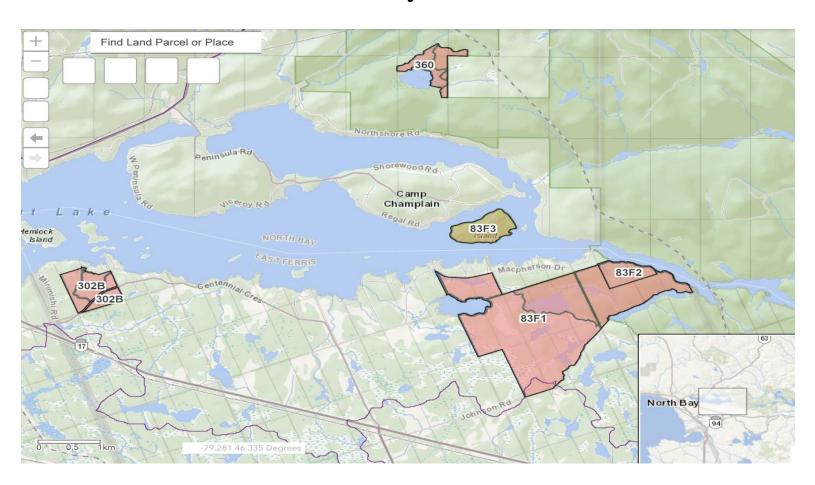
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on behalf of many concerned residents of MacPherson Drive and surrounding areas of East Ferris

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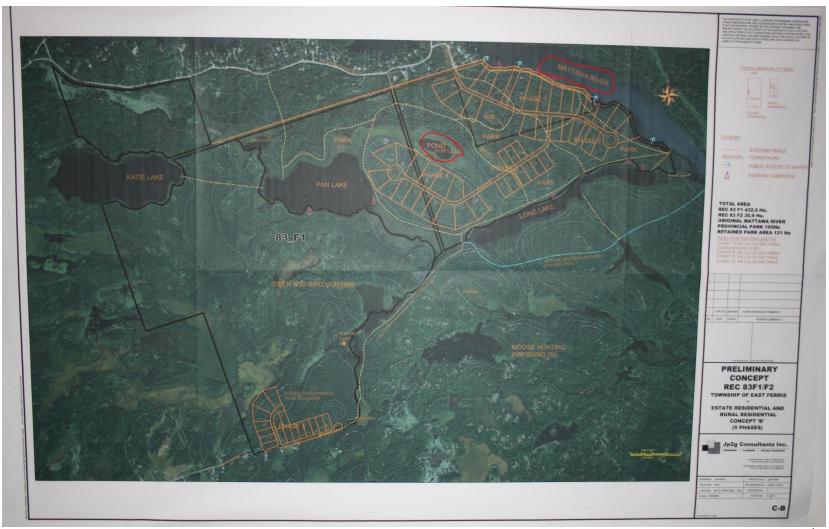
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Since the Algonquin Land Claim was first publicly announced on December 24, 2012, many citizens of the Municipality of East Ferris and the City of North Bay have been very concerned with the impact that the ALC proposed developments would have on the Trout Lake watershed.

There are several proposed ALC developments in East Ferris

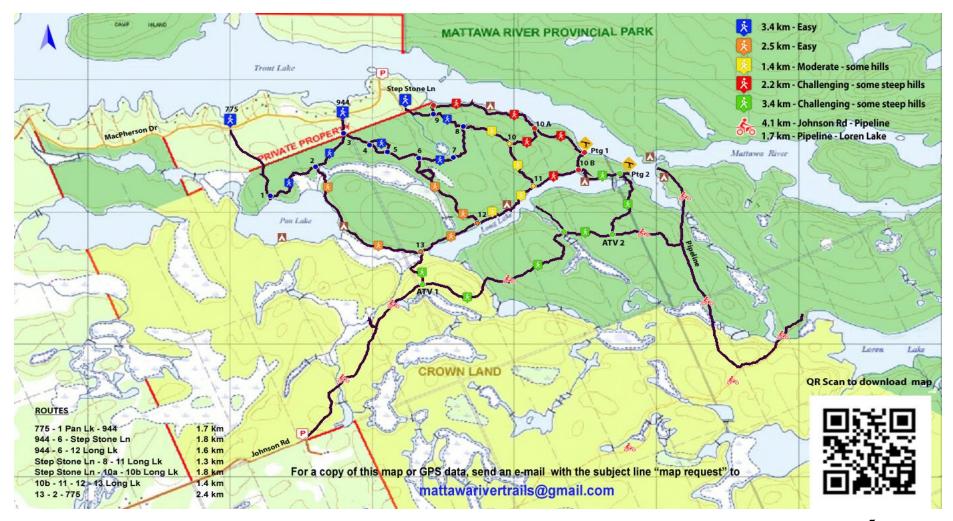
- 1- Parcel 302B 137 acre housing subdivision development on Centennial Crescent at Maple Lane
- 2- Parcel 83-F1 & 83-F2 1146 acres for a 47 lot housing subdivision on MacPherson Drive at Stepping Stones Lane
- 3- Parcel 83-F1 additional 17 lot housing subdivision on Johnston Road

