11 Ski View Road London, ON N6K3H1 November 2020

Ontario Information Centre Algonquin Land Claim 31 Riverside Drive Pembroke, Ontario K8A 8R6

Dear G. Bruce Mighton:

Re: Parcel 302-B, Municipality of East Ferris

I am a property owner in **Parcel 302B** in the **Municipality of East Ferris** which is a parcel on the **Trout Lake watershed**. I have just received the mailing from the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry Land Claims and Treaties Section that states a very short time period (December 10, 2020) to respond to the **Algonquins of Ontario Treaty Negotiations Lands Proposal 2020**. I understand that this mailing is arriving to me at such a late date since these packages were trucked to The Municipality of East Ferris for the attachment of address labels before mailing. It seems that Property owners must be very low on your list of stakeholders in this land claim negotiation as we have been ignored in this process. Perhaps that is why property owners have received so little information over all these years.

In response to this mailing, I am shocked that there is still no acknowledgement of the significant issues previously raised by myself and the other property owners of properties in **Parcel 302B** on the **Trout Lake watershed** in the **Municipality of East Ferris.** We have been requesting consideration and consultation about our concerns and waiting for answers to our questions for at least 8 years. When will you provide a meaningful response which addresses each issue that we have previously brought forward?

As abutting **property owners** we have a primary, vested interest in these negotiations and a legal right to be listened to. We do believe in the democratic process and strongly point out that this land claim negotiation process has not been conducted to equally include the rights of the **property owners** who reside in **Parcel 302B** or **the public** at large. The history of Crown Lands designates these lands be for public use. **Today in Commonwealth realms such as Canada and Australia, crown land is considered public land and is apart from the monarch's private estate (Wikipedia).** This is why there are prescribed hiking trails throughout **Parcel 302B** to keep the footprint confined to protect the fragile flora and fauna throughout this entire parcel. Who on this negotiating team represents the abutting property owners and the public?

You have so far been dismissive of our main issues which have been expressed and are as follows for **Parcel 302B**:

1. Maple Lane and offsets Deer Run Lane, Forest Lane and Road To The Isles

These roadways should be taken over by **The Municipality of East Ferris** since the residents are trying to bring these roads up to municipal standards for our year round living which requires ease of access by municipal services such as fire, police and emergency vehicles. We require this municipal standard to be met for the safety, health and well being of all residents, their families, visitors and service providers. These roadways are fluid and will need future modifications. The **Municipality of East Ferris Council members are apprised of this request and it is being studied.**

2. 300 Linear Meters (984.3ft.) Set Back

The North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority has mandated a 300 linear meter (984.3 ft.) set back from the Trout Lake shoreline. We want this set back observed and adhered to. This mandated set back for any designation of property is a result of 2 landmark studies: The Trout Lake Watershed Management Study (1989) and The Trout Lake Pollution Control Plan (1990). Trout Lake is oligotrophic, which means that it is a fragile resource which is highly sensitive to disturbances in the watershed due to human activity. Trout Lake is also the sole source of drinking water for the city of North Bay as well as the waterfront residents of Trout Lake who draw their water directly from the lake. The Municipality of East Ferris asserts these facts in The Official Plan (April 2016, 5.3.3 Lake Protection Policy-Trout Lake). In addition this is a mandated set back and The Municipality of East Ferris affirms this set back in the Official Plan (April 2016, P.3, 2A Water Quality Objectives).

