



## Announcing Our Next Algonquin Knowledge and Land Use Study!

The Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) are pleased to announce the commencement of our latest Algonquin Knowledge and Land Use Study (AKLUS) focused on the land and waters around the Timiskaming Dam-Bridge of Quebec, which Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is proposing to replace. The purpose of an AKLUS is to gather information from Algonquins to help protect important ecological, cultural, and archaeological sites, and reduce potential impacts to our lands and waters from proposed development projects such as infrastructure, forestry, energy and nuclear facilities. This study builds upon the recently completed AKLUS focused on the land and waters around Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) Licensed Facilities within the unceded Algonquin Traditional Territory. This new study is another step towards realizing our goal of collecting and mapping Algonquin Knowledge and land use across all of the unceded Algonquin Traditional Territory.

### What does an Algonquin Knowledge and Land Use Study Look Like?

An AKLUS maps community knowledge and land use by conducting one-on-one interviews with Algonquin citizens or those with Algonquin Knowledge. The study team asks participants to share what activities (hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering medicines, conducting ceremonies, for example) and places on the land are important to them, where they hold knowledge of the land, and what stories about their experiences on the land they wish to share. This information is recorded and mapped, creating a “map biography,” or story, of the participant’s relationship with the land. The combined map of all these stories will create a compelling picture of Algonquin connections to our Traditional Territory.

### Attend the Online Information Session and Learn More!

#### Information Session on the Algonquin Knowledge and Land Use Study

Thursday, May 13, 2021

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Please visit [www.tanakiwin.com](http://www.tanakiwin.com) or email [algonquins@tanakiwin.com](mailto:algonquins@tanakiwin.com) to access the Zoom Meeting Link or for more information on the project.

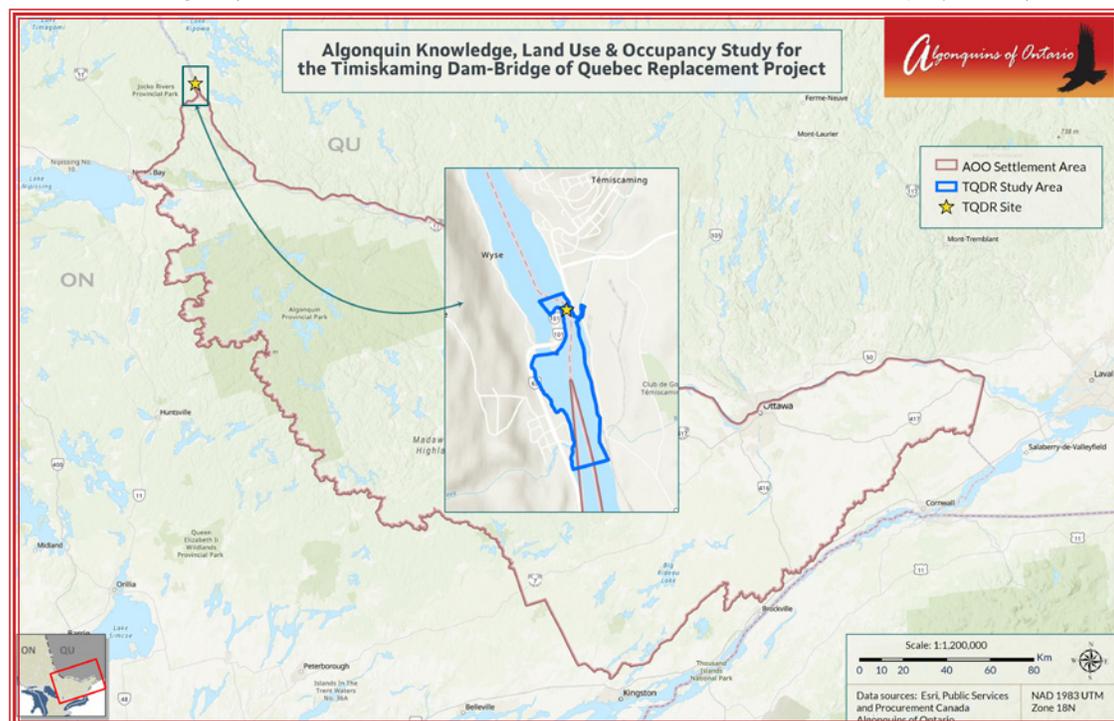
Public Services and Procurement Canada will be providing an update on the project

