



Keeyask Generation Project

Environmental Impact Statement

Supporting Volume
Public Involvement



June 2012



Round 1 PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Ilford Mayor and Council

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: October 30, 2008 – 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Ilford, MB
Town Office

In Attendance:	James Chornoby	Mayor
	Jennifer Bloomfield	Councillor
	Harold Blan	Councillor
	Dwayne Flett	Councillor
	Fiona Scurrah	Manitoba Hydro
	Gordon Wastesicoot	KCN
	Victor Flett	KCN
	Jonathan Kitchokeesik Jr.	KCN
	Wayne Marcinyshyn	KCN
	John Osler	InterGroup Consultants
	David Lane	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was requested by the Environmental Assessment Team for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project to:

- Provide background information about the proposed Keeyask Generation Project;
- Begin dialogue about the Environmental Assessment process;
- Provide initial information about the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and its associated Public Involvement Program (PIP); and
- Identify issues and concerns Mayor and Council has with the proposed project, the EIA and the PIP.

The meeting is one of a series of sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of Round 1 of the PIP. Two additional rounds of meetings are contemplated as information from the EIA becomes available.

MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions and a prayer, John Osler presented information on the project, the EA process and the purpose of Round 1 PIP. This included details on the size and location of the project, project components and construction activities, potential partnership with the in-vicinity communities, the EA PIP, environmental approvals, and project environmental studies. Each Council member in attendance was

provided a copy of the presentation and the Round 1 PIP newsletter. Extra copies of the newsletter were left with the Administrator for general distribution. Throughout and following the discussion:

- Council members asked questions, offered perspectives, and identified issues about the proposed project, the EIA and the PIP; and
- Where appropriate, representatives of the Environmental Assessment Team and Manitoba Hydro offered perspectives.

The following are highlights of the meeting and are intended to capture the key points that were raised or presented. They are not presented in the sequence that they were raised at the meeting, nor are they a detailed or verbatim transcription of what was said.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Project impacts and perspectives

- The main interest of Council members have is to use the project as a means to construct and finance a permanent road to their community. The following justification was provided:
 - The distance to the project from Ilford is approximately equal to that from Gillam;
 - The community has many modern facilities that would be able to provide services for the project including a new gas bar (to be built in the spring), a hotel, and a rail siding;
 - The winter road upgrades to York Factory have already been considered and an all-weather road would benefit both communities;
 - There is a "straight ridge" between Ilford and the project site which would be suitable for a road; and
 - The comparative costs to fly in goods are highly prohibitive.
- Council also acknowledged the associated social problems that the community could face with road access.
- Council was concerned about the plan for waste disposal and linked this to their need for a new landfill site. They indicated that they have a site nearby that could be utilized for the project and suggested that the project could provide the needed funding to develop this landfill. They noted that they cannot develop the site on their own because the regulations are too stringent and costly.

Action item: John to connect Mayor Chornoby with the LGD of Mystery Lake (Jack Burden) regarding landfill.

- Council was concerned about the impact on trappers in the area and noted that there are a couple of trappers residing in Ilford.
- Council was interested in knowing if Split Lake (TCN) is included in the JKDA.
- Council recognizes the benefits of pre-project training related to Keeyask and Wuskwatim. They noted that some members of their community are employed at Wuskwatim and believe that anyone who is qualified and interested in working on these projects will easily find jobs.
- There is the perception that York Factory, Fox Lake and Split Lake will experience most of the project effects.

- Council was interested in the JKDA and how a “majority” is determined/defined regarding the ratification vote.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TEAM

- The project is still at a planning and discussion stage.
- No decision has been made to go forward with the project.
- Keeyask would be the fourth largest of Manitoba Hydro’s current generation stations:
 - 695 megawatts
 - Approximately 45 square kilometers of flooding
 - Approximately 7 to 8 years construction
- Manitoba Hydro is exploring the potential of a partnership with in-vicinity Keeyask Cree Nations (KCN) – Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation (acting as the Cree Nation Partners), Fox Lake Cree Nation and York Factory First Nation.
- Keeyask would proceed at this time only with a positive vote on the JKDA by the KCN represented by a majority of the population.
- An Environmental Assessment will be completed for the project to identify potential effects the project may have on the environment and people.
- The purpose of Round 1 public involvement is to introduce the project to the public, to learn about any issues or concerns that the public may have about the project, and to hear from the public how they wish to be consulted in future rounds of the PIP.
- Round 1 of the PIP is being conducted as early as possible in order to allow for as many people as possible to be included in the process. A variety of stakeholders have been targeted in order to capture a variety of perspectives.
- Since 2001, Manitoba Hydro has been working with local Cree Nations to collect information that will contribute to the Environmental Impact Assessment.
- Changes in the community of York Landing are viewed differently by community members. Younger people are more positive about development, while elders tend to be more skeptical about the need for projects like Keeyask.

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APPENDIX 2D

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND ONE WORKSHOPS

Public Involvement Program Round One Workshops

Workshops were held in Winnipeg and Thompson with participants individually identified, contacted by telephone and mail in advance of the workshop and invited to participate because of Project-specific interests. At these two workshops (see Table 2D-1) participants were able to review the Project information panels shown at open houses and community information sessions, discuss the Project informally with EA Study Team members, listen to presentations by the EA Study Team and participate in a facilitated question and answer period and round table issues identification session where participants were encouraged to present their issues and concerns without interruption. Workshop participants were also encouraged to fill-out comment forms if they so desired. Workshop meeting notes from each of these sessions were drafted and reviewed by all participants. Final workshop meeting notes for each Round One workshop are provided below.

Communication methods used to invite workshop attendees included phone calls, emails, in-person communication and letters. An invitation letter was sent to potentially interested non-government organizations (NGOs) for the Winnipeg workshop. For the Thompson workshop a similar invitation letter was sent to potentially interested resource users and recreation participants. These letters asked invitees to RSVP to the PIP team prior to the workshop.

Table 2D-1: Public Involvement Program Round One Workshops

Date	Event	Location
11/18/2008	Winnipeg NGO* Workshop	Radisson Hotel, Winnipeg
11/26/2008	Thompson Recreation & Resource User Workshop	St. John's United Church, Thompson

*NGO refers to non-government organization

The following copies of correspondence materials used to facilitate Round One PIP workshops are provided in this appendix:

- Copy of invitation list for the Winnipeg NGO workshop
- Copy of invitation letter for the Winnipeg NGO workshop
- Sign-in sheet(s) for the Winnipeg NGO workshop
- Copy of draft meeting notes for the Winnipeg NGO workshop
- Copy of final meeting notes for the Winnipeg NGO workshop
- Copy of invitation list for the Thompson Resource and Recreational Users workshop
- Copy of invitation letter for the Thompson Resource and Recreational Users workshop
- Sign-in sheet(s) for the Thompson Resource and Recreational Users workshop
- Copy of draft meeting notes letter for the Thompson Resource and Recreational Users workshop

- Copy of final meeting notes letter for the Thompson Resource and Recreational Users workshop
- Copy of final Workshop Notes for the Thompson Resource and Recreational Users workshop

Table 2D-2: Winnipeg Workshop – Organizations Invited

Winnipeg Workshop – Organizations Invited
A Rocha
Bike to the Future
Beyond Factory Farming
Brandon Naturalists Society
Centre for Environmental Indigenous Resources (CIER)
Campaign for Pesticide Reduction! Wpg (CPR! Wpg)
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS)
Chemical Sensitivities Manitoba
Coalition to Save the Elms
Comité Environmental du CUSB
Committee for Church in Society (Christ Lutheran Church)
Consumers Association of Canada - MB Chapter
Consumers for Responsible Energy (CoRE)
Eco-Network
Eco-MAFIA (Ecological Males and Females in Action)
Fort Whyte Alive
Friends of Assiniboine Park Conservatory
Green Kids Inc.
HASTA - Kelvin High School
Institute of Urban Studies
International Erosion Control Association - Northern Prairies
International Institute for Sustainable Development
Living Prairie Museum
Manitoba Federation of Labour Environment Committee
Manitoba Forestry Association
Manitoba Naturalists Society
Manitoba Ozone Protection Industry Association (MOPIA)
Manitoba Protected Areas Society (MPAS)
Manitoba Wildlands
Manitoba Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Organization
Mixedwood Forest Society
Native Orchid Conservation Inc.

Winnipeg Workshop – Organizations Invited

Oak Hammock Marsh

Organic Food Council of Manitoba

Paddle Manitoba

Planners Network Manitoba

Project Peacemakers

Red River Basin Commission

Red River Valley Clean Cities Coalition

Resource Conservation Manitoba

Rockwood Environmental Action Community Taskforce (REACT)

Roseisle Creek Watershed Association

Save Our Seine River Environment Inc.

Sierra Club of Canada Winnipeg Group

Social Planning Council of Winnipeg- Environment Committee

Speleological Society of Manitoba

Time to Respect Earth's Ecosystems (TREE)

University of Manitoba Faculty of Earth, Environment, & Resources

University of Manitoba Recycling & Environment Group (UMREG)

University of Winnipeg Environmental Studies

Wilderness Committee

Winnipeg Community Gardening Network

Winnipeg Humane Society

Winnipeg Vegetarian Association

Winnipeg Water Watch

Woodlot Association of Manitoba

Sno-Man

Manitoba Mining Association

MLOA - Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association

Beverly and Kaministiquia Caribou Management Board

MACO - Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners

Tracey Braun – Provincial Regulator (will be informed about workshop)

Dan McNaughton – Federal Regulator (will be informed about workshop)



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October 16, 2008

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Dear Ms. Watson:

**RE: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ISSUES IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP FOR
THE PROPOSED KEEYASK GENERATION PROJECT**

Manitoba Hydro is considering developing the Keeyask Generating Station Project on the Nelson River in northern Manitoba in the foreseeable future. Before construction can proceed on the project, an Environmental Assessment (EA) needs to be conducted to determine the environmental and social impacts associated with the project, as well as licences and approvals granted. As part of the EA process, Manitoba Hydro and its consultants are conducting a Public Involvement Program (PIP). The purpose of the PIP is to provide meaningful opportunities for people to receive information about the project and to identify project-related concerns/issues, potential impacts and measures to mitigate such impacts.

As I indicated on the phone, we are currently undertaking Round One of the PIP and are pleased to invite your organization to participate in an issues identification workshop on **November 18th, 2008, at the Radisson Hotel (288 Portage Avenue) in Winnipeg between 4:00 - 8:00 pm**. Please RSVP by **October 30th, 2008**, to Brett McGurk at InterGroup Consultants at 942-0654 or bmcgurk@intergroup.ca to let us know whether you will be attending the workshop. To accommodate all participants, we ask that a maximum of two representatives from your organization attend the workshop.

This workshop will provide an opportunity to:

1. Review information panels on the proposed Keeyask Generation Project that were shown at public open houses and community meetings throughout the province.
2. Hear a presentation and engage in a question and answer discussion about the project. The presentation will include an overview of the project description, information on the environmental and regulatory review processes and the PIP.
3. Participate in a facilitated discussion to identify biophysical, socio-economic and process issues of concern to your organization related to the proposed Keeyask Project.

The workshop will have the following format:

4:00 to 6:15 pm – Open house format

- Opportunity for workshop participants to review open house information panels and to discuss the project with the Keeyask EA team
- Dinner served at 5:15 pm

6:15 to 8:00 pm – Meeting format

- Presentation about the project, EA and EA PIP (approximately 20 minutes in length), followed by a facilitated discussion and question and answer period
- Round table issue identification where participants are encouraged to present their issues and concerns without interruption

Copies of the Round One newsletter are enclosed for your information, and further information on the project can be found on the project website at www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/keeyask. In closing, if you have any questions about the workshop or the proposed project, please do not hesitate to contact Brett McGurk at InterGroup Consultants – 942-0654.

Yours truly,

INTERGROUP CONSULTANTS LTD.





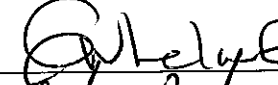
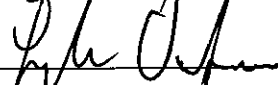
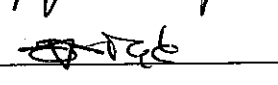
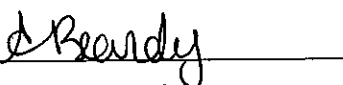
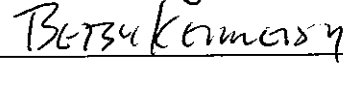


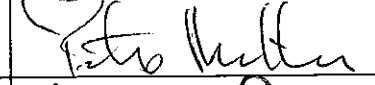
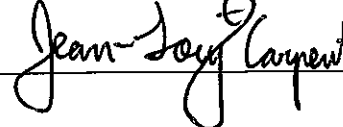


Brett McGurk

WINNIPEG ENVIRONMENTAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WORKSHOP

PROPOSED KEYYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND 1

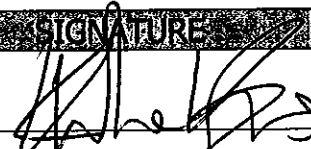
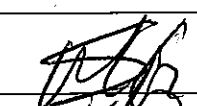
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2008 @ 4:00 p.m.