3. Endangered and Threatened Species

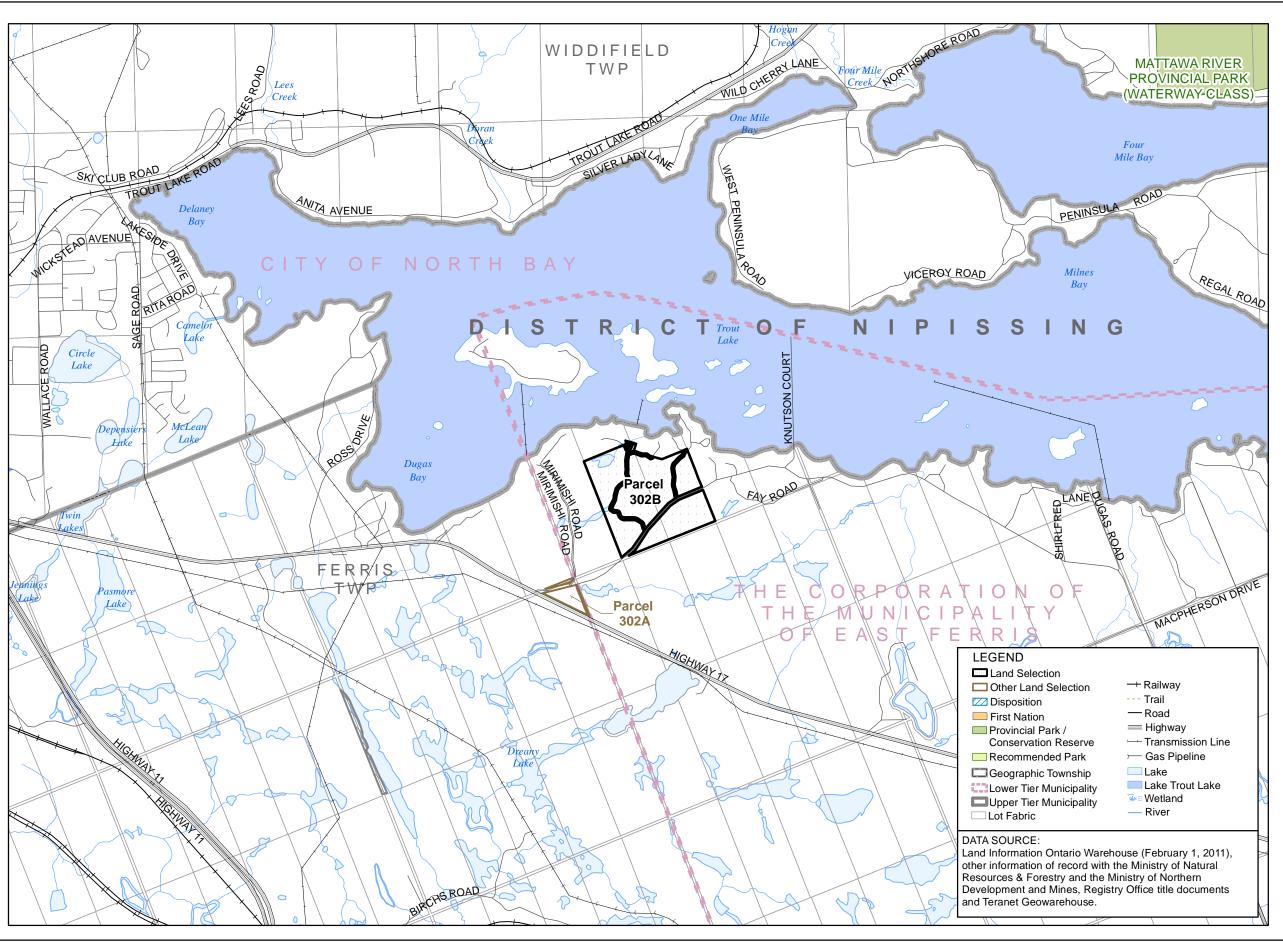
The watercourse that crosses Maple Lane is home to many species at risk identified on The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Official Species at Risk List (PPS 2005). Such species as blanding turtles, snapping turtles, the Northern Map Turtle, Dusky Salamander, varieties of frogs including tree frogs and other endangered species have been sighted. This is a precious wet land area needing protection due to its biodiversity. The North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Wetlands Policy Statement (1992) mandates adherence to protect these vulnerable areas and the species at risk in these habitats. In addition, the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Watershed Management Strategy (July 8, 2015) points out that: "Assessment of new risk factors may necessitate re-evaluation of management strategies to maintain subwater health."The Municipality of East Ferris strongly supports the protection of endangered and threatened species as outlined in THE Official Plan (6.2.3., p.56).

Parcel 302B is a sensitive parcel of land. Therefore, It should be removed from the proposed Algonquin land claim area as this parcel is a critical habitat that requires protection. Consider also that The Algonquin Land Claim has been expanded in size to include large tracts of land on Trout Lake in The Municipality of East Ferris. These additional lands are to the East of Parcel 302B. I notice also that the new map showing these additional lands that are being proposed to be transferred has been altered. The name Trout Lake as it appears on all historical documents and studies (example: Figure 16 of the NBMCA Integrated Watershed Management Strategy, July 8, 2015) in the area west of Turtle Lake has been changed and appears to be now named the Mattawa River. Thus, you must think that historical maps are of no importance and can be changed at will.

In considering the importance of the Trout Lake watershed please include the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority at the negotiating table. It would be logical to make science based decisions since the future health of the watershed is at stake. Their authority to mandate best practices for land use and designation based on years of study, research and monitoring should be considered in any decision made going forward. I and all other property owners residing in Parcel 302B expect a timely resolution of these issues and equal, fair consideration in this negotiation process. In conclusion, It is undemocratic to ignore the abutting property owners and the public at large. A key factor in resolution is clear and transparent communication. Thank you in advance for your attention.

