

Ginoogaming First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) Claim



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GFN TLE LAND SELECTION PROCESS: UPDATE

What is owed to GFN?

GFN's TLE "shortfall" is up to 11.4 square miles, or 7,296 acres. Ontario is prepared to transfer land to make up this shortfall.

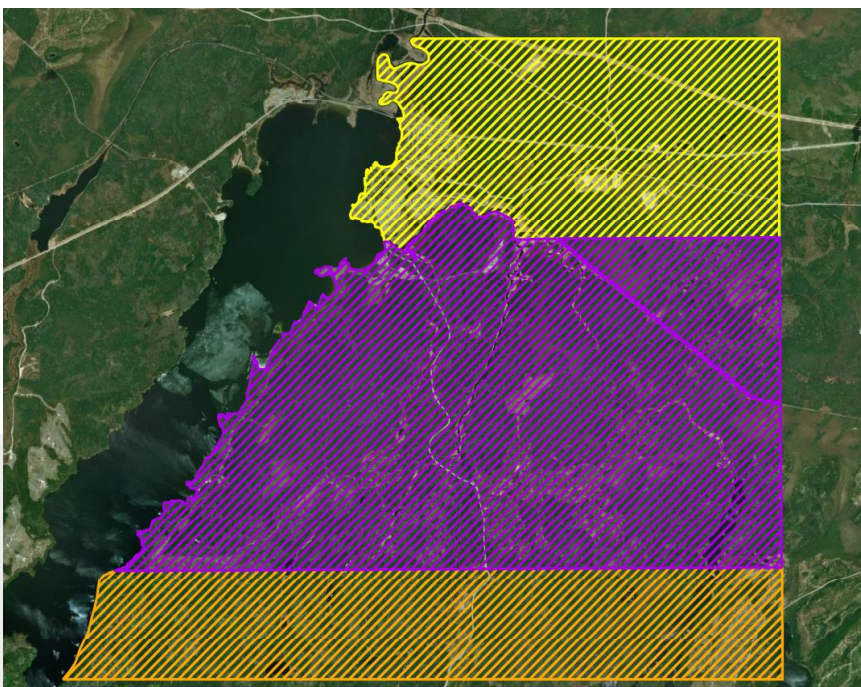
The map below shows GFN in purple. GFN's current land base is 27 square miles, or 68 square kilometers.

The yellow area on the map is what 11.4 square miles would look like if it were located north of GFN.

The orange area on the map is what 11.4 square miles would look like if it were located south of GFN.

In 1906, GFN should have received an amount of land equal to what is shown in the purple area, PLUS the amount of land shown in either the yellow, or the orange, areas.

GFN will now conduct a land selection process where GFN band members will select where the additional 11.4 square miles of land should be located.



WHAT IS A TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT CLAIM (TLE)?

Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) claim settlements compensate First Nations that did not receive all of the land that they were entitled to under Treaty.

Ginoogaming First Nation (GFN) is negotiating with Ontario and Canada for compensation to the land that it was entitled to under Treaty 9, which it signed in 1906, but did not receive.

Ontario will provide GFN with compensation land while Canada will provide financial compensation for GFN's loss of use of the land since 1906.

How much land is 11.4 square miles?

The GFN TLE claim was accepted on the basis of a reserve size of 27 square miles.