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G. Whelan Enns		Manitoba Wildlands
Lyle Ousken		split lake
Edwin Dide		Split Lake
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Betsy Kennedy		WAR Assoc.
Betsy Brauer		Split Lake
Kilda Hanson		Split Lake
Franky Hanson		"TATASKWEYAK"
Patsy Fleet		Split Lake
Peter Miller		TREE
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Sheila Young		SPLIT LAKE "

WINNIPEG ENVIRONMENTAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WORKSHOP

PROPOSED KEYYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND 1

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2008 @ 4:00 p.m.

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April 27, 2009

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Dear Ms. Whelan-Enns:

RE: Draft meeting notes from the November 18th, 2008 workshop regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project

This letter is in follow-up to the workshop held on November 18th in Winnipeg, Manitoba regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project. Enclosed for your review are the draft meeting notes from the above workshop. Please let me know by May 4th if there are any errors or omissions in the notes. I can be contacted either by email (dlane@intergroup.ca) or at (204) 942-0654. Once the notes have been finalized, they will be part of the documentation for the Environmental Assessment of the proposed project.

Beyond workshop notes changes, if you have any questions or comments about the proposed project or the public involvement process, please do not hesitate to call Brett McGurk or John Osler of InterGroup Consultants, Ltd. at (204) 942-0654. Furthermore, additional information on the project can be found on the project website www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/keeyask/.

Thank you for participating in this workshop. We look forward to meeting with you again during future rounds of public involvement for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project.

Yours truly,
INTERGROUP CONSULTANTS LTD.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Lane'.

David Lane



Round 1 PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Winnipeg Environmental Non-Governmental Organization Workshop

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: November 18, 2008 – 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Radisson Hotel Winnipeg, 288 Portage Avenue

In Attendance from EA Team:	Ryan Kustra	Manitoba Hydro
	Nick Barnes	Manitoba Hydro
	Tara Cole-McCaffrey	Manitoba Hydro
	Gordon Wastesicoot	KCN
	Wayne Marcinyshyn	KCN
	Victor Flett	KCN
	Johnathan Kitchekeesik Jr.	KCN
	John Osler	InterGroup Consultants
	David Lane	InterGroup Consultants

In Attendance from General Public: See sign-in sheet

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2. Receive a presentation and engage in a question and answer discussion about the project. The presentation included an overview of the project description, information on the environmental and regulatory review processes and the PIP.
3. Participate in a facilitated discussion to identify biophysical, socio-economic and process issues of concern to organizations related to the proposed Keeyask Project.

WORKSHOP PROCESS

The workshop was held at the Radisson Hotel in Winnipeg. Those who attended the information session were encouraged to sign-in, fill out comment forms and speak to members of the EA team about any perspectives/issues they might have about the project. In total, 23 people signed in, representing six ENGOs as well as a number of Split Lake community members.

The workshop began with an open house format which provided an opportunity for workshop participants to review project information panels and to discuss the project with the Keeyask Environmental Assessment team. After this period of informal discussion, a meal was provided to workshop participants. Following a prayer, John Osler provided a 20 minute presentation about the project, EA and EA PIP. Then a facilitated question and answer period and round table issue identification session was conducted where participants were encouraged to present their issues and concerns without interruption.

The following are highlights of the perspectives heard at the information session and are intended to capture the key points that were raised by organization representatives. They are not presented in the sequence that they were raised at the meeting, nor are they a detailed or verbatim transcription of what was said.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY ENGO REPRESENTATIVES

Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association

Project impacts and perspectives:

- MLOA is concerned about the extent of flooding caused by the project and its potential impacts on outfitters that operate in the area.
- Representative was interested in knowing about the extent of additional flooding as a result of peat land disintegration.
- Concerned about upstream and downstream hydrological effects and how this would impact outfitters who operate in the area.
- Representative was curious about the process for compensation and whether outfitters would be compensated for potential adverse project effects.

Public involvement program perspectives/issues:

- MLOA representative indicated that he would like to be involved in future rounds of the PIP.

Action item: MLOA requested information from the project-related environmental studies when it becomes available so that information could be provided to their members to determine if they will be impacted by the project.

Time to Respect Earth's Ecosystems and Resource Conservation Manitoba

Project impacts and perspectives:

- A concern was expressed regarding project induced flooding, the resulting elevated mercury, and how this would impact various fish species. A comment was also provided on additional methane emissions caused by flooding. Representative would like to see a comparison of the project to other Hydro projects regarding severity of these types of effects.
- Representative was concerned about the effects of the project on caribou in the vicinity of the project.

Environmental Assessment perspectives/issues:

- Concerned about the appropriate scope for the "need for and alternatives to" assessment and feels that these alternatives assessments should include the financial costs of related projects and their alternatives, and also the social and environmental costs and benefits.
- Would like to see more attention paid to cumulative effects. Suggested that there is a question of priorities and fitting together many requisite policy considerations, since Manitoba has not created an energy plan subject to public input. Stated that in the absence of a plan, the "need for and alternatives to" portion of the assessment becomes a necessary surrogate.

Other:

- Representative believes that in general, sound environmental assessments should be comprehensive and should include associated facilities such as transmission.
- Representative was concerned about potential electromagnetic impacts on human health from associated transmission facilities and believes that corridors providing access to 2 and 4-legged predators are the greatest threat to wildlife and caribou in particular.
- Representative was curious about the project alternatives and the types of dams that could be constructed (e.g., low-head and run-of-river).
- Remaining potential hydro resources in the Province are finite and that Manitoba Hydro needs to begin considering what will be done when the Nelson River is fully developed ("endgame scenario"). He suggested that there is a short time frame for the development of these remaining resources (considering Conawapa and Keeyask and the overall rapid developments recently).
- Representative was of the opinion that since hydro electric capacity is a finite resource, that the provincial energy/resource plan should be more heavily examining alternatives like demand-side management or wind generation, and should have more policies to reflect this shift in focus.

MB Federation of Labour

Project impacts and perspectives:

- General concern was raised about the potential impacts of the project as a result of flooding.
- Concerned about potential socio-economic effects associated with the project (e.g., worker shortages, environmental degradation from influx of workers into the project area).
- Raised issue of the availability of qualified workers, and suggested that problems can occur when foreign workers are brought in to fill positions.
- Identified that potential social problems may arise due to multiple large-scale projects being developed in northern Manitoba, citing the Tar Sands development in Alberta and the social problems it has created such as shortages of quality and affordable housing and potable water.
- Curious about how employment contracts would be negotiated, especially duration of work for the different classes of workers (support, designated trades, non-designated trades).

Action Item: Representative would like more information from the environmental studies when it becomes available to develop a better understanding of the project environmental effects.

Manitoba Wildlands

Project impacts and perspectives:

- Scenarios and Alternatives - A comparison between alternative size of dams, amount of flooding and amount of power produced, similar to what Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation did with Wuskwatim, should be available to the public.
- Climate change - Indicated that climate change was an issue raised during the Wuskwatim public hearings, and that this subject should receive more attention for Keeyask since the science and general public awareness has improved since the Wuskwatim project.

Public involvement program perspectives/issues:

- Noted that it is very difficult for the public to properly evaluate projects when they are presented individually and without, in their opinion, adequate consideration of cumulative effects. For example, the representative was of the opinion that the northern end of Bipole III and Conawapa should be considered as part of the Keeyask project.

Environmental Assessment perspectives/issues:

- Noted the need for thorough and appropriate, long-term planning for all potential social and environmental effects of development in northern Manitoba. Identified the Tar Sands development is an example of bad planning where social issues such as community values and housing were neglected in favor of rapid economic development.
- Noted that it is very important to include a decommissioning plan in the EIS and stated that this became a big issue during the Wuskwatim public hearings, especially due to local knowledge/interests. Noted that this appears to be a growing trend in other jurisdictions in North America.
- There was a concern regarding how cumulative effects would be dealt with when the timing of this and other projects is uncertain and other projects are not included in the public review for Keeyask. Representative suggested that the Public Utilities Board (PUB) may decide that more attention should be paid to long-term planning and to the provincial/Manitoba Hydro energy policy.

- Concerned about how the scope of the project and the baseline are defined. Stated that defining the scope of the project became a complicated issue during the Wuskwatim public review and, therefore, should be discussed with the public as early on in the process as possible.
- Timing
 - Was curious to know about when the EIS review process and public involvement would take place.
 - Representative was interested in the regulatory review process that would be undertaken.
- Project area
 - Concerned about whether the First Nation partners/communities have a say in defining the project area.
- Transparency
 - Manitoba Hydro should provide all data and other information available including the associated spending from all environmental studies since 1988. Noted that this information was not completely disclosed during the Wuskwatim public hearings.
- EIS guidelines
 - Suggested that the EIS guidelines will likely be more stringent (or should be) than Wuskwatim.
 - Suggested that MB Conservation has not been diligent when it comes to allowing for meaningful public input in preparing the EIS guidelines.
- Scoping
 - Suggested that there have been scoping documents created and discussed with regulators without public review for other projects. This led to final scoping documents being “watered-down” when made public. Pointe du Bois Hydro project and the Tembec 20-year forestry plan were identified as examples.
- Participant/intervener funding
 - Noted that during Wuskwatim, 15 groups/individuals received intervener funding, 12 of which were Aboriginal. This was a significant first in Manitoba.

Consumers Association of Manitoba

Project impacts and perspectives:

- Noted that it is important for consumers to provide informed and accurate input into the project, and that to do this they need to understand the big picture and be able to compare alternatives.

Public involvement program perspectives/issues:

- Pointed out that it is important to see the results of the PIP discussions to allow people to understand the dialogue that took place.
- Indicated that Manitoba Hydro needs to remember the consumers who live outside of the local area and suggested that currently these individuals are not aware of the proposed project. Suggested that Manitoba Hydro should raise the profile of the project to make sure that the general public is aware. Representative noted that all Manitobans are stakeholders in the project and that they should be included in discussions about the project.
- Would like to see “consumers” being provided with more information about the project, specifically how it fits into the big picture/provincial energy plan, in order to participate and to provide informed input.

Comite Environnemental du Collège Universitaire de Saint-Boniface**Project impacts and perspectives:**

- One representative asked if Manitoba Hydro is doing studies on underwater soil conditions that influence aquatic habitats and ecosystems.

Public involvement program perspectives/issues:

- Representatives indicated that they appreciated the opportunity to attend the workshop.

Split Lake community member**Project impacts and perspectives:**

- Concerned about how climate change will be incorporated into the EIS or planning for other future projects. Noted that there are already observable effects including more frequent flooding at the community of Split Lake.
- Concerned about what will happen to the cleared forebay and who will have the opportunity to purchase salvaged wood.
- Noted that Split Lake community members, and especially more vocal community members, should be included in Band Council meetings regarding the project.

Other:

- Would like to see more growth and development in Split Lake and concerned there is little to show from industrial development compared to other communities except a school which has been overcrowded since it was built.

Table 2D-3: Thompson Workshop – Organizations and Individuals Invited

Thompson Workshop – Organizations and Individuals Invited
Environmental Youth Centre (Member of Eco-network)
Flin Flon & District Environment Council (Member of Eco-network)
Churchill Northern Studies Centre (Member of Eco-network)
NRO Lands Manager (MB Conservation)
Regional Lands Manager (MB Conservation)
Regional Wildlife Manager (MB Conservation)
Regional Fisheries Manager (MB Conservation)
NRO Officer (MB Conservation - Gillam)
Sport Manitoba (Nor-man region)
Nelson River Sturgeon Co-Management Board
Thompson Wildlife Association
Thompson Archers and Bow Hunters
North Central Community Futures Development Corporation
Thompson Trailbreakers
Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association Director – Northern Region
Communities Economic Development Fund
Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners Director – Northern Region
Manitoba Trappers Association (President)
Tolko
Inco
Relevant organizations in Gillam (TBD)
Tracey Braun – Provincial Regulator (will be informed about workshop)
Dan McNaughton – Federal Regulator (will be informed about workshop)



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October 28, 2008

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Dear Mr. Hedman:

RE: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ISSUES IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED KEYYASK GENERATION PROJECT

Manitoba Hydro is considering developing the Keeyask Generating Station Project on the Nelson River in northern Manitoba in the foreseeable future. Before construction can proceed on the project, an Environmental Assessment (EA) needs to be conducted to determine the environmental and social impacts associated with the project, as well as licences and approvals granted. As part of the EA process, Manitoba Hydro and its consultants are conducting a Public Involvement Program (PIP). The purpose of the PIP is to provide meaningful opportunities for people to receive information about the project and to identify project-related concerns/issues, potential impacts and measures to mitigate such impacts.

As I indicated on the phone, we are currently undertaking Round One of the PIP and are pleased to invite your organization to participate in an issues identification workshop on **November 26th, 2008, at the St. John's United Church (52 Caribou Road) in Thompson between 4:00 - 8:00 pm.** Please RSVP by **November 11, 2008**, to Brett McGurk at InterGroup Consultants at 942-0654 or bmcgurk@intergroup.ca to let us know whether you will be attending the workshop. To accommodate all participants, we ask that a maximum of two representatives from your organization attend the workshop.

