



COMMUNITY NOTICE

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FOR BLOCK 1 LANDS: NORTH SHORE WEST, NORTH SHORE CENTRAL, NORTH SHORE EASTERBROOK

The Mohawks of Akwesasne have an ongoing claim against Canada in connection with the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project. In 2000, the Seaway agreed to settle one specific issue in this proceeding by returning certain Block 1 lands to Akwesasne. On November 25, 2020, the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations added the Block 1 Lands to reserve by Order.

The Block 1 Lands consist of 100+ parcels of land on Kawehno:ke, located in 8 various areas throughout the district. These parcels represent lands that were previously expropriated or man-made during the construction of the Seaway.

It is the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne's intention to allot these lands to affected landowners where it is possible to do so. Over the next six months, the Office of Vital Statistics (OVS) will be conducting a controlled public review and comment period for lots located in one specific area at a time. Community members will have 30 days to obtain information and provide comments prior to any allotments taking place.

Effective February 21, 2023, the **North Shore West, North Shore Central, and North Shore Easterbrook** (which consists of **Lots 286-315**) on Kawehno:ke are open for public review and comment. These lots are identified by the green arrows on the map below. Community members will have until **March 24, 2023** to obtain lot information and/or provide their comments on these lands prior to any allotments taking place. No lots located outside of the identified areas will be discussed until they are publicized for comment.



If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Fawn Cole at 613-575-2250 ext. 1030 or at fawn.cole@akwesasne.ca.