



June 24, 2022

Ms. Margaret Froh, President
Métis Nation of Ontario
Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO)
Via email MargaretF@metisnation.org

Dear Ms. Froh:

Re: Unauthorized Use of N'Daki Menan

Kwe Kwe,

The Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (Ontario) has issued a permit to a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) purportedly authorizing access to lands and resources for harvesting purposes within n'Daki Menan, the territory of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai.

In our roles as Ogimaak, it is our responsibility to inform you that the Teme-Augama Anishnabai with Temagami First Nation does not recognize this permit as it has not been issued by our governing councils.

The Teme-Augama Anishnabai have inherent rights to self-determination within our homelands of n'Daki Menan. Our rights include the responsibility to protect and manage the resources of n'Daki Menan in accordance with our laws and policies.

We understand the MNO has entered into an agreement with Ontario regarding the use of lands and waters by Métis individuals wishing to hunt and fish. This agreement was developed and implemented without consulting the Teme-Augama Anishnabai and Temagami First Nation and without our consent. Consequently, the agreement and any permits issued pursuant to the agreement are void to the extent they purport to grant rights or privileges to MNO members within n'Daki Menan.

The traditional land governance and stewardship practices of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai with Temagami First Nation have always been grounded in respect and reciprocity. Reasonable requests for permission to access n'Daki Menan for harvesting purposes have and continue to be granted provided they do not harm or place unbearable burden on the wellbeing of Teme-Augama Anishnabai citizens. Should an individual wish to harvest within n'Daki Menan they must contact our leadership for permission.

We remind you that any Indigenous individuals with historic ties to the land and waters of n'Daki Menan have been naturalized into the Teme-Augama Anishnabai and the boundaries of n'Daki Menan are not disputed by our First Nations neighbours. Accordingly, the Teme-Augama Anishnabai and the Temagami First Nation are the sole rights-bearing entities within n'Daki Menan entitled to protections under section 35.

For greater clarity, there are no Métis communities who hold established or credibly asserted rights within n'Daki Menan. The fact that Ontario and the Métis Nation of Ontario have agreed to recognize the existence of purported historic Métis communities does not establish that such rights exist and are entitled to protection under section 35.

Moving forward we trust you will refrain from engaging with Ontario in a manner which attempts to undermine the sovereignty of Teme-Augama Anishnabai with Temagami First Nation for the purpose of obtaining purported permits to harvest within n'Daki Menan.

Sincerely,



Ogimaa Shelly Moore-Frappier
Temagami First Nation



Ogimaa Leanna Farr
Teme-Augama Anishnabai