

Algonquin Land Claim enviro-report up for comment

In October 2016, the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario and the Algonquins of Ontario announced the signing of the Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) for the Algonquin Land Claim.

Approximately 117,500 acres of provincial lands are proposed to be transferred to the Algonquins of Ontario through the Algonquin Land Claim. The MNRF has drafted a report to assess the potential environmental effects of Crown land being transferred in the settlement.

The report covers the effects to access, industries, public utilities and businesses, recreational uses, adjacent land uses, the natural environment and culture.

If you fish, hunt or trap in the claim area, then we encourage you to provide feedback on this report, particularly as it relates to your interests.

The OFAH has been involved with the Algonquin Land Claim discussions for more than two decades, and will continue to remain involved to ensure that the final treaty reflects the interests of anglers and hunters to the greatest extent possible.

Read the report and either:

• **Send the MNRF your comments by October 17, 2017, by email to eerfeedback@ontario.ca, phone at 1-844-276-9091 (toll-free), mail them to: Ontario Information Centre, 31 Riverside Drive, Pembroke, Ont., K8A 8R6 or attend an open house.**

You don't need to RSVP, all locations are accessible and will have a French interpreter on site.

Province of Ontario open house meetings

September 26, 2017 -- Kingston, Ambassador Hotel, 1550 Princess Street, from 4 to 8 p.m.

September 27, 2017 -- Perth, Code's Mill on the Park, 17 Wilson Street East, from 4 to 8 p.m.

September 28, 2017 -- Ottawa, The Royal Canadian Legion, Montgomery Branch 351, 330 Kent Street, from 4 to 8 p.m.

October 3, 2017 -- Whitney, Lester B. Smith Community Centre, 32 Hay Creek Road, from 4 to 8 p.m.

October 4, 2017 -- Bancroft, Faraday Community Centre, 13 Lower Faraday Road, from 4 to 8 p.m.

October 5, 2017 -- Pembroke, Germania Club, 15 Bennett Street, from 4 to 8 p.m.

October 11, 2017 -- Toronto, Delta Toronto East Hotel, 2035 Kennedy Road, Scarborough, from 4 to 8 p.m.