

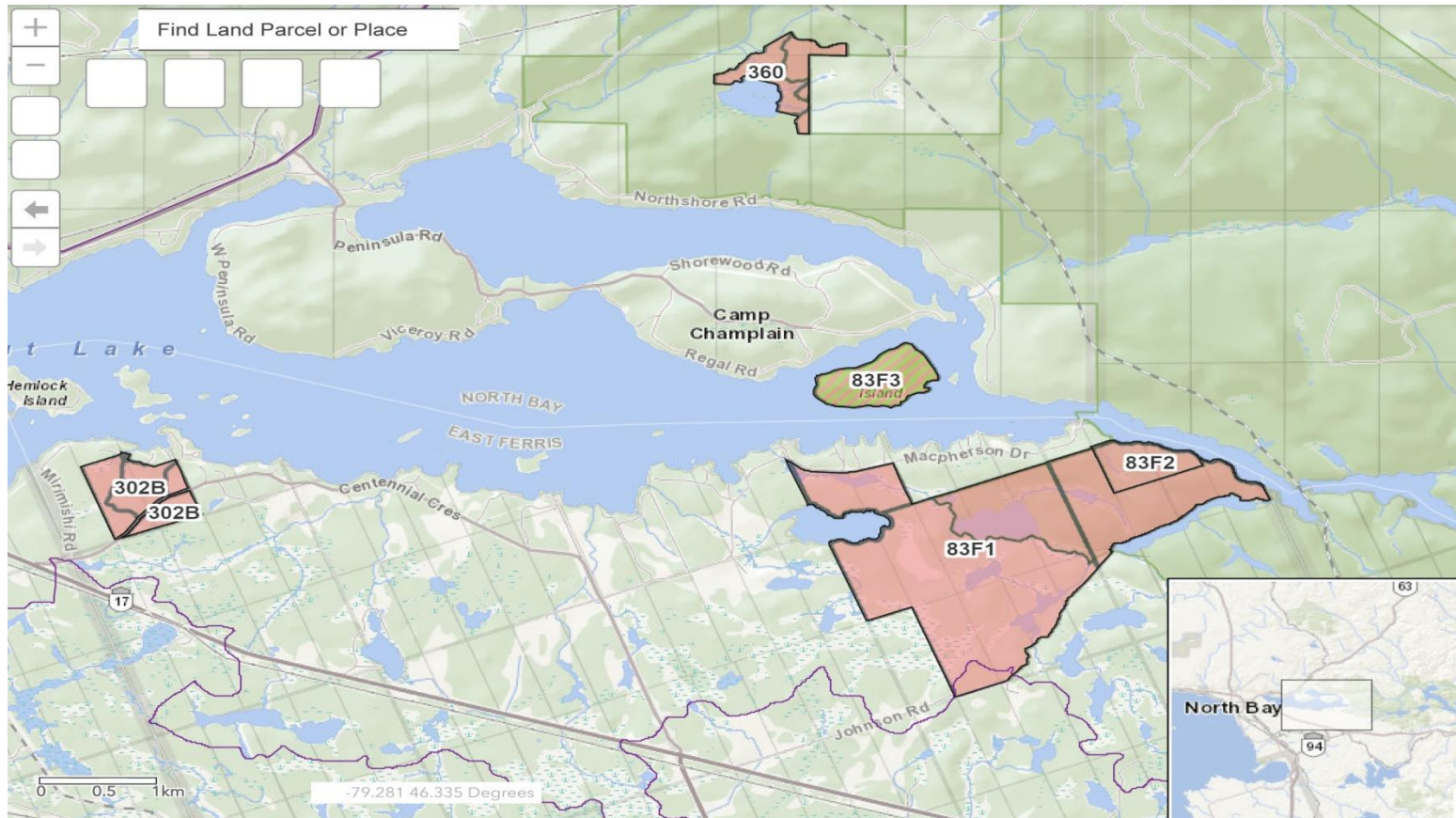
Algonquin Land Claim Presentation to the Municipality of East Ferris January, 2021

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on behalf of many concerned residents of MacPherson Drive and
surrounding areas of East Ferris

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Since the Algonquin Land Claim was first publicly announced on December 24, 2012, many citizens of the Municipality of East Ferris and the City of North Bay have been very concerned with the impact that the ALC proposed developments would have on the Trout Lake watershed.

