

SUMMARY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT WITH CANADA

Zagime Anishinabek

"LIVE WELL ON EARTH, WITH ALL OUR RELATIONS"

The Individual Agreement is the Government to Government Agreement between Zagime Anishinabek (Zagime) and Canada to officially **transfer** the administration and financial control over Zagime reserve land from Canada back to the Nation. The Individual Agreement does not get signed until the Members vote to approve it.

The lands we have identified to come under the Land Law are :

- ✦ This section includes definitions for words that are used in the Agreement and identifies Zagime Anishinabek's reserves as the reserve lands to which the Land Law will apply.

Section 1- Interpretation

Section 2- Information provided by Canada

- ✦ This section says that Canada will provide Zagime with the following information: Lists of interests in Zagime Anishinabek reserve land such leases and permits; and results of the reserve wide Environmental Site Assessment work and environmental work that is ongoing.

Section 3 - Transfer of Land Administration

- ✦ This section says that Canada will transfer the management and control of Zagime reserve lands to Zagime Anishinabek.

Section 4 – Acceptance of Transfer of Land Administration

- ✦ This section says that the land management provisions of the Indian Act no longer apply, specifically: Canada no longer has any authority over the parcels of land being included and Zagime will start governing its reserve land pursuant to its Land Law.
- ✦ In this section Canada and Zagime agree: That Canada will remain liable any damages or losses relating to the land that occurred before the Land Law comes into effect; and Zagime Anishinabek will be liable for damages or losses after the Land Law comes into effect.

Section 5- Operational Funding

- ✦ In this section Canada is agreeing to provide a base amount of operational funding to Zagime Anishinabek. To help with the initial Land Law implementation, Zagime will also receive two additional payments for the first and second year once the land law is operational.

Section 6- Transfer of Moneys

- ✦ In this section, Canada agrees to transfer to Zagime all the money that Canada is holding in Zagime Anishinabek's Indian Moneys accounts (capital and revenue) related to these lands.

Section 7- Notice to Third Parties of Transfer of Administration

- ✦ This section says that Zagime must give notice of the Land Law to any of the companies that have an interest in Zagime reserve lands (i.e., lease holders that are leasing the land).

Section 8- Interim Environmental Assessment Process

- ✦ In this section Zagime agrees that an environmental assessment that is similar to the federal environmental assessment process will be completed for certain projects on reserve land. Once the land law is in place, Zagime Anishinabek will establish its own environmental assessment law that will meet or beat the federal requirements.

Sections 9 Amendments and Section 10 Notices between the Parties

- ✦ These sections of the agreement says how amendments to the agreement will be made and how notices will be delivered to the parties.

Section 11- Dispute Resolution

- ✦ This section says that the any disputes between Canada and Zagime Anishinabek regarding the Individual Agreement will be resolved using the dispute resolution options in the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management*. This includes options such as negotiation, mediation, neutral evaluation, and arbitration.

Section 12- Date of Coming into Force

- ✦ This section says that the Individual Agreement will start to apply at the same time as the Land Law.

There are seven (7) Annex's attached to the Agreement and they include:

ANNEX "A" – Funding provided by Canada;

ANNEX "B" – Details of the Transfer of Moneys;

ANNEX "C" – List of Interests and Licenses Granted by Canada;

ANNEX "D" – List of all Existing Information in Canada's Possession Respecting any Actual or Potential Environmental Problems with the First Nation Lands;

ANNEX "E" – List of Other Material Information Provided by Canada that Materially Affects Interests and Licenses.

ANNEX "F" - Interim Environmental Assessment Process

ANNEX "G" - Description of Zagime Anishinabek reserve lands

FOR A FULL VERSION OF THE INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE LANDS OFFICE AT 1 (306) 697-2831, BY EMAIL AT: arielle.sparvier@zagime.ca; OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.zagime.ca