

As ANR for the Ottawa area, I have been asked many questions regarding the negotiation process, the negotiation participants, and the pending 'Algonquin Management Plan' regarding hunting. Following is a list of the most repetitive questions. I have asked that the Principal Negotiator provide written answers to these questions so that I, as well as the other ANRs, can provide standardized answers to these critical questions. It is anticipated that answers will be provided following the August 23–25, 2006 ANR and Main Table meetings.

If you have further questions that you feel need to be addressed, please do not hesitate to send them to both myself and Mr. Potts, our Principal Negotiator.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Are there formal meeting minutes recorded of the land claim negotiation sessions, and are the participants given an opportunity to read and accept or identify any errors or omissions in the minutes?
2. It is reasonable and should be expected that the Pikwakanagan Band members living under the Indian Act should have the benefits of being registered with the federal government guaranteed, but beyond keeping their existing benefits, are they considered equal to the non-status in the land claim negotiations?
3. If all communities are considered equal, why does the community of Pikwakanagan have seven people sitting at the land claim negotiation table, while each of the other communities are only allowed one representative at the table?
4. Since Pikwakanagan has been hunting moose in Algonquin Park without signing a hunting agreement with the Ontario MNR, why is it a requirement for the other communities to sign an agreement or a co-management plan, to avoid being charged for hunting in Algonquin Park?
5. In the past I have heard that there was an understanding that Pikwakanagan community would harvest 50% of the sustainable harvest of moose in the park, while the other communities would share the other 50%; in other words 10% of Algonquins would receive 50% of the moose harvest. Is this correct?
6. Since the negotiation table ratio is comparable to the ratio of the moose harvest, is this a template for the way the Algonquin land claim benefits will be distributed?
7. Is it reasonable to think that a hunting agreement can be negotiated while a community ANR is facing charges for hunting without signing last years hunting agreement, or is it fair to say that the agreement is being dictated?