

**AN ACT TO CONFIRM A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND ONTARIO**

**HERE MAJESTY**, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1.     The 1986 Indian Lands Agreement, reproduced as Schedule A, is hereby confirmed.
2.     This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.
3.     The short title of this Act is the Indian Lands Agreement Confirmation Act, 1989.

**SCHEDULE A**

Memorandum of Agreement made this 5th day of August, 1986.

**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA** as represented by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs for Canada (hereinafter referred to as Canada)

- and -

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO** as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources for the Province of Ontario (hereinafter referred to as Ontario)

This agreement witnesseth that the parties hereto have agreed as follows:

1.     Definitions
  - (a) “Band”, “Council of the Band”, “Surrender”, “Custom” and “Indian” have the same meaning as those words in the Indian Act, R.S.C. 1970, c. I-6, as the same may be amended from time to time;
  - (b) “land” includes any interest in land;
  - (c) “minerals” includes gold, silver and all other metals, precious and base, and coal, natural gas, oil, salt, sand and gravel;
  - (d) “1924 Agreement” means the agreement between Canada and Ontario dated March 24, 1924, and the statutes confirming it, i.e., Statutes of Canada, 14-15 George V, Chapter 48, and Statutes of Ontario, 14 George V, chapter 15.
2.     Ontario, Canada, and any band or group of bands may enter into specific agreements. Any one or more Bands may enter into one or more specific agreements.
3.     A specific agreement may be entered into with respect to any matter or question relating to lands or natural resources, including any of the following:
  - (a) any matter dealt with in the 1924 Agreement;
  - (b) administration and control;
  - (c) the exercise, allocation or transfer or disposal of any interests in lands or natural resources;
  - (d) minerals, mineral rights and royalties, and the disposition or taxation of any of them;
  - (e) hydro powers;
  - (f) disposition of lands or natural resources;
  - (g) consequences of extinction or enfranchisement of a band;
  - (h) disposition of any monies;

- (i) the non-applicability of any provision or provisions of the 1924 Agreement;
  - (j) any other provision required for the implementation of a specific agreement.
4. The provisions of any specific agreement shall have effect upon confirmation. In the event of any inconsistency with the 1924 Agreement, the specific agreement shall supercede.
  5. Neither this Agreement nor any specific agreement shall affect the validity of any treaty or surrender.
  6. Canada and Ontario may enter into an agreement or agreements for the confirmation of patents issued or other dispositions of land by the other with respect to land, but no such agreement or confirmation shall in any way affect the rights of any band or the recourse which any band would, absent such agreement, have against any person or land, including the Crown and Crown lands.
  7. If Canada has collected money or collects money on behalf of any band or bands pursuant to sales or other dispositions of land or interests in land, Ontario acknowledges that Canada may continue to administer that money for the use and benefit of the band or bands, but in no case shall money collected by Canada expressly on behalf of Ontario be deemed to be money collected by Canada on behalf of a band or bands.
  8. This Agreement shall come into force when it is confirmed by the Parliament of Canada and the Legislature of Ontario and such confirmations come into force.
  9. A specific agreement shall come into force when it is confirmed by Orders-in-Council of both Canada and Ontario and is confirmed by the band.
  10. Confirmation by a band of a specific agreement shall take place:
    - (a) by a Referendum conducted pursuant to regulations made by the Governor General-in-Council under the authority of the Act of Parliament implementing this Agreement; or
    - (b) pursuant to the band's custom or constitution, provided that the Council of the band gives written notification to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and to the Minister of Natural Resources of Ontario that confirmation took place pursuant to the band's custom or constitution, as the case may be.
  11. Where a specific agreement affects or deals with lands, lands affected shall be described in a schedule to the specific agreement.
  12. No specific agreement entered into by any band shall be binding upon any other band or have any effect on any other band unless it has been confirmed by that other band.
  13. A specific agreement may be amended by the parties or their successors in the same manner as it was originally made.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the said parties hereto have set their hands and seals.

**SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED**

in the presence of

P. Francoeur  
as to the execution of  
Minister of Indian and  
Northern Affairs

Bill McKnight  
Minister of Indian and  
Northern Affairs for  
Canada

Adair Ireland-Smith  
as to the execution of  
Minister of Natural  
Resources

Vincent G. Kerrio  
Minister of Natural  
Resources for the  
Province of Ontario