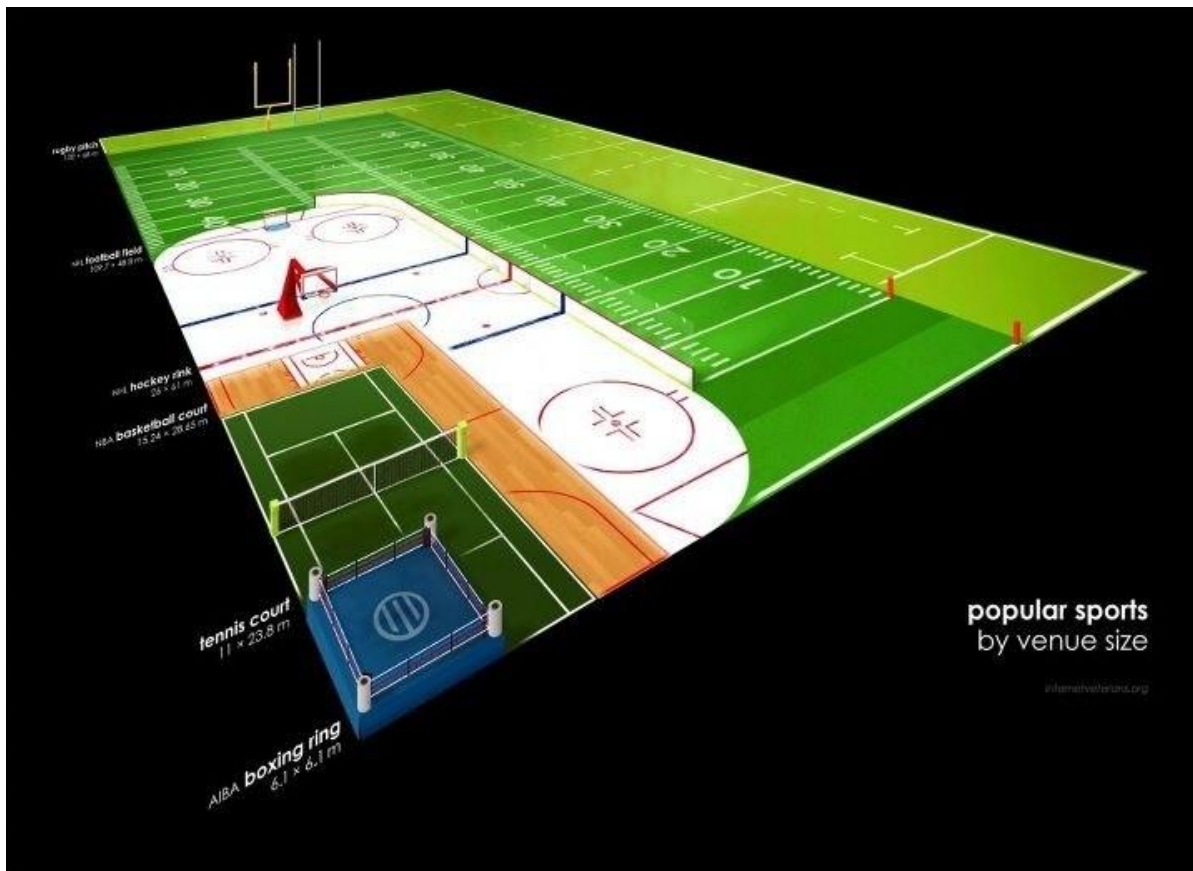
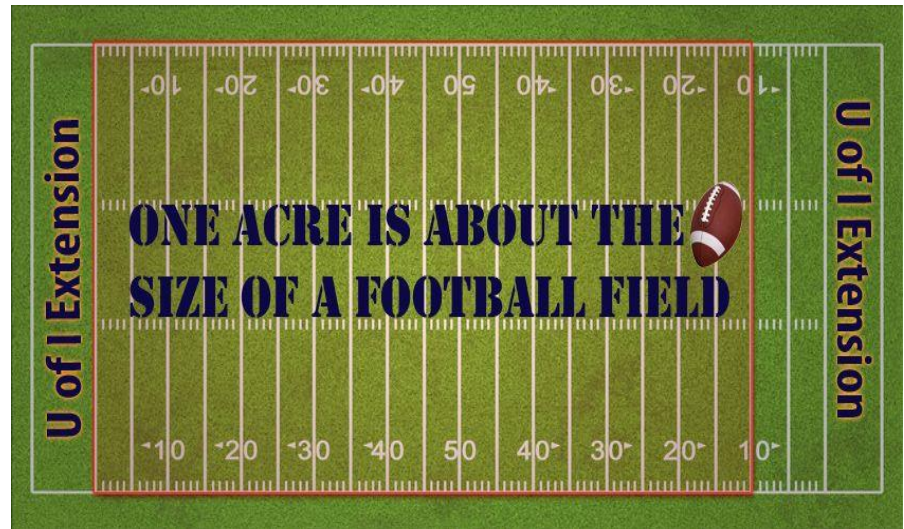
New TLE lands to be added: up to 11.4 square miles = 29.5 square kilometers or 7,296 acres.

GFN members need to be the ones to decide where these TLE acres will be added to the current GFN reserve land base.

How much land is an acre?

One acre = ne football field, or one hockey arena.

The GFN TLE claim is 7,296 acres = 7,296 hockey arenas.



