes & Associates that has your application then it is your community's responsibility to obtain it for you.
- IT IS THE COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO RETURN YOUR FILE

# In conclusion

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- The information we provided you tonight is not based on allegations or fabrication. It is supported by documents initiated and publicized by the Algonquin nations of Ontario.
- No wonder that Mann strongly discouraged CBC from reporting on this story, arguing “**that it will rip the Algonquin land claim apart**”, obviously he wanted to cover up this fraudulent document.

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- These are all indications that the agreement in principle is “**possibly**” fraudulent and both levels of government could be seen as partners in complicity as well as some type of cover up.
- Both parties have the information on the amount of non-Algonquins that will be sharing in the land claim by also taking the rights away from real Algonquins.

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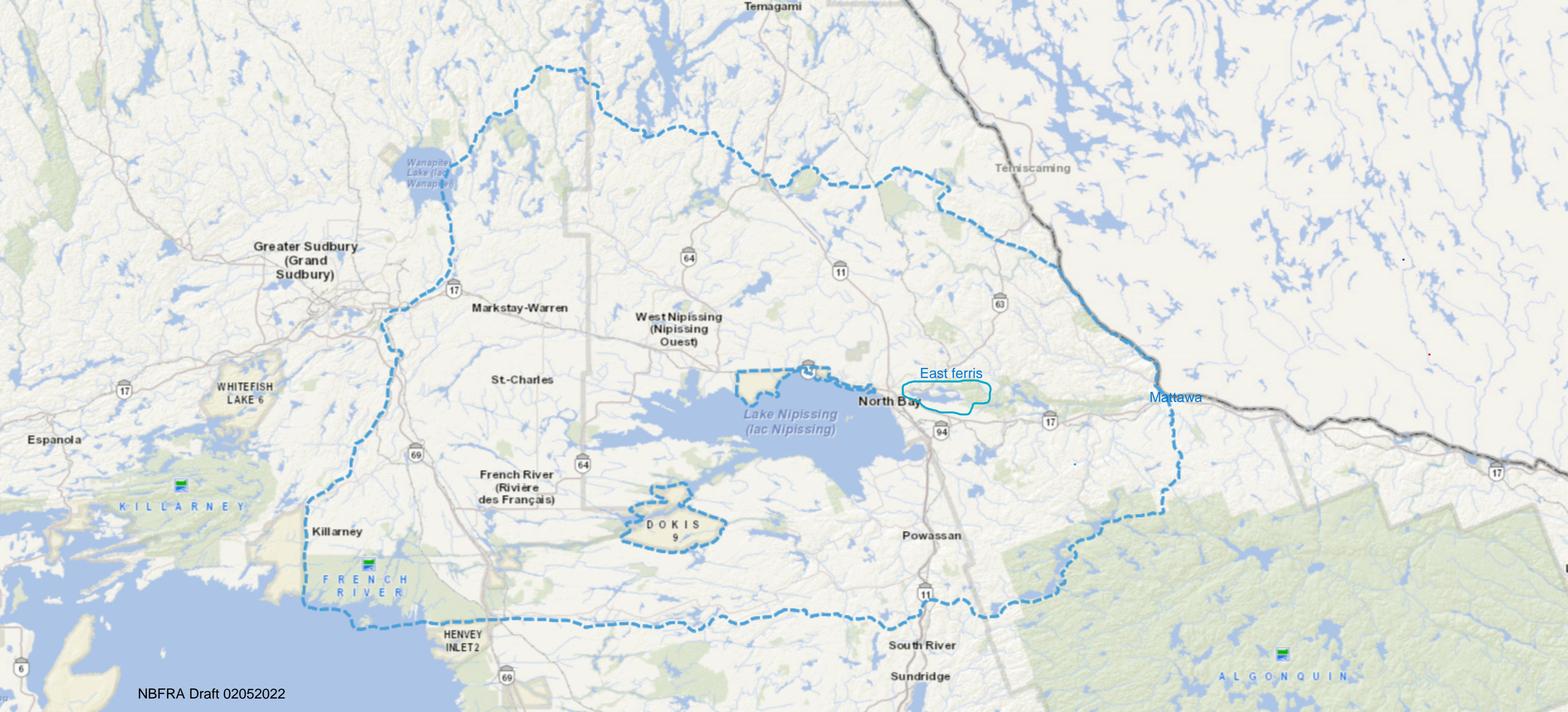
- The proposed criteria from the AOO is designed to take away the rights of many Algonquins with proven ancestry, and to also lower the number of voters in the AIP.
- It does not take in consideration our rights that is protected by the constitution act of 1982 s.35.
- NBFRA will pursue full recovery of those rights!