Sincerely,

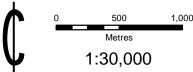
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PARCEL 302B

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CAUTION: THIS IS NOT A PLAN OF SURVEY

- 2. This Descriptive Plan is a graphic illustration of the Settlement Lands identified in the Settlement Agreement of the Algonquin Land Claim. This plan is intended to illustrate the complex inter-relationships between the Settlement Lands and other previous dispositions and alienations of public lands and is necessary to prevent duplicate or overlapping tenure commitments on the same lands.
- 3. This Descriptive Plan has been prepared from the best available information but without benefit of survey. The absolute and relative positional accuracy of the data shown hereon has not been verified. Discrepancies between different data sources are known to exist. Do not use this Plan as evidence of the location of legal boundaries, township lot fabric, features, or routes. Do not rely on this Plan to determine the extent of parcel areas, the existence of navigable bodies of water nor as a guide for navigation.
- 4. Any sale, lease or other disposition of lands illustrated hereon made pursuant to the Settlement Agreement of the Algonquin Land Claim is limited to the extent of the un-alienated rights held by the Ministry of Natural Resources and every grant shall be subject to the provisions of the statute of the Bed of Navigable Waters Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter B.4.
- 5. The boundary information must be read in conjunction with all Notes appearing in and on the Plan series and within the terms of the Settlement Agreement. Should the provisions contained on the Descriptive Plan be found to conflict with the terms contained within the Settlement Agreement the terms contained within the Settlement Agreement shall prevail. Nothing hereon contained, except the provision for the application of "The Bed of Navigable Waters Act" aforesaid, shall affect the interpretation which would, apart from this Descriptive Plan, be put upon the words of any letters patent hereafter issued under the Great Seal of the Province of Ontario, or of any lease or other conveyance, or of any contract heretofore or hereafter made under the direction of the Province of Ontario.
- Survey Instructions from the Surveyor General of Ontario must be obtained prior to establishing any of the boundaries on the ground.

