

**ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES CONSULTATION** 







# First Nations Consultation Summary Scarborough Malvern LRT

The following summarizes the First Nations consultation/notification undertaken for the Scarborough Malvern LRT. As of September 24, 2009, none of the First Nations contacts have expressed interest in the project. A chart on page four summarizes the dates of all correspondence undertaken.

### Background

On **December 3, 2008**, Zeljko Romic (MOE - Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch) sent correspondence to the TTC indicating that for Transit City projects the TTC should contact the following organizations to assist in identifying potentially interested Aboriginal Communities. The organizations are:

# Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs (MAA) Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

- Specific Claims Branch,
- Litigation Management & Resolution Branch
- Comprehensive Claims Branch

#### Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Consultation

As per the City of Toronto and INAC notification protocol for Environmental Assessments, a notice of preliminary planning for the Scarborough Malvern LRT was sent to the following contacts on **July 10**, **2008**.

Marc-André Millaire Litigation -Management and Resolutions Branch INAC Room 1430 25 ED 10 Wellington Street Gatineau QC K1A 0H4

Fred Hosking Specific Claims Branch INAC 10 Wellington Street Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H4

Guy Morin, Policy Analyst Comprehensive Claims Branch INAC 10 Wellington Street Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H4 As of August, 2009, Ms. Nicole Cheechoo has replaced Mr. Morin as the Comprehensive Claims contact:

Nicole Cheechoo Comprehensive Claims Branch Treaties and Aboriginal Government INAC 10 Wellington Street 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H4

Correspondence confirming the notification protocol between INAC and the City of Toronto was received on **March 19, 2009 and April 11, 2009.** INAC has clearly indicated that they will only provide written responses to the City of Toronto should the claims circumstance affecting Toronto change.

INAC Correspondence from The Specific Claims Branch (Lyle Henderson) on March 19, 2009 indicates:

"It is the practice of the Specific Claims Branch to provide only the contact information for First Nations who have submitted claims in the area of interest, as well as other First Nations that are in the general vicinity. **There are no other First Nations** (other than Mississaugas of the New Credit) **in the vicinity of this area**." (Toronto).

INAC Correspondence from the Litigation Management and Resolution Branch (Marc Andre Millaire) on **April 11, 2009**, indicates that they are aware of only one active litigation claim in "the area of part of Eastern Toronto". INAC has provided a list of the Williams Treaty Bands involved in this claim. As confirmed with MOE project officer Lorna Zappone these Bands have been notified and asked to provide the nature of any interest they may in the Scarborough Malvern LRT in writing. The TTC has also invited them to meet to discuss any interest they may have. Letters and notice of Commencement of the Transit Project Assessment were sent to each of the Williams Treaty Bands on **August 28, 2009**. The following contacts were confirmed by Martin Rukavina of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs:

#### Williams Treaty Bands

Alderville First Nation	Beausoleil First Nation	Chippewas of Georgina Island	Chippewas of Rama
11696 Second Line	(Christian Island)	R.R. #2, P.O. Box 12	5884 Rama Road, Suite 200
P.O. Box 46	1 O-Gema Street	SUTTON WEST, Ontario	RAMA, Ontario
ROSENEATH, Ontario	Christian Island, CEDAR	L0E 1R0	L0K 1T0 Chief Sharon Stinson Henry
K0K 2X0 Chief James R. Marsden	POINT, Ontario	Chief Donna Big Canoe	(705) 325-3611
(905) 352-2011	L0K 1C0 Chief Rodney	(705) 437-1337	(Fax) 325-0879
(Fax) 352-3242	Monague Jr.	(Fax) 437-4597	chiefofmnjikaningfirstnations@mnjikaning.c
jbmarsden@eagle.ca	(705) 247-2051	dbigcanoe@georginaisland.com	
	(Fax) 247-2239		
	rodmonaguejr@chimnissing.ca		
Curve Lake First Nation	Hiawatha First Nation	Mississaugas of Scugog Island	Moose Deer Point First Nation
22 Winookeeda Road	123 Paudash Street	22521 Island Road	P. O. Box 119
CURVE LAKE, Ontario	R.R. #2	PORT PERRY, Ontario	3720 Twelve Mile Bay Road
K0L 1R0	KEENE, Ontario	L9L 1B6	MACTIER, Ontario
Chief Keith Knott	K0L 2G0	Chief Tracy Gauthier	P0C 1H0
(705) 657-8045	Chief Laurie Carr	(905) 985-3337	Chief Barron King
(Fax) (705) 657-8708	(705) 295-4421	(Fax) 985-8828	(705) 375-5209
chief@curvelakefn.com	(Fax) 295-4424	Tgauthier@scugogfirstnation.com	(Fax) 375-0532
executivesecretary@curvelake.com	lcarr@hiawathafn.ca		chief@moosedeerpoint.com

As of **September 24, 2009**, no Williams Treaty Bands have indicated any interest in the project. A follow-up meeting with the Bands will once again be offered should they express any interest or concern.