Proposed housing subdivisions 83-F1 and 83-F2



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The Stepping Stones Trails



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Chronology of Events

In 1997 to 1999 the Ontario Government implemented the Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy and "Lands for Life" land use planning initiative

- This initiative resulted in the crown land contained within most of parcel 83-F1 and all of parcel 83-F2 being included in the extension of the Mattawa River Provincial Park.
- The stated purpose of this extension of the MRPP was

"to protect the historical, ecological, environmental and recreational value of this area for future generations

Chronology of Events

- ALC was first publicly announced in December 2012
- Draft Environmental Evaluation Report released 2017
- Oct 26, 2020 Supplemental Report released, taking input on a very narrow basis until Jan 14. New lands outside the claim area added to 83F1

Cosmetic public consultations with no formal mechanism to receive public input and public record, entire process seems predetermined

ALC – No Transparency or Public Accountability

Without any technical/scientific evidence, the 2017 Draft EER and Supplemental Report:

- do not meet any environmental "EVALUATION" standards
- is just a detailed list of ALC intentions.
- is only a misleading Aspirational Statement that :

"there is no anticipated net effect associated with the transfer of proposed settlement lands into AOO ownership

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 In the October 26, 2020 MNRF/ALC update letter and Supplemental Report to the Draft Environmental Evaluation Report, the MNRF stated that

"Ontario remains committed to a cooperative approach to the land claim settlement that will benefit the Algonquin's of Ontario, while considering environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts of the proposed land transfer"

 The Draft Environmental Evaluation Report fails to provide any analyses of these environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts that will absolutely occur

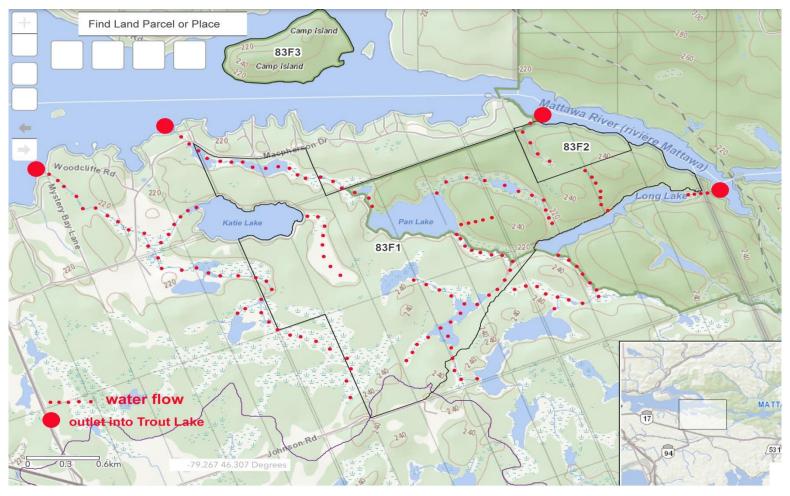
Purpose of our presentation

- Inform the current Mayor and Council that a large number of residents on MacPherson Drive and surrounding areas have many unanswered concerns regarding the October 26, 2020 ALC Supplemental Report and the 2017 Draft Environmental Evaluation Report.
- 2. Request our Mayor and Council provide a regular Municipal update to residents regarding any ongoing process, discussions or commitments on the ALC issues that will impact the Municipality of East Ferris.
- 3. Request Municipality to intervene on behalf of local taxpayers to secure technical/scientific evidence from the province
- 4. Provide a Municipal forum to create a public record

Why Take Action?

