



Keeyask Generation Project

Environmental Impact Statement

Supporting Volume
Public Involvement



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Round Two PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:**Meeting with Wabowden Mayor and Council****Final Meeting Notes**

Date of Meeting: February 21, 2012; 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Location: Wabowden, Manitoba
Town Office

In Attendance:	Larry McIvor	Wabowden CAO
	Francis McIvor	Councillor
	Leon Benson	Councillor
	Wil DeWit	Manitoba Hydro
	Harv Sawatzky	InterGroup Consultants
	Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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- Provide the public with a description of Project features and changes since Round One.
- Discuss initial preliminary results regarding biophysical and socio-economic effects of the Project and obtain comments and input on the results.
- Obtain input on possible mitigation measures and monitoring opportunities for minimizing or avoiding potential adverse effects.
- Document what is heard in the meeting with community leadership for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The meeting is the second of a series of three sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of the Keeyask Public Involvement Program (PIP). Round Three of the PIP will commence after the Environmental Impact Statement for the Project has been filed with the government regulators.

MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, Wil DeWit and Harv Sawatzky presented information on the Keeyask Generation Project, including any changes to the Project or process that have occurred since Round One and the purpose for Round Two PIP. Specifically, the focus of the presentation included issues that were

prominently raised in Round One of the PIP including employment and training, lake sturgeon, caribou, flooding and water quality and mercury, fish and human health. Each Council member in attendance was provided the Round Two PIP newsletter. Extra copies of the newsletter were left with the Administrator for general distribution. Throughout the presentation:

- Council members asked questions, offered perspectives, and identified issues about the proposed project, the environmental assessment including preliminary results and mitigation measures 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 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Project Impacts and Perspectives

- Concern was shared about mercury levels in fish within the Project area. A Councillor indicated that the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation has listed mercury levels in fish from Stephens Lake to be approximately 1.5 ppm based on data from a few years ago.
 - The Manitoba Hydro representative showed the Councillor the data in the Environmental Impact Statement (Core Volume, Chapter 6) showing that the levels have decreased to 0.2 or 0.3 ppm on Stephens Lake.
- Concerns centered on communicating with northern based businesses (particularly first nation owned businesses) about opportunities to work as sub-contractors under the prime contractor(s) on the Project site (small local contractors may also have equipment that could be used on the Project). This includes bidding on jobs, accessing work site, preferential hiring of northern companies and people.
 - The PIP team indicated that they will pass this concern along to the Project Proponents.
- One Councillor is concerned about the community being further removed from the Project area and the inaccessibility of employment opportunities.
 - The PIP team described how the Project Proponents are planning to have pick up points in Gillam and Thompson to assist getting workers to the job site.
- One Councillor is concerned that some of the timber removed pre-flooding may be marketable. Markets fluctuate and timber that has little value at present may be marketable in the future.
 - It was pointed out that the distance from markets and the size of the majority of the timber make it difficult to market the timber in a viable manner.

TOWN OF WABOWDEN INFORMATION SESSION
PROPOSED KEYYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
ROUND 2

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m.

Name (Print)	Signature	Affiliation
ROB GENEREAU	R. G.	
Jennifer Campbell	J. Campbell	
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LEONARD HENDERSON	Leonard Henderson	
Charley & Catherine McLeod		



Round Two PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:**Wabowden Community Information Session****Final Meeting Notes**

Date of Meeting: February 21, 2012; 5:00 pm – 7:45 pm

Location: Wabowden, Manitoba
Ke Na Now Centre

In Attendance from EA Team:	Wil DeWit	Manitoba Hydro
	Harv Sawatzky	InterGroup
	Christina Blouw	InterGroup

In Attendance from Community: See sign-in-sheet

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the community information session was to:

- Provide the public with a description of Project features and changes since Round One;
- Discuss preliminary results regarding biophysical and socio-economic effects of the Project and obtain comments and input on the results;
- Obtain input on possible mitigation measures and monitoring opportunities for minimizing or avoiding potential adverse effects; and
- Document what is heard in the community information session for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The community information session is the second of a series of three sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of the Keeyask Public Involvement Program (PIP). Round Three of the PIP will commence after the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project has been filed with the government regulators.

MEETING PROCESS

The community information session was held at the Ke Na Now Centre. Those who attended the information session were encouraged to sign-in, fill out comment forms and speak to members of the environmental assessment team about any perspectives/issues they might have about the Project.

Members of the environmental assessment team were also on hand to guide community members through the information panels regarding the Project if they desired and to answer any questions. The information panels included issues that were prominently raised in Round One of the PIP including employment and training, flooding, water quality, mercury, fish and human health, lake sturgeon and caribou. If questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session they were recorded by an environmental assessment 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; however, one other individual attended the community information session that did not sign-in.

The following are highlights of the perspectives heard at the community 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:

- Concerns were shared about systemic discrimination of First Nations in job placement for hydro projects. An individual shared about his experience of discrimination and how a 35-day call-up at Wuskwatim was cut short (about 5 days) after he arrived.
 - The PIP team acknowledged that this is a concern that will be passed along to the proponents of the Project.
- Concern was expressed that there is no monitoring of the hiring process to address issues around not following the hiring process as defined by the Burntwood/Nelson Agreement.
 - The PIP team indicated that this has been noted and will be passed along to the proponents of the Project.
- Concerns were shared about the lack of information on how to get training and the steps needed to access employment opportunities.
 - Members of the PIP team informed those in attendance that the training funds for the Keeyask Project had been expended by the end of March 2010. Additional information was provided to suggest that local residents interested in employment with the Keeyask Project contact the Thompson Employment office and register themselves with the Job Referral Service.
- Community members said that it is good that Hydro is respecting burial sites and working with First Nations to identify, protect and move (if necessary) these sites.

Other:

- A question was asked about when Conawapa will be built.
 - The PIP team indicated that the Conawapa Generation Project is currently in the planning stage and no decision has been made to proceed with the project. If built, construction would follow the construction of the Keeyask Generation Project.



Round Two PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:**Meeting with Norway House Northern Affairs Community Mayor and Council****Final Meeting Notes**

Date of Meeting: March 27, 2012; 12:15 -1:45 pm

Location: Norway House Northern Affairs Community
Community Council Office

In Attendance:

Cristo Spiess	Mayor
Carl York	Councillor
Lloyd Flett	CAO
Monica Wiest	Manitoba Hydro
Harv Sawatzky	InterGroup
Christina Blouw	InterGroup

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was requested to:

- Provide the public with a description of the Keeyask Generation Project features and changes since Round One of the public involvement program (PIP);
- Discuss preliminary results of the environmental assessment (EA) regarding biophysical and socio-economic effects of the Project and obtain comments about the results;
- Obtain input on possible mitigation measures for minimizing or avoiding potential adverse effects, as well as monitoring of effects; and
- Document what is heard in the meeting for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The meeting is the second of a series of three sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of the Keeyask PIP. Round Three of the PIP will commence after the Environmental Impact Statement for the Project has been filed with government regulators.

MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, Monica Wiest and Harv Sawatzky presented information about the Keeyask Generation Project, including changes to the Project that have occurred since Round One of the PIP. They also introduced the purpose for Round Two of the PIP. The presentation included issues that were prominently raised in Round One including: employment and training; lake sturgeon; caribou; flooding and water quality; and mercury, fish and human health. Those in attendance were provided with the

Round Two PIP newsletter. Extra copies of the newsletter were left with the Administrator for general distribution. Throughout and following the discussion:

- Participants asked questions, offered perspectives, and identified issues about the proposed Project, the environmental assessment