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We will now hear your questions and concerns.

Thank you for being a part of the North Bay/ French  
River Algonquin community.







# **MUNICIPALITIES**

BONFIELD TOWNSHIP

CALLANDER MUNICIPALITY

CALVIN MUNICIPALITY

CHISHOLM TOWNSHIP

EAST FERRIS TOWNSHIP

MARKSTAY/WARREN MUNICIPALITY

MATTAWA TOWNSHIP

NIPISSING TOWNSHIP

NORTH BAY CITY

PAPINEAU-CAMERON TOWNSHIP

POWASSAN MUNICIPALITY

ST-CHARLES MUNICIPALITY

WEST NIPISSING MUNICIPALITY

February 3, 2022

Cindy Pigeau  
Clerk  
Calvin Township  
R.R.#2  
Mattawa, Ontario P0H 1V0

Dear Ms. Pigeau,

**Re: 2021 Attendance**

As a courtesy to our Member Municipalities the North Bay – Mattawa Conservation Authority reports annually on the attendance of the member you have appointed to our Board of Directors. In this respect I offer you the following information:

Councillor Dean Grant has attended 2 meetings out of a total of 2 meetings for the Conservation Authority during the time that he was appointed in 2021 and 0 meetings out of a total of 1 meeting for the Source Protection Authority during the time that he was appointed in 2021.

Councillor Sandy Cross has attended 7 meetings out of a total of 7 meetings for the Conservation Authority during the time that she was appointed in 2021. There were no Source Protection Authority meetings held during the time that she was appointed in 2021.

There was no appointed member for the Conservation Authority meetings held on March 24, 2021 and April 28, 2021 and no appointed member for the Source Protection Authority meeting held on April 28, 2021.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 474-5420.

Yours truly,



Brian Tayler  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Secretary Treasurer

/rm

c.c. Dean Grant  
Sandy Cross

NORTH BAY-MATTAWA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

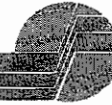


NAME: DEAN GRANT

PERIOD: January 1 to December 31, 2021

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>PER DIEM</u>	<u>MILEAGE/Km</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>DATE</u>
GENERAL AUTHORITY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	20.00	Zoom Teleconference	20.00	January 27, 2021
GENERAL AUTHORITY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	20.00	Zoom Teleconference	20.00	February 24, 2021
GENERAL AUTHORITY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NO MEETING DUE TO COVID 19)	0.00	Zoom Teleconference	0.00	March 24, 2021
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>		<b>\$40.00</b>	

NORTH BAY-MATTAWA CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



NAME: SANDY CROSS

PERIOD: May 1 to December 31, 2021

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>PER DIEM</u>	<u>MILEAGE/Km</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>DATE</u>
GENERAL AUTHORITY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	20.00	Zoom Teleconference	20.00	May 26, 2021
GENERAL AUTHORITY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	20.00	Zoom Teleconference	20.00	June 23, 2021
GENERAL AUTHORITY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	20.00	Zoom Teleconference	20.00	August 25, 2021
GENERAL AUTHORITY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	20.00	Zoom Teleconference	20.00	September 22, 2021
GENERAL AUTHORITY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	20.00	Zoom Teleconference	20.00	October 24, 2021
GENERAL AUTHORITY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	20.00	Zoom Teleconference	20.00	November 24, 2021
GENERAL AUTHORITY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	20.00	Zoom Teleconference	20.00	December 15, 2021
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>		<b>\$140.00</b>	

