

KAPOA Bulletin

February 2013

Preliminary Algonquin Land Claim Agreement Includes Kamaniskeg Lake Island and Shoreline

There has been a major development in the Algonquin Land Claim and it directly impacts KAPOA community. Federal and Provincial governments have been negotiating with the Algonquins for 20 years to resolve land claim issues ([click here](#) for detailed history).

Aboriginal Affairs released the [Preliminary Draft Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement-in-Principle](#) in late December. If this agreement is finalized "as is", the Canadian and Ontario governments will transfer \$300 million and 117,500 acres of land to the Algonquins of Ontario including a parcel of land on and around Kamaniskeg Lake. As you can see from the [detailed maps](#) KAPOA received from Aboriginal Affairs, the proposed land transfer includes "Ski Island" and a substantial block of land on the east shore of the north basin.

Parcel 60B, as it is referred to in the agreement, is about 2077 acres. It extends northerly along the shore starting in McQuaigs Bay, past "Ski Island" to beyond Bills Bay. From the shore, it extends in land past the Madawaska Mountain ski hill (the ski hill lease will not be impacted by the transfer) and includes parts of the Thomas P. Murray Recreational Trails. The parcel runs as far south as Chippewa Road and north past Dixie Lake. Please note that the transfer only includes Crown land and Ontario will not be transferring ownership of Public Roads that cross the parcel.

Also note, there are other parcels on and around Bark Lake and Negeek Lake.

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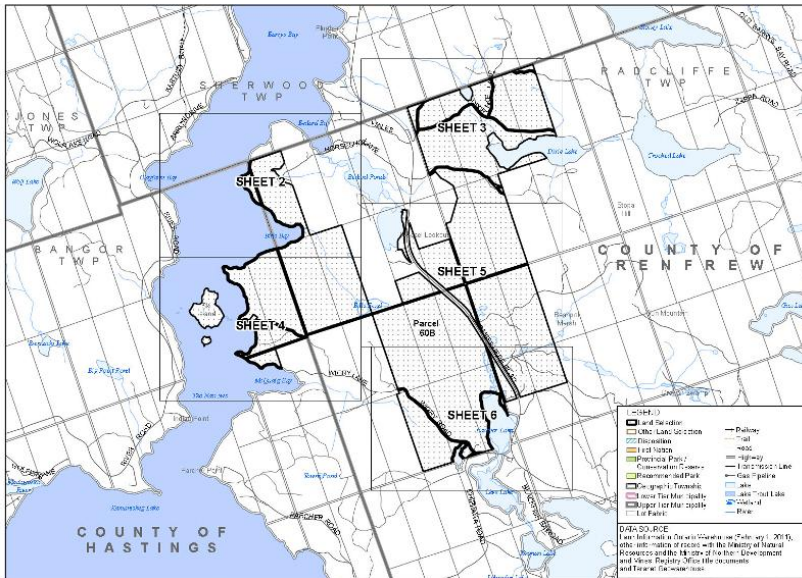
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Membership Meeting
Sat Apr 20, 2013

Bay Day
Sat May 18, 2013

Directors Meeting
Sun May 19, 2013

KAPOA AGM
Sat Jul 27, 2013



Overview of proposed land transfer near Lake Kamanisseg.

Public information sessions are being hosted by Aboriginal Affairs in the following locations. (See full details on [Aboriginal Affairs web site](#)):

- **Ottawa:** Wednesday, March 6, 3 - 8pm, at Tudor Hall
- **Perth:** Thursday, March 7, 3 - 8 pm, at Perth Lions' Hall
- **Kingston:** Friday, March 8, 3 - 8 pm, TraveLodge Hotel LaSalle
- **North Bay:** Tuesday, March 12, 3 - 8 pm, at Best Western
- **Mattawa:** Wednesday, March 13, 3 - 8 pm, Mike Rodden Arena
- **Pembroke:** Thursday, March 14, 3 - 8 pm, at Best Western
- **Bancroft:** Friday, March 15, 3-8 pm, Faraday Community Centre
- **Toronto:** Saturday, March 16, 12 - 4 pm, Radisson Toronto East