This workshop will provide an opportunity to:

1. Review information panels on the proposed Keeyask Generation Project that were shown at public open houses and community meetings throughout the province.
2. Hear a presentation and engage in a question and answer discussion about the project. The presentation will include an overview of the project description, information on the environmental and regulatory review processes and the PIP.
3. Participate in a facilitated discussion to identify biophysical, socio-economic and process issues of concern to your organization related to the proposed Keeyask Project.

The workshop will have the following format:

4:00 to 6:15 pm – Open house format

- Opportunity for workshop participants to review open house information panels and to discuss the project with the Keeyask EA team
- Dinner served at 5:15 pm

6:15 to 8:00 pm – Meeting format

- Presentation about the project, EA and EA PIP (approximately 20 minutes in length), followed by a facilitated discussion and question and answer period
- Round table issue identification where participants are encouraged to present their issues and concerns without interruption

Copies of the Round One newsletter are enclosed for your information, and further information on the project can be found on the project website at www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/keeyask. In closing, if you have any questions about the workshop or the proposed project, please do not hesitate to contact Brett McGurk at InterGroup Consultants – 942-0654.

Yours truly,

INTERGROUP CONSULTANTS LTD.



Brett McGurk

**PROPOSED KEYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
ROUND 1**

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2008 @ 4:00 p.m.

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March 17, 2009

Brian Barton
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Dear Mr. Barton:

**RE: Draft meeting notes from the November 26th, 2008 workshop with resource users
regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project**

This letter is in follow-up to the resource users workshop held on November 26th in Thompson, Manitoba regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project. Enclosed for your review are the draft meeting notes from the above workshop. Please let me know by April 1st if there are any errors or omissions in the notes. I can be contacted either by email (dlane@intergroup.ca) or at (204) 942-0654. Once the meeting notes have been finalized, they will be part of the documentation for the Environmental Assessment of the proposed project.

Beyond meeting notes changes, if you have any questions or comments about the proposed project or the public involvement process, please do not hesitate to call Brett McGurk or John Osler of InterGroup Consultants, Ltd. at (204) 942-0654. Furthermore, additional information on the project can be found on the project website www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/keeyask/.

Thank you for participating in the workshop. We look forward to meeting with you again during future rounds of public involvement for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project.

Yours truly,
INTERGROUP CONSULTANTS LTD.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Lane'.

David Lane



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June 9, 2009

Don Macdonald
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Dear Mr. Macdonald:

RE: Finalized notes from the November 26th workshop with resource users regarding the proposed Keeyask Generating Station Project

Please find enclosed the finalized notes from the resource users workshop held on November 26th in Thompson, Manitoba, regarding the proposed Keeyask Generating Station Project, including copies for distribution. The final version of the notes has been revised to reflect comments that were received during the review process, and the notes will be included in the Environmental Impact Statement.

If you have any questions or comments about the proposed Project or the Public Involvement Program, please do not hesitate to contact Brett McGurk or John Osler of InterGroup Consultants, Ltd. at (204) 942-0654. Furthermore, additional information on the Project can be found on the Project website that will be updated as project-related information becomes available - <http://www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/keeyask>.

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Yours truly,

INTERGROUP CONSULTANTS

David Lane



Round 1 PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Thompson Resource and Recreation Users Workshop

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: November 26, 2008 – 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: St. John's United Church – Thompson MB

In Attendance from EA Team:	Nick Barnes Gordon Wastesicoot Wayne Marcinyshyn Victor Flett Johnathan Kitchekeesik Jr. John Osler David Lane	Manitoba Hydro KCN KCN KCN KCN InterGroup Consultants InterGroup Consultants
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Stakeholders Attendees (see sign-in sheet):	Alan Brackman Don Aikman Don Macdonald Brian Barton Mark Szyszlo	Community Futures North Central Development Tolko Industries Manitoba Conservation Manitoba Conservation CBC
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PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

The meeting was requested by the Environmental Assessment Team for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project to:

- Provide background information about the proposed Keeyask Generation Project;
- Begin dialogue about the Environmental Assessment process;
- Provide initial information about the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and its associated Public Involvement Program (PIP); and
- Identify issues and concerns the respective organization has with the proposed project, the EA process and the PIP.

The workshop is one of a series of sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of Round 1 of the PIP. Two additional rounds of meetings are contemplated as information from the EIA becomes available.

This workshop provided an opportunity to:

1. Review information panels on the proposed Keeyask Generation Project that were shown at public open houses and community meetings throughout the province.

2. Receive a presentation and engage in a question and answer discussion about the project. The presentation included an overview of the project description, information on the environmental and regulatory review processes and the PIP.
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WORKSHOP PROCESS

The workshop was held at the St. John's United Church in Thompson, MB. Those who attended the information session were encouraged to sign-in, fill out comment forms and speak to members of the EA team about any perspectives/issues they might have about the project. In total, 5 people signed in, representing two regional Manitoba Conservation departments, a non-governmental community development organization and Tolko Industries. Also present at the workshop were a number of Split Lake community members.

The workshop began with an open house format which provided an opportunity for workshop participants to review project information panels and to discuss the project with the Keeyask Environmental Assessment team. After this period of informal discussion, a meal was provided to workshop participants. Following the meal, John Osler provided a 20 minute presentation about the project, EA and EA PIP. Then a facilitated question and answer period and round table issue identification session was conducted where participants were encouraged to present their issues and concerns without interruption.

The following are highlights of the perspectives heard at the information session and are intended to capture the key points that were raised by organization representatives. They are not presented in the sequence that they were raised at the meeting, nor are they a detailed or verbatim transcription of what was said.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

Community Futures North Central Development

Project impacts and perspectives:

- Concern that the physical environment is experiencing unpredictable changes these days and may be much different in the project region by the time the project is complete.
- Considering climate change, concerned about what water levels will be like when the construction is complete.
- Concerned about system effects and "back-up" of water from Hudson's Bay and whether this may cause the dams to be built higher.
- Suggested that historical hydrological data may now be useless for predicting future scenarios.
- Concerned about different species travelling upstream and how they might affect species already there.
- A major concern expressed was that there seems to be a communication breakdown/disjoint between Manitoba Hydro's actual planning/timeline and community knowledge/speculation around employment opportunities. The representative works with Aboriginal Business Canada

and has seen First Nation entrepreneurs expecting opportunities to be available considerably earlier than the timelines described by Manitoba Hydro. Commented that the perception was that construction activity would start much earlier. Suggested that Manitoba Hydro should try to manage these expectations.

- Would like to know what support service studies are being undertaken. Specifically mentioned trucks for hauling, accommodations in Gillam, and emergency/medical services. Noted that there may be a healthcare overload in Gillam and other social or infrastructure issues.
- Concerned about other mineral exploration in the same area and how Manitoba Hydro is working with potential claim holders in the area. Noted that where there is flooding there will be no access to mining in those areas.

Other:

- Uncertain about when to pursue possible contracts with Manitoba Hydro or federal programs.
- Noted that there is a disconnect between politicians and Manitoba Hydro. He thought at this point it had already been decided that the project was going ahead.
- Curious about what percent of MH revenues are going towards Keeyask planning.
- Noted that the general manager of North Central Community Development is also the Mayor of Thompson
- Noted that the economic, political and environmental conditions are changing rapidly and that future demand for Hydro power may be uncertain. Concerned about emerging US energy policy looking to promote more domestic alternatives instead of importing power from Canada and noted that he is already seeing effects such as this on the Alberta Tar Sands.

TOLKO

Project impacts and perspectives:

- Curious about the timing for in-service and construction.
- Curious about the specific location of roads and transmission lines.
- Not too concerned about logging interests in the project area because the flooding is minimal and the trees in the area are of poor quality.

KEEYASK GENERATION PROJECT

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUPPORTING VOLUME

APPENDIX 2E

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND ONE OPEN HOUSES

Public Involvement Program Round One Open Houses

Public open houses were held in Winnipeg, Thompson and Brandon to provide opportunities for the broader public to learn about the Project and contribute to the process (see Table 2E-1). Public open houses were advertised in advance in the local newspapers and on local radio stations. Formatted similar to the community information sessions with information panels, participants were encouraged to sign-in, fill out comment forms and speak to members of the EA Study Team about any perspectives or issues they might have about the Project.

Table 2E-1: Round One Open Houses

Date	Event	Location
6/24/2008	Thompson Open House	St. John's United Church, Thompson
6/25/2008	Winnipeg Open House 1	Radisson Hotel, Winnipeg
6/26/2008	Winnipeg Open House 2	Radisson Hotel, Winnipeg
6/26/2008	Brandon Open House	Royal Oak Inn, Brandon

The following copies of ad campaign materials and documentation from the open houses, which include meeting notes identifying questions or perspectives raised in discussion with the EA Study Team, are provided in this appendix:

- Copy of transcript and schedule of radio spots and newspaper announcements for open houses
- Copy of newspaper announcement for open houses
- Copies of newspaper advertisements
- Sign-in sheet(s) from the Thompson open house on June 24, 2008
- Copy of notes from the Thompson open house on June 24, 2008
- Sign-in sheet(s) from the Winnipeg open house on June 25, 2008
- Sign-in sheet(s) from the Winnipeg open house on June 26, 2008
- Copy of notes from the Winnipeg open houses on June 25 and 26, 2008
- Sign-in sheet(s) from the Brandon open house on June 26, 2008
- Copy of notes from the Brandon open house on June 26, 2008

Transcript of Round One Open House Radio Spots

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Table2E-2: Public Involvement Round Two Open House Radio Spot and Newspaper Schedule

Media Outlet	Appearance Dates
Winnipeg Free Press	Wednesday, June 18 Saturday, June 21 Tuesday, June 24
Winnipeg Sun	Wednesday, June 18 Sunday, June 22 Tuesday, June 24
Brandon Sun	Wednesday, June 18 Saturday, June 21 Tuesday, June 24
Thompson Citizen	Wednesday, June 18
Nickel Belt News	Friday, June 20
Grassroots News	Tuesday, June 17
NCI Radio	Tuesday, June 17 through Thursday, June 26 Three spots per day (30 in total) 60 seconds in length

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Grassroots News, Tuesday, June 17, 2008

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June 17/2008

Racial Profiling finally hits the front pages

BY ARNOLD ASHAM

Believe it or not, the incident of "racial profiling" which took place in Winnipeg this month wherein Christian minister and rapper "Fresh I.E." was pulled over by Winnipeg police and treated most rudely and unjustly by members of this city's police service is good news for Indian and Metis citizens. Because finally, what many of us know is "routine" can be exposed without fear of false claims of "cry racism".

Robert Wilson, also known as Fresh I.E., is an accomplished and very successful musician, who gives back to his community by serving his inner city ministry. He was driving a luxury automobile he bought with his fairly-earned money when he was pulled over by some cops. At gunpoint. Because they thought the car was stolen.

Police are claiming that their staff made an error. And we will cede them the right to be cautious in light of the fact a few of them have been made targets by real car thieves recently. But there is absolutely no way they have the right to treat Wilson the way he was treated.

You can be careful without being rude or mean. The way Wilson tells it (and he is the only one involved in this incident who has any credibility left), he was thrown up against his car, told to "shut up" when he tried to inform the "investigating" officers where his registration papers lay as they tore through every other area of his car, and generally treated like somebody who was being "bullied".

And this kind of behaviour by Winnipeg police occurs far too often. Especially towards "people of colour".

Winnipeg police Chief Keith McCaskill has apologized to Wilson.

McCaskill said police officers were at a coffee shop when they saw Wilson's car exit the drive-thru then swing back around

quickly and drive past the take-out window again.

The officers decided to check out the license plate number, and phoned it in to a staff member to run it through a computer. The staffer misinterpreted the information that came up on the screen and reported the vehicle as stolen.

McCaskill said his officers became suspicious when Wilson's car turned abruptly back after going through the drive-in. It turns out that Wilson had forgotten a cup of coffee at the coffee shop and swung around the second time to retrieve it.

That's the basic story. But how many times do police pull over other blacks, Indians and Metis, harass these people, treat them rudely, and get away with it? There have been numerous reports of aggressive behaviour, verbal and physical abuse. Leon Vermette, 31, filed a complaint with the Law Enforcement Review Agency (LERA) last month claiming that he was beaten up by police.

This has caused numerous organizations, including the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Inner City Safety Coalition, to have LERA replaced by a civilian-influenced police commission like most of Canada's other major cities have. Police oversight by police without civilian input is like leaving the monkey to guard the bananas.

Police have a responsibility to protect citizens by getting criminals off our streets. Police also have a right to protect themselves by taking precautions when they pull any vehicle over.

But they do not have the right to be threatening and rude and to power-trip. Especially against citizens who are innocent. But, all too often, this is the kind of attitude people who are pulled over by the cops receive.

Grassroots News has received personal testimony from readers who have mistreated by the Winnipeg Police Service.

We have even experienced racial profiling towards our own operations.

