



WILLIAMS TREATIES FIRST NATIONS

Exciting News!

SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Aaniin. Our ancestors and leaders have disputed the making, terms, interpretation and implementation of the Williams Treaties (1923) from the time they were signed. The Williams Treaties First Nations have pursued both negotiations and litigation in an effort to resolve the dispute. We are now asking our members to help us carry on the work that our ancestors and leaders began.

After extensive negotiations, the Chippewas of Beausoleil First Nation, Georgina Island First Nation and Rama First Nation, and the Mississaugas of Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Scugog Island First Nation (Williams Treaties First Nations), Canada, and Ontario have reached a tentative agreement through a negotiated settlement on their claims against the Crown associated with the Williams Treaties of 1923.

The proposed Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement includes a legal entitlement to additional reserve lands, the recognition and acknowledgement of constitutionally protected harvesting rights in certain pre-confederation treaties, financial compensation and an apology on behalf of the Governments of Canada and Ontario to the Williams Treaties First Nations for the long standing grievances associated with these treaties.

The tentative settlement will be presented to members of the Williams Treaties First Nations for review, consideration and ratification.

- You will be receiving a ratification package that provides you with a copy of the initialled Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement and related documents over the next few weeks.
- Chief and Council will be scheduling meeting dates through May and June with our members to discuss the proposed settlement offer and ratification process.

NOTICE

GEORGINA ISLAND MEMBERSHIP

WILLIAMS TREATY MEETING WITH LEADERSHIP

May 10th 2018 @ 7:30pm

**Immediately Following the Community Coldwater
Meeting @ 6:30pm May 10th 2018**

**Please come out to receive more information on
the settlement agreement and ask questions.**

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CHIEF AND COUNCIL