



MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - CULBERTSON TRACT CONSULTATION

BACKGROUND/INTRODUCTION

The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte is located midway between Toronto and Ottawa. We are the third largest First Nation in Ontario and the tenth largest in Canada. We have a membership exceeding 10,000 with approximately 2,500 living on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory.

Our ancestors arrived on the shores of the Bay of Quinte on May 22, 1784. Forced to relocate due to the American Revolution, lands were selected in our northern hunting grounds to establish our new village. At the same time, many United Empire Loyalists were also relocating to the area. In an effort to protect the lands, our ancestors sought out a deed to the lands. The Simcoe Deed or Treaty 3 ½ was issued April 1, 1793 and provided a description of lands – the size of a township – and much smaller than our ancestors had described as the lands required for the village and to sustain future generations.

On February 17, 1837, 923.4 acres of the Mohawk Tract were illegally patented to John Culbertson without the consent of the Mohawk people as was required by the Simcoe Deed. These lands become known as the Culbertson Tract lands.

In September 1995, MBQ submitted a Specific Claim against Canada and Ontario seeking the return of the land to the administration and control of the Mohawk people and financial compensation for the loss of use retroactive to 1837. The claim was accepted for settlement negotiations by Canada in 2003 on the basis that the issuance of letters patent by the Crown constituted an illegal disposition of Indian lands under its policy.

The partial settlement enabled the confirmation and restoration of 299.43 acres to the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory without the requirement of a surrender or other denial of the existing reserve status to those lands. In addition to the return of the land, Canada made a global settlement offer of \$30,974,864 which includes compensation for loss of use, costs for negotiation, costs for ratification, and costs for land acquisition.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Culbertson Tract Partial Settlement was successfully ratified by our membership in October 2021. During the membership meetings prior to the Culbertson Tract Partial Settlement vote, the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council indicated to the membership that the final settlement monies and land use would be determined in consultation with the membership.

MBQ has 8,889 members over the age of 18 that we need to consult with on how the final settlement monies will be utilized. Of the 8,889 membership over the age of 18, 1,769 reside on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory and 7,120 reside elsewhere in the world, mainly throughout Canada and the United States.

The balance of the financial compensation will be placed in an account and invested to accrue interest while engagement meetings are held to consult our membership on how the money and land should be used.

PROJECT GOALS

With this project we want to gain an understanding of the priorities of our membership. These priorities will be varied and may depend on where people are living and the interaction they have with our community.

SCOPE OF WORK

The Tyendinaga Mohawk Council and the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte Administration require the successful consultant to consult with our membership and obtain their ideas as to how the final settlement monies should be used. This could be done using a variety of mediums including but not limited to surveys and consultation focus groups. It is imperative that the consultant is able to confirm and ensure that it is every case a Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte Status Indian Band member responding to the consultation.

SCHEDULE

TASK	DATE
Request for Proposal Posted	September 29, 2022
Meeting time available for interested contractors to ask questions	October 12, 2022
Request for Proposals Deadline	October 28, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. EST

TIME AND PLACE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

Please submit proposals to:

Lisa Maracle
Director, Community Services
24 Meadow Drive
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Or by email to:

lisam@mbq-tmt.org

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 28, 2022 @ 4:30 P.M.
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ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL

The following items should be included in your proposal

- Background of your company
- Similar projects you have participated in
- How you would undertake this project
- Steps/timelines that you would follow to fulfill the proposal
- Detailed budget
- Clear outline of how you would reach out to and engage our members

EVALUATION CRITERIA

All proposals received by October 28, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. EST will be assessed for all components requested to be included in the proposal:

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CURRENT ROADBLOCKS AND BARRIERS TO SUCCESS

We do not have current addresses for all our members. Some members may not wish to be contacted to discuss or may refuse to participate. There may also be reluctance from members to participate in the process.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information or to discuss this RFP further please contact Lisa Maracle, Director, Community Services at 613-396-3424 or by email at lisam@mbq-tmt.org.