



LAND CLAIM PROCESS

NEGOTIATIONS

- Since January, 2022, Canada and Natoaganeg been involved in active negotiations for the settlement of the claim. The overall goal of the settlement of the claim is to provide the community with financial compensation for the loss that they suffered through the loss of their lands. Negotiations can be time consuming and take a number of years as they have to develop various Loss of use reports which can help to identify the “Value” of the loss that the community should be compensated for. For the 1844 Land Claim, Natoaganeg is entitled to two types of compensation:
 - 1) The Current Unimproved Market Value of the land. (“CUMV”)
 - 2) The loss of opportunity to make use of the claim lands.

Natoaganeg is represented in the negotiation process by Chief Ginnish, Councilors Tyler Patles, and Merrill Martin, and often, most of the Council members attend the negotiation process. Natoaganeg also has Tim Librande as negotiator, Lee Weatherby as Natoaganeg’s Land Appraiser, and Rosalie Francis as Legal Counsel.

SETTLEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

Once all of the Loss of Use Reports are completed, Canada and Natoaganeg will review and reference the findings of the LOU Reports to support the parties negotiation of a fair compensation amount for the community.

Once the parties have reached an agreement on the fair compensation amount, the agreement would be brought to the community for their review and acceptance. To ensure the community is accepting of the terms of the settlement agreement, registered band members will be required to vote on the settlement agreement before it can be finalized by Canada and Natoaganeg.