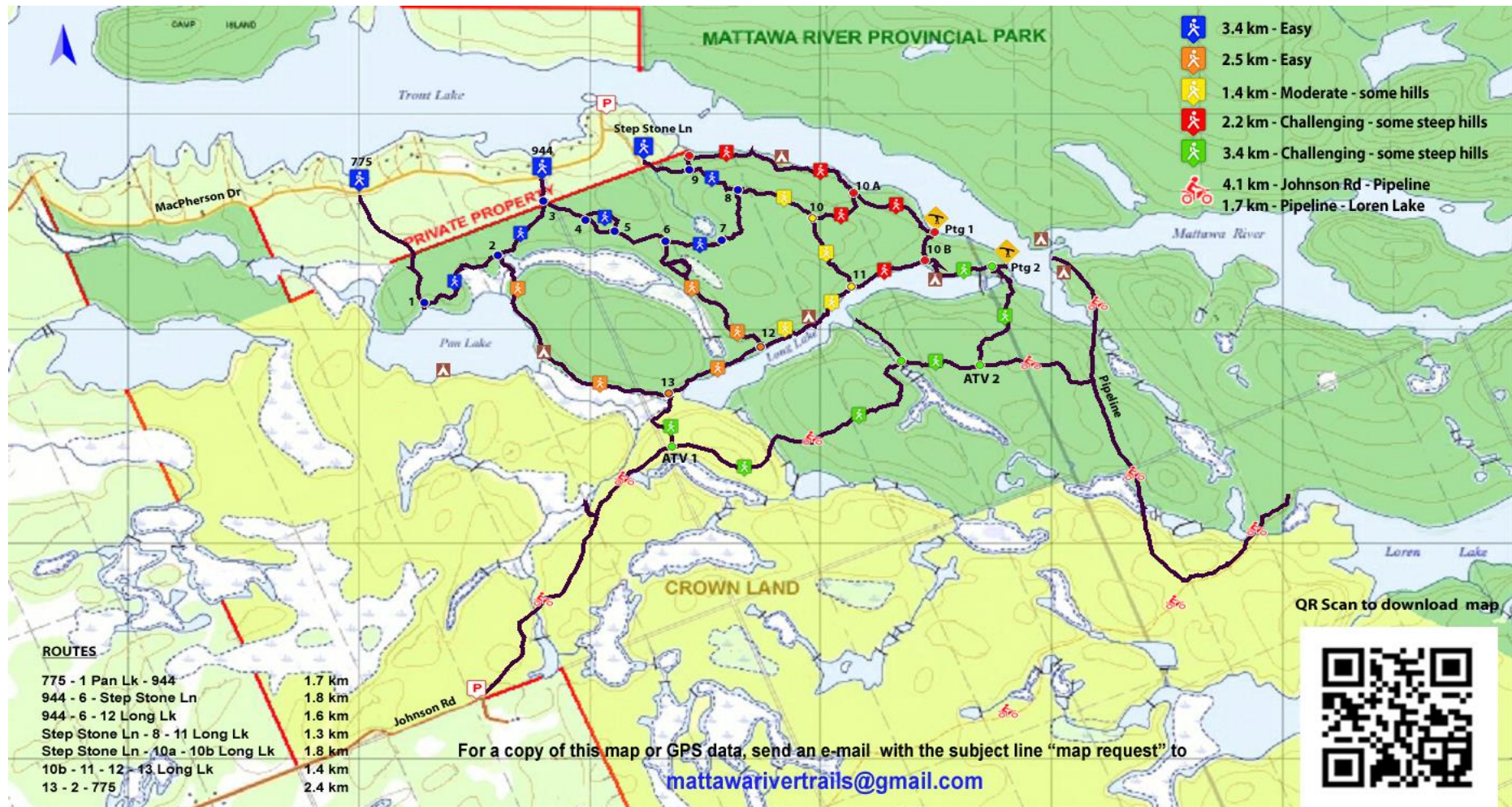
There are several proposed ALC developments in East Ferris

