



# Algonquins of Ontario



Confederation Line  
Ligne de la Confédération

## CALLING ALGONQUIN ARTISTS AND ARTISANS

### Phase 2 of the Confederation Line Art Program Launched by the City of Ottawa!

June 20, 2014 (Pembroke, ON) – Since the early inception of the Confederation Line Light Rail Transit (LRT) project, the City of Ottawa has embraced a tremendous opportunity to recognize and celebrate the art, culture and heritage of the Algonquin people. Through an innovative partnership between the Algonquins of Ontario and the City of Ottawa, the transit station at LeBreton Flats, now named Pimisi Station, was identified as an “Algonquin-themed” station. The location of Pimisi Station is of particular significance to the Algonquins as it is in close proximity to Chaudière Falls and Victoria Island, both of which have been sacred gathering places since time immemorial.

Phase 1 of the Confederation Line Art Program was launched in July 2012 and included two separate Calls for Algonquin artists and artisans in November 2012. The Phase 1 competitions resulted in the selection of 13 artists/artist teams to work as members of the project design team to create integrated artworks at each station, including the selection of Nadia Myre ([nadiamyre.com](http://nadiamyre.com)) as the lead Algonquin artist at Pimisi Station.

Phase 2 of the Confederation Line Art Program will provide opportunities for artists to contribute permanent, stand-alone artworks to the Confederation Line. The City of Ottawa is now inviting professional artists and artist teams to submit qualifications to be considered for the design, fabrication and installation of contemporary, innovative public art to be located at one of six individually themed stations of the new Confederation Line LRT system.

Algonquin artists and artisans are welcome to submit their qualifications for any of the six stations, however, only Algonquin artists, artisans, or artist-led teams will be selected to create artwork for the Algonquin-themed **Pimisi Station**.

The Confederation Line Art Program – Phase 2 Request for Qualifications is available at the following link: <http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/arts-culture-and-community/arts-theatre-music/confederation-line-call-artists>. Hard copies may also be requested from the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office by telephone at 1-855-735-3759 (toll free) or 613-735-3759, or by email at [algonquins@nrtco.net](mailto:algonquins@nrtco.net). Submissions must be received by **5 p.m. on Monday, August 25, 2014**.

### Stay Informed – Stay Connected

To learn more about this unique opportunity, all interested artists, artisans and artist-led teams are encouraged to attend any of the following Information Meetings:

**Thursday, July 10, 2014**  
Routhier Community Centre  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lounge  
172 Guiges Avenue  
Ottawa, ON  
5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Friday, July 11, 2014**  
Algonquin Elder's Lodge  
28 Chibekana Inamo  
Pikwàkanagàn, ON  
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

**Thursday, July 24, 2014**  
Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg Cultural  
Education Centre  
54 Makwa Mikan  
Maniwaki, QC  
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

- ▶ For questions regarding the submission requirements or process, contact the City of Ottawa by email at [publicartprogram@ottawa.ca](mailto:publicartprogram@ottawa.ca) or by phone at 613-244-4299
- ▶ For more information on Ottawa's public art program, visit [www.ottawa.ca/arts](http://www.ottawa.ca/arts) or [www.facebook.com/public.art.ottawa](http://www.facebook.com/public.art.ottawa)
- ▶ For more information on the Confederation Line project, visit [www.confederationline.ca](http://www.confederationline.ca)