WHAT DOES ONE ACRE LOOK LIKE?

Residential Lands:

- Large-sized housing lot, large yard space = 1 acre
- Medium-sized housing lot = 1/3 acre (3 houses per acre)
- Smaller housing lot = 1/8 acre (8 houses per acre)

Economic Development lands:

- For example, the average size of a truck stop on the highway is a few acres

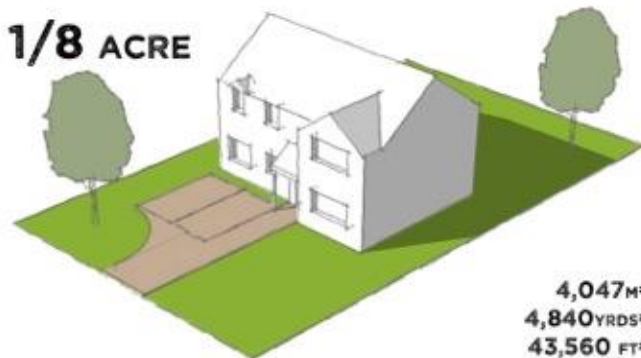
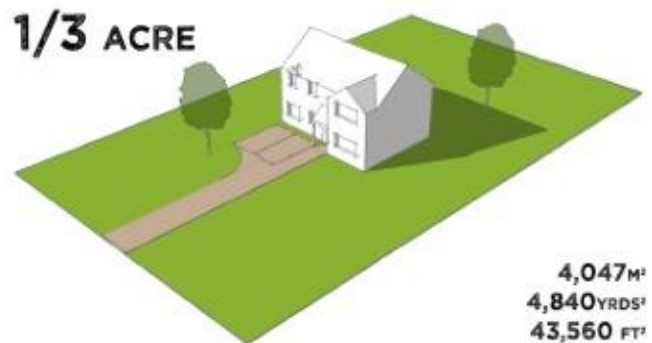
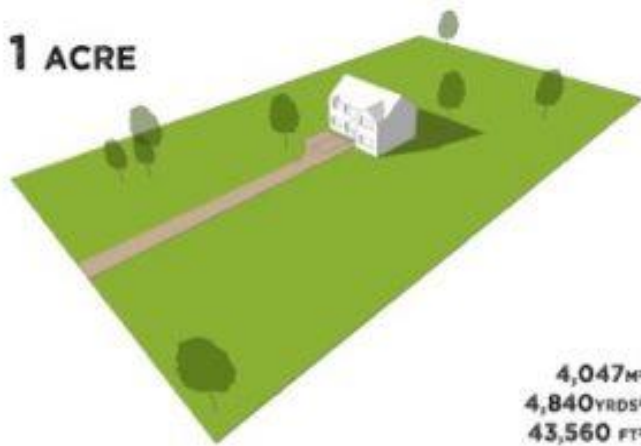
Cultural Lands:

- Fishing areas, beaches, spawning areas
- Hunting areas
- Traditional community land use areas (camping)
- Spiritual and sacred sites
- Cultural harvesting areas
- Other cultural use areas that GFN members deem important to have as reserve lands

IMPORTANT NOTE:

GFN TLE lands may be selected from anywhere within the Treaty 9 territory (which covers 2/3 of the Province of Ontario!)

The Treaty 9 territory consists of all lands within the Arctic Watershed (flowing northward into James Bay and Hudson Bay)



MAY 2019 LAND SELECTION OPEN HOUSES

The GFN TLE Negotiation Committee aims to hold a series of Land Selection Open Houses in May 2019, and again in early July 2019, and mid-August 2019

The GFN Technical Lands Working Group will coordinate meetings with GFN band members both on- and off-reserve.

GFN band members will be asked to start the Land Selection Process by selecting their areas of interest on maps.

Areas of interest include: residential lands, economic development lands, and also cultural lands (to protect hunting, fishing, and other cultural sites).

May 2019 Open Houses will be held 4pm-7pm at the following locations:

Tuesday, May 14: Thunder Bay (233 South Court Street, Matawa First Nations Management)

Wednesday May 15: Hornepayne (Hornepayne Legion Branch 194, 48 Sixth Avenue)

Thursday May 16: Ginoogaming First Nation Training Centre

Door prizes, refreshments, and dinner will be provided at all sessions.

future GFN TLE Land Selection Open Houses will be held in: early July 2019, and mid-August 2019

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