- 1- Parcel 302B – 137 acre housing subdivision development on Centennial Crescent at Maple Lane
- 2- Parcel 83-F1 & 83-F2 – 1146 acres for a 47 lot housing subdivision on MacPherson Drive at Stepping Stones Lane
- 3- Parcel 83-F1 – additional 17 lot housing subdivision on Johnston Road

Proposed housing subdivisions 83-F1 and 83-F2



The Stepping Stones Trails



Chronology of Events

In 1997 to 1999 the Ontario Government implemented the Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy and **"Lands for Life"** land use planning initiative

- This initiative resulted in the crown land contained within most of parcel 83-F1 and all of parcel 83-F2 being included in the extension of the Mattawa River Provincial Park.
- The stated purpose of this extension of the MRPP was

"to protect the historical, ecological, environmental and recreational value of this area for future generations"

Chronology of Events

- ALC was first publicly announced in December 2012
- Draft Environmental Evaluation Report released 2017
- Oct 26, 2020 Supplemental Report released, taking input on a very narrow basis until Jan 14. New lands outside the claim area added to 83F1

Cosmetic public consultations with no formal mechanism to receive public input and public record, entire process seems predetermined

ALC – No Transparency or Public Accountability

Without any technical/scientific evidence, the 2017 Draft EER and Supplemental Report :

- do not meet any environmental “EVALUATION” standards
- is just a detailed list of ALC intentions.
- is only a misleading **Aspirational Statement** that :
"there is no anticipated net effect associated with the transfer of proposed settlement lands into AOO ownership

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- In the October 26, 2020 MNRF/ALC update letter and Supplemental Report to the Draft Environmental Evaluation Report, the MNRF stated that

"Ontario remains committed to a cooperative approach to the land claim settlement that will benefit the Algonquin's of Ontario, while considering environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts of the proposed land transfer"
- The Draft Environmental Evaluation Report fails to provide any analyses of these environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts that will absolutely occur