February 24, 2022

**Re: Item for Discussion – Hospital Capital Funding**

At its meeting of February 23, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motions 22-PD-014, regarding the Item for Discussion – Hospital Capital Funding, as follows:

“WHEREAS healthcare funding is a provincial and federal responsibility;

AND WHEREAS from 2009 to 2020 a total of \$415.4 million has been transferred from municipal operations to fund and build provincial hospitals:

AND WHEREAS remaining long-term commitments to hospitals stand at \$117.5 million (as of 2020), which will also be financed from municipal operations;

AND WHEREAS a hospital is one of many public services that contributes to healthy communities;

AND WHEREAS municipal contributions to provincial hospitals takes away from the resources available for other municipal services that contribute to the health and well-being of residents;

AND WHEREAS a community’s total contribution to local hospitals also includes the donations made by benevolent individuals, groups, and businesses along with municipal contributions;

AND WHEREAS a community’s required local share is to pay 10% of capital construction costs and 100% of the cost of equipment, furniture, and fixtures, which includes medical equipment with big ticket prices: MRI machines, CT scanners, and x-ray machines;

AND WHEREAS this translates to a 70% provincial share and 30% local share (individuals, groups, businesses, and municipalities) of the overall cost of provincial hospital operations and capital projects;

AND WHEREAS the adoption of the “design-build-finance” hospital construction model (also known as alternative financing and procurement or P3 projects), has increased local share amounts because they now include the costs of long-term financing;

AND WHEREAS equipment replacement needs are increasingly frequent and increasingly expensive with average equipment lifespan of just ten years;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has highlighted the “local share” of hospital capital contributions as a major issue in its 2022 Pre-Budget Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge calls for a provincial re-examination of the "local share" hospital capital calculation methodology, to better reflect the limited fiscal capacity of municipalities, and the contributions to health care services they already provide to a community;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities."

In accordance with Council's direction I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for you reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. McDonald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Lori McDonald  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



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**VIA EMAIL** (premier@ontario.ca)

February 22, 2022

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: RESOLUTION OF THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL**

At its Regular Meeting held Monday, February 14, 2022 the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed the following motion in support of the Town of Aurora, Request for Support for Government of Ontario to dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal. (copy enclosed).

**"138-02142022**

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Gord Queen

**Seconded By** Councillor Kim DeYong

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or

fit within the vision of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville's Official Plan;  
and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville's Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or "OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville; and

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a "best planning outcome" and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans; and

Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing.

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and



Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

**CARRIED**

Please contact the undersigned if you should require any further information.

Yours very truly,



Paula Parker  
Town Clerk  
Legislative Services Department  
[pparker@kingville.ca](mailto:pparker@kingville.ca)

cc:

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org)  
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition [horwatha-qp@ndp.on.ca](mailto:horwatha-qp@ndp.on.ca)  
Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party [mschreiner-co@ola.org](mailto:mschreiner-co@ola.org)  
Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party [info.leader@ontarioliberal.ca](mailto:info.leader@ontarioliberal.ca)  
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) [amopresident@amo.on.ca](mailto:amopresident@amo.on.ca)  
All Ontario Municipalities



February 28, 2022

**The Honorable Doug Ford**

Premier of Ontario

Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park

Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**RE: DISSOLVE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL (OLT) (13.2)**

Dear Premier:

This will confirm that at its February 23, 2022 meeting, Markham City Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and,

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of our community”; and,

Whereas our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and,

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and,

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the City of Markham Official Plan; and,

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the City of Markham Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the City of Markham; and,

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans and Provincial Planning Policy; and,

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and,

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and,

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of all housing and commercial properties.

1. Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Markham requests the Government of Ontario to instruct the OLT to immediately cease accepting new cases and then dissolve the OLT once its current caseload has been addressed, thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of housing in Ontario; and,
2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and,
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Opposition, New Democratic Party  
Steven Del Duca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party  
Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario  
All MPPs in the Province of Ontario  
Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario  
Small Urban GTHA Mayors  
Regional Chairs of Ontario  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



February 25, 2022

The Honourable David Piccini, Minister  
Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks  
College Park 5th Floor, 777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

**Re: Municipal Accommodation Tax and Crown Campgrounds**

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, the Town of South Bruce Peninsula implemented a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT). The tax equates to a 4% fee Levied on short term accommodations including, hotels, motels, rooming houses, bed & breakfast, cottage rentals and campgrounds, for all bookings of 30 days or less.

The Town of South Bruce Peninsula is the first jurisdiction in Ontario to levy the MAT on campgrounds. There are approximately 14 campgrounds within the Town of South Bruce Peninsula. Of those, one is a municipally owned campground, and one is a provincially owned campground, known as the Sauble Falls Provincial Park.

The Town recently amended the MAT program to confirm that our Town owned campground will contribute to MAT in the same manner as all of our privately owned campgrounds.

The Municipal Act states that “the Crown, any agency of the Crown in right of Ontario or any authority.....” Is exempt from MAT. As such, the Sable Falls Provincial Park is not participating in the MAT program.

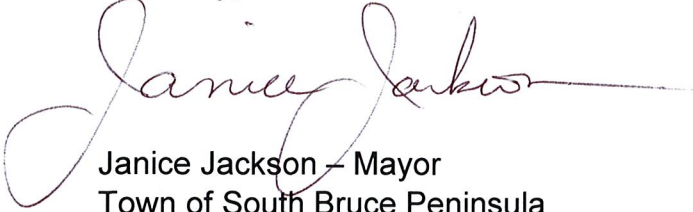
Several campground owners within the Town recently attended a Council meeting and stated their concerns and objections pertaining to the MAT exemption for the Sauble Falls Provincial Park. Town Council and private campground owners believe that this exemption creates an unfair competitive advantage for the provincially operated campground.

Council fully supports the position of our local campground owners and has passed the following resolution

*“And further that the Town sends a letter to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks as well as to MPP Bill Walker requesting the removal of the Municipal Accommodation Tax exemption for all Crown owned campgrounds and that this letter is sent to all Ontario municipalities to seek their support”*

By way of this letter, we are asking the province to remove exemptions listed within section 400.1 (1) of the Municipal Act pertaining to Crown owned facilities, specifically campgrounds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Janice Jackson – Mayor  
Town of South Bruce Peninsula  
Janice.jackson@southbrucepeninsula.com  
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cc. MPP Bill Walker

**NEAR NORTH  
CRIME STOPPERS**

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February 14, 2022

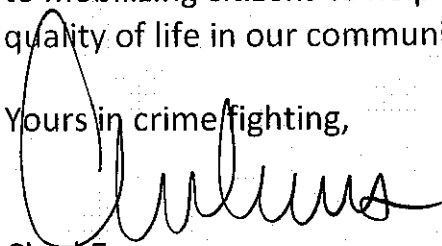
Municipality of Calvin  
Mattawa, ON P0H 1V0

Dear Mayor Pennell and council,

On behalf of Near North Crime Stoppers, I would like to thank you for participating in Crime Stoppers month. Your proclamation and promotion of our program is very much appreciated.

Our mission emphasizes the importance of working together with the public, police agencies, and media. Please take pride in knowing that your commitment to mobilizing citizens to help prevent and stop crime contributes to an improved quality of life in our communities. Thank you again for your partnership.