### Timiskaming Dam-Bridge of Quebec Replacement Project

This study is focused on the land and waters around the Timiskaming Dam-Bridge of Quebec, which Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) is proposing to replace. This dam-bridge replacement project is going through an Environmental Assessment regulated by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. An Environmental Assessment looks at how the project may impact people and the environment. Its purpose is to assess impacts and put measures in place to minimize them.

This map shows the location of the Timiskaming Dam-Bridge. The Quebec Dam was originally built between 1909 and 1913 and was rebuilt in the 1930s. It is nearing its end of life and requires replacement, along with its bridge. The Ontario Dam-Bridge was replaced in 2017. Construction is planned to take place over 30 months beginning in 2023 and completed in 2025.

The AOO is completing an Algonquin Knowledge and Land Use Study (AKLUS) to understand how the project may impact Algonquin rights and interests.



## Confidentiality

We know that safeguarding the confidentiality of all participants and protecting sensitive locations of Algonquin Knowledge is of the utmost importance. We have developed an Algonquin Information Governance Protocol to give individuals as well as their Algonquin communities control over how data is collected, shared and stored. Control over information starts with the individual, and each individual participating in the study and their respective Algonquin community will be able to determine the appropriate level of data sharing.

## Preserving Cultural Knowledge for Future Generations

Collecting Algonquin Knowledge and land use information will help to preserve Algonquin knowledge, values and cultural history. Gathering stories and wisdom from our knowledge holders through oral history interviews is a meaningful way of saving and sharing this invaluable form of cultural knowing for future generations.

## Training and Capacity Building

This project will continue to help the AOO build skills and capacity within our Algonquin communities by providing employment, training and experience in social research techniques, geographic information system (GIS) mapping, data collection, data management and community engagement. This capacity building will help make the AOO and the Algonquin communities self-sufficient for future Algonquin Knowledge research projects.

## We want to hear from you!

**Do you fish, hunt, trap, camp, gather medicines or otherwise use the lands and waters around the Timiskaming Dam-Bridge Project? Do you carry knowledge of spiritual, ecological or cultural sites near to or around the Timiskaming Dam-Bridge Project?**

If so, please consider participating in this study and reach out to the AOO Community Researcher, Jane Lagassie at [jlagassie@tanakiwin.com](mailto:jlagassie@tanakiwin.com).

Due to COVID restrictions, we will be completing all interviews remotely via Microsoft Teams. Microsoft Teams works in a similar way to Zoom and you will be able to connect via your web browser. For these interviews, you will not have to travel but you will need access to a computer.

\*PLEASE NOTE: Questions in the interviews for this particular study will focus on land use and knowledge of the land around the Timiskaming Dam-Bridge Project in particular. We will also ask participants about their concerns and ideas for this project from a land use and a stewardship perspective.

If you are interested in learning more, or participating in the study, please attend the Information Session on **Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM via Zoom**. To access the Zoom Meeting Link or for more information on the project, please visit [www.tanakiwin.com](http://www.tanakiwin.com) or email the Algonquins of Ontario general inbox at [algonquins@tanakiwin.com](mailto:algonquins@tanakiwin.com).

**Thank you for your interest in this exciting project.  
We look forward to hearing from you!**

The funding for this project was graciously provided by Public Services and Procurement Canada.

## Introducing Our Study Team

The AOO's lead researcher is Jane Lagassie. We have engaged Shared Value Solutions (SVS) to work with our AOO researchers to design and conduct this study. A consulting firm based in Guelph, Ontario, with whom we have worked for seven years, SVS works on behalf of Indigenous clients across Canada. SVS specializes in conducting Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use studies, supporting Indigenous rights and interests in regulatory processes and negotiations, assisting in community economic development, community environmental planning and natural resource management, and developing Indigenous Guardian Programs.



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