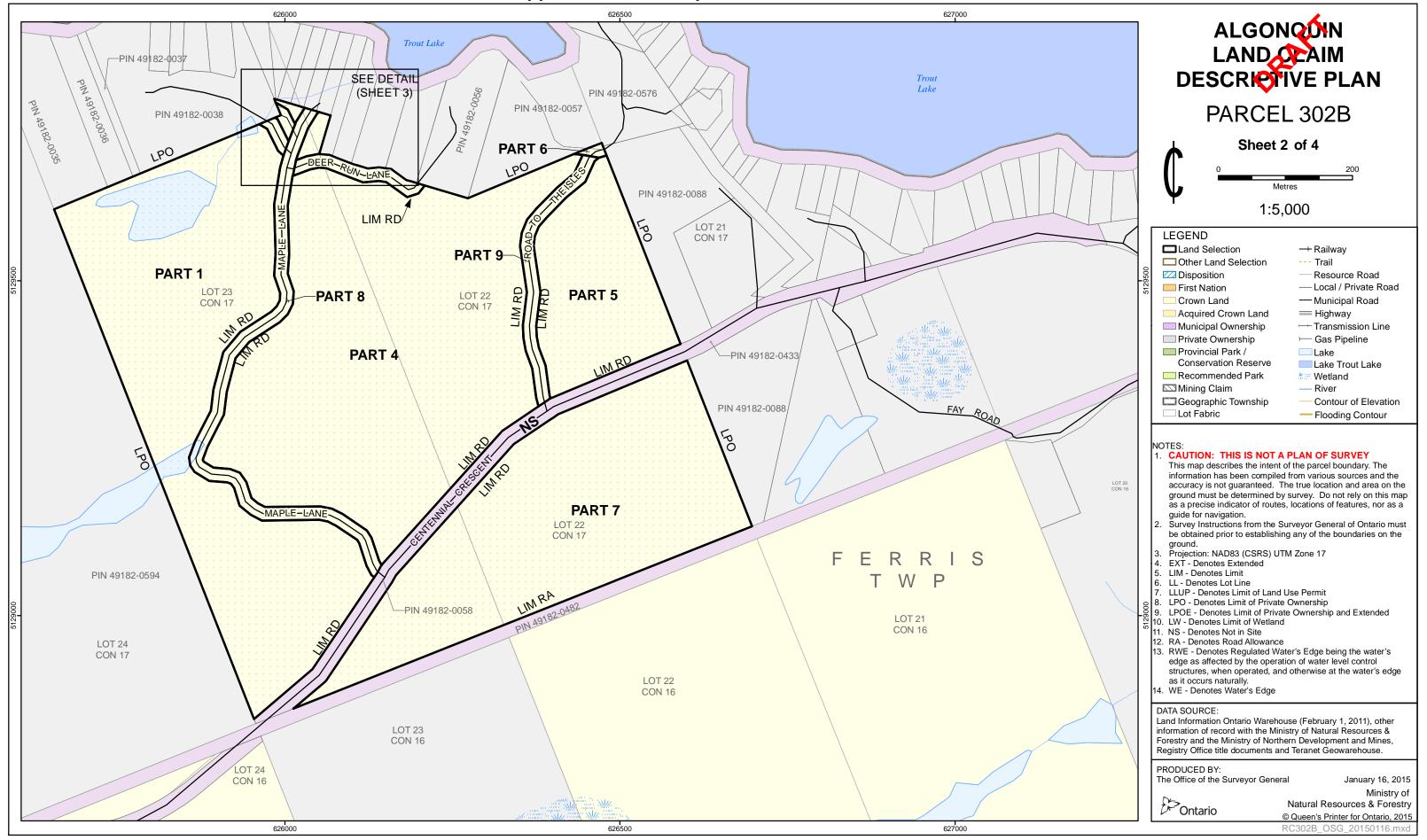
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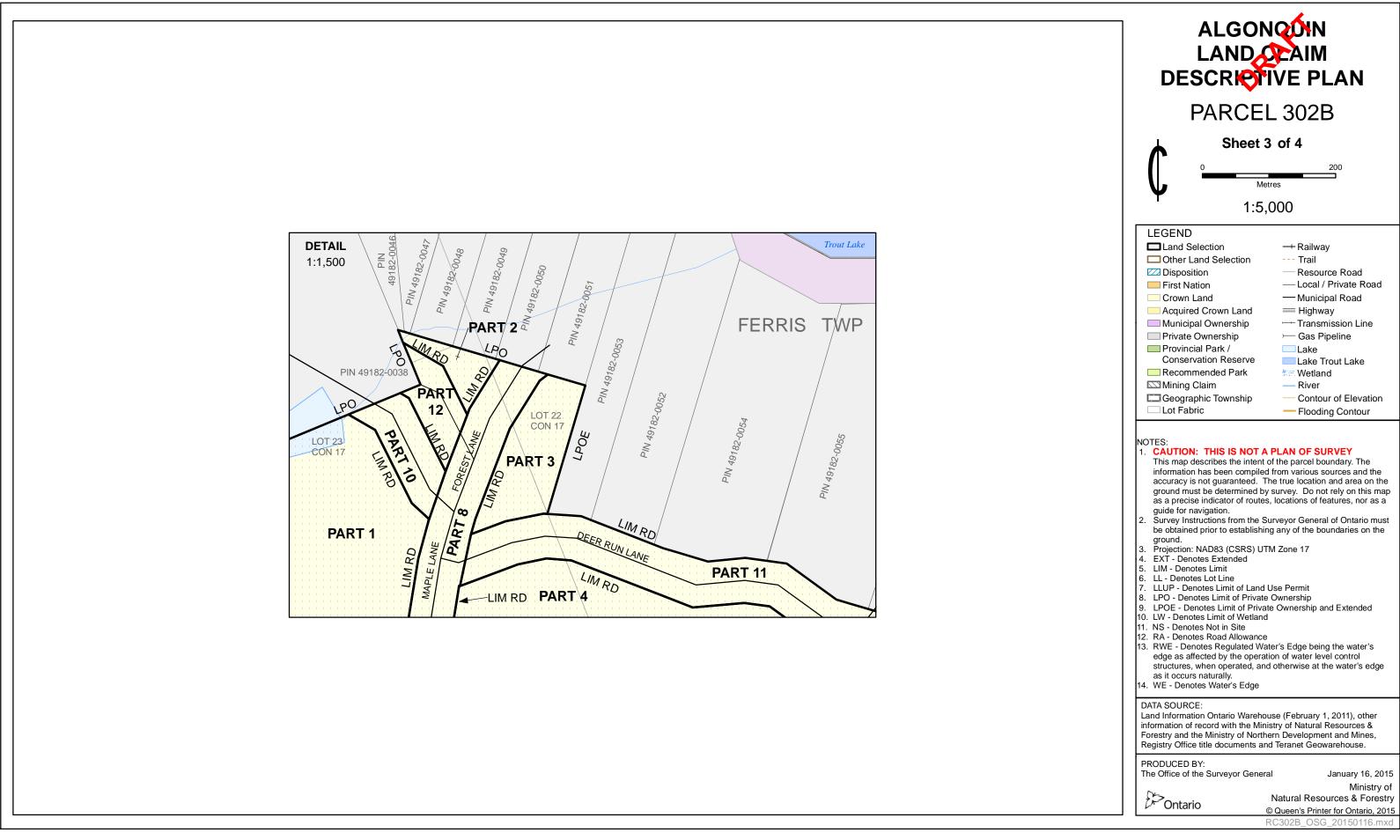
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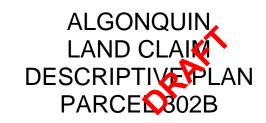