Grassroots News is distributed throughout Winnipeg and much of Manitoba by young Aboriginal employees. We pride ourselves in making sure that our newspaper comes out on time and is delivered to all the outlets we say we distribute to, therefore, the vehicles we use are modern and in good operating condition. The Winnipeg Police Service has often pulled our vehicles over because they are being driven by young, brown-skinned men who like to wear a baseball cap sideways. And our employees have been treated very rudely by power-tripping police.

This has been going on for decades. Our Editor recalls a time he was going to meet with former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau. His best friend was Director of a summer family camp for Anishnabe people and our editor invited his friend to bring his wife and kids to meet the PM. So they got all dressed up in their finest clothes,

and were driving to the Convention Centre in one of the dependable, late model vans that had been leased to safely transport children to the camp when they were pulled over.. delayed and harassed for a full half hour.. while police verified the van wasn't stolen. This was a solid, decent Aboriginal family dressed up in their finest and on their way to meet the leader of this country. This made absolutely no difference to the police, who made no apology (and no apology was every given because this incident, like many others, was not made public).

Wilson, who says he was humiliated by the incident, was nominated for a rock-gospel Grammy Award in 2005 for his album Truth Iz Fallin' in Tha Streetz.

He was pulled over because he is black and dresses like a rapper. Not a "gangsta", a rapper. This is a free country and people can dress anyway they want and they should not be subject to some kind of "profiling prejudice". Solid evidence is required before one human being (carrying a gun, a badge and a uniform) can bully

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Brandon Sun — Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Same-sex couples rush to get married in Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO — County clerk offices across California opened for their first full day of same-sex marriages Tuesday, with hundreds of happy gay and lesbian couples ready to take the plunge in what in some cities was a party atmosphere.

A gay men's chorus was

singing on the front steps of San Francisco City Hall, brightened up by rainbow flags and supporters handing out cupcakes to happy couples. Hilda Zia and Lia Shigamur sang "The Chapel of Love" as they walked to the city attorney's office to get married. The couple, clad in

bed jackets and slacks, exchanged vows with Zia's mother by their side. "This is the most meaningful day of my life. I've always wanted to get married," Shigamur said. "I just never thought it'd be possible." From San Diego to Barbra, couples readied their formal

wear, local licensing clerks expanded their staffs and conservative groups warned of a backlash as the country's most populous state joined Massachusetts in sanctioning gay unions. Some couples were from out of state. Unlike Massachusetts, which legalized same-sex

marriage in 2004, California has no residency requirement for marriage licenses.

The May 15 California Supreme Court ruling that overturned the state's ban on same-sex marriage became final at 5:01 p.m. Monday, and clerks in at least five counties extended their hours to mark

the occasion. Already, dozens of same-sex couples have seized the opportunity to make their relationships official in the eyes of the law.

In West Hollywood, more than 100 people were in line Tuesday morning.

• The Associated Press

In Brief

CAR BOMB KILLS 51 IN BAGHDAD MARKET

BAGHDAD — A car bomb ripped through a busy commercial street in a Shiite area of Baghdad on Tuesday, killing at least 51 people and wounding scores in one of the deadliest blasts in the capital in more than three months.

Many victims were trapped in their apartments by a raging fire that engulfed at least one building, according to police and Interior Ministry officials, who also said about 75 people were wounded.

The attack shattered the relative calm in the capital since a May 11 ceasefire ended seven weeks of fighting between U.S. and Iraqi forces and Shiite militants in the Sadr City district. Ironically, it came the same day the Iraqi parliament announced plans to move outside the U.S.-protected Green Zone.

Another suicide car bomber attacked a police checkpoint in Bagdada, northeast of Baghdad, killing one policeman and wounding 19 other people, officials said.

EXAMS PROVE TORTURE, GROUP SAYS

WASHINGTON — Medical examinations of former terrorism suspects held by the U.S. military at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, found evidence of torture and other abuse that resulted in serious injuries and mental disorders, according to a human rights group.

For the most extensive medical study of former U.S. detainees published so far, Physicians for Human Rights had doctors and mental health professionals examine 11 former prisoners. The group alleges finding evidence of U.S. torture and war crimes and accuses U.S. military health professionals of allowing the abuse of detainees, denying them medical care and providing confidential medical information to interrogators that they then exploited.

One Iraqi prisoner, identified only as Yasser, reported being subjected to electric shocks three times and being sodomized with a stick. His thumbs bore round scars consistent with shocking, according to the report obtained by The Associated Press. He would not allow a full rectal exam.

• The Associated Press

Big river breaks through Ill. levee

GULFPORT, Ill. — The rising Mississippi River broke through a levee Tuesday, forcing authorities to rescue about a half-dozen people by helicopter, boat and four-wheeler as floodwaters moved south into Illinois and Missouri.

But even as the water jeopardized scores of additional homes and businesses, officials said the damage could have been worse if the federal government had not taken steps to clear flood-prone land after historic floods in 1993.

On Tuesday, the flooding halted car travel over two bridges linking Illinois and Iowa and threatened to cover areas nearby Gulfport with three metres of water.

"I'm not going back after this one," said Lois Russell, 83, as she watched water surround her house near Gulfport. It was the third time she had fled her home because of flooding since 1965.

The area was inundated after a levee broke near Gulfport.

Preliminary estimates were that the flooding has caused more than US\$1.5 billion in damage in Iowa, and that figure will undoubtedly rise as the high water moves downstream.

Still, officials said the cost would have been even higher if the federal government had not purchased low-lying land after the 1993 deluge, which caused \$12 billion in damage.

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Dion: strong on message, weak on delivery

STEPHANE Dion is on a mission. The federal Liberal leader would like to transform the tax system, repair the environment, reform the economy and defeat poverty. But before he can do all that, it would appear Dion has to convince Canadians to ignore who is delivering this bold vision for the country.

Dion appeared yesterday before more than 300 (mostly Liberal) Winnipeggers to discuss the broad strokes of his master plan to save the environment and the country. The main pillar in his plan is a tax on fossil fuels that would fund environmental programs and tax cuts aimed at low- and middle-income Canadians. The finer details will be laid out in the days to come.

Beneath the surface of Dion's master plan, however, is a more fundamental

himself as he is selling Canadians on an idealistic image of himself.

"I am convinced," Dion said, "that good policy makes good politics."

Dion is seeking nothing less than the triumph of substance over style. This seems to be a strategy to deflect questions and concerns about his ability to sell profound ideas.

Yesterday, Dion was treated to polite applause but no thunderous ovations. He elicited a few chuckles but no belly laughs. All in all, there was nothing memorable about his speech.

That does not mean Dion is without compelling ideas. His carbon-tax plan — which would see billions of dollars in savings on fossil fuel consumption directed to much-needed reform of the tax system — is very compelling.

And Dion's confident idealism is not without its charm. We know that Dion is smart enough to forge a platform of progressive ideas. Unfortunately, we do not know if he's charismatic enough to sell that platform to Canadians.

Great political accomplishment is usually accompanied by major



Billboarded by a window, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion speaks at the Canadian Club of Winnipeg luncheon.

are those who argue Christen spoke neither official language, he communicated well.

In a big room, his gravelly voice would rise and fall with theatrical flare. His face would express a wide-range of states, from modest humour to fervour. His steeches would

tribute Dion's awkwardness solely to his struggles with English. Those in the audience yesterday did not have trouble understanding what he was saying; they were not moved by the message.

Liberals here have seen this all before. Manitoba Liberal Leader Eric

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Fringe goes to Vegas, baby

Over 140 performing companies hit the Strip for Sin City-themed theatre festival

DAVID SCHREIBER
Sun Media

What happens in Vegas may very well stay in Vegas, but opinions of this year's Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival are counting on local crowds to be a little more loose-lipped.

As usual, it's the word-of-mouth buzz from frequent Fringers that's more integral to the success of this year's small-stage extravaganza, plans for which were unveiled amidst Sin City-esque fanfare yesterday.

Vegas parades Wayne Newton, Celine Dion and Siegfried & Roy were conspicuously absent, though Shes Penley and a bevy of showgirls were on hand to ring in the "Viva Las Fringe" event, running July 18-27.

Also in attendance? Chuck "Chairman of the Board" McEwen — aka Winnipeg Fringe's new executive producer, who sold regular Fringe fans are no strangers to pandering.

"That's part of the fun," says McEwen, who served a five-year stint as a Winnipeg Fringe co-

ordinator in the '90s. "Most of the shows are new works, and as with anything new, some of them are great, some of them are crap, and some of them are what I call noble failures. But it's the returning audiences that really play a part in that developmental process... People are always willing to take risks, have some fun and then spread the word."

As usual, this year's Fringe showcases the edgy, unscripted and experimental works of 141 theatre companies from around the world, performed in 22 venues, most of them within walking distance of the Exchange District.

In addition to the glitzy theme — which will see Fringe's Old Market Square headquarters transformed into a family-friendly version of Vegas' famed Strip, complete with food & fashion kiosks, a beer garden and outdoor entertainment — there are a few new changes to be on the lookout for this time around.

Most notably, advance Fringe tickets will now be

available online (as of June 23), allowing Fringers to avoid lines and sold-out shows by booking their seats at www.winnipegfringe.com. You can also pick up advance tickets at M.J. HINGST (943-7404), or at Manitoba Theatre Centre's box office. Single tickets run \$5-50, or you can take advantage of the frequent Fringe pass (16 shows for \$105) or the Buddy Pass (14 shows for \$65).

"That's a better deal than a 99-cent hotdog," quips McEwen. Another new addition to the lineup is the Fringe Atlas Book series that will host Ken Ruderman, welcoming Fringe performers to a variety show set up in the outdoor stage every night at 8:30 p.m.

Fans can also read up on the shows in the festival's souvenir program, available for \$5 starting June 23 at Safeway stores, Liquor Marts and MTC.

For more info about this year's festival, check www.winnipegfringe.com.

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Wild secretary
Evelyn Rose is among 143 acts booked for Viva Las Fringe.



ENTERTAINMENT
SUNFLASHES

John adds
second gig

Looks like it won't be such a long, long time until rocket man Oliver John returns to Winnipeg, after all. The piano-rocking — who's already making a first stop at MTS Centre on Sept. 19 — has added a second local show to his itinerary: after tickets to the first one sold out in record time, John confirmed yesterday he'll also play the Phone Booth Sept. 20, with tickets on sale this Monday (June 23) for \$89-\$149 at Ticketmaster.

Local eyes on Polaris Prize

Acclaimed indie rockers The Weathermen and their new companion Christine Fellows (who's married to Weatherman frontman John K. Samson) are among the 40 Canadian acts whose albums are in the running for the prestigious \$20,000 Polaris Music Prize. Both acts will head out July 7 whether their discs (Fellows' *Nevertheless* and Weathermen's *Revolution Tour*) made it to the jury's 10-album short list.

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Snow Lake class of 2008



My take on Snow Lake

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Marc Jackson

With the close of the 2007/08 school year, J.H. Kerr School will graduate one of the smallest classes ever to grace her hallowed hallways. Just seven local young folks make up the graduate group, a far cry from the massive classes of the 1970s. However, with great things on the horizon for Snow Lake,

seven is somewhat of a rallying point for future grad classes, which will no doubt be larger.

As this column hits the stands the day before the community's graduation, I felt it prudent to give readers an introduction to our Class of 2008. So, in no particular order, and without further

who

adieu, Jenna Wiwecharuk-Roy is the 17-year-old daughter of Kelly Wiwecharuk and Dave Roy. She says that her favourite subject in school is biology and in keeping with that penchant, she plans to go into the field of nursing. Jenna will work for the summer, attending Brandon University in the fall, with her eye on a four-year nursing baccalaureate. She feels words that are worthy to live by are: "live, laugh and love".

Reinang Nomania is the daughter of Cindy

Shupka. This outgoing 18-year-old pegs English as her preferred subject. In the fall, she will widen her base of knowledge on that topic and numerous others, when she attends the University of Lethbridge. There, Reinang will take her bachelor of arts degree, with the eventual goal of becoming an English teacher. Her personal philosophy is, "Everything happens for a reason."

Jace Ryan is the 18-year-old son of Shelley and Mandy Ryan. He wants to go on his favourite subject and is in-

terested about his future. At this point, he says he will take a year off to work and see where he goes from there. With a philosophy like his, Jace shouldn't have too much of a problem finding or keeping a job; he feels one should, "Go hard or go home."

Shella Holmgren is 18 years old and the daughter of Blake and Leroy Holmgren. She is a fan of math, but physics, stats, and figures aside, she is also unclear about the direction of her future. Shella says she plans to take a year or two off ... until she figures out what she really wants to do with her life. Till then she will no doubt manage to be generous of life using the credo, "Do what makes you happy."

Christina Walker is 17 and the daughter of Crystal Walker. She says the subject of English is tops as far as she is concerned. Christina states that she hasn't set big plans for the months and years ahead, other than writing a publishable first, writing novels and in time creating the biggest library in the world. Words to live by for this future media mogul are those of Y.B. Eliot, "Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."

Danny Ono is an 18-year-old son of Irua Ono. The son of Irua Ono and Irua Ono, Danny says gym class was his fave. His plan for after graduation is simple, straightforward

and purposeful: attend university and achieve a degree. Come what may, the doctrine Danny operates under is: "Life is a game ... dig it!"