- Development conflicts with East Ferris's Official Plan- province and third parties are dictating the future of our Municipality. What is the vision for Macpherson & Centennial Drives?
- True ALC settlement costs including infrastructure downloaded to the Municipality and local taxpayers
- ALC process discourages local input and consideration of issues thereby Municipality will be forced into controversy
- Protect water quality
- Recreational value of Mattawa Provincial Park being appropriated without acknowledgement
- Protect the ecology, wildlife, species at risk and our rural way of life

Water Flow from 83-F1 & 83-F2 into Trout Lake



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ALC Environmental Impacts Conclusions

- 1. We believe that the proposed housing subdivision developments in the ALC settlement lands parcels 302 B, 83-F1, 83-F2 in East Ferris will have very significant negative environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts and should not be transferred to the Algonquin's of Ontario ownership for the ALC stated development purposes.
- 2. We believe, parcels 83-F1 and 83-F2 should remain within the existing Mattawa River Provincial Park boundaries "to protect the historical, ecological, environmental and recreational value of this area for future generations" as set forth in the 1999 Ontario Government "Lands for Life" process.

ALC Environmental Impacts EAST FERRIS LEGACY

Which environmental legacy do we, the citizens of East Ferris want to leave for future generations of our community?

1. Leave the known negative environmental consequences for future residents and municipal officials to resolve.

OR

2. Take pro-active measures today, to manage the environmental outcome for future generations in the Municipality of East Ferris

These lands should not be transferred to the Algonquin's of Ontario ownership for the stated development purposes.



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November 11, 2020

Re: Algonquins of Ontario Treaty Negotiations - "Parcels" 83F1 & 83F2

Dear Vic:

As a long term supporter of both you and your government I wanted to write you and share my profound dismay and disappointment about the Algonquins of Ontario treaty negotiations. Not only as a taxpayer has the process left me marginalized, I feel betrayed by a government that I have always supported and more fundamentally believed in. There is no way that the Mattawa River Provincial Park, specifically sections artificially designated by a process overcome with bureaucracy and intransigence as 83F1 and 83F2, be given to any one party for their exclusive benefit at the expense of and to the detriment of the broader public.

You should know that the entire treaty negotiation process and the inclusion of Trout Lake, Long Lake, Pan Lake and the Provincial Park lands can be best described as one that was predetermined. The outcomes were predetermined before the process began, the participants were predetermined to support this artificial outcome and the predetermined process leaves no possibility for input by local taxpayers. I cannot believe that in this day and age, with all the resources that are available including social media virtual meetings, surveys and information exchange enabled by the internet that we cannot come up with a better and more open process. In my experience governments can be quite adept at hiding behind processes and using them as an excuse to rationalize outcomes. The process becomes the excuse to justify the outcome. Lawyers, consultants and bureaucrats empower themselves to make decisions that are not theirs to make. Neither government bureaucracy or the proponent steps to the plate and assumes responsibilities for the long term implications in this case of giving away land designated as parkland. If giving away parkland is the only solution to this settlement process why not give the Algonquins Queens Park in Toronto or the Experimental Farm properties around Ottawa? Surely these properties are easier to develop, are much more valuable and go further to compensating for any historical wrongs.

Trout Lake, Pan Lake, Long Lake, Turtle Lake and the Mattawa River Provincial Park, designated through process jargon as 83F1 and 83F2 should remain in their current status. Land already designated as parkland and utilized by the broader public should not be arbitrarily given away for development. Our fundamental trust in government is undermined when land declared to be part of a park is suddenly

given away for development. How can government be trusted if they suddenly open public parks for development?

The Algonquins of Ontario treaty negotiation process must be re-started or changed so there can be open and meaningful discussion with local taxpayers and local government supporters. Your government is capable of utilizing a better process than the one used to-date. No one party deserves to be marginalized especially in a province and a country with our resources. Designated parkland should remain in public hands.

