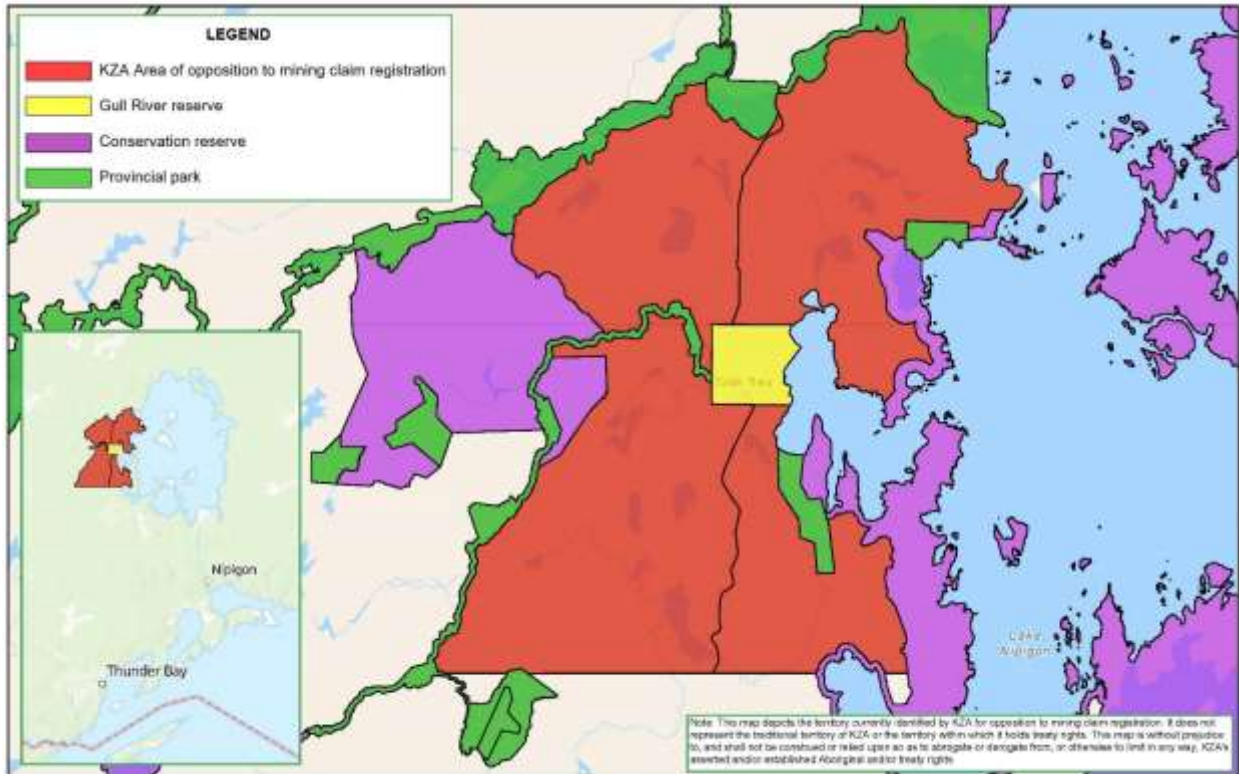


**PUBLIC NOTICE:
STRENUOUS OPPOSITION TO MINING CLAIMS REGISTRATION
ON TERRITORY IN CLOSE VICINITY TO KZA RESERVE**

In recent weeks, a large number of new mining claims have been registered over lands in the close vicinity of the currently-established boundaries of KZA's reserve, Gull River 55.

KZA strenuously opposes the registration of these mining claims and any others that may be registered in this area.



The mining claims staked in the close vicinity of KZA's reserve are located squarely within an area that has been identified by KZA for the expansion of our reserve as part of the remedying of past and ongoing breaches of the Robinson Superior Treaty. KZA's interests in these lands are not limited to harvesting or other use-based rights, but extend to the right to enjoy the full beneficial interest of these lands unfettered by the rights of others.

It is KZA's position that given the location of these mining claims and KZA's interests in these lands, the staking of these claims has occurred in violation of KZA's rights under section 35(1) of the *Constitution Act, 1982* and in breach of the Crown's duties.

KZA will take all measures necessary to ensure that our interests in these lands are respected and protected, and that our constitutionally-protected rights under the Robinson Superior Treaty receive the priority to which they are entitled.

KZA has an outstanding claim against Ontario and Canada regarding the size of our reserve, based on our position that the Crown has breached the Robinson Superior Treaty by failing to properly survey a reserve at Gull River of the size that was agreed-upon by the Treaty parties. Negotiations about the settlement of this claim and the implementation of the Treaty promise are currently ongoing between KZA, Canada and Ontario. The creation of any new third-party interests that may interfere with the Crown's ability to complete the process of fulfilling the Crown's treaty promise and setting aside a reserve of appropriate size for KZA, particularly without any consideration of the potential impacts upon KZA, constitutes a clear breach of Ontario and Canada's duties towards KZA.

The registration of mining claims in the close vicinity of KZA's reserve also occurs in breach of the Crown's duty to consult. This duty applies in situations where the Crown proposes or authorizes a course of conduct that may adversely affect an Aboriginal or treaty right, and requires that the Crown consult before undertaking such a course of action or permitting the conduct to occur. The Crown's duty to consult, which is rooted in the honour of the Crown, also dictates that a statutory regime such as the *Mining Act* that precludes the constitutionally-required consultation from occurring cannot be permitted to subsist.

KZA hereby puts all prospectors and proponents on notice that it strenuously opposes the registration of claims in the identified area in the close vicinity of its reserve. It is KZA's position that the process under the *Mining Act* by which registration of mining claims in this area is permitted to occur is unlawful, and any claims that may be registered in this area are invalid. KZA intends to pursue judicial relief to protect its rights and interests in these lands as against any mining claims that may be registered, and will seek such interim or interlocutory relief as it deems necessary.