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| PART# | Description | Area (ha) | Area Included (ha) | Area Not Included (ha) | Action | Comments |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|--|
| PART 1 | Unpatented Crown Land | 16.5 | 16.5 | | | |
| PART 2 | | 0.3 | 0.3 | | | |
| PART 3 | | 0.3 | 0.3 | | Patent | |
| PART 4 | | 19.7 | 19.7 | |] | |
| PART 5 | | 4.8 | 4.8 | |] | |
| PART 6 | Road | <0.1 | | <0.1 | Excluded | This road provides access to adjacent private land and is used by the public |
| PART 7 | Unpatented Crown Land | 13.1 | 13.1 | | Patent | |
| PART 8 | Road | 2.0 | | 2.0 | | |
| PART 9 | | 0.8 | | 0.8 | | This word provides access to adjacent private |
| PART 10 | | 0.1 | | 0.1 | Excluded | This road provides access to adjacent private land and is used by the public |
| PART 11 | | 0.5 | | 0.5 | | land and is used by the public |
| PART 12 | | 0.1 | | 0.1 |] | |
| | Total Area (ha) | 58.1 | 54.6 | | | |
| | Total Area (ac) | 143.6 | 134.9 | 8.7 | | |



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NOTE: Total Area as shown is the sum of areas of all parts, including those < 0.1 ha.

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Stakeholder Activities in Parcel 302B

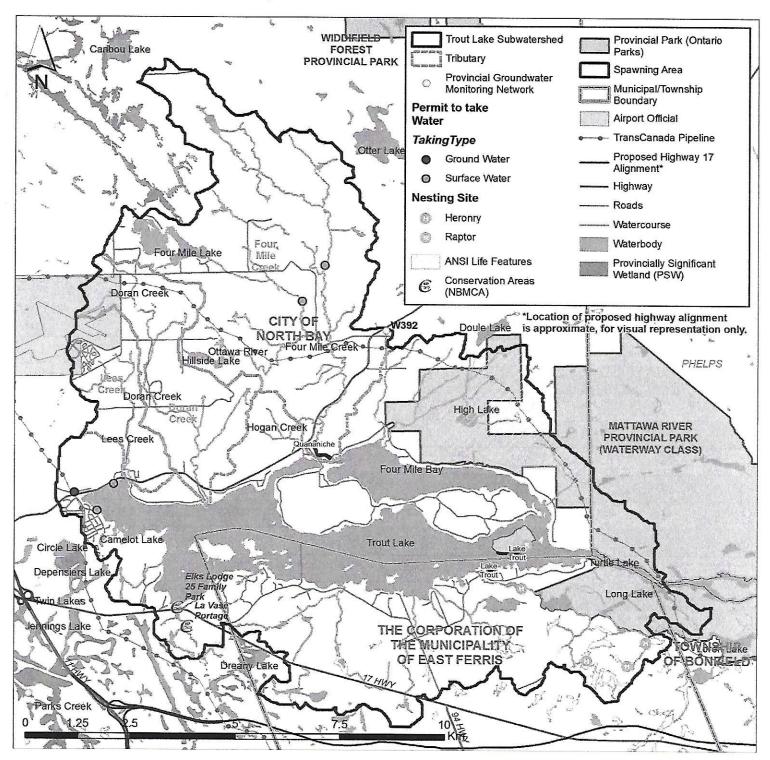
| Activity | Description | Status | Size of Area (ac) | Percent of Area Affected (%) |
|-------------------------|--|--------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Bait Harvest Area | NB1813 | Active | 140.6 | 0.3 |
| Bear Management Area | None | | | |
| Certificate of Approval | None known | | | |
| Conservation Authority | North Bay - Mattawa Conservation Authority | | | |
| Extractable Aggregate | None | | | |
| Forest Management Unit | 754 - Nipissing Forest | | | |
| Land Use Permit | None | | | |
| Lease | None | | | |
| Licence of Occupation | None | | | |
| Mining Claim | None | | | |
| Mining Lease | None | | | |
| Research Plot | None | | | |
| Resident Trapper | None | | | |
| Seed Area | None | | | |
| Trail | None | | | |
| Trapline Area | NB045 | Active | 140.6 | 0.6 |
| Wind Power Application | None | | | |

The information included in this table is based on the best information as of August 1, 2013. Information may be subject to change.

NBMCA INTEGRATED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Subwatershed Management Issues and Needs July 8, 2015

Figure 16 - Trout Lake Subwatershed







ALC Intake Team December 2, 2020

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Dear Intake Team:

Re: Algonquin Land Claim and "Public Review" of the Supplemental Environmental Evaluation Report

The transfer of settlement parcels from the Mattawa River Provincial Park and specifically parcels 83F1 and 83F2 requires further evaluation and explanation. Our members have made us aware that during the 2017 ALC public review their input regarding these parcels <u>was ignored</u>. We have received feedback from the **ALC Intake Team**, Ontario Information Centre, Algonquin Land Claim in Pembroke that 83F1 and 83F2 are "still in play" if we bring forth new information. The boundary adjustment to parcel 83F1 should have caused this parcel to be listed in the supplemental report and subject to the review currently underway.