Yours in crime fighting,



Chad Evans  
Chair

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*"Fingerprinting, DNA and Crime Stoppers are the top three innovations in modern-day policing."*

Thomas B. O'Grady, Retired Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

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**CLERKS DEPARTMENT**

March 1, 2022

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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Sent via email: [doug.fordco@p.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@p.ola.org)

Dear Premier Ford,

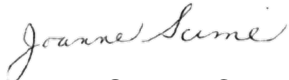
Re: Dissolution of the Ontario Land Tribunal

This is to confirm that at the Feb 28, 2022 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

That, the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized to advise the Regional That, the resolution adopted by the Town of Halton Hills Council at their meeting of February 7, 2022, regarding the request for the Government of Ontario to Dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal; be received and supported.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Joanne Scime, Clerk

cc. Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition  
Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party  
Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Liberal Party  
All Ontario MPPs  
Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario  
Small Urban GTHA Mayors of Ontario  
Regional Chairs of Ontario  
AMO  
All Ontario Municipalities





On February 24, 2022 Regional Council received the communication from the Town of Aurora dated February 22, 2022 and supported the motion, *amended as follows*:

WHEREAS Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

WHEREAS an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community”; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan includes provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

WHEREAS it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Town of Aurora Official Plan; and

WHEREAS it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Aurora Official Plan; and

WHEREAS municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Aurora; and

WHEREAS the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans; and

WHEREAS all decisions - save planning decisions - made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

WHEREAS towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings add years to the development approval process and acts as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that *the Government of Ontario be requested to immediately engage municipalities to determine an alternative land use planning appeals*

*process in order to dissolve the OLT and eliminate* one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for consideration.

Regards,

**Christopher Raynor** | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services

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March 3, 2022

**BY E-MAIL**

Ontario Municipal Water Association  
61 Meadowlark Blvd.,  
Wasaga Beach, ON L9Z 3B3

Attn: Mike Mortimer, President & Board of Directors

Dear President Mortimer & Board,

Re: Termination of the Town of Collingwood's Membership in the OMWA

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood, respectfully wishes to advise you that the Town of Collingwood can no longer remain a member of the Ontario Municipal Water Association. At the regular meeting of Council held January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Council passed the following motion:

**WHEREAS** Collingwood is a member of the Ontario Municipal Water Association (OMWA);

**AND WHEREAS** the OMWA website lists Mr. Ed Houghton as the Executive Director of OMWA;

**AND WHEREAS** Mr. Houghton was the CEO of Collus Power Corporation and the Acting CAO for the Town of Collingwood when the Town closed the sale of 50% of its interest in Collus Power Corporation to Powerstream Incorporated in 2012 and subsequently used the proceeds to purchase 2 Sprung buildings for the Town's recreation facilities through a sole-sourced procurement;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Collingwood Council of 2014-2018 asked the Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Ontario to strike a Judicial Inquiry into these 2 transactions in 2018 and the then Associate Chief Justice Frank Marrocco was appointed the Commissioner of the Collingwood Judicial Inquiry;

**AND WHEREAS** Justice Marrocco released his report on November 2, 2020, in which he found that, "undisclosed conflicts, unfair procurements, and lack of transparency stained both transactions;"

**AND WHEREAS** Justice Marrocco found that when, "the answers to legitimate questions are dismissive, spun, or obfuscated, public trust further erodes" and that, "the relationship between the public and its municipal government may never be the same;"

**AND WHEREAS** Justice Marrocco found that Mr. Houghton, "enjoyed unusual influence and freedom in his roles with the Town and Collus corporations" and that Mr. Houghton was a central figure in both transactions;

**AND WHEREAS** Mr. Houghton's actions during these two transactions, as found by Justice Marrocco in his report, undermined the credibility and integrity of the Town of Collingwood and had a profound, devastating and lasting impact on our community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council terminate the Town's membership in OMWA effectively immediately;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a letter be sent to the OMWA Board and copied to all members of OMWA attaching this motion and the link to Justice Marrocco's Report, "Transparency and the Public Trust: Report of the Collingwood Judicial Inquiry."

**CARRIED.**

Please find here the link to the [Transparency and the Public Trust: Report of the Collingwood Judicial Inquiry](#). Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned by email at [clerk@collingwood.ca](mailto:clerk@collingwood.ca).

Yours truly,

TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD

Sara Almas, *CMM III*  
Director of Legislative Services / Clerk

CC: Mike Mortimer, President, OMWA Board of Directors  
OMWA Member Municipalities



**Christopher Sargent** B.A.  
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