I just feel definitely not least is Dana Kowalchuk. She is 17 years old and the daughter of Tammy Leman and Richard Kowalchuk. Another biology fan, Dana plans to work for the town of Snow Lake for the summer, and then hopes to enroll in Winnipeg's Professional Institute of Massage Therapy in the fall. Whatever she is, Dana will undoubtedly be living under the principle of: "Live your life to the fullest."

In conclusion, this past week and the weekend will be one of the most memorable and busy times in the lives, thus far, of these seven young individuals. There will be exams and plans, parties and people, relatives and remembrances. They will be the centre of attention, as example to those younger than them and they will produce personal memories in those a little older ... and then it will be over in an instant. When the last tassel is turned and the day is done, all they can do is remember that it's not the end, it's only the beginning. Weeks that memories are made of — weeks such as these will always be a part of their lives, but they should savour this one, because it is one of the first and thereby the purest. Congratulations to all grads of 2008.



Left to right: Jenna Wiwecharuk-Roy, Dana Kowalchuk, Jace Ryan, Shella Holmgren, Christina Walker, Brittany Ventura, and Danny Ono (sitting). Photo by Marc Jackson

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BY ANDREW ROBERTS

WINNIPEG— From a ground-floor intimate care unit bed in Grace Hospital, a full 60-year-old man this week managed to turn the province's health-care system inside out and lay bare a new frontier in the end-of-life debate.

How do you train someone to be the last person of life?

Three of the faith-oriented doctors have refused to treat Samuel Goldberg, saying to do so is an ethical life they won't cross. Two intensive care beds at the city's biggest trauma center had already been reserved for a possible transfer to Ohio to provide

And our breeding position remains — what's the cost of all this to Colofitank, our publicly-financing medicine system and the professional obligations of our doctors and

"There's all of us who are able to remember that there is one human being at the center of this controversy," said one medical oncologist of the lengths the systems now go to to keep Goldschlager. "I do support the position of the doctors who've resigned."

The legal battle is further complicating the 100-and-draft dilemma for the pending overcast, scheduled for September, to determine whether doctors at Cincor will be allowed to pull the plug on

Everything in their power has included sitting two intimate conversations with "specialized skills" from the

Colchicine could have been needed to keep him alive.

Reports say patients such as Gelabrut, who are in a minimally conscious state, can still feel pain; they can't receive as much pain-relieving medication if they are on a ventilator.

One source said the nurses at Grace Hospital didn't have the specialized training to give morphine daily to the elderly man. The source also said nurses feel as though they are "fixing" someone who has no hope of getting better and that during ICU visits would go over critically ill

children, Perry Goldstein and Melissa Cole, maintain their father is aware of what's going on around him, his car has a speaker system about whether a dying parent's right to live trumps the increased strain on an already stretched

On average, it costs the health-care system \$2,300 a day to treat a patient in an ICU bed — that includes the cost of drugs, doctors, nurses and medical supplies, but not other things such as diagnostic and

The ICU beds are occupied by the most critically ill patients often in variable conditions, including people who need post-operative care, geriatric patients in need of ventilator or trauma patients who have been in serious vehicle collisions or other

Dr. David Lewis, an ICU physician in London, Ont., and president of the Canadian Critical Care Society, said part of the dilemma that critical-care physicians struggle with is whether a person in an ICU bed is taking away care from another patient.

"We have very difficult decisions to make with families as to how heroic we should be," Loomis said, noting that types of deaths are made every day in ICUs across the country.

"If we are spending lots of resources, there's got to be potential for good outcome. We don't walk these decisions to difficult areas to cut the others off."

Parry Gelberbach, right, and his sister, Maura Gelber, leave the Municipal Law Courts on Wednesday afternoon in Wausau, Wis. They are fighting to avoid the loss of their father, as accused God alphas, alive, though doctors at the Grace Hospital and state's not found it was not possible to find a body. (AP/WIDEWORLD)

Thirty years ago, when critical-care medicine began to emerge as a specialty, Lohm said, now innovations in medicine are increasingly possible to keep patients in intensive care longer and to give them more life-sustaining treatments. From a breathing tube inserted through a hole made in the neck, a machine that sustains cell functions, radiation and laser treatment to the body is

time for long periods of time — once if they had little or no hope of recovery.

However, Lohs said, in some cases, invasive techniques and 24-hour nursing care to keep people alive may cause more harm or suffering.

Patients in worst case or

terminal condition, often comatose and without chance to recover, then are given sedatives and other drugs to ease their suffering, Lohs said. The drugs are given to keep patients comfortable and to ease their suffering.

Lohs said doctors also have to scale back on giving drugs to patients on kidney dialysis since their organs can no longer filter the toxins.

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"Doctors sometimes need to wait, 'Are we just delaying the process of dying in this patient?'" LeVine said.

They say their dad knows what's going on but can't control himself.

"They talk about him right in front of him like he doesn't know where's going on," said Miriam Gold, who spends five or six hours a day at her father's bedside with her mother, Percy Goldfarb. "It's not pleasant for him."

They question concerns raised by the medical

community about how much money is left for their dad while the health authority is spending so much money on the legalistic art to keep him alive.

"They're spending all this money on school lawyers. What's paying for their lawyers?"

They also say health

"Why are they doing it now?" Geller asked. "To get the public's opinion."

She noted how careful

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They said it was a violation of their father's privacy, grossly exaggerated and in polarized. "Hacking off the flesh? The doctors put that like a butcher," Goldstein said.

Indeed, four years ago, the Law Reform Commission

"The decision-making process must be clear and transparent and must be

The decision should also include consideration of the patient's personal, cultural or religious background, the

"It's a World War Two veteran and his how wronged him — by trying to kill him," Geller asked.

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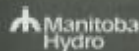
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57% of Winnipeg women read the Saturday edition of the Winnipeg Free Press.



Graduates of the Life Employment Enhancement Program celebrate graduation Friday.

Grads take next step in new life

FIFTEEN new immigrants took an important step Friday in a quiet Salvation Army church in St. Boniface. They graduated from school.

One was Azabe Asmelash, a 30-year-old Eritrean woman who arrived in Canada with her husband just eight months ago. The couple left Eritrea because of a war with neighbouring Ethiopia, and lived in a refugee camp in Uganda for five years.

"It was hard to live in Uganda," Asmelash said. "I didn't expect a lot of things in Canada because I suffered in northern Africa."

In Uganda, Asmelash and her husband lived hand-to-mouth selling Eritrean food. It was very difficult to get by, she said.

Asmelash will begin studying in August to be

a health-care aide. She plans to become a nurse. And she said that it's all thanks to the Salvation Army's Life Employment Enhancement program, from which she graduated Friday.

Fourteen other young men and women in Asmelash's class, from war-torn countries like Ghana, Ethiopia, Algeria, graduated with her.

The graduates spoke about the risks they were taking leaving home, coming to Canada, and leaving family behind.

The program teaches students a wide range of skills: English, computers, and interview techniques. It is five months long and two-week placement at the end, following the graduates will hopefully be employed. Michelle Strain, the LEEP supervisor.

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Skirt peeper facing charges

CALGARY — Police have laid a charge of voyeurism against a U.K. citizen accused of peeping up a Calgary woman's skirt with a video camera at a shopping mall.

Ameer Vusuf Taylor, 31, is in police custody while investigators review the video footage, acting Supt. Korvin Stuart said Friday.

Police earlier said several other women had also been filmed inappropriately but Stuart wouldn't con-

fess a number.

"We're continuing to work with the provincial Crown prosecutors to determine if any other charges are appropriate ... and if there are any more victims that can be identified," said Stuart.

On Thursday about 1:30 p.m., a woman at Sunridge Mall called police about a man she suspected was filming underneath her skirt using a camera hidden in a backpack.

Stuart said the accused is in Can-

ada for a short trip, adding the federal government is discussing the incident with U.K. authorities.

Police couldn't say whether the alleged filming was intended for personal use or to post on the Internet.

"That will be part of the investigation, to determine what the motive was for the recording," said Stuart.

The maximum penalty for voyeurism is five years in prison.

— Sun Media

Stabbed man in stable condition

A 27-year-old man was taken to hospital in stable condition after being stabbed in Elmwood yesterday.

Just before 5 a.m., two men got into a fight in a home in the 400-block of Martin Ave. W., leading to one man being stabbed in the upper body, said police.

The suspect fled and the victim walked to a residence on the 500-block of Carleton Avenue, where he was found by officers. Winnipeg police continue to investigate.

NEWS SUNFLASHES

Sonia Pacheco, 26, and Delia Pereira, 31, pleaded guilty to theft Friday for scooping up an abandoned sack containing \$50,000 in cash under the watchful eye of Royal Bank security cameras.

The bag was accidentally left in the Hamilton bank on Oct. 11, 2006, by armored car personnel.

After her Jan. 26, 2007, arrest, Pacheco admitted the pair had split the loot 50-50.

She went on a shopping spree and Pereira was robbed a week later, after returning with her family from a lengthy vacation in Cuba.

The women, who have no prior criminal records, will be sentenced Sept. 12 in Cayuga, Ont.

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Mysterious cylinder had cottagers concerned

Device resembling bomb was merely a location marker

By Meghan Hurley

WINNIPEG BEACH — It looked like a bomb and washed up on shore and it even was stamped with a warning that read: "Hazardous material. Call police or military if found."

But what was found wedged between a rock and the boat launch on John Dack's lakeside property was actually remains of a little-known activity on Lake Winnipeg involving the military and weapons practice.

Since 1995, the west side of the lake has been designated as a weapons training area by the National Defence Department. As well, a small area of Lake Winnipeg is used by the 435 Squadron for search and rescue practice.

"At first I thought it was a bomb," Dack's son Jeff said of the device, which looks like a long silver can and comes with instructions for hand launching.

Neighbour Gill Doll echoed that worry: "As soon as you see the hazardous material label near where all the kids swim, come in off the water, you're concerned."

Despite having to wait a week for the military to retrieve the device, National Defence did shed some light on what washed ashore.

It's called a location marker, which produces smoke for search and rescue operations, said 17 Wing spokesman Lieut. Travis Smyth. It had a September 2008 expiry date, which means it was dropped in earlier than March.

"If an airplane crashed into the water or a vessel capsized and they wanted to mark an area and leave and come back, they could mark the area with the smoke cylinder so they could see it easier," Smyth said. "Without these devices it would be very difficult to perform the job that they do and these guys are in the business of saving lives."

In 2007, about 25 cylinders were dropped during training and about six have been recovered, Smyth said. The one that washed ashore in Winnipeg Beach was meant to look like the others, but must have malfunctioned.

"It ignites when it hits the water through the use of a battery that is water-activated and it produces white smoke for 15 minutes," Smyth said.

"They could present a hazard if disturbed and in this case, if it was a dud, there is a very low percentage that it could still contain phosphorus."

While the device sat near shore for more than a week, neighbours were worried about whether it was still active.



Gill Doll examines the location marker a neighbour found lodged in the rocks near his cottage at Winnipeg Beach.

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DOCUMENTS apparently leaked from Rogers Wireless are currently making the rounds in cyberspace with the kind of information that makes techno-geeks drool.

Featuring the Rogers logo and containing the words "Confidential Rogers Information, For Internal Distribution Only," the documents outline two unlimited data price plans — \$30 per month for consumers and \$45 per month for businesses — for the Apple iPhone, the most hotly anticipated wireless device since the BlackBerry.

The iPhones, which enable users to surf the Internet, watch videos, play games and check e-mail, will hit Canadian stores on July 11.

If the information contained in the documents is true, users would be able to download movies and music with the same sort of enthusiasm that they currently do with unlimited talk.

But don't believe everything you see on the Internet, said Amit Kamnitsky, an analyst with the Seaboard Group, a Montreal-based telecommunications consulting company. He said he doesn't think unlimited plans are "in the Rogers DNA."

Kamnitsky said no other carrier is offering unlimited plans so Rogers

Kamnitsky said all Rogers is offering packages that make one "comfortable."

Rogers Wireless spokesman Hamilton said the company's comment on rumours and spec but she confirmed the price plan will be made public prior to July 11.

"There is great enthusiasm device. After seeing what it can



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'Switch yard' will cost \$700M

PAUL TURKINE
Sun Media

Hydro facility will increase security

It's the \$700 million megaproject you've probably never heard of.

Sometime next year, Manitoba Hydro is likely to begin the massive undertaking of building the Riel converter station just east of Winnipeg.

Will open in 2014

The station, which will need hundreds of people to build but will be home to only a small handful of employees when it opens in 2014, will serve to increase security on Hydro's main transmission line to the U.S. It will eventually be the southern terminus of the utility's controversial Bipole III line which will move power south from generating stations in northern Manitoba.

"It's critical to our plans for moving forward with electricity plans for the province,"

said Glenn Schneider, Hydro's public affairs manager.

The new station will be built on a 110-acre parcel of land sandwiched between the Red River Parkway and Highway 207, just east of the city. It will be located immediately north of the city's Denison Reservoir, which features four open-cell water retention areas that hold 6.6 billion litres of water — enough to service the city for up to 20 days.

A spokesman for the city said the water and waste department is working with Hydro to ensure the construction and ongoing operation of the station has no detrimental effect on the reservoir.

