

Call for Action

The Algonquin Land Claim is a prime example of what is wrong with land claim negotiations. In 2005 elections were held for Algonquin Negotiation Representatives.

These elections were overseen by Bob Potts and Alan Pratt. Although a group of individuals used the elections as platforms to assert themselves as chiefs of their communities, those overseeing the elections disregarded the actions of the individuals in question and chose to allow them to mislead their communities. Mr. Potts and Mr. Pratt acted as moderators for candidates Glassford and Zhor. They are both fully aware of the wrong that was committed yet did nothing to correct the matter. Consequently these individuals are now part of the negotiations team, although they DID NOT run as negotiation representatives. Mr. Potts and Mr. Pratt have a responsibility to the Algonquin people to explain in writing how they allowed this to happen.

Prime Minister Harper and his Conservative government were elected on accountability. I am asking Prime Minister Harper to investigate the Algonquin Land claim and to hold those who are at the negotiating table accountable for their illegal actions. If federal or provincial elections were conducted in this manner the electorate would immediately call for an investigation. Why should Algonquins be subjected to this third world style of democracy? What is most disturbing is that both the federal (Robin Atkins) and provincial (Brian Crane) negotiators are aware of the corruption and are condoning it by providing funding. Are they not telling their superiors of this?

I am inviting all Algonquins to band together and join the class action lawsuit that has been filed in the name of all Aboriginal people.

The current individuals at the negotiating table are **SELLING OUT THEIR OWN PEOPLE**. Your rights are being eroded by a group of individuals whose representation in the claim is fraudulent. As an Algonquin you have a right to ask questions and you have right to know everything regarding the land claim negotiations. Mr. Potts is your employee; he is paid to speak on your behalf. He has taken complete control of the negotiations and has imposed a veil of secrecy over the entire process. He is also seeking a percentage of the settlement agreement over and above his current salary of \$425.00 per hour. Although Mr. Potts claims to represent all Algonquins, when questioned about the irregularities within the process he usually ignores the question or replies in an arrogant manner. Mr. Potts seems to believe that anything he decides for the Algonquins is not open to discussion. Mr. Potts is determined to destroy the Algonquin spirit at any cost.

DON'T ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS AND GET RID OF THE CORUPTION.

There would be no Caledonia or Ardoch disputes if governments took the time to listen to the concerns of all native groups rather than fund a process that is riddled with corruption.

I know this website is visited regularly by both governments. On behalf of the Algonquin people I am asking both federal and provincial governments to conduct an investigation into the Algonquin land claim and hold those accountable for misleading and receiving funding illegally.

The class action law suit is posted below. If you wish to join in, please e-mail me, including your full name and contact information and we will forward this to the lawyer for you.