

To: The Editor, Ottawa Citizen

Re: Letter from Mr. Paul Lamothe, Ottawa Citizen June 2, 2007

I am the Principal Negotiator for the Algonquins of Ontario and in that capacity I have been asked by the Algonquin Negotiation Representatives to send this letter, which they have each signed, to you, for publication.

In commenting upon the Report of the Ipperwash Inquiry, Mr. Paul Lamothe, a former Algonquin Negotiation Representative ("ANR"), has chosen to make certain public allegations relating to the ongoing Algonquins of Ontario Treaty Negotiations.

As Algonquin Negotiation Representatives, we are participants in an inclusive, transparent and democratic process. The Algonquin Negotiation Representatives are striving to fulfil a mandate from an Algonquin population in Eastern Ontario of in excess of 6,500 persons of proven Algonquin ancestry. That mandate is to negotiate an Agreement in Principle leading to a first-time Treaty between the Crown and the Algonquin Nation. All of the City of Ottawa and much of Eastern Ontario is situated in unceded Algonquin Traditional Territory.

For reasons of his own, Mr. Lamothe chose to disassociate himself from our negotiation process. He is well aware that there exists a process whereby Communities of Algonquins can be recognized as full participants in the ongoing Treaty negotiations, having taken advantage of that process himself by assisting in having the Ottawa Community so recognized and having participated, while sitting as an ANR, in a series of votes achieved by consensus to establish the framework for those negotiations. Details of our process and a copy of this letter signed by each of the Algonquin Negotiation Representatives can be accessed on the internet at www.blaney.com/algonquin.htm.



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