

Ramifications of Ipperwash inquiry

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Now the Ipperwash inquiry has been made public and both the federal and provincial governments have been found responsible for the events that occurred on that day.

What will become of this report? We know that both the McGuinty government and the Harper government have been presented with recommendations concerning the outstanding land claim disputes.

The Ontario and Canadian governments are currently involved in land claim negotiations with the Algonquins of Ontario.

For years there have been complaints ranging from questionable election practices to the double dipping of allocated funds by one community.

To date both governments have ignored these complaints.

There are five communities currently not included in the Algonquin land claim negotiations.

These communities have complained for years to the governments as well as to both federal and provincial negotiators about the irregularities within the process and their reasons for not wanting to participate until these are dealt with.

To date nothing has been done.

It is my hope that the governments put a stop to the Indian industry that has been created as a result of these land claims.

All it has done is make lawyers rich while their clients are wondering what happened to the settlement.

In April of this year, the Ottawa Algonquin First Nation withdrew its support from the Algonquin Land claim.

We left the table because of the above outstanding issues and other disturbing problems.

A letter detailing our departure from the negotiations can be found on our website at www.ottawaalgonquins.com <http://www.ottawaalgonquins.com>

I would suggest that before both governments begin to implement Justice Linden's recommendations that they clean up the mess within the Algonquin land claim.

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