We would, first, like to thank the Algonquin of Ontario Land Claim process for permitting us to participate on the special committee that evaluated options for protection of Camp Island on Trout Lake (Parcel 83F3). We also support current efforts of the Governments of Canada and Ontario to find resolution to the unceded land claims of Ontario Algonquin first nations. We note the "Supplemental Report to the Draft Environmental Evaluation Report: Proposed Settlement Lands" has failed to quantify the total number or total area of settlement parcels that have been added. There would appear to have been a significant increase. We also observe that land claim negotiations do not appear to be occurring equitably across the land claim area. Significant numbers of settlement parcels have been added on the west half of the land claim area which suggests that negotiations are unbalanced.

In 1999 the Ontario Provincial Government concluded its *Lands for Life* process which expanded the Mattawa River Provincial Park to encompass new crown land that included lands now being claimed by the Algonquins. The boundaries of this park were extended into North Bay and East Ferris based on recognised heritage and resource features. The expansion of Mattawa River Provincial Park was justified based on the need "to protect the historical, ecological, environmental and recreational value of this area for future generations". The park expansion was supposed to be "for life".

Since 1999 more information has been discovered about the historical, ecological, environmental and recreational value of lands in question. Wetlands in and adjacent to parcels 83F1 and 83F2 provide habitat for Blanding's Turtles, a *species at risk*. Our inquiries have determined that wetlands on these parcels have never been evaluated. If evaluated and the presence of Blanding's turtles is confirmed this would result in these wetlands being classified as provincially significant.

The value assigned to public open space has recently increased as people seek safe havens to recreate out-of-doors. Neighbourhood based open spaces with minimal home to park travel are now at a premium as people working from home seek safe nearby spaces to venture into. In many jurisdictions <u>more</u> lands are now being sought to allow people to safely get out side. The trails at the end of Stepping Stone Lane are experiencing increasing public use due to the pandemic.



The work completed to evaluate the archaeological significance of Camp Island (83F3) has established Camp Island as a provincially significant archaeological site rivalling the Franks Bay site on Lake Nipissing. The work concluded that artifacts found on this island were not left by transient people passing through but by people whom once lived on the island and found subsistence in this area. The Special Camp Island Working Committee, with our participation, identified a workaround to ensure protection of Camp Island while preserving public access; a solution we believe everyone benefits from.

The confirmation that Camp Island has **significant provincial archaeological value** has regional implications. The upper three lakes in the Mattawa River watershed: Trout Lake, Turtle Lake and Lake Talon, held a *significant position at the outlet of the upper Great Lakes during the early and mid Holocene*. There have been substantial collections of archaeological artifacts found on both Trout Lake and Lake Talon with private collections now housed at the North Bay and Mattawa Museums. Research is needed to better appreciate who these indigenous people(s) were, where they lived and what significance they played at their time of existence. Lands between Camp Island and Talon Chutes along the Mattawa River shoreline have *significant potential* to harbour evidence that could be critical to that research. It would be our opinion that privatization and disposal of <u>any lands within the boundaries of the Mattawa River Provincial Park</u> at this time would not be in the best interests of the people of Ontario including the Algonquins.

With respect to new information concerning Parcels 83F1 and 83F2 we have completed our own walking survey which we have attached. We challenge the conclusion of the 2017 Environmental Evaluation Report that "there is no anticipated net effect associated with the transfer of proposed settlement lands into AOO ownership" related to these parcels. The Lands for Life process recognized the value of these lands and since that time these values have only increased. Submissions from the neighbourhood pointing out these values seem to have been discredited or ignored in this land claim process for reasons we don't understand. With respect to these parcels, we think you will agree, that the presence of at least one a species at risk (Blanding's turtle), the increasing public use of these lands by surrounding communities, a change in the significance assigned to public open space due to the current health crisis, new information related to past indigenous occupation in the region and new features and characteristics we have observed on these parcels from our survey should compel the province to reconsider the wisdom of turning these lands over for development.

We are asking the province to withdraw the transfer of **any lands** currently within the Mattawa River Provincial Park on the grounds that they offer significant intrinsic value to the communities that surround them, and to the public in general, and impacts need to be properly investigated before potentially important resources and information are lost to development.

Yours truly,

Anthony Falconi (on behalf of the Board of Directors)
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Trout Lake Conservation Association
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c.c. Pauline Rochefort, Mayor of East Ferris
Al MacDonald, Mayor of North Bay
Vic Fedeli, MPP
Anthony Rota, MP
Brian Tayler, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority

Inventory of AOO Land Claim Parcels 83F1 and 83F2 – New Information

The Algonquins of Ontario are claiming settlement parcels in East Ferris Township, south and east of MacPherson Drive. These settlement parcels are partially within the Mattawa River Provincial Park (Park area is identified below in green). These parcels were subject to the public review held in 2017. At that time the community surrounding these lands identified that the wetland on these settlement parcels was home to species at risk. They also (we have been made aware) identified local uses of said parcels which included hiking trails, mountain bike trails, camp sites, portages, canoe routes as well as ATV and snowmobile trails. Yet the 2017 Environmental Evaluation Report concluded that the transfer of these lands which would remove them from Crown and Provincial Park protection, would have "no anticipated net effect associated with the transfer of proposed settlement lands into AOO ownership". This conclusion shocked those that provided input and has generated mistrust that a "proper" evaluation is being conducted. We decided to do our own evaluation of said lands and file the following information which documents our findings.