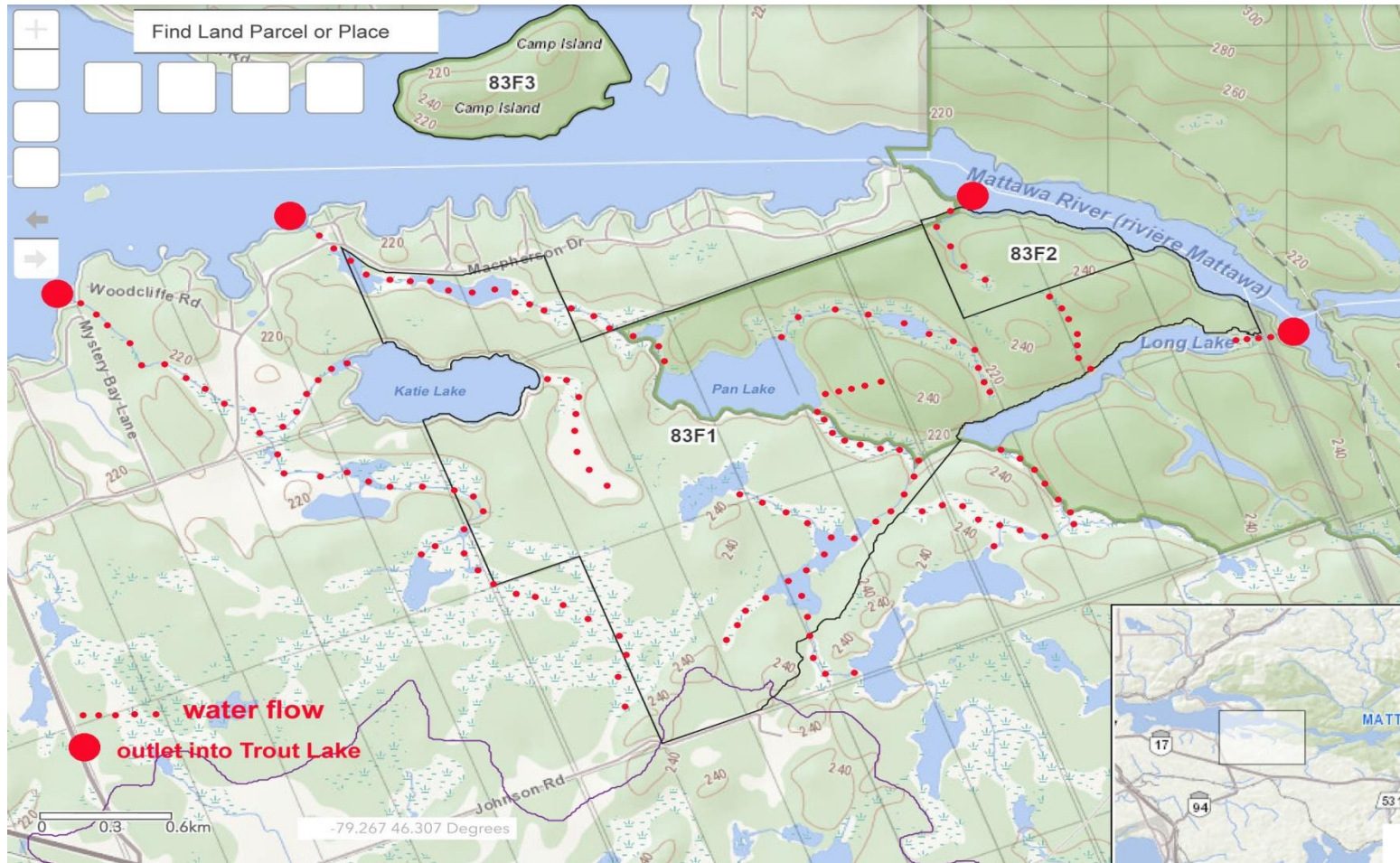
Purpose of our presentation

1. Inform the current Mayor and Council that a large number of residents on MacPherson Drive and surrounding areas have many unanswered concerns regarding the October 26, 2020 ALC Supplemental Report and the 2017 Draft Environmental Evaluation Report.
2. Request our Mayor and Council provide a regular Municipal update to residents regarding any ongoing process, discussions or commitments on the ALC issues that will impact the Municipality of East Ferris.
3. Request Municipality to intervene on behalf of local taxpayers to secure technical/scientific evidence from the province
4. Provide a Municipal forum to create a public record

Why Take Action?

- Development conflicts with East Ferris's Official Plan- province and third parties are dictating the future of our Municipality. What is the vision for Macpherson & Centennial Drives?
- True ALC settlement costs including infrastructure downloaded to the Municipality and local taxpayers
- ALC process discourages local input and consideration of issues thereby Municipality will be forced into controversy
- Protect water quality
- Recreational value of Mattawa Provincial Park being appropriated without acknowledgement
- Protect the ecology, wildlife, species at risk and our rural way of life

Water Flow from 83-F1 & 83-F2 into Trout Lake



ALC Environmental Impacts

Conclusions

1. We believe that the proposed housing subdivision developments in the ALC settlement lands parcels 302 B, 83-F1, 83-F2 in East Ferris will have very significant negative environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts and should not be transferred to the Algonquin's of Ontario ownership for the ALC stated development purposes.
2. We believe, parcels 83-F1 and 83-F2 should remain within the existing Mattawa River Provincial Park boundaries **"to protect the historical, ecological, environmental and recreational value of this area for future generations"** as set forth in the 1999 Ontario Government "Lands for Life" process.

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EAST FERRIS LEGACY

Which environmental legacy do we, the citizens of East Ferris want to leave for future generations of our community?

1. Leave the known negative environmental consequences for future residents and municipal officials to resolve.

OR

2. Take pro-active measures today, to manage the environmental outcome for future generations in the Municipality of East Ferris

These lands should not be transferred to the Algonquin's of Ontario ownership for the stated development purposes.

THANK YOU