



REAL ALGONQUINS DO EXIST AT BARRIERE LAKE: MNN REGRETS MISINFORMATION POSTED ON OCTOBER 12, 2008

MNN. Dec. 16, 2008. Yes, Virginia, there are real Algonquins. Created the natural way. Without any help from Canada's Indian Affairs or their bureaucratic "Svengali", Mother Joan Holmes. The Algonquins of Barriere Lake in northern Quebec have lived in the area now known as "LaVerendrye Park" since time immemorial, long before colonial Quebec or Canada existed. It's a four hour drive north from Ottawa. They've taken care of the land so that the forest and water are pristine. Plenty of minerals lie beneath that they don't want to disturb. Of course, the multinational corporations want to deforest the land, take out the fresh water and then dig for the minerals.

Two opportunists have been hanging around them for over 20 years, Russell "Potato Bug" Diabo from Kahnawake and David "Dutiful-Dog" Nahwegabow from White Fish Bay. They've hooked up with Jean Maurice "Poncho" Matchewan and his gang who are willing to play ball with corporations like Domtar, Tembec and AbitibiBowater who want to deforest and exploit the land. Why in a park?

Around 1993 Diabo and Nahwegabow, with the help of businesses and environmental groups, set up the "Forest Stewardship Council" FSC in Bonn Germany. FSC is an Orwellian twist to the real "double dealing" that some so-called environmental protection groups are fronting. The original Indigenous owners of the world's forests have not been informed or consulted about this. FSC "is a non-profit organization that sets global standards for responsible forestry". 80% of their revenue comes from governments, private foundations, corporations and non-governmental organizations, some associated with the United Nations. Diabo and Nahwegabow have both sat on the boards of FSC at the international and Canadian levels. Diabo was recently in Toronto promoting FSC.

FSC tries to provide accreditation worldwide as to which Indigenous lands can be deforested by the corporations. According to the Indigenous of Clayoquot Sound British Columbia, "it's a fraudulent scam to allow marketing of old growth forests around the world". [See Link #1 at end of this article] [See Link #2 for a list of their latest certifications]. It is a scheme that has perverted the efforts of such well known environmental activists as the Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, World Wildlife Fund, David Suzuki Foundation, Green Peace, the Pembina Institute, Ivey Foundation, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Rainforest Alliance, Ducks Unlimited, Global Forest Watch Canada, National Environment Trust, Environmental Defence Canada and others. Instead of promoting environmental protection, it looks like they are now lending their support, knowingly or unknowingly, to those who would exploit and pollute the environment for private profit.

The idea is that any wood or wood products sold worldwide will need FSC approval, or else! the scheme allows Rona, Home Depot, Ikea and many others to present themselves as "green" companies. FSC promotes a concept of sustainability. On inspection, it turns out that after divesting us of our trusteeship and control of our

lands and forests, the corporations then set up "tree farms". Who owns them? The companies, of course! The Indigenous people are left with nothing.

At Barriere Lake Indian Affairs took over administration and placed the Algonquins under the third party management of Price WaterhouseCoopers. Just like Kanehsatake and Burnt Church! Divisions in the community were fomented. Then Indian Affairs, that holds the purse strings, incorporated the group and started to treat them like a business enterprise.

As a founding member of FSC Diabo is able to help the corporations find the best forests to get FSC accreditation anywhere in the world. The companies then go to the respective governments and get the permit to deforest the designated area. Diabo also works with members of the local band council or Indigenous group to "help" them sign illegal "Trilateral Agreements" with the province, federal government or colonial entity. The local Indigenous collaborators who sign on get very little from the deal. Their people end up having to leave their hunting, fishing and trap lines to get away from deforestation and subsequent flooding. As far as we can tell, Nahwegabow, the lawyer, and Diabo, the House Mohawk, seem to pull the strings and set up this scheme.

Jean Maurice "Poncho" Matchewan and his gang at Barriere Lake signed the Trilateral Agreement with Quebec and Canada. "Poncho", as he is known up there, is a cynical man. He accepted power and money in exchange for compromising his people. The traditional Algonquins did not go along with him. After all, it's their forest, their soil, their homeland and their livelihood. They remain sovereign, independent and never became Canadians. Their territory remains unsurrendered and never part of any treaty. In exchange for signing away all their territory the Algonquins have been promised some firewood, chump change and no say. When opposition started openly brewing, Indian Affairs cut off a lot of programs to the real Algonquins – phones, hydro, water, heating oil, education and social programs and health care. The whole works! All gone! When Matchewan was subsequently removed by the people, he pulled the plug on the only generator in the community. The people were denied basic human rights and amenities and coerced into tying in social services as part of the big "deal" with the corporations, Canada and Quebec. Why should Algonquins be reduced to refugees on their own land? The Algonquins have had to go into the bush to trap and fish to feed their families in one of the coldest winters in recent history. They are living in improperly-heated over-crowded homes that are potential fire traps. Indian affairs parachuted in four new people to "represent" the Algonquins along with a new constitution and electoral code. This was supposedly put in place with the consent of respected elders. The elders say their signatures were forged. Isn't this an old colonial trick? In keeping with international law, agreements like this must be signed in public before the whole community which must completely understand and consent to the terms.