Based on our assessment we can attest that the identified uses of these settlement parcels are legitimate. We can further attest that our survey suggests this area has archaeological potential, glacial outlet features and unique landscapes. It is our opinion these parcels deserve a second look before land is disposed of by

the province.

Map of Trail System

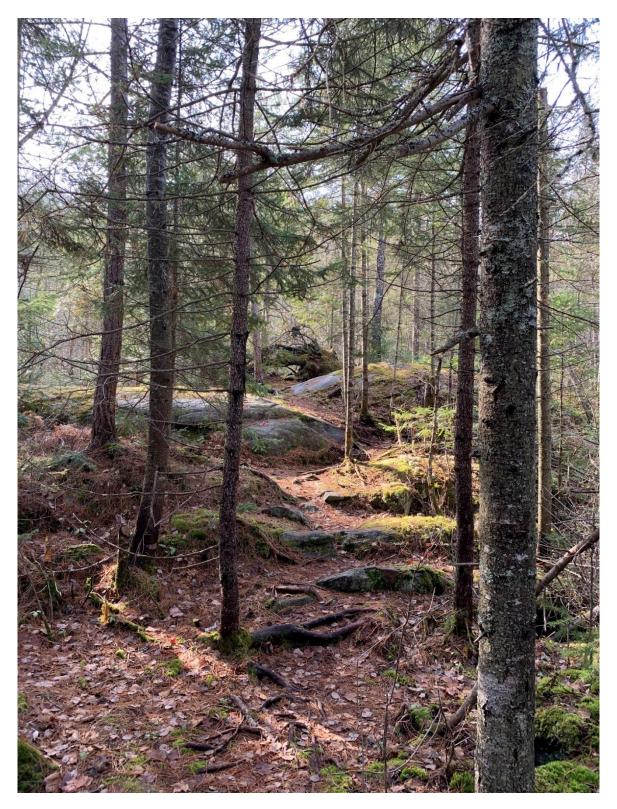
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Lands evaluated in 2017 which discredited the input of local residents

We observed (November 10, 2020):



13 km of colour coded and flagged hiking trails. Maps are posted at intersections to provide direction



Land is hummocky with thin soil cover. Rolling bedrock ridges are interspersed between linear lakes and wetlands (linear lakes follow minor fault lines). A coniferous forest is dominated by White Pine and Balsam Fir. A mixed forest exists in well drained areas with hardwoods dominating higher elevations. Several ecological zones are present on claimed parcels.



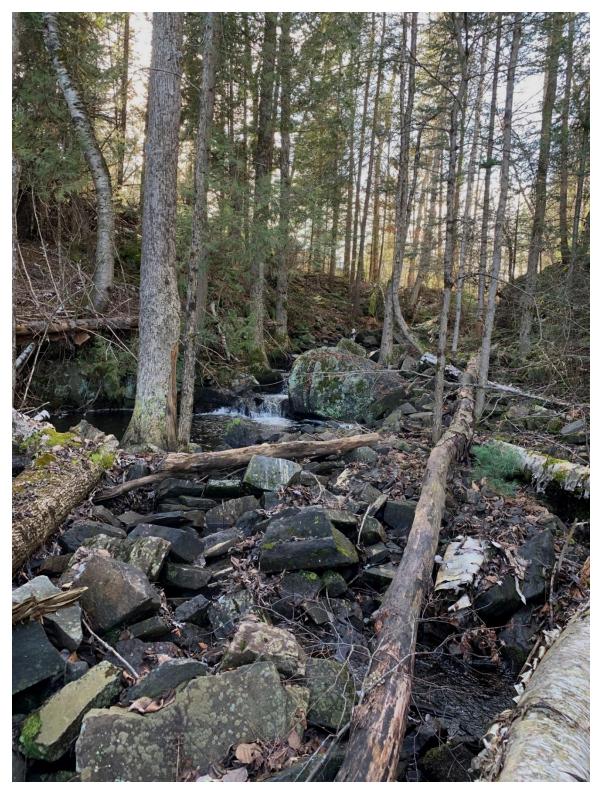
North slopes and heavily shaded areas mainly under conifers have extensive moss growth which is unique in the region.



Long Lake is used by small boats, kayaks and canoes. A trail along the northwest shore accesses several camping areas. Several water craft were observed stowed along the shoreline.



