



# Algonquins of Ontario

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Statement: Official Plan Endorsed by City of Ottawa Council

Today, Ottawa City Council took a bold step toward reconciliation and innovative community building through the approval of its Official Plan. The Algonquins of Ontario and their partner, Taggart Group, view the City of Ottawa's decision with hope and optimism for a future built on reconciliation and shared values.

We want to express our deepest appreciation to City Staff, City Council and the Mayor for their leadership and due diligence throughout this process. The decision will allow the people of Ottawa the opportunity to embark on needed expansion in a sustainable and responsible way, and to participate in the kind of living that will be critical for our future.

Tewin will be transformational. It will feature the very best planning, consultation, design and development, all guided by Algonquin principles and teachings. It represents a generational opportunity to create one of Canada's most innovative and environmentally-advanced new communities, while allowing Algonquin people to take their rightful place within the economic fabric of Canada's capital city.

We will build something extraordinary, a development that combines respect for the earth with the latest technology; efficient transit options with walkable community spaces; and affordable housing and jobs.

Throughout, we will deliver wide-scale socioeconomic benefits for the Algonquin people, including education, training, scholarship and labour-market development programs, as well as jobs both on-site and off-site.

We know there is a long road ahead of us, and we remain committed to working closely with Ottawa City Staff, City Council and our Provincial and Federal Governments. We also remain steadfastly committed to broad consultation both within the Algonquin family and the broader Ottawa area.

Including Tewin in the Official Plan is bold and courageous. Simply put, it ensures that a vibrant people of Ottawa's past become a dynamic key to its successful social and economic future.

- Chief Wendy Jocko, Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation and Algonquin Negotiation Representative with the Algonquins of Ontario
- Lynn Clouthier, Algonquin Negotiation Representative for Ottawa