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Dear Mr. Podlog:

I am writing in response to your letter of December 16, 2011 regarding the consultation process around the Algonquin Land Claim.

In your reply, you suggest that the OFAH is “now interested” in pursuing specific and practical discussions on a number of key issues. I would respectfully point out that this is not new, given that we have been seeking in-depth consultation for some time on specific issues such as species-specific harvest management, fisheries management, fair sharing, and enforcement protocols.

While we would be pleased to meet with you and David MacDonald early in the new year to help map out a broader consultation process that would include the OFAH and other key stakeholders, this does not respond to the concern we raised in our correspondence of December 7, 2011 about the lack of broader *public* consultation, something that has been repeatedly promised.

As we suggested in our earlier letter, we believe that at the very least, five public meetings should be held early in the new year in the communities of Perth, Pembroke, North Bay, Bancroft and Peterborough. We would be pleased to help facilitate these meetings, but are not prepared to take the lead on the issue, something that is the responsibility of the provincial and federal governments in their capacity as the public’s representatives on this file.

Given your schedule and planned trip to Pembroke, we would be happy to meet with you on January 11, 2012 at OFAH head office to discuss this further, and await your confirmation.

Yours in Conservation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael A. Reader', is positioned below the closing text.

Michael A. Reader  
Executive Director

cc: Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs  
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