

ATLANTIC REGION ABORIGINAL LANDS ASSOCIATION



Proposal Review Committee
Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property

Dear Committee Members:

The Atlantic Region Aboriginal Lands Association is pleased to provide this letter of support for the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association (NALMA) proposal to host the Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property.

Since its inception in 2000, NALMA has successfully maintained a network of Regional Lands Associations, First Nation members and committed partners dedicated to the enhancement of professional capacity and technical expertise in the provision of Land Management services to First Nations.

NALMA maintains a practical and technical approach to enhancing Reserve land management capacity and has a strong record of producing effective results. Since 2005, this organization has trained and certified 84 individuals through their Professional Lands Management Certification Program.

NALMA's proven record of providing support to First Nations across Canada in understanding and interpreting legislation and regulations relating to the management of reserve lands, developing communications materials and toolkits to assist in skills development, and their ability to network with partners from coast to coast demonstrates the skill and experience necessary to fulfil the mandate of the Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property.

We are confident that the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association has both the capacity and the commitment to ensure the success of the Centre of Excellence.

The Atlantic Region Aboriginal Lands Association strongly support NALMA's proposal to host the Matrimonial Real Property Centre of Excellence. Should you have any questions, please contact me via email at joesabattis@kingsclear.ca or by telephone at 506-363-3028 Ext. 130.

Sincerely,

Joe Sabattis
Chair

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