Furthermore, INAC Comprehensive Claims (Nicole Cheechoo) indicated the following on **September 4**, **2009**.

"To confirm as of September 4, 2009 there are no comprehensive or special claims within Toronto's border."

## **Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs (MAA)**

A notice of preliminary planning for all Transit City projects is sent to the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs. On **July 10, 2008**, a notice of preliminary planning was sent to Mr. Francois Lachance. The chart on the following page summarizes all correspondence, In 2008 (up until June 2009) the contact at MAA was:

Mr. Francois Lachance Policy Advisor, Policy and Relationships Branch Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs 720, Bay Street, 4th Floor Toronto, ON M5G 2K1

As of **June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**, Mr. Surinder Singh Gill of the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs indicated that future notification for all EAs conducted by the TTC or City of Toronto should be directed to:

Mr. Martin Rukavina Policy and Relationships Branch Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs 160 Bloor Street East, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M71 2E6

#### **First Nations**

Notices of preliminary planning and request for expression of any interest The Mississaugas of the New Credit may have were sent to Director Margaret Sault on **July 10**, **2008 and May 6**, **2009**. Notice of Commencement for the Transit Project Assessment and request for written notice of any interest the First Nation may have in the Scarborough Malvern LRT was sent **June 17**, **2009**.

Margaret Sault
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Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation
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Hagersville, ON NOA 1H0
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The Mississaugas of the New Credit have not expressed interest in the Scarborough Malvern LRT or any of the other Transit City projects to date. Ms. Sault will be notified well in advance of any future consultations and asked to provide any concerns in writing. A follow-up meeting with Director Sault and Chief Bryan LaForme will be offered should they express any interest or concern.

#### **Context and Background**

On Wednesday, January 10, 2007, Public Consultation staff for the City of Toronto met with Director Margaret Sault and Chief Bryan LaForme of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation to discuss the best method of consultation with the Mississaugas for all EAs conducted by the City of Toronto. Ms. Sault and Chief LaForme indicated that the City should notify Ms. Sault of all EAs undertaken by the City, but should not expect a written response from the Mississaugas. Furthermore, Ms. Sault and Chief LaForme indicated:

- The intention of the Mississaugas of New Credit is not to stop development. However, in the case
  that any First Nations archaeological material is found, they wish to be contacted immediately and
  for any construction to be halted temporarily until a mutually acceptable agreement is reached on
  how to proceed.
- Ms. Sault and Chief LaForme highlighted that the City needs to be aware that there are groups/individuals that may claim to be representative of the First Nation but they do not represent the Mississaugas.
- All correspondence must be directed to Ms. Sault.

## **Summary of Notification/Consultation to Date**

The following chart summarizes the dates for which correspondence was sent.

Project	Stage of Project	INAC Specific Claims	INAC Litigation Management	INAC Comprehensive Claims	Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	Williams Treaty Bands
Scarborough Malvern LRT	Preliminary Planning	July 10, 2008	July 10, 2008	July 10, 2008	July 10, 2008	July 10, 2008	
	Preliminary Planning	May 6, 2009	May 6, 2009	May 6, 2009	May 6, 2009	May 6, 2009	
	Notice of Commencement	June 17, 2009	June 17, 2009	June 17, 2009	June 17, 2009	June 17, 2009	August 28, 2009

As of September 24, 2009, none of the First Nations contacts have expressed interest in the project.



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Dear Mr. Evans:

# Re: Environmental Assessments in the City of Toronto

This letter is in response to our previous telephone and e-mail discussions regarding upcoming environmental assessments in the City of Toronto. As you mentioned, many projects are being planned by various divisions of the City, and the Province's consultation protocol require that you enquire with us as to whether there is any litigation that may affect these projects. Due to the volume of requests, you have suggested an agreed protocol between our organizations.