Hydro is expecting to pay about \$100 million to build the first phase of the station, which will section off the 500-kilovolt line that runs

from the Dorsey converter station northeast of Winnipeg to a station in Forbes, Minn.

That project is intended to improve reliability in what is primarily an export line, guarding against failures in the system and only providing power to Winnipeg and southern Manitoba if need be.

"It's essentially a switch yard," said Yrem Hrenko, a senior environmental assessment officer with Hydro.

Second phase

The second phase of the project will see Riel modified to receive power from the new Bipole III line by 2017, then transmit it into Winnipeg. That phase will cost about \$600 million.

This Wednesday evening, Hydro will hold a second public open house at the Oakbank



The new Riel converter facility will guard against failures in such stations as the one above.

Hapine Church to discuss how the project will affect the area and how to mitigate any negative effects.

Hrenko said a previous open house last fall identified concerns like noise, dust and traffic from construction, land drainage and groundwater protection, as well as visual

hudding of the massive station and its lights, which will stay on 24/7.

"All of these concerns that have been identified will be addressed and mitigated," Hrenko said.

Once the consultation is done, Hydro intends to submit its environmental impact

assessment by the end of this year. Once an environmental licence is granted, Hydro expects to begin construction that will take about five years to complete.

The Riel station should be operational by 2014.

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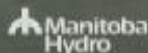
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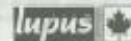
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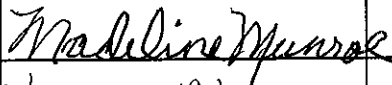
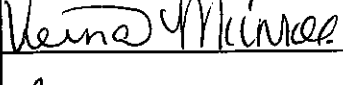
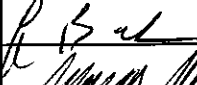

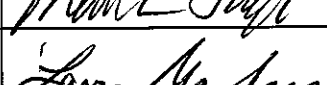

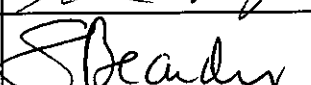
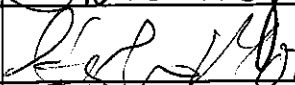
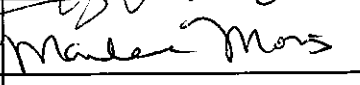
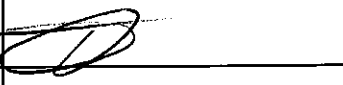

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THOMPSON OPEN HOUSE

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TUESDAY JUNE 24, 2008 @ 4:00 p.m.

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Round 1 PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Thompson Open House

FINAL Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: June 24, 2008 – 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Thompson, MB
St. John's United Church

In Attendance from EA Team:	Ryan Kustra David Magnusson Gordon Wastesicoot Wayne Marcinyshyn Victor Flett Johnathan Kitchkeesik Jr. John Osler David Lane	Manitoba Hydro Manitoba Hydro KCN KCN KCN KCN InterGroup Consultants InterGroup Consultants
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In Attendance from General Public: See sign-in sheet

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the open house was to:

- Provide background information about the proposed Keeyask Generation Project;
- Begin dialogue about the Environmental Assessment process;
- Provide initial information about the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and its associated Public Involvement Program (PIP); and
- Identify issues and concerns the community has with the proposed project, the EIA and the PIP.

The meeting is one of a series of sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of Round 1 of the PIP. Two additional rounds of meetings are contemplated as information from the Environmental Assessment becomes available.

MEETING PROCESS

The open house was held at St. John's United Church. Those who attended the information session were encouraged to sign-in, fill out comment forms and speak to members of the EA team about any perspectives/issues they might have about the project. Members of the EA team were also on hand to

guide community members through the information panels regarding the project if they desired and to answer any questions. Furthermore, if questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session, they were recorded by an EA team member, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the information request, and followed up as required. In total, 14 community members signed-in at the session; however, approximately 30 individuals attended the community information session that did not sign-in.

The following are highlights of the perspectives heard at the information session and are intended to capture the key points that were raised by community members.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Project impacts and perspectives

- A concern was raised about water quality on Split Lake for community consumption.
- A concern about possible impacts of the project on Goose Point cemetery on Split Lake was raised.
- Training opportunities – A community member suggested that a priority for Manitoba Hydro should be to develop ticketed skills training among all First Nations peoples and not isolated to a few First Nations (i.e. KCN). A suggestion was made to provide a few opportunities each summer to each FN for youth to learn technical skills.

Public involvement program perspectives/issues

- A concern was noted about on-reserve/off-reserve community representation in Keeyask discussions to date.
- Meetings are held in Winnipeg and not in the community or Thompson. Community members would like to see more sharing of information with their off-reserve members regarding the project.

Impacts and issues from past-hydro-electric development

- Development of Keeyask should occur after a clear understanding has been provided on the benefits of previous agreements. Some were concerned that there may be some unrealized benefits from these previous agreements.
- Split Lake Community – There has been extensive shoreline erosion close to the church. The banks need to be stabilized.
- A concern was raised about monitoring/accountability of expenditures. Cited need to have clear understanding of benefits to TCN members from \$60 million in expenditures.

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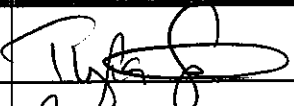
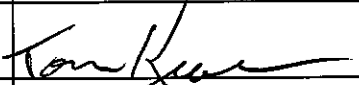

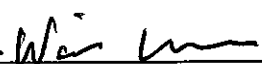
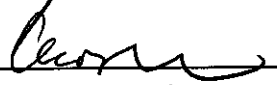

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Bob Coass	<i>Bob Coass</i>	None
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Darren Keeper	<i>Darren Keeper</i>	split lake
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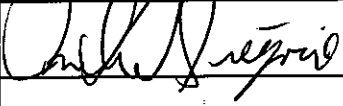
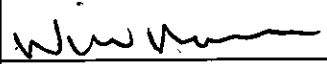
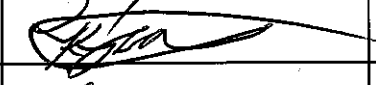
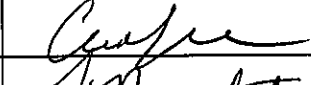

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 25, 2008 @ 1:00 p.m.

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Marietta Flett	Marietta Flett	BAND MEMBER
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Nicole Keeper	Nicole Keeper	TCN
Whitney Keeper	Whitney Keeper	TCN
Darlene Flett	Darlene Flett	TCN
SHANNON KIRKNESS	Shannon Kirkness	TCN
Peggy Spence	Peggy Spence	TCN
Romaine E.N. Cook	Romaine E.N. Cook	TCN
PETER PETERS	Peter Peters	MH
Ashley Dick	Ashley Dick	T.C.N
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Lucy Dick	Lucy Dick	T.C.N
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Katrina Keeper	Katrina Keeper	T.C.N

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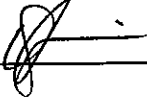

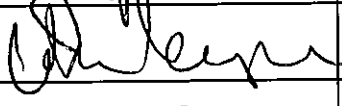
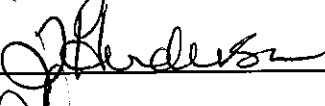
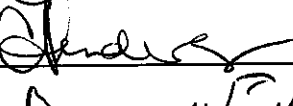
THURSDAY JUNE 26, 2008 @ 5:00 p.m.

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Betha Wateskoot	134 Smith St.	York Factory
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Bob Wiens	Morden, M.B.	
Will Massan		S.L.
MILDRED Flett	M. Flett	Split Lake
ALLEN GABSON	Allen Gabson	SPLIT LAKE
DARLENE GABSON	Darlene Gabson	SPLIT-LAKE.
ELI MASSAN	Eli Massan	S.L.
Kyle Massan		Split Lake
Carolyn Massan		Split Lake.
Lorraine Nepitabo	L. Nepitabo	split-Lake
Justin Tuesday		split Lake
Louise Brantear	Louise Brantear	Split Lake.

WINNIPEG OPEN HOUSE #2

**PROPOSED KEYYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
ROUND 1**

THURSDAY JUNE 26, 2008 @ 5:00 p.m.

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Jessica Brightnose	Jessica Brightnose	Split Lake
Madelene Massar	Madelene Massar	Split Lake
Reggie Anderson	Reggie Anderson	T.C.N
Charlene Garson	CGarson	TCN
A Cook	A Cook	TCN
KRIS FREDERICKSON		CEAA
Greg McIvor		Private Citizen
John Sykela		
William Keener		T.C.N.
Ellen Cook	Ellen Cook	TCN
Waylon Spence	Waylon Spence	TCN
GAYLEN EATON	Gaylen Eaton	NSC
Theresa Henderson		TCN
Carmen Henderson		TCN
Dez Nepitabo	Dez Nepitabo	TCN



Round 1 PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Winnipeg Open Houses

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: June 25, 2008 – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
June 26, 2008 – 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Radisson Hotel
288 Portage Avenue

In Attendance from EA Team:	Ryan Kustra Fiona Scurrah Nick Barnes Dave Magnusson Victor Flett Gordon Wastesicoot Wayne Marcinyshyn Jonathon Kitchkeesik Michael Lawrenchuk John Osler Brett McGurk Kristin Kent Don MacDonell	Manitoba Hydro Manitoba Hydro (June 25 only) Manitoba Hydro Manitoba Hydro (June 25 only) KCN KCN KCN KCN KCN (June 26 only) InterGroup Consultants InterGroup Consultants (June 25 only) InterGroup Consultants North/South Consultants
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In Attendance from the General Public: **Sign in sheet - June 25**
Sign-in-sheet - June 26

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the Winnipeg Open Houses was to:

- Provide background information about the proposed Keeyask Generation Project;
- Provide information about the Environmental Assessment process;
- Provide initial information about the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and its associated Public Involvement Program (PIP); and
- Identify issues and concerns the community has with the proposed project, the EIA and the PIP.

The meeting is one of a series of sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of Round 1 of the PIP. Two additional rounds of meetings are contemplated as information from the EIA becomes available.

MEETING PROCESS

The open houses were set up in the Provincial Room A at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Winnipeg. Those who attended the information session were encouraged to sign-in, fill out comment forms and speak to members of the EA team about any perspectives/issues they might have about the project. Members of the EA team were also on hand to guide community members through the information panels regarding the project if they desired and to answer any questions. Furthermore, if questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session, they were recorded by an EA team member, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the information request, and followed up as required. In total, 58 people attended the open house on June 25, 2008, and 45 attended the June 26, 2008 session. Furthermore, sixteen comment forms were filled out at both sessions.

The following are highlights of the perspectives heard at the information session and are intended to capture the key points that were raised by attendees.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY OPEN HOUSE ATTENDEES

Project impacts and perspectives

- Many on and off reserve community members from Tataskweyak Cree Nation were present and expressed interest in having more information on the details of the Joint Keeyask Development Agreement (JKDA).
- Site ceremonies are important to First Nations peoples and attendees would like to see ceremonies similar to what was performed at Wuskwatim for the Keeyask project.
- Some concern was expressed about mercury levels as a result of the flooding caused by the project.
- People were generally interested in and supportive of training and employment opportunities.
- It was suggested that having workers reside at work camps (versus in Gillam or Split Lake) would put less strain on infrastructure in those communities.
- Some people were of the opinion that the current shortage of tradespeople will impact the construction of the project.
- One attendee was curious about whether the project would cause air pollution.
- Some attendees were concerned about how the project could affect their traditional way of life.
- One attendee noted that they were concerned about the influx of workers and the social impacts it could have on neighbouring communities (e.g. crime)
- Navigation/safety – Some attendees were concerned about traffic safety along PR280 and the access road as a result of increased project traffic.
- Navigation/safety – One Split Lake community member was concerned about the impact of the project on Split Lake water levels and how that can affect fishing gear, including boats and motors.

- An attendee was concerned about how erosion caused by the project would affect TCN.
- Some attendees did not want the Keeyask project built for fear of the environmental effects and because the land is viewed as sacred.

Public involvement program perspectives/issues

- People would like to see more opportunities for the public to learn about the project and have the ability to influence planning and related social and environmental outcomes of the project.
- A suggestion was made to collect everyone's email addresses and send project information as it becomes available.
- Graphic illustrations of flood zones would have been useful for some attendees.
- Suggestion to develop a PIP document in Cree that provides an overview of the project.
- A video of the project site would be helpful so people have a greater appreciation for the area.
- More communication among First Nations bands in the vicinity of the project is needed to facilitate mutual understanding.
- Some attendees noted the importance of consulting with elders in those communities close to the project.
- A suggestion was made to create a project DVD in Cree and English and distribute it to homes in communities near the proposed site.

Other

- There was some confusion as to why the licencing and regulatory processes are still undefined when so much EA work on the project has occurred to date.

**PROPOSED KEYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
ROUND 1**

THURSDAY JUNE 26, 2008 @ 4:00 p.m.