Poncho's gang is now accusing Quebec and Canada of violating the Trilateral Agreement by not giving them their share of the profits. It looks like the road blocks of Highway 117 on October 6, 2008 were staged and video taped for worldwide distribution. This is where MNN got hooked in. It was incredible to see such a raw display of force against women and children. People have been made desperate. Some were paid \$20 to \$50 to go out on the highway and hold placards for these protests. They were forced by threats of violence and seizure of personal assets to take part. The Quebec Police SQ was more than willing to engage in brutality. They pepper sprayed and tear gassed small children and hit the women with batons. Russell Diabo and others from Poncho's faction are now touring Haudenosaunee and other Ongwehonwe communities trying to lure our youth to Barriere Lake to stand on the "front lines". This plays right into the hands of those who are trying to defame the Mohawks and find an excuse to implement martial law against us.

Barriere Lake is part of the “North American Water Plan” that started in 1933 (the same year that Trenton Air Force base was built) affecting 36 Indigenous Nations. It’s a short sighted three pronged action: 1. take out the trees; 2. take out the minerals; and 3. dam and divert the rivers through aqueducts to the U.S. Remove those who are in the way. There are no signs of a back up-plan to clean up the environmental damage.

The corporate elites plan to block the St. Lawrence River and James Bay. The entire Great Lakes watershed will be turned into one big lake. This will be powered by nuclear reactor pumping stations. This appears to be one of the reasons for merging of Canadian, U.S. and Mexican military and law enforcement under the North American Union NAU and the Security and Prosperity Plan SPP.

An Algonquin elder told MNN he openly opposed their schemes. He and others that were labeled as "dissidents" have been driven from Barriere Lake under a policy of “banishment”.

Around the same time in April 2008 Ontario and Quebec signed a deal for Quebec to sell power to Ontario from hydro plants to be built on Algonquin land. Domtar also signed with Quebec to log and flood Kokomville, an Algonquin community. Quebec doesn’t believe the people living there should benefit from the resources they extracted for the benefit of foreign industries. A Domtar executive sits on the FSC Canada board. Talk about conflict of interest!

The Montreal supporters “No One Is Illegal” have been posting stories, raising money and getting support for the Pancho Matchewan group. sarita@resist.ca Huge tensions surround this situation. The current economic melt down should lead to creating a sustainable economy and sharing the world’s resources fairly. We Indigenous people have always questioned why we are forced to subsidize foreign companies who extract profits from our resources and leave us with a mess. The province of Newfoundland just stripped the rights and assets of U.S. company AbitibiBowater Inc. They say they’re tired of seeing “their” [Indigenous] resources exploited with no return for the people! The Forest Products Association of Canada is now pushing Canada to extend a “work sharing program” that will turn unemployment insurance recipients into low cost slave labor so the multinational corporations can keep getting the high profits demanded by their greed. Barrier Lake Algonquins, you better dig in and find out what’s going on. [Oh! It’s beginning to look a lot like Sharbot Lake, everywhere you go – same people, same tactics!]

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BYE, BYE, CANADA! IT WASN'T NICE KNOWING YA!

MNN. Dec. 3, 2008. The vermin have come out of the woodwork. Now that Canada's Parliament has been suspended, it should now be obvious to everyone, Canada is not a democracy. It never was. It is a colony that has a single person, the Queen, sitting on top as the head of state. It's been run for the benefit of a few business interests. It only pretends to protect the people.

Canada has no land base as Ongwehonwe never gave up anything. Turtle Island and its resources belong to us.

On December 4th 2008 Canada's Parliament was "prorogued". In other words, the pretense of representative government of the colony was dissolved. Prime Minister, Stephen Harper presented a bogus budget to Parliament. He wanted to cut corporate taxes, slash social, education and health programs. He even wanted to cut off the election subsidies to the parties. It was outrageous. He knew it would be rejected. His party was outnumbered. Next Monday, December 8th, he would have had to face a vote of "non-confidence", lose and then step down. Then another election would have been called with just about the same result as the last one. Harper would have had another minority government. Canadians have spoken. They don't him to have too much power.

The other parties, the Liberals, New Democratic and Bloc Quebec, decided to form a coalition, which was legal according to their colonial structure. It made sense. It followed Canadian cultural precedent. It has to have been anticipated by Harper and whoever pulls his strings.

What was the real plan? The Governor General of Canada, Michaële Jean, had been sent to Europe to be near whoever pulls the strings of her boss, Queen Elizabeth. The Governor General was called back "suddenly" to fulfill this colonial metaphor about being a single head of state, the "maharajah" who reigns over her subjects in Canada. Harper asked the Governor General to discontinue Parliament for eight weeks [or more].