You note the boundaries of your project areas to be from Steeles Avenue to Lake Ontario (including the Toronto Islands), and the Pickering town line to the Region of Peel boundary. We are currently aware of only one active litigation claim in the area of part of Eastern Toronto. It is entitled Alderville Indian Band, Beausoleil Indian Band, Chippewas of Georgina Island Indian Band, Chippewas of Rama Indian Band, Curve Lake Indian Band, Hiawatha Indian Band, Mississaugas of the New Credit Indian Band, Mississaugas of Scugog Indian Band, Moose Deer Point Indian Band v. Her Majesty the Queen, Ontario (Third Party). Further details about this claim, including a copy of the pleadings, can be obtained from the Federal Court of Canada for a fee; please contact the Court and make reference to court file #T-195-92.

As discussed, as long as this remains the only litigation in our inventory in the vicinity of the City of Toronto, it would be unnecessary to respond to every request received relating to development within the city boundaries. We will not, therefore, respond to correspondence from any department of the City of Toronto, or agents and contractors working for the City of Toronto. Any requests for response (i.e. those which do not indicate that a response is not required) will be forwarded to your attention for follow-up.



To ensure that you are informed of any new litigation we become aware of, we agree that we will continue to review notices regarding development projects. Should new claims arise, we will respond to any subsequent notices with the

new information. At that time, you should request an updated letter from us.

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We cannot make any comments regarding potential or future claims, or claims filed under other departmental policies. I note you have already contacted the Specific Claims Branch. For information on any Comprehensive Claims, you should also contact Guy Morin of the Comprehensive Claims Branch at (819) 956-0325.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (819) 994-9548.

Sincerely,

Susan Winger

Manager

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c.c. Don Boswell, A/Sr Claims Analyst, Ontario, Specific Claims Branch Guy Morin, Policy Analyst, Comprehensive Claims Branch

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Dear Mr. Nagler:

# Re: Environmental Assessments in the City of Toronto

This letter is in response to your e-mail of March 18, 2008, addressed to Fred Hosking proposing a protocol arrangement between the Specific Claims Branch and the Public Consultation Unit of the City of Toronto in regards to Environmental Assessment consultation with First Nations. The agreement would be similar to the practice you have established with the Litigation Management and Resolution Branch (LMRB).

In previous correspondence between your unit and LMRB it has been noted that the boundaries of your project areas are from Steeles Avenue to Lake Ontario (including the Toronto Islands), and the Pickering town line to the Region of Peel boundary. We have conducted a brief search of our records and determined that there is currently one specific claim in this area. This claim is known as the Toronto Purchase and was submitted by the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. They can be reached at:

Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation 2789 Mississauga Road R.R. #6 HAGERSVILLE ON NOA 1H0 (905) 768-1133

It is the practice of Specific Claims to provide only the contact information for First Nations that have submitted claims in the area of interest, as well as other First Nations that are in the general vicinity. There are no other First Nations in the general vicinity of this area.

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Similar to your arrangement with LMRB, as long as this remains the only claim in our inventory in the vicinity of the City of Toronto, it would be unnecessary to respond to every request received relating to development within the city boundaries. We will not, therefore, respond to correspondence from any department of the City of Toronto, or agents and contractors working for the City of Toronto. Any requests for response (i.e. those which do not indicate that a response is not required) will be forwarded to your attention for follow-up.

To ensure that you are informed of any new claims we become aware of, we agree that we will continue to review notices regarding development projects. Should new claims arise, we will respond to any subsequent notices with the new information. At that time, you should request an updated letter from us.

We can only speak directly to claims filed under the Specific Claims Policy in the Province of Ontario. We cannot make any comments regarding potential or future claims, or claims filed under other departmental policies. This includes claims under Canada's Comprehensive Claims Policy or legal action by a First Nation against the Crown.

To the best of our knowledge, the information we have provided you is current and up-to-date. However, this information may not be exhaustive with regard to your needs and you may wish to consider seeking information from other government and private sources (including Aboriginal groups). In addition, please note that Canada does not act as a representative for any Aboriginal groups for the purpose of any claim or the purpose of consultation.

If you wish to discuss this matter further please contact me at (819)953-3192.

Sincerely,

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Specific Claims Branch

c.c. Marc-André Millaire, Litigation Team Leader, Litigation Management and Resolution Branch
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