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Round 1 PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Brandon Open House

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: June 26, 2008 – 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Brandon, MB
Royal Oak Inn

In Attendance from EA Team:	Fiona Scurrah David Magnusson Brett McGurk David Lane	Manitoba Hydro Manitoba Hydro InterGroup Consultants InterGroup Consultants
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In Attendance from Community: See sign-in-sheet

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the open house was to:

- Provide background information about the proposed Keeyask Generation Project;
- Begin dialogue about the Environmental Assessment process;
- Provide initial information about the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and its associated Public Involvement Program (PIP); and
- Identify issues and concerns the community has with the proposed project, the EIA and the PIP.

The meeting is one of a series of sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of Round 1 of the PIP. Two additional rounds of meetings are contemplated as information from the EIA becomes available.

MEETING PROCESS

The open house was held at the Royal Oak Inn. Those who attended the information session were encouraged to sign-in, fill out comment forms and speak to members of the EA team about any perspectives/issues they might have about the project. Members of the EA team were also on hand to guide community members through the information panels regarding the project if they desired and to answer any questions. Furthermore, if questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session, they were recorded by an EA team member, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the

information request, and followed up as required. In total, six community members signed-in at the session and three comment forms were filled out.

The following are highlights of the perspectives heard at the information session and are intended to capture the key points that were raised by community members.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Project impacts and perspectives

- Perception of inequality of compensation (i.e. if wind generation is placed on a farmer's land they are compensated individually, but First Nations are in negotiations to get compensation for adverse effects on a community basis).
- Resource use information – Butnau Lake area and its tributaries are used for gathering and hunting moose.
- Socio-economic – There was a question about whether there is a hiring preference for other spin-off jobs such as highways.
- Concerned about spring/winter access to open water created by the dam in the middle of the lake when there is still ice along the shore.
- An attendee was concerned about spring-time operating levels and "hanging ice".
- There is inadequate communication between off-reserve First Nation members and their communities regarding potential training and employment opportunities

Impacts and issues from past-hydro-electric development

- Northern Flood Agreement – Manitoba Hydro needs to pay attention to the implementation of employment and training requirements.

KEEYASK GENERATION PROJECT

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APPENDIX 2F

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND ONE MEETINGS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

Public Involvement Program Round One Meetings with Organizations

Meetings with Organizations were held with the Manitoba Metis Federation, the Northern Association of Community Councils, Keewatin Tribal Council, Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Norway House Fisherman's Co-op (see Table 2F-1). Each organization was informed about the Project and discussion followed. Participants were encouraged to fill in comment forms or raise specific questions with the EA Study Team members. Draft meeting notes were shared with the organizations and, once reviewed, they were finalized. Finalized notes were shared with the organizations and are provided below.

Communication methods to arrange meetings with organizations included phone calls, emails and letters. An invitation letter was sent to the organization via an administrator or like position to participate in Round One of the PIP. After this letter was sent, follow-up by the PIP team included confirming a meeting date, time and place by sending a confirmation letter. Following the meeting, draft meeting notes were sent to the meeting participants to review for accuracy. After the notes were reviewed and approved, final notes were sent to the organization for their records. An example of each type of correspondence materials used to facilitate Round One PIP meetings is provided below.

Table 2F-1: Round One Meetings with Organizations

Date	Event	Location
6/4/2008	Manitoba Metis Federation	MMF Winnipeg Office
6/27/2008	Northern Association of Community Councils	Marlborough Hotel, Winnipeg
12/16/2008	Keewatin Tribal Council	Thompson Office
4/9/2009	Nature Conservancy of Canada – Winnipeg Office	NCC Office, Winnipeg
4/30/2009	Norway House Fishermen's Co-op	Radisson Hotel, Winnipeg

The following copies of documents are provided in this appendix:

- Copy of invitation letter
- Copy confirmation of meeting letter
- Copy of draft meeting notes letter
- Copy of final meeting notes letter
- Copy of final meeting notes from meetings with organizations:
 - Keewatin Tribal Council meeting notes
 - Manitoba Metis Federation meeting notes
 - Nature Conservancy of Canada meeting notes
 - Northern Association of Community Councils meeting notes
 - Norway House Commercial Fisherman's Co-op meeting notes



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May 30, 2008

Tracy Johnson
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Dear Ms. Johnson,

RE: Invitation to meet with Manitoba Hydro and its consultants regarding the proposed Keeyask Generating Station Project

Manitoba Hydro is considering developing the Keeyask Generating Station Project on the Nelson River in northern Manitoba in the foreseeable future. Before construction can proceed on the Project, an Environmental Assessment (EA) needs to be conducted to determine the environmental and social impacts associated with the Project, as well as licences and approvals granted. As part of the EA process, Manitoba Hydro and its consultants will be conducting a Public Involvement Program (PIP). The purpose of the PIP is to provide meaningful opportunities for people to receive information about the Project and to identify project-related concerns/issues, potential impacts and measures to mitigate such impacts.

As we discussed over the phone, we are currently organizing the first round of the PIP and are contacting you to determine whether the Northern Association of Community Councils would be interested in participating in a meeting. This meeting would be designed to present basic background information about the Project (including the regulatory review and public involvement process), and also to hear any initial comments, questions or concerns you may have about the Project. The meeting would consist of a presentation approximately 20 minutes in length and followed by a discussion.

We are currently targeting to hold a meeting with you on Friday, June 27, 2008, at 1 pm.

If you have any questions or comments about the meeting or the proposed Keeyask Project, please feel free to contact John Osler at (204) 942-0654. We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours truly,

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John Osler
President



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June 6, 2008

Tracey Johnson
Northern Association of Community Councils
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Dear Ms. Johnson,

**RE: Confirmation of meeting with the Northern Association of Community Councils
regarding the proposed Keeyask Generating Station Project**

We are pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the proposed Keeyask Generating Station Project with your organization. This letter confirms that representatives from Manitoba Hydro and its consultants will be attending a meeting at the NACC offices on June 27 at 1 pm to discuss the proposed Project with the Northern Association of Community Councils.

As we discussed previously, Manitoba Hydro is considering developing the Keeyask Generating Station Project on the Nelson River in northern Manitoba in the foreseeable future. Before construction can proceed on the Project, an Environmental Assessment (EA) needs to be conducted to determine the environmental and social impacts associated with the Project, as well as necessary licences and approvals granted. As part of the EA process, Manitoba Hydro and its consultants will be conducting a Public Involvement Program (PIP). The purpose of the PIP is to provide meaningful opportunities for people to receive information about the Project and to identify project-related concerns/issues, potential impacts and measures to mitigate such impacts.

The first meeting will be part of the first round of public involvement. The purpose of this meeting is to initiate dialogue with you about the Project, present information about the Project, provide you with background information on the regulatory process and schedule for the EA, and to identify and confirm any issues or concerns you may have about the PIP and the proposed Project.

We have included copies of the Round 1 Public Involvement Program newsletter for your information.

If you have any further questions about the meeting or the Project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (204) 942-0654.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours truly,

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October 14, 2008

The Honorable Reg Meade
Northern Association of Community Councils
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Dear Mayor Meade,

RE: Draft meeting notes from the June 27th, 2008 meeting with the Northern Association of Community Councils regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project

This letter is in follow-up to the meeting held on June 27th in Winnipeg, Manitoba regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project. Included for your review are the draft meeting notes from the above meeting. Please let me know by October 28th if there are any errors or omissions in the notes. I can be contacted either by email (dlane@intergroup.ca) or at (204) 942-0654. Once the meeting notes have been finalized, they will be part of the documentation for the Environmental Assessment of the proposed project.

Beyond meeting notes changes, if you have any questions or comments about the proposed project or the public involvement process, please do not hesitate to call Brett McGurk or John Osler of InterGroup Consultants, Ltd. at (204) 942-0654. Furthermore, additional information on the project can be found on the project website www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/keeyask/.

Thank you for your hospitality and we look forward to meeting with you again during future rounds of public involvement for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'D. Lane'.

David Lane

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December 22, 2008

Tracey Johnson
Northern Association of Community Councils
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Dear Ms. Johnson,

RE: Finalized notes from the June 27th meeting with the Northern Association of Community Councils regarding the proposed Keeyask Generating Station Project

Please find enclosed the finalized notes from the meeting held on June 27th in Winnipeg, Manitoba, regarding the proposed Keeyask Generating Station Project, including copies for distribution to Councillors. The final version of the notes has been revised to reflect comments that were received during the review process, and the notes will be included in the Environmental Impact Statement.

If you have any questions or comments about the proposed Project or the Public Involvement Program, please do not hesitate to contact Brett McGurk or John Osler of InterGroup Consultants, Ltd. at (204) 942-0654. Furthermore, additional information on the Project can be found on the Project website that will be updated as project-related information becomes available - <http://www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/keeyask>.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us to discuss the proposed Project. We look forward to meeting with you again during future rounds of the Public Involvement Program for the proposed Keeyask Generating Station Project.

Yours truly,

INTERGROUP CONSULTANTS

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David Lane



Round 1 PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Keewatin Tribal Council

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: December 16, 2008 – 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Keewatin Tribal Council
Thompson Office

In Attendance:	Jim Beardy Sharon McKay Al Aggie Brad McAllister Brandi Bone Victor Flett Tara-Cole McCaffrey Gaylen Eaton John Osler David Lane	MMF MMF MMF MMF MMF KCN KCN Manitoba Hydro North South Consultants InterGroup Consultants InterGroup Consultants
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PURPOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was requested by the Environmental Assessment Team for the Proposed Keeyask Generation Project to:

- Provide background information about the proposed Keeyask Generation Project;
- Begin dialogue about the Environmental Assessment process;
- Provide initial information about the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and its associated Public Involvement Program (PIP); and
- Identify issues and concerns the organization has with the proposed project, the EIA and the PIP.

The meeting is one of a series of sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of Round 1 of the PIP. At least two additional rounds of meetings are contemplated as information from the EIA becomes available.

MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, John Osler presented information on the project, the EA process and the purpose of Round 1 PIP. This included details on the size and location of the project, project components and construction activities, potential partnership with the in-vicinity communities, the EA PIP, environmental

approvals, and project environmental studies. Each member in attendance was provided a copy of the presentation and the Round 1 PIP newsletter. Extra copies of the newsletter were left for general distribution. Throughout and following the discussion:

- KTC members asked questions, offered perspectives, and identified issues about the proposed project, the EIA and the PIP; and
- Where appropriate, representatives of the Environmental Assessment Team and Manitoba Hydro offered perspectives.

The following are highlights of the meeting and are intended to capture the key points that were raised or presented. They are not presented in the sequence that they were raised at the meeting, nor are they a detailed or verbatim transcription of what was said.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY KTC

Project impacts and perspectives

- The main concern expressed by the KTC members present was in regard to pre-project training and communication between Manitoba Hydro, the Wuskwatim and Keeyask Training Consortium, and the KTC. Since the 11 KTC member communities include the 4 KCN communities plus 7 other First Nations in northern Manitoba, the KTC feel as though they should be more involved in administering training programs. They would also like more information on the numbers of individuals in these programs as well as their success rates.
- The KTC would like to see improved communication between Manitoba Hydro regarding the adverse effects agreements and the JKDA.
- They expressed concern about the adequate and appropriate integration of traditional knowledge in the EIS.

Environmental Assessment perspectives/issues

- Indicated that an audio version of the EIS similar to Wuskwatim would be useful.
- Concerned that a critical challenge facing the KCN communities and a positive vote on the JKDA will be helping people understand the actual pros and cons of the project without them immediately responding negatively based on emotions.

Public involvement program perspectives/issues

- Noted that early discussions about the project and the environment are important.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TEAM

- The project is still at a planning and discussion stage.
- No decision has been made to go forward with the project.

- Keeyask would be the fourth largest of Manitoba Hydro's current generation stations:
 - 695 megawatts
 - Approximately 45 square kilometers of flooding
 - Approximately 7 to 8 years construction
- Manitoba Hydro is exploring the potential of a partnership with in-vicinity Keeyask Cree Nations (KCN) – Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation (acting as the Cree Nation Partners), Fox Lake Cree Nation and York Factory First Nation.
- The above parties are negotiating a Joint Keeyask Development Agreement (JKDA) – an agreement that would govern how the project would be developed.
- An Environmental Assessment will be completed for the project to identify potential effects the project may have on the environment and people.
- The purpose of Round 1 public involvement is to introduce the project to the public, to learn about any issues or concerns that the public may have about the project, and to hear from the public how they wish to be consulted in further rounds of the PIP.
- Since 2001, Manitoba Hydro has been working with local Cree Nations to collect information, including traditional knowledge, which will contribute to the Environmental Impact Assessment.
- The EA PIP is not part of section 35 consultation; the EA PIP is for the purpose of assisting in the licencing of the project, not to determine how the project impacts Aboriginal and Treaty rights. Furthermore, section 35 is a crown obligation that would be carried out by the government.
- The Conawapa Project is also being considered for possible development, but it is not part of the current process.

Action item: Provide Jim Beardy with Manitoba Hydro contact information in regards to training programs.