As illustrated on the trail map, this widened portion of the trail is used as a portage between Trout Lake and Long Lake in the summer and is part of a major regional snowmobile trail network in the winter.



Long Lake outlet into Trout Lake is a distinct natural feature.



An abandoned gorge about 250 m east of the Long Lake outlet (immediately adjacent to the land claim parcels) is a glacial outlet feature and probably harbours an abandoned portage between Trout Lake and Long Lake.



The Long Lake outlet is directly across from the blasted channel into Turtle Lake which is part of the historic voyager route.



Archeological work was completed on Camp Island by *Archaeological Services Inc* (field crew shown in picture) in 2016, establishing Camp Island as a provincially significant archaeological site. This has regional implications to surrounding lands.



A modern portage on the west side of the Long Lake outlet climbs a steep embankment from Trout Lake. An abnormal depression/disturbed site was observed on the northwest side of the trail as it crests the hill. The disturbed ground was roughly the size of a grave. Potential disturbed site location is shown here: https://goo.gl/maps/u8FQ9gU5Sis5dBZP8



Existing Camping Sites along the Trout Lake shoreline (this one is within the boundaries of 83F2) – several exist between Stepping Stone Lane and the Long Lake outlet (most are accessed via the existing hiking trail system). All suggest long-term use and should be examined for archaeological significance.



Several camping sites along Long Lake show signs of long-term use. This photo shows a stone feature at one of the camp sites that is quite old. Long Lake is relatively easily accessed from Trout Lake. The archaeological significance of this area should be investigated before land is given up for development.

Location of this feature is identified here: https://goo.gl/maps/5RfEBjoJdpJV21LW9



This image was supplied by Chris Holmes of a Blanding's Turtle on his property on MacPherson Drive which abuts the land claim parcels in question. The wetlands behind his home (on ALC settlement parcels) are Blanding's Turtle habitat. Wetlands that supports a species at risk in Ontario are provincially significant. This information is apparently known to MNRF biologists in the North Bay District.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS

Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses For The Year 2019

As per Section 284 (1) of the Ontario Municipal Act

| | Council Member Pauline <u>Rochefort</u> | | Council Member Michel <u>Voyer</u> | | Council Member Steven <u>Trahan</u> | | Council Member Terry <u>Kelly</u> | | Council Member Erika <u>Lougheed</u> | | <u>Total</u> | |
|--|---|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------|--|
| Remuneration Paid by Municipality: (As per By-Law 2018-54) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salary Per Diems | \$ \$ | 22,202.96 3,350.00 | \$ \$ | 13,286.00 1,400.00 | \$ \$ | 12,478.96 1,550.00 | \$ \$ | 12,478.96 3,600.00 | \$ \$ | 12,478.96 2,600.00 | \$ \$ | 72,925.84 12,500.00 |
| Expenses Paid by Municipality: | \$ | 25,552.96 | \$ | 14,686.00 | \$ | 14,028.96 | \$ | 16,078.96 | \$ | 15,078.96 | \$ | 85,425.84 |
| Conferences, Seminars and Mileage | \$ \$ | 8,099.71 | \$ | 4,997.11 | \$ | 3,928.09 | \$ | 7,838.72 | \$ \$ | 6,198.33 | \$ | |
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| Total Paid by Municipality | \$ | 33,652.67 | \$ | 19,683.11 | \$ | 17,957.05 | \$ | 23,917.68 | \$ | 21,277.29 | \$ | 116,487.80 |
| Remuneration Paid by Agencies, Boards & Commissions: District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board North Bay - Mattawa Conservation Authority Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities | \$ \$ \$ | 160.00 - 160.00 | \$ \$ \$ | - - - | \$ \$ | - - - | \$ \$ \$ | 5,410.83 - 1,380.00 6,790.83 | \$ \$ \$ | - - - | \$ \$ \$ | 5,410.83 160.00 1,380.00 6,950.83 |
| Expenses Paid by Agencies, Boards & Commissions: District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board North Bay - Mattawa Conservation Authority Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities | \$ \$ \$ | 90.00 | \$ \$ \$ | - - - | \$ \$ \$ | - - - | \$ \$ \$ | 2,125.16 - 1,708.07 3,833.23 | \$ \$ \$ | - - - | \$ \$ \$ | 2,125.16 90.00 1,708.07 3,923.23 |
| Total Paid by Agencies, Boards & Commissions: | \$ | 250.00 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 10,624.06 | \$ | - | \$ | 10,874.06 |
| Total Remuneration & Expenses Paid | \$ | 33,902.67 | \$ | 19,683.11 | \$ | 17,957.05 | \$ | 34,541.74 | \$ | 21,277.29 | \$ | 127,361.86 |

Jason H. Trottier, HBBA, CPA, CMA

CAO/Treasurer December 3, 2020