Yours truly,

Todd Wilcox

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Monica Hawkins

From: Kim Rose

Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 8:35 AM **To:** Jason Trottier; Monica Hawkins

Subject: FW: Algonquin Land Claim Intake Team

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----Original Message----

From: Shirley Ferron <shirley.ferron@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2020 11:51 PM To: Kim Rose <kim.rose@eastferris.ca>

Subject: Algonquin Land Claim Intake Team

Attention Mayor Rochefort, Council of East Ferris

I am one of many shocked and concerned residents of MacPherson Dr. In East a Ferris Twnsp.. Corbeil, On. Our properties are very close to the Algonquin Land Claim property in question (including parcels 83F1 and 83F2)! Development of this land will cause severe hardship and devastation to this Recreational, Environmental, Archeological, Historical, and Ecologically pristine natural habitat and to the tax paying Citizens on MacPherson Dr., East Ferris, and North Bay!

Residents of MacPherson Dr. attended "public consultative" meetings (2012-2017) voicing their concerns, submitting letters, signed petitions, producing evidence of the dangerous risks involved in developing this land. The "Consultative Process" did not address our concerns and the response (or lack of response) to participants were deemed unsatisfactory! Land in the Mattawa River Provincial Parklands should NOT be included in the ALC by the federal/provincial Government/AOO!

Now in November 2020 we are suddenly informed MORE Land has been added to the ALCwhich only increases hardship and devastation to our pristine environment and tax paying citizens on MacPherson Dr. and in East Ferris. As a matter of observation, the amount of land amassed in the Nippissing District is much greater now than in 2017 and is MUCH GREATER than the land amassed in the Eastern part of the province! Please explain this discrepancy!?? These changes are happening without public consultation...during Covid-19 Pandemic when social distancing and gatherings are discouraged!! It is also noted on the most recent map ...that Trout Lake is inaccurately named Turtle a Lake!! Shame on this apparent deceptive manoeuvre by Public Servants of Government representing "the people!" Mattawa River Provncial Parkland is Recreational, Environmental, Historical, Ecological, and Archeological, Significant Land that must remain Parkland available only to Ecologists, Environmentalists, Conservationists, Historians, Archeologists, Hikers, Bikers, Kayakers, Canoeists, Runners, Walkers, Swimmers, Campers, Bird Watchers, Skiers, Snow Shoer's, and the local Residents on MacPherson Dr., East Ferris, and North Bay!

Massive Development of this land will further contaminate Trout Lake! Trout Lake is already nearing capacity and has very limited room for further Development!! This is our DRINKING WATER, and the source of the DRINKING WATER for the CITY of NORTH BAY...it MUST BE protected!!

Development of this land will cause severe hardship with catastrophic TRAFFIC and road maintenance of MacPherson Dr. as well as HIGH RISK and DANGER to drivers, bikers, runners, walkers, CHILDREN, MOMS with STROLLERS, SENIORS, and PETS ...sharing this deteriorating road with no shoulders for accommodation!

Chris Holmes, Homeowner and Resident on MacPherson Drive, documented and presented information to East Ferris Twsp., Federal and Provincial Government, and AOO pertaining to the flawed and misleading Statement in the Draft EER which stated "There is NO anticipated NET EFFECT ASSOCIATED with the TRANSFER of PROPOSED SETTLEMENT LANDS into AOO OWNERSHIP!" In my/our opinion (with Chris's evidence) there certainly IS REASON TO BE GREATLY CONCERNED about irreversible, permanent damaging effects to this pristine environment when considering massive property development,... (Blasting, Heavy Equipment usage, water table changes, dispensing of trees, plants and wildlife...sewage!) There MUST BE Wildlife Analysis, Waterflow Analysis, Environmental Impact Studies, to Quantify and Mitigate the Environmental Consequences of the Proposed Property and Housing Development, Road Construction, and Deforestation! These studies MUST be done!!

We need to PROTECT Mattawa River Provincial Park which encompassed new Crown Land in 1999 under "Lands For Life" process based on the "DIRE NEED" to protect the Ecological, Environmental, Recreational, Historical, Archeological, VALUE of this land for future generations! This Covid-19 Pandemic experience HiGHLIGHTS THAT NEED! Many people locally and provincially enjoy, experience, and make good use of this Parkland...bus loads of School Students come to experience it!

