



PRESS RELEASE

Four Duly Elected Algonquin Nation Chiefs of the Ottawa River Watershed Warn Public of Individuals and Groups Falsely Posing As Algonquin Representatives

(Algonquin Territory/June 26, 2015) It has come to our attention that there are individuals and/or groups who are publicly claiming to be the representatives of the Algonquin Nation – including calling themselves Chiefs. These individuals are NOT legally or politically mandated to do so.

In particular, we are informed that a network of individuals calling themselves the “*Anishnabe of the Ottawa River Watershed*” and the “*Government of Anishnabe Nation*” intend on issuing a public “*Declaration of Independence*” on Victoria Island in Ottawa on June 26, 2015.

For greater certainty, this Joint Press Release from our four Algonquin First Nations is to inform other Indigenous Nations, the public, corporations, governments of Canada, Quebec, Ontario and their respective municipalities that the following Chiefs listed here are the legitimate elected representatives of the Algonquin First Nation communities who form the Algonquin Nation of the Ottawa River Watershed.

As far as our four Algonquin First Nations are concerned these are the elected representatives who should be consulted and accommodated regarding any project or activity affecting the traditional lands and resources of the Algonquin Nation within the Ottawa River watershed, in either Quebec or Ontario.

Algonquin Chiefs:

Mitchikanibikok Inik (Algonquins of Barriere Lake): Chief Casey Ratt

Timiskaming: Chief Terence McBride

Wolf Lake: Chief Harry St. Denis

Eagle Village (Kebaouek): Chief Lance Haymond

Long Point (Winneway): Chief Derek Mathias

Kitcisakik (Grand Lac): Chief Adrienne Anichinapeo

Lac Simon: Chief Salomee McKenzie

Kitigan Zibi (River Desert): Chief Jean Guy Whiteduck

Algonquins of Pikwakanagan (at Golden Lake): Chief Kirby Whiteduck



Algonquin Tribal Councils

Algonquin Nation Secretariat (based at Timiskaming, Quebec)

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