



Summary of our INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT

Introduction

Chippewas of Rama First Nation (Rama) Members have a chance to vote on whether or not to take over land management on reserve from Canada as represented by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). If Rama Members approve the *Land Code* and Individual Agreement, the 32 land management sections of the *Indian Act* will no longer apply to our reserve lands. Rama would take over land management. Canada would retain liability for land management decisions and environmental issues that happened before to the *Land Code* takes effect.

The Individual Agreement is an important part of our *Land Code* process because it is an agreement between the federal government and Rama that sets out the details of the transfer of management of reserve lands from Canada to Rama. The Individual Agreement has 12 sections and 7 attached documents which are called “Annexes”.

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1. Interpretation

This section defines terms that are used in the Individual Agreement.

2. Information Provided by Canada

Since Canada will retain liability for land management decisions and environmental issues that happened before the *Land Code* takes effect, this section confirms that Canada has provided Rama with all of the information in its possession regarding dispositions of reserve lands, environmental issues on reserve, and any similar information. Land interests and dispositions are set out in Annex “C”.

The information collected during the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) update that was conducted in 2013 is summarized in Annex “D”. A Phase II ESA has been recommended for the Public Works Yard and assessment of ground water impact from adjacent off-reserve industrial activity (former Longford Mills Site).

3. Transfer of Land Administration

Canada will transfer land administration and management to Rama. Rama will then begin managing and controlling the reserve land and natural resources through the *Land Code*.



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4. Acceptance of Transfer of Land Administration

Canada transfers all rights, obligations, powers, and authorities in or under all previous Interests or Licences affecting reserve lands, to Rama. The 32 land management sections of the *Indian Act* will no longer apply to Rama reserve land.

5. Operational Funding

Canada commits to provide funding and resources for managing the reserve lands. The initial funding amount is set out in Annex "A" which will be \$204,536 each fiscal year. In addition, Rama will also receive \$150,000 Transitional and Environmental funding over the first 2 years.

6. Transfer of Revenues

Canada is required to transfer to Rama any moneys that it holds in trust for the use and benefits of Rama, and any revenues it receives from reserve lands. The initial transfer amount is set out in Annex "B" (\$123,953.78 as of August 16, 2017).

7. Notice to Third Parties of Transfer of Administration

If Rama Members vote in favour of the *Land Code* and Individual Agreement, we must notify all non-members who have a legal interest in reserve land (such as a lease), that Rama is taking over management of the lands, and will collect revenue from those interest in the future.

8. Interim Environmental Assessment Process

Until Rama establishes its own Environmental Assessment process, the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* will apply. The procedure for Environmental Assessments during this time is set out in Annex "F".

9. Amendments

The Individual Agreement can be amended if it is done in writing collectively by Canada and Rama.

10. Notices Between the Parties

This section sets out how Canada and Rama will contact each other in the future for sending formal letters or notices.

11. Dispute Resolution

This section confirms that the dispute resolution process set out in the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* applies to any disputes between Canada and Rama regarding the Individual Agreement.

12. Date of Coming into Force

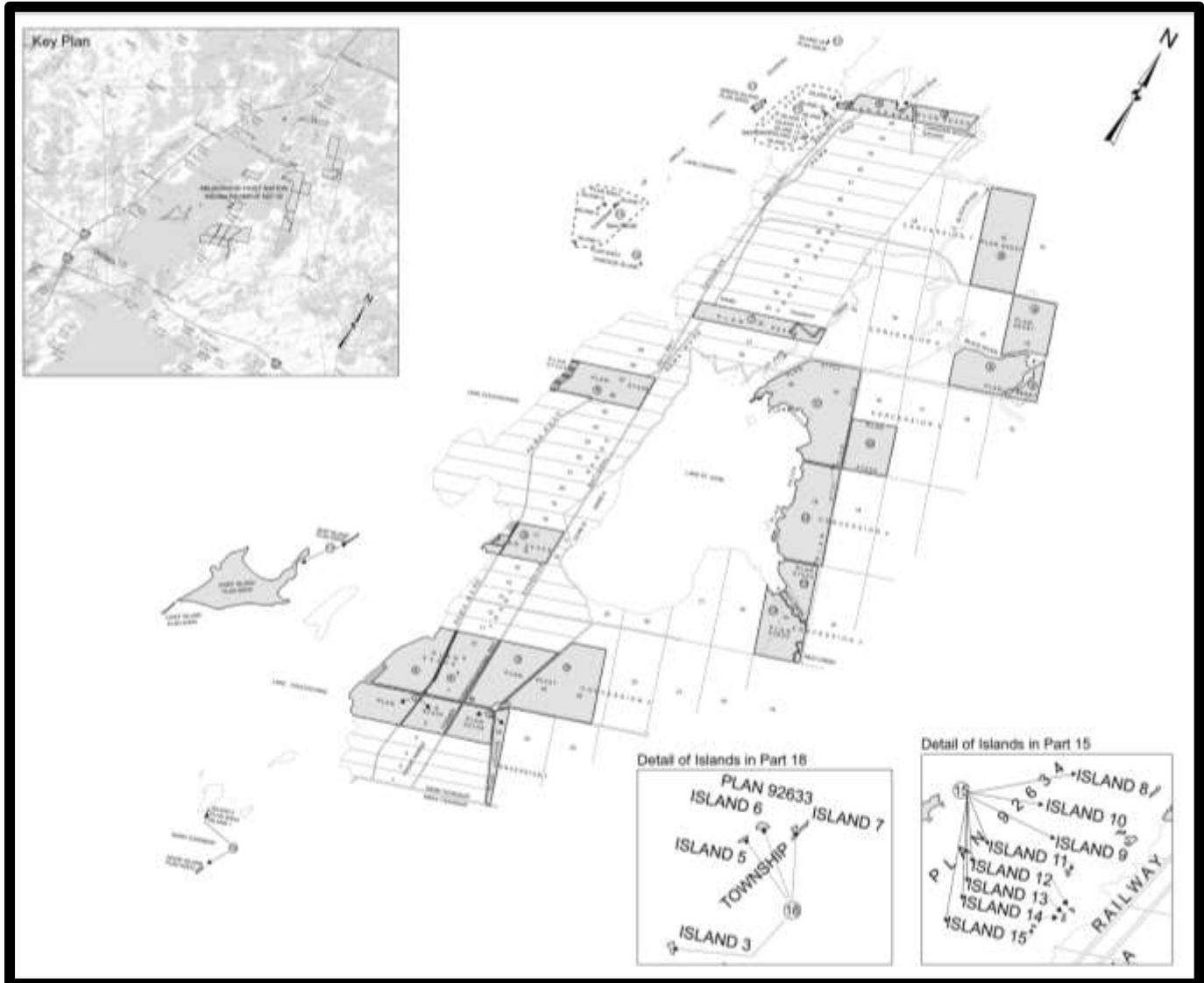
The Individual Agreement will come into force at the same time as the *Land Code* if Rama Members approve it.



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Annex "G"

Land Description of the extent of reserve lands that will be subject to the *Land Code* of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation. Reserve Lands within the geographic Townships of Rama, Orillia (North Division), and Mara in the County of Simcoe, Province of Ontario. Total lands, including all mines and minerals, containing 1045.0 hectares (2582 acres) more or less.



For more information or to read the full Individual Agreement, please visit www.ramafirstnation.ca

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