In conclusion, development of this property for Housing Subdivisions has the potential to create SIGNIFICANT HARM and IRREVERSIBLE DAMGE to the Environment as well as DANGER and RISK to the local residents accessing MacPherson Dr. Therefore, including this land in the ALC is NOT a supported option!! We hold the Province of On. and the Federal Government responsible and Accountable for good Stewardship and PROTECTION of Mattawa River Provincial Parklands..."FOR LIFE!!"

Respectfully, Shirley Ferron (1 of approx. 200 residents on MacPherson Dr.)

Sent from my iPad

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S.F.D.H

This is a brief layman's summary of the anticipated environmental effects associated with the transfer of proposed settlement lands along with my comments concerning the EER Environmental Evaluation Report

Re: parcels 83-F1 and 83-F2 (also applicable to other parcels in the Municipality of East Ferris)

Contrary to the AOO Draft Environmental Evaluation Report which claims

"there is no anticipated net effect associated with the transfer of proposed Settlement Lands into AOO ownership"

- Based on the laws of gravity and the existing flow of water from the lakes, wetlands and creeks in parcels 83-F1 and 83-F2, all contaminants from any of the proposed new developments associated with the transfer of these parcels of settlement lands will flow directly into the Trout Lake watershed. (see attached maps) Deforestation, road construction, housing construction, soil erosion, septic contaminants and all other new human activity... WILL HAVE A GUARRANTEED NEGATIVE NET EFFECT ON THE TROUT LAKE WATERSHED
- The Blandings turtles (species at risk), birds, fox, deer, moose and all other wildlife creatures located here will be forced out of their current undisturbed natural habitat. The beaver dams will be replaced by much bigger dam houses that... WILL HAVE A GUARRANTEED NEGATIVE NET ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT ON WILDLIFE HABITAT
- 3. Arbitrarily re-naming the water body at the east end of Trout Lake beyond Camp Island and the Stepping Stones as "Turtle Lake" (see appendix C, municipal review map) is a complete FABRICATION to circumvent the Trout Lake Capacity Model for new housing / lot development. Turtle Lake is located several kilometers down the Mattawa River beyond the man made channel that was blasted out. The water body adjacent to parcels 83-F1 and 83-F2 is a natural and continuous part of Trout Lake by any geographic, cartographic or historical definition. Arbitrarily re-naming this part of Trout Lake is a DISHONEST attempt to bypass any environmental regulations or legal requirements for any new housing developments around Trout Lake.
- 4. Any new human activities, especially large housing subdivisions and road developments <u>WILL ABSOLUTELY</u> <u>HAVE A SIGNIFICANT</u> "anticipated net effect" on the environment when measured against an undisturbed forest, wetland areas and wildlife habitat. The Draft EER does not provide any technical evidence to identify, quantify or mitigate the environmental consequences that will occur with the destruction caused by the proposed housing subdivisions on the existing undisturbed natural environment.
- 5. Chapter 1 of the EER and throughout the entire EER document there are summary paragraphs on each topic titled "ALGONQUIN PERSPECTIVE" but no "Citizen, Stakeholder or Municipal perspective". The destruction of the undisturbed natural environment that will be caused by the proposed housing subdivisions in parcels 83-F1 and 83-F2 is contrary to all 6 stated Algonquin cultural values in section 1.4 (page7). This environmental destruction will be at the detriment of all other citizens who depend on and value the highest water quality in the TROUT LAKE watershed. Arbitrarily renaming the adjacent water body as "Turtle Lake" will not mitigate this environmental destruction. The "Algonquin Perspective" in the EER fails to consider this "INCONVENIENT TRUTH"

7. No Accountability - The authors of this EER document face no accountability for their actions that will knowingly allow damage to the environment. They are protected and thriving in their bubble of bureaucratic fantasy. Comparatively, any individual citizen who is apprehended for for damaging the environment by dumping garbage, hunting or fishing without proper licensing or authority will face severe legal consequences. Ignorance of the law or renaming these activities as something else will not excuse an individual from prosecution.

