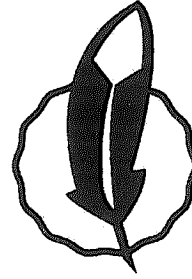


Algonquin Negotiation Representative Elections



Biographical Sketches of the Algonquin Legal and Professional Team

Robert J. (Bob) Potts, Principal Negotiator, Land Claim / Treaty Process, Algonquin People of Ontario.

Bob Potts is a senior litigation partner at ***Blaney McMurtry LLP*** in Toronto. He has been with the law firm for over 30 years. In addition to maintaining a busy commercial and insurance litigation practice, Bob is Chair of the firm's ***Aboriginal Law Group*** and has acted as lead counsel on a number of First Nation land claims.

In the spring of 2003 he was consulted by the Algonquins of Ontario and was asked to act as their Principal Negotiator in their talks with Canada and Ontario regarding their Ottawa River Valley Land Claim. Since then he has assisted them in a number key organizational areas and more recently helped them to resolve some internal matters that were preventing them from moving forward with the land claim process.

In the past Bob was legal counsel and negotiator for various First Nations in the province of Alberta. These clients included ***Sturgeon Lake First Nation (1987-1990); the Tallcree Tribal Government (1990-1993); and the Alexander First Nation (1993-2004).*** ***The majority of this work revolved around their oil and gas Treaty Land Entitlement Claims and Specific Claims. He also acted as legal counsel for the Wahta Mohawks of Ontario . Each of these claims were successfully concluded.*** Currently Bob is acting as Legal Counsel for the ***Bigstone Cree Nation*** in Alberta with respect to its Treaty Land Entitlement Claim.

A well rounded individual Bob has successfully completed the ***Harvard University Mediation Workshop*** and ***Advanced Mediation Workshop*** presented by ***The Advocates Society***. He is also extremely active in the field of ***Alternative Dispute Resolution***.

Alan Pratt, Legal Counsel, Land Claim / Treaty Process, Algonquin People of Ontario.

Alan Pratt was called to the Ontario Bar in 1982 and began working on First Nations legal matters in 1984.

Since then Alan has handled a wide variety of litigation on behalf of First Nations and other clients at every level of court in Canada, including four appearances in the Supreme Court of Canada. Alan's practice focuses on aboriginal and treaty rights and land claims based on those rights. He has worked extensively on ***Specific, Comprehensive and Treaty Land Entitlement Claims*** for ***First Nation*** groups in ***Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Northwest Territories***. Alan also continues to provide a broad range of advice for Chiefs and Councils and other First Nation organizations, including the Assembly of First Nations. He has addressed many conferences and has published a number of articles on First Nations legal matters.

Alan has a long history of involvement with the Algonquin land claim and treaty making process in Ontario. Today he continues to act as the Legal Counsel to the land claim process for the Algonquin people of Ontario and works closely with Bob Potts the Principal Negotiator.

Joan Holmes, Enrolment Officer, Land Claim / Treaty Process, Algonquin People of Ontario.

Joan Holmes is the principal owner of her Ottawa-based consulting firm ***Joan Holmes and Associates Inc.*** It has provided a variety of clients nation-wide with a wide range of research, analysis and writing services for over 20 years. ***More specifically the firm has assisted First Nations people with a wide range of historic and contemporary land claims and Aboriginal rights issues since its inception.***

They have been involved in numerous research projects pertaining to the Algonquin claim to the Ottawa River watershed since the late 1980s and are very familiar with the history of the claim, as well as the communities that comprise the Algonquin Nation.

Joan will lead the firm's Algonquin enrolment team who have previously conducted many genealogical studies of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities across Canada. They are very familiar with working with vital and census records, church records, published genealogies and registers, oral history, maps, scrip records, and many other sources. They have prepared and presented genealogical data in written reports, charts and a variety of databases.

All members of the enrolment team are fully aware of the sensitive nature of personal information and have undertaken to keep all genealogical information in the strictest confidence. Joan Holmes' office is protected by a "state of the art" security system. Paper records and documentation are kept in locked cabinets in interior locked offices. Electronic materials are security encrypted and password protected.

Robert E. (Bob) Johnson, Electoral Officer, Algonquin Negotiation Representatives (ANR) Election, Algonquin People of Ontario.

Bob Johnson is a Mohawk from the Six Nations Territory in southern Ontario and operates a private consulting business specializing in providing his clients with an independent and democratic election process.

Operating out of the Six Nations community Bob's firm ***First Nations Election Services*** has been in business for close to 20 years. Over the years he has professionally overseen a variety of election processes for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal groups. Since 1994 Bob has acted as the Chief Electoral Officer for the Assembly of First Nations in Ottawa and has overseen the electoral process leading to the election of the National Chief. He is also the Chief Electoral Officer for the First Nations Chiefs of Police Association and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

In 2000 Bob was approached by Mohawk Council of Kanesatake in Quebec and appointed as their Chief Electoral Officer for a Ratification Vote / Referendum of Land Governance. This project involved the organizing of mail-out ballots to the membership, advance polls and mobile units of Polls.

Gary H. George, Information Officer, land claim/Treat Process Algonquin People of Ontario

Gary George who is a member of the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation in southwestern Ontario has over 30 years of consulting experience working with Aboriginal groups and related Government/Corporate bodies in the areas of political negotiations and lobbying, marketing/public relations, news reporting, business development and even co-ordination. His mandates have ranged from developing and implementing strategic action plans for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal clients including ***the Grand Council of the Crees (of Quebec); Suncore Energy Products Inc.; Nishnawbe-Aski Nation; the Bank of Montreal (Aboriginal Banking Unit); the Ontario Energy Development Corporation; Air Creebec Inc.; Southern First Nations Secretariat; the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council and the Chiefs of Ontario*** – to name only a few. As a community and public relations specialist he is well versed in the issues currently facing First Nations in Ontario and Canada.

Gary's principal tasks will be to assist in publicizing the Election of the ANR and developing appropriate systems to respond to inquiries by the Algonquin People in response to this initiative.