Round 1 PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Manitoba Metis Federation (Winnipeg)

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: June 4, 2008 – 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Manitoba Metis Federation
Winnipeg Office

In Attendance:	Al Benoit	MMF
	Justin Stapon	MMF
	Richard Anderson	MMF
	Terry Kerb	MMF
	Brad McAllister	MMF
	Gordon Wastesicoot	KCN
	Brandi Bone	KCN
	Jonathan Kitchokeesik Jr.	KCN
	Victor Flett	KCN
	Ryan Kustra	Manitoba Hydro
	Ellisa Neville	Manitoba Hydro
	Bill Kennedy	Hobbs and Associates
	John Osler	InterGroup Consultants
	Brett McGurk	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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The meeting is one of a series of sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of Round 1 of the PIP. At least two additional rounds of meetings are contemplated as information from the EIA becomes available.

MEETING PROCESS

John Osler of the Environmental Assessment Team first commented briefly on the Project, the EA process and the purpose of Round 1 PIP. Ryan Kustra then proceeded to provide additional high-level information on the project, the potential Keeyask Project Partnership and Environmental Approvals process. Throughout and following the discussion:

- The MMF asked questions, offered perspectives, and identified issues about the proposed project, the EIA and the PIP; and
- Where appropriate, representatives of the Environmental Assessment Team and Manitoba Hydro offered perspectives.

The following are highlights of the meeting and are intended to capture the key points that were raised or presented. They are not presented in the sequence that they were raised at the meeting, nor are they a detailed or verbatim transcription of what was said.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY MMF

Project impacts and perspectives

- MMF is concerned about the biophysical and socio-economic impacts on Metis in the vicinity of the project.
- MMF would like the opportunity to assess the biophysical and socio-economic impacts of the project on Metis in the vicinity of the project.
- MMF is interested in any economic development and employment opportunities associated with the project, if constructed.

Environmental Assessment perspectives/issues

- MMF Winnipeg will be the key contact for the Environmental Assessment Team for all project related matters.

Public involvement program perspectives/issues

- MMF would like a consultation process with the Metis that is separate from the EA PIP; MMF would like to develop a working relationship with Manitoba Hydro to develop such a process.

Other

- The Metis are a distinct people that are mobile and can be found throughout the entire province.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TEAM

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- The above parties are negotiating a Joint Keeyask Development Agreement (JKDA) – an agreement that would govern how the project would be developed.
- An Environmental Assessment will be completed for the project to identify potential effects the project may have on the environment and people.
- The purpose of Round 1 public involvement is to introduce the project to the public, to learn about any issues or concerns that the public may have about the project, and to hear from the public how they wish to be consulted in further rounds of the PIP.
- Since 2001, Manitoba Hydro has been working with local Cree Nations to collect information that will contribute to the Environmental Impact Assessment.
- The EA Team would like any information on Métis resource use in the vicinity of the project, if possible.
- The EA PIP is not part of section 35 consultation; the EA PIP is for the purpose of assisting in the licencing of the project, not to determine how the project impacts Aboriginal and Treaty rights. Furthermore, section 35 is a crown obligation that would be carried out by the government.
- The Conawapa Project is also being considered for possible development, but it is not part of the current process.

Action item: Manitoba Hydro and MMF to work together to establish a process on how to appropriately involve the MMF in the Keeyask EIA process.



Round 1 PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project**Meeting with Nature Conservancy of Canada****Final Meeting Notes**

Date of Meeting: April 9, 2009 – 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Nature Conservancy of Canada - Winnipeg Office

In Attendance: Ursula Goeres Regional Vice President
Brett McGurk InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was requested by the Environmental Assessment Team for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project to:

- Provide background information about the proposed Keeyask Generation Project;
- Begin dialogue about the Environmental Assessment process;
- Provide initial information about the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and its associated Public Involvement Program (PIP); and
- Identify issues and concerns the community has with the proposed project, the EIA and the PIP.

The meeting is one of a series of sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of Round 1 of the PIP. Two additional rounds of meetings are contemplated as information from the EIA becomes available.

MEETING PROCESS

Brett McGurk presented information on the project, the EA process and the purpose of Round 1 of the PIP. This included details on the size and location of the project, potential partnership with the in-vicinity communities, the EA PIP, environmental approvals and project environmental studies. Each Council member in attendance was provided a copy of the presentation and the Round 1 PIP. Extra copies of the newsletter were left for general distribution.

The following are highlights of the meeting and are intended to capture the key points that were raised or presented. They are not presented in the sequence that they were raised at the meeting, nor are they a detailed or verbatim transcription of what was said.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA**Project impacts and perspectives**

- The Nature Conservancy indicated that they do not have lands in the vicinity of the project that they have an interest in currently. The organization's focus is in the southern part of the province.
- The Nature Conservancy indicated that since the area is not the focus of their organization that invitation to future PIP events is not necessary; however, the organization would like to receive information on the project as it becomes available.

Other

- The Nature Conservancy was interested in the location of Bipole III on the west side of the province since an area of interest to them is where the transmission line is being considered.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TEAM

- The project is still at a planning and discussion stage.
- No decision has been made to go forward with the project.
- Keeyask would be the fourth largest of Manitoba Hydro's current generation stations:
 - 695 megawatts
 - Approximately 45 square kilometers of flooding
 - Approximately 7 to 8 years construction
- Manitoba Hydro is exploring the potential of a partnership with in-vicinity Keeyask Cree Nations (KCN) – Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation (acting as the Cree Nation Partners), Fox Lake Cree Nation and York Factory First Nation.
- An Environmental Assessment will be completed for the project to identify potential effects the project may have on the environment and people.
- The purpose of Round 1 public involvement is to introduce the project to the public, to learn about any issues or concerns that the public may have about the project, and to hear from the public how they wish to be consulted in further rounds of the PIP.
- Since 2001, Manitoba Hydro has been working with local Cree Nations to collect information that will contribute to the Environmental Impact Assessment.
- The Conawapa project is also being studied for possible development, but it is not part of the current process.
- Bipole III is needed for reliability and security and will be built regardless of whether Keeyask goes ahead.



Round 1 PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Northern Association of Community Councils

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: June 27, 2008, 1pm

Location: Winnipeg, MB
Marlborough Hotel, Oxford Room

In Attendance:	Reg Meade Frances McIvor Chandler McLeod Anne Lacquette Glen Flett Larry Chartrand Barbara Marcyniuk Harold Flemming Al Guilding Kathy Frisk Gordon Wastesicoot Leslie Agger Ryan Kustra John Osler Kristin Kent	President – NACC NACC Northern Chairperson NACC Eastern Vice Chairperson NACC Western Chairperson NACC Northern Vice Chairperson NACC Western Vice Chairperson NACC Eastern Secretary Treasurer NACC Western Secretary Treasurer NACC NACC KCN KCN Manitoba Hydro InterGroup Consultants InterGroup Consultants
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PURPOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was requested by the Environmental Assessment Team for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project to:

- Provide background information about the proposed Keeyask Generation Project;
- Begin dialogue about the Environmental Assessment process;
- Provide initial information about the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and its associated Public Involvement Program (PIP); and
- Identify issues and concerns the organization has with the proposed project, the EIA and the PIP.

The meeting is one of a series of sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of Round 1 of the PIP. Two additional rounds of meetings are contemplated as information from the EIA becomes available.

MEETING PROCESS

The meeting was scheduled as part of the agenda of the NACC Board Meeting. Presentation materials and newsletters were distributed to the attendees. The NACC President asked at the outset of the meeting to keep the meeting as brief and to the point as possible – the council had discussed our participation earlier in the day and would prefer to have the presentations in any interested communities.

A brief overview of the project, the process to consult with communities, and the regulatory and EA processes was provided. The newsletter and presentation materials are similar to that which will be presented in community meetings.

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KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE NACC

Other

The President indicated that the NACC members in attendance were more likely interested in discussions on Bipole III, and that there were likely to be questions in the communities regarding the need for more generation versus the environment. The Northern Vice Chairperson indicated that in recent negotiations with Norway House, information was not provided by Manitoba Hydro on a timely basis, and that it is necessary to provide project information as it becomes available.

NEXT STEPS IDENTIFIED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TEAM

The council was referred to the map in the newsletter as reference as to which communities would be visited in the coming months. The president indicated they would inform their community councils that this meeting had occurred and would also seek feedback from their community members.

There is a potential opportunity for Manitoba Hydro to present some information during a NACC gathering August 19th to the 21st. Manitoba Hydro indicated they that would be happy to be present if the NACC would like them to be there.

The meeting was adjourned.



Round 1 PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Norway House Commercial Fishermen's Co-op

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: April 30 2009 – 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Location: Winnipeg, MB
Radisson Hotel – Winnipeg Board Room

In Attendance:	Langford Saunders	Norway House Fishermen's Co-op
	Leslie Abetagon	Norway House Fishermen's Co-op
	Steven Robertson	Norway House Fishermen's Co-op
	David Muswagan	Norway House Fishermen's Co-op
	Chris Clarke	Norway House Fishermen's Co-op
	Ian Dickson	Cree Nation Partners
	Ryan Kustra	Manitoba Hydro
	John Osler	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was requested by the Norway House Commercial Fishermen's Co-op for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project to:

- Provide background information about the proposed Keeyask Generation Project;
- Begin dialogue about the Environmental Assessment process;
- Provide initial information about the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and its associated Public Involvement Program (PIP); and
- Identify issues and concerns the Norway House Fishermen's Co-op has with the proposed project, the EIA and the PIP.

The meeting is one of a series of sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of Round 1 of the PIP. Two additional rounds of meetings are contemplated as information from the EIA becomes available.

MEETING PROCESS

Following an opening prayer for the meeting, Ryan Kustra welcomed the participants to the meeting and thanked them for the opportunity to present information about the proposed Keeyask Project. John Osler then presented an overview of the project, the EA process and the purpose of Round 1 PIP. This was followed by a walk-through of a presentation in order to provide additional details on the size and location of the project, potential for a partnership with the in-vicinity communities, project components

and construction activities, the EA PIP, environmental approvals, and project environmental studies. Each participant in attendance was provided a copy of the presentation and the Round 1 PIP newsletter. Extra copies of the newsletter were left for distribution in the community. Throughout and following the discussion:

- Co-op members asked questions, offered perspectives, and identified issues about the proposed project, the EIA and the PIP; and
- Where appropriate, representatives of the Environmental Assessment Team and Manitoba Hydro offered perspectives.

The following are highlights of the meeting and are intended to capture the key points that were raised or presented. They are not presented in the sequence that they were raised at the meeting, nor are they a detailed or verbatim transcription of what was said.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE FISHERMEN'S CO-OP MEMBERS

Project impacts and perspectives/issues

- Comments were made about how previous projects by Manitoba Hydro have changed the environment for fishermen.
- Observations were made on how flows and water levels have changed, including increased siltation on Playgreen Lake that has reduced the depth of the lake from about 15 feet to about 7 or 8 feet now. The concern is that future projects may cause this to be more pronounced.
- Have suggested that local fishermen should be involved in aquatic studies and perhaps even be conducting their own studies of how the environment is changing.
- Comment that groups like KCN may benefit from the Keeyask Project, but the community of Norway House will only see the impacts of the development.
- Previous agreements with Manitoba Hydro seek to address impacts to the environment that occurred in the past. There is uncertainty with how projects such as Keeyask will be considered in the future.
- History to date indicates that there have been more impacts on the community and the environment as a result of previous Hydro projects than was expected. Participants wanted to know (a) what would be done if this was the case with the Keeyask project and (b) what would be done to monitor project effects.
- Concern about how Keeyask may cause changes; reference was made to changes that may have been caused when Limestone GS was added to the Hydro system.
- Concerned that proponent may be making decisions quickly for economic opportunities rather than to protect the environment.

Public Involvement Program perspectives/issues

- As commercial fishermen who rely on the water for their livelihood, they want to be involved in the discussion about Keeyask early on and not hear about the project only after a decision has been made.

Other

- Many things have negatively influenced the livelihood of commercial fishermen from Norway House, including taxes, decreased fish quantities, decreased fish quality, decreased prices for the sale fish, previous Manitoba Hydro projects, and higher harvesting costs.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TEAM

- The project is still at a planning and discussion stage.
- No decision has been made to go forward with the project.
- Keeyask would be the fourth largest of Manitoba Hydro's current generation stations:
 - 695 megawatts
 - Approximately 45 square kilometers of flooding
 - Approximately 7 to 8 years construction
- Manitoba Hydro has developed a potential partnership with in-vicinity Keeyask Cree Nations (KCN) – Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation (acting as the Cree Nation Partners), Fox Lake Cree Nation and York Factory First Nation. These communities are currently in the process of completing their community ratification processes.
- An Environmental Assessment will be completed for the project to identify potential effects the project may have on the environment and people.
- There are a variety of training programs available through MB Hydro and provincial and federal governments.
- The purpose of Round 1 public involvement is to introduce the project to the public, to learn about any issues or concerns that the public may have about the project, and to hear from the public how they wish to be consulted in further rounds of the PIP.
- Since 2001, Manitoba Hydro has been working with local Cree Nations to collect information that will contribute to the Environmental Impact Assessment.
- Bipole III is needed for reliability and security and will be built regardless of whether Keeyask goes ahead.
- Ian Dickson commented that Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) has strongly influenced the process that TCN has considered the effects of the project.
- The Conawapa project is also being studied for possible development, but it is not part of the current process.