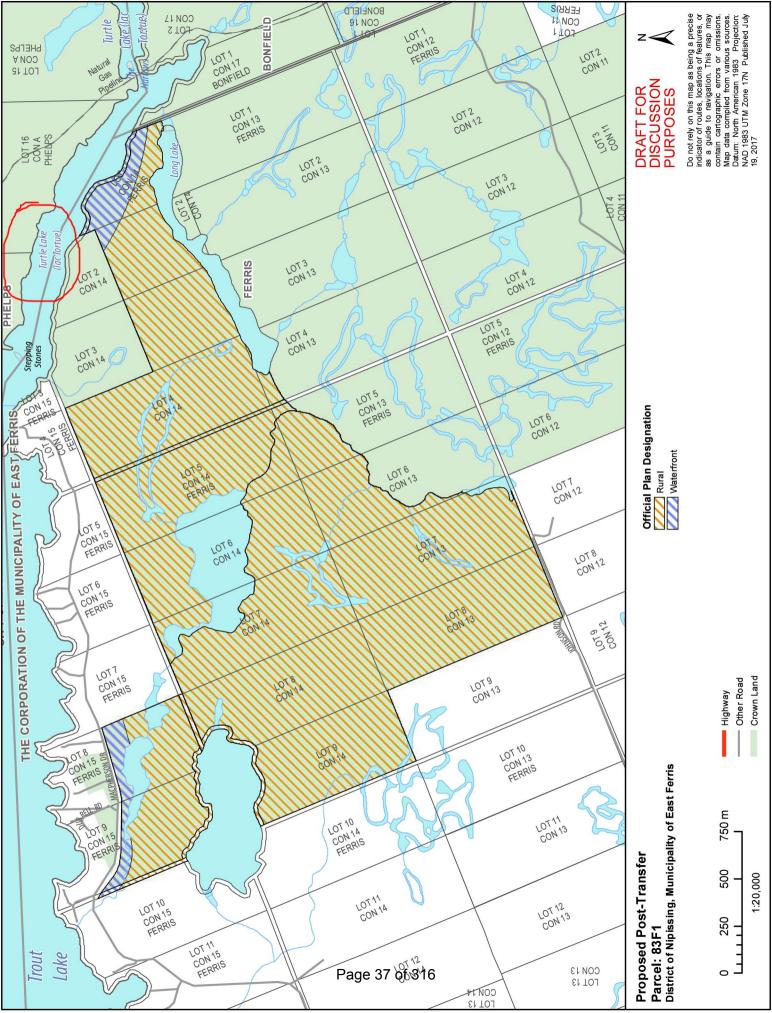
Any professional such as police officers, teachers, doctors, judges, engineers etc, who are entrusted with the public interest and security are also held accountable for their professional conduct. They too are subject to severe consequences for their negligence or failure to behave accordingly. It is now time to hold the AOO land claim negotiators, consultants, bureaucrats and politicians to the same accountability standards and impose some consequences for their deliberate strategy of deception and their negligence to protect the public interest and the environment they are entrusted to manage.

