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From: Shirley Ferron <shirley.ferron@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2020 11:51 PM
To: Kim Rose <kim.rose@eastferris.ca>
Subject: Algonquin Land Claim Intake Team

Attention Mayor Rochefort,
Council of East Ferris

I am one of many shocked and concerned residents of MacPherson Dr. In East a Ferris Twosp.. Corbeil, On. Our properties are very close to the Algonquin Land Claim property in question (including parcels 83F1 and 83F2)! Development of this land will cause severe hardship and devastation to this Recreational, Environmental, Archeological, Historical, and Ecologically pristine natural habitat and to the tax paying Citizens on MacPherson Dr., East Ferris, and North Bay!

Residents of MacPherson Dr. attended "public consultative" meetings (2012-2017) voicing their concerns, submitting letters, signed petitions, producing evidence of the dangerous risks involved in developing this land. The "Consultative Process" did not address our concerns and the response (or lack of response) to participants were deemed unsatisfactory! Land in the Mattawa River Provincial Parklands should NOT be included in the ALC by the federal/provincial Government/AOO!

Now in November 2020 we are suddenly informed MORE Land has been added to the ALCwhich only increases hardship and devastation to our pristine environment and tax paying citizens on MacPherson Dr. and in East Ferris. As a matter of observation, the amount of land amassed in the Nippissing District is much greater now than in 2017 and is MUCH GREATER than the land amassed in the Eastern part of the province! Please explain this discrepancy!?? These changes are happening without public consultation...during Covid-19 Pandemic when social distancing and gatherings are discouraged!! It is also noted on the most recent map ...that Trout Lake is inaccurately named Turtle a Lake!! Shame on this apparent deceptive manoeuvre by Public Servants of Government representing "the people!"

Mattawa River Provincial Parkland is Recreational, Environmental, Historical, Ecological, and Archeological, Significant Land that must remain Parkland available only to Ecologists, Environmentalists, Conservationists, Historians, Archeologists, Hikers, Bikers, Kayakers, Canoeists, Runners, Walkers, Swimmers, Campers, Bird Watchers, Skiers, Snow Shoer's, and the local Residents on MacPherson Dr., East Ferris, and North Bay!

Massive Development of this land will further contaminate Trout Lake! Trout Lake is already nearing capacity and has very limited room for further Development!! This is our DRINKING WATER, and the source of the DRINKING WATER for the CITY of NORTH BAY...it MUST BE protected!!

Development of this land will cause severe hardship with catastrophic TRAFFIC and road maintenance of MacPherson Dr. as well as HIGH RISK and DANGER to drivers, bikers, runners, walkers, CHILDREN, MOMS with STROLLERS, SENIORS, and PETS ...sharing this deteriorating road with no shoulders for accommodation!

Chris Holmes, Homeowner and Resident on MacPherson Drive, documented and presented information to East Ferris Twp., Federal and Provincial Government, and AOO pertaining to the flawed and misleading Statement in the Draft EER which stated "There is NO anticipated NET EFFECT ASSOCIATED with the TRANSFER of PROPOSED SETTLEMENT LANDS into AOO OWNERSHIP!" In my/our opinion (with Chris's evidence) there certainly IS REASON TO BE GREATLY CONCERNED about irreversible, permanent damaging effects to this pristine environment when considering massive property development,... (Blasting, Heavy Equipment usage, water table changes, dispensing of trees, plants and wildlife...sewage!) There MUST BE Wildlife Analysis, Waterflow Analysis, Environmental Impact Studies, to Quantify and Mitigate the Environmental Consequences of the Proposed Property and Housing Development, Road Construction, and Deforestation! These studies MUST be done!!

We need to PROTECT Mattawa River Provincial Park which encompassed new Crown Land in 1999 under "Lands For Life" process based on the "DIRE NEED" to protect the Ecological, Environmental, Recreational, Historical, Archeological, VALUE of this land for future generations! This Covid-19 Pandemic experience HIGHLIGHTS THAT NEED! Many people locally and provincially enjoy, experience, and make good use of this Parkland...bus loads of School Students come to experience it!

In conclusion, development of this property for Housing Subdivisions has the potential to create SIGNIFICANT HARM and IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE to the Environment as well as DANGER and RISK to the local residents accessing MacPherson Dr. Therefore, including this land in the ALC is NOT a supported option!! We hold the Province of On. and the Federal Government responsible and Accountable for good Stewardship and PROTECTION of Mattawa River Provincial Parklands..."FOR LIFE!!"

Respectfully,
Shirley Ferron (1 of approx. 200 residents on MacPherson Dr.)

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