This news surprised many of us on the KAPOA executive and we will be working to try and keep KAPOA members up to date on the latest developments. Here are a few things we've found out to date:

- The agreement does not provide insight into any specific land parcel such as reason for selection, development plans, etc...
- According to the agreement, "these proposed land selections are based on Algonquin interests such as historic or cultural significance, current Algonquin objectives and long-term goals."
- The agreement also recommends approaches to Algonquin harvesting rights (including wildlife, fish, migratory birds and plants), forestry, parks and protected areas.
- the Preliminary Draft is still a work in progress and subject to revision by the Parties. The agreement must be finalized by all 3 parties and it is estimated that it could take 3 to 5 years to

KAPOA Poker Run
Sat July 27, 2013

KAPOA Regatta
Sat Aug 3, 2013

Appetizer Lake Party
Sat Aug 10, 2013

Henson Lighted Boat Parade
Sat Aug 31, 2013

Directors Meeting
Sun Sep 1, 2013

Area Membership Reps Appreciation Meeting
Sun Sep 1, 2013

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finalize this modern day treaty.

- the Algonquins of Quebec have already launched a court challenge regarding the negotiations (see [Ottawa Citizen article](#)).
- Although municipal governments are not officially at the negotiating table, they are clearly an interested party and will become more engaged in these discussions. According to the agreement, "Municipalities would be consulted on proposed Official Plan designation and zoning."

If you are a "concerned party", here's what we'd suggest you do:

1. Get informed. Read the available information.
2. Share your position and questions directly with the negotiation teams representing Algonquins of Ontario, Canada and Ontario. The contact information is available on [Aboriginal Affairs website](#).
3. Share your position and questions with KAPOA. We want to hear from the KAPOA community and will do our best to get your questions answered.
4. Attend co-hosted FOCA public information sessions to discuss implications of land claim agreement. See [FOCA web site](#) for details.

We will be extending the KAPOA website to include links to the preliminary agreement, maps recent news articles and contact information for all levels of government.

Importantly, we will keep a list of questions that we will be seeking answers to regarding the specific land parcel around the lake. Visit the KAPOA Website for more details.

Algonquin Land Claim Resources

- Preliminary Draft on Aboriginal Affairs Website: [Click Here](#)
- Detailed Map of Parcel 60B: [Click Here](#)
- Ottawa Citizen Article Announcing Draft Proposal (Dec. 20, 2012): [Click Here](#)
- Ottawa Citizen Article About Court Challenges (Dec. 20, 2012): [Click Here](#)
- Barrys Bay This Week article (Jan. 16, 2013): [Click Here](#)
- Ottawa Citizen Article about competing Algonquin Interests (Jan, 23, 2013) : [Click Here](#)
- FOCA Website: [Click Here](#)

Meetings to Discuss Algonquin Land Claim Agreement

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Canadian Sportsfishing Industry Association and FOCA are to co-host public meetings for our members to discuss the implications of the Land Claim Agreement in Principle.

The flyer says:

- Do you enjoy the use of public lands and waters?
- Do you fish, hunt, hike, cottage, trap, canoe, camp,ATV or snowmobile in the Algonquin Land Claim area?
- Do you earn a living from the outdoors and related industries?
- Do you know some public lakes will become private lakes?
- Do you know some access/use of additional public lands and waters may be restricted?
- Do you know some additional public lands will become provincial parks?

To learn more about what the land claim may mean for you, your family, and your way of life, please attend a public information meeting being held in:

[Perth](#) - February 22

[Stittsville](#) - February 25

[North Bay](#) - February 27

[Pembroke](#) - February 28

[Bancroft](#) - March 6

Contact FOCA or visit the [FOCA website](#) for complete details.

As always, we welcome your feedback. Please drop a note to kapoacares@gmail.com with your compliments, constructive criticism or ideas.

KAPOA is always looking for new volunteers to help make the lake a better place. Please visit the [Help Wanted page](#) for details.