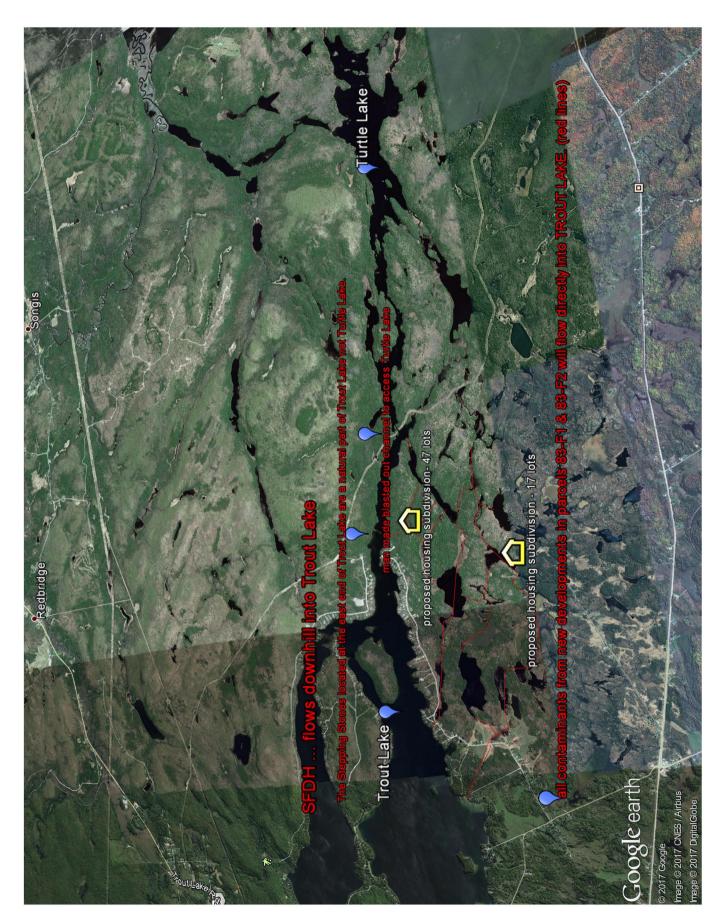
CONCLUSION

My conclusions are that this AOO Environmental Evaluation Report is nothing other than "FAKE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE" and a pure fabrication of "ALTERNATE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE" for the sole purpose of justifying the AOO Land Claim. Who authored this report? ... Donald Trump?

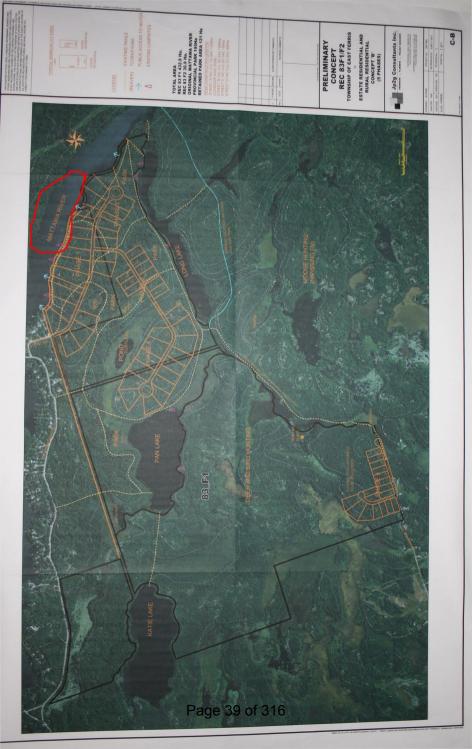
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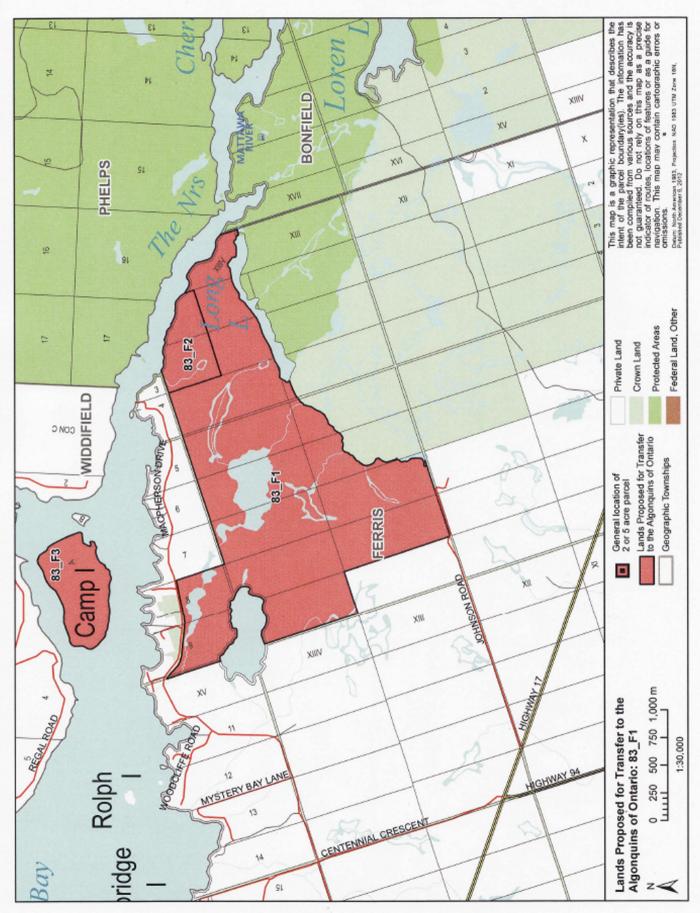
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Dear Intake Team:

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,

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