



**ANISHINAABEG OF NAONGASHIING WILL BE HOLDING  
A COMMUNITY VOTE ON THE ANISHINAABEG OF  
NAONGASHIING LAND CODE & INDIVIDUAL  
AGREEMENT**

**JUNE 25, 2011  
10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM**

**AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER  
200 MAIN ROAD  
ANISHINAABEG OF NAONGASHIING**

**PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORM. YOU  
CAN ALSO VOTE BY MAIL-IN BALLOT IF YOU CANNOT  
ATTEND THE POLLING STATIONS IN PERSON.**

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# **Regaining control of our Lands and Resources**

## **Background Information**

### **What is a Land Code?**

**It is a legal document that sets out the rules and procedures for our Land Laws.**

### **What is an Individual Agreement?**

**An Individual Agreement is an agreement that is negotiated between the Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing and Canada. It sets out the specifics of the transfer of Federal Authority (Canada) from the Indian Act to Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing.**

### **What is the Community Ratification Process?**

**The Community Ratification Process entitles all members of the Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing to VOTE for the Land Code and Individual Agreement. All members who reach the age of 18 years, whether living off or on reserve, are entitled to VOTE on these 2 documents. The procedures for voting are set out in the Community Ratification Process and will be included in your information packages.**

### **Who is the Verifier? What is the role of the Verifier?**

**The Verifier is an independent person who has been selected by the AON and Canada to confirm that all the rules and procedures of the VOTE have been followed and met according to the Framework Agreement.**

### **What is the Framework Agreement?**

**The Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management was signed by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and 13 First Nations on February 12, 1996. One other First Nation was added on December 1997. The Framework Agreement was opened to other First Nations and Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing was added on June 18, 2008. The Agreement is an initiative by these First Nations to take over the management and control of their lands and resources. It applies only to these First Nations.**

**The Framework Agreement sets out the principle components of this new land Management process. It is not a TREATY and does not affect our TREATY OR OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE ANISHINAABEG OF NAONGASHIING. The Agreement has been ratified and implemented by**

**Canada in the First Nations Land Management Act, assented to June 17, 1999.**

**The Framework Agreement provides the option of managing reserve lands outside the Indian Act. The option to regain control of reserve lands can only be taken with the consent of the community. Only when a First Nation takes control of its lands and resources under the Agreement, shall federal administration of its reserve lands cease under the Indian Act.**

**A First Nation signatory to the Framework Agreement may exercise its land management opportunity by:**

- **Creating its own Land Code**
- **Entering into an Individual Agreement with Canada**
- **Drafting a Community Ratification Process; and**
- **Conducting a community VOTE.**

**The transfer of Land Management authority occurs when the Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing approves its Land Code and the Individual Agreement.**

**The Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing Land Code will become the basic Land Law of the Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing.**

### *Land Code*

**The Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing Land Code will make provisions for the following matters;**

- **Identifying the Reserve Lands to be managed**
- **The general rules and procedures for the use and occupation of these lands by the membership and non-membership**
- **Financial accountability for revenues from the lands (except Oil and Gas revenues, which continue under the Indian Oil and Gas Act)**
- **The making and publishing of our land laws**
- **Conflict of Interest Rules and Guidelines**
- **A community process to develop rules and procedures applicable to the occupation of land on the breakdown of a marriage**
- **A Dispute Resolution Process**
- **Procedures by which the Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing can grant interests to occupy land or acquire lands for community purposes**
- **The delegation of land management responsibilities**
- **The procedure for amending the Land Code; and**
- **Any other matter respecting the management of our Land.**

***Land provisions of the Indian Act***

***Indian Act Contents***

***Positives***

- ***Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing will manage its own lands and resources.***
- ***Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing will be able to make timely business and administrative decisions to accelerate Economic Development.***
- ***It will not affect any other program services and agreements of the Anishinaabeg of Naongashiing.***
- ***Special provisions have been included for Heritage Sites. Eg. Naongashiing.***
- ***It does NOT affect your Treaty Rights because it is NOT a Treaty.***