



# MINUTES

## Thessalon First Nation's General Membership Meeting

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4. Continued: Boundary Claim update – Paul Williams:

Canada's negotiator, Michael Webb, worked on negotiating 96 square miles. Thessalon First Nation will be meeting with Canada in October 2018. Canada will be obtaining a new negotiator. The difficult aspect is the formula and calculations on the loss of use of the land. Paul Williams explained that the money most likely would be put in trust with INAC. A claim over 150 million is required to go to the cabinet.

In 2016, Ontario had accepted the claim. The First Nation has already expressed that it will not remove owners from private property but will exchange land on a value to value basis. The negotiating team has prioritized the land into zone 1-4, with zone 1 being the closest to the original First Nation boundaries and so forth to zone 4.

Paul Williams went on to speak about the Bio Centre's history from tree farm to current projects. Paul Williams expressed concern with the provincial government placing the priority of Thessalon's mill over the First Nation's. It was requested twice, for Thessalon First Nation to take money for the trees primarily the Kirk Wood Forest. The province requested for Red Pine to be cut and the Mill requested both red and white pine to keep the mill operational.

Thessalon First Nation has applied for their established rights. The stronger the claim the more deeply the government must consult with the First Nation. They want to use our meetings as consultation.

There are key documents in 1852 with a misunderstanding in translation. It was Miles Vs. Leagues.

Ontario at this time is continuing to log in the area.

- How do loggers affect our TFN loggers? Can we get our own loggers to stop them or have the courts stop them? It's up to the Council and Negotiating team – its not up to Ontario, its up to us.
- We should have our own loggers do it, as discussed in the Toronto meeting. Ontario hasn't been at the table for 8-9 months.
- Don't we have our own government body? Yes, and we will make sure our rules are better than Ontario's. Selective cut and replanting the trees are better than the Ontario system. We also need to be careful how we do it. And yes, it's Council decision.





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Paul also explained that Thessalon First Nation had registered an application to the courts September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A Colleterial attack means TFN targets the ones who gave the loggers permission to cut on TFN land. A pipeline example was given by Paul.

There is no balance between the government and the First Nation. Paul expressed his concern about Doug Ford's Government. The First Nation will progress with Canada however, uncertain of the future meetings with Ontario.

- Is MNR still spraying in that area? They have not been communicating with us.

Any further questions can be sent to Mary Jane Wardell for next Council Meetings.

Thanked everyone for coming.

5. Adjourned: 2:00 p.m.





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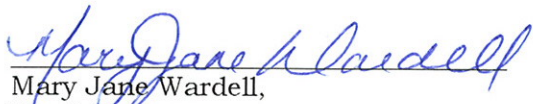
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