"Prorogue" means to discontinue meetings of parliament without dissolving it. In other words, it's a dictatorship. The Prime Minister can indefinitely extend his term of office if he can create the "need" for it. It was a measure meant to take care of emergencies – like war. It was not meant to allow a prime minister to assume dictatorial power, or to do an end run around the discussions that should take place when people living in widely separate places with different needs have to work together. Canada's chaotic state is a sign that differences are coming out and their system cannot deal with it.

During this time Harper does either as he's told or as he pleases according to the secret clique that's pushing him. In the meantime, Harper has set up meetings across Canada to rile up the people into a frenzy of anger, pitting everybody against each other. His remarks about the people in Quebec have been particularly offensive and meant to start fights. Is he trying to break up Canada? Or is he just trying to create a "pretext" for martial law? Is it a coincidence that the military conducted

exercises to prepare for this eventuality just two weeks ago? Why have there been so many problems lately with the police who are freely killing, shooting and assaulting innocent people? This has been happening everywhere involving city police, provincial police, RCMP, CBSA and CSIS [secret service]. Are they trying to normalize violence?

It's been called an "economic crisis". Then what's the excuse for setting up a totalitarian regime? Unless the time has come for someone to cash in! Should Harper and his "counsel of foreign advisors" decide that the situation has gotten "out of hand", he could maintain martial law indefinitely. This would give him time to bring everybody and everything under control. His backers can then "take the money and run".

As it stands Harper can be sent around the world to make deals to sell off our resources, and then pocket the money. Who can stop him? It's time for people to do some serious thinking about the real meaning of "democracy". There has to be some real consultation with the people, which he doesn't want.

Canada's "pseudo democracy" is dangerous. It lets a single person take dictatorial control to sell off resources without regard for the welfare of the people. We would like to suggest to Canadians that it is time for them to take a serious look at the Great Law of Peace, a tried and proven model that shows how people can work together without having a leader or head of state. It shows how differences of opinion are turned into strengths that contribute to a solution that benefits everyone.

Today Canadians are groping to be saved. It is totally absurd that someone in England can rule Onowaregeh, Turtle Island, through their nominee, the "prime minister". Equality failed for the colonists because in their hierarchical system they want a "prime" minister, governor general, queen or a Don to sit on top and dictate to everybody. In the beginning the colonists looked at our Great Law constitution and tried to create a model with some of the principles of equality and everyone having a voice. It did not work because of their refusing to create a balance of power.

The colonizers have no choice but to see the land our way if they want to save themselves. Today there is no caretaking as access to our resources is being dictated by outsiders who represent the colonizers, who want to dig out everything and cart it away, leaving us to cope with the toxic waste. Colonizers will not find balance as long as they have imperial thinking that uses a single person as "head of state" or a CEO to run the corporation.

The megalomaniacs think they can control the world and do anything they please with impunity. It's based on mathematical formulas where only a few people are in control and get the benefits. The psychotics separate themselves from the people and the natural environment. This cannibalistic structure is being shaken.

It is supposedly the international position that everyone is a custodian of the land. What is the reality? The whole economy of Canada and the U.S. has been based on greed and expansion for the business viability for a few. New technology pushes this idea along. In the long run this can't work because we are not looking after our mother as one earth where we all have to stay rooted. So it's coming to an end. We have lots of challenges. We have to learn how to achieve balance and a way of life that respects us, our land and everything on it. The bosses of the colonizers must be forced to let go of their greed. Is this possible?

As it looks, the Queen and the oligarchs have no further use for their colonists here in their present state. They used their natural energies and labor to build something false for themselves. They controlled their minds. In fact, they enslaved them and took all the products for themselves. Now they are taking them to a new level of bondage. Canada has expired as they thought they knew it. We Ongwehonwe were spared because we always resisted. So all they got from us was our resources. We still have our minds and our basic relations with the land and with each other.

Stephen Harper can do whatever he pleases because he is being protected by?- the “mob”? It’s obvious he does not care about the decaying infrastructure or crumbling programs that are falling apart. They were always meant to be short term until they finished taking what they wanted. The squabbling colonists and their puppeteers have to get off our backs. They have to go back to the original relationship with us as the owners of the land and the colonizers as our “visitors”.

The North American Union NAU is the next totalitarian step. The oligarchs are going to amalgamate the land of the Indigenous people of the colonial entities of Mexico, U.S. and Canada. They want a free flow of commerce to benefit a few capitalists. They want to tighten their grip on the people and get rid of human rights. Everybody has to resist this potential slavery. We demand that they leave their destructive and grasping schemes behind and move toward a proper and legal relationship with us. To save yourselves, Canadians, you have to take on our basic principles of equality, everybody having a voice, taking care of the land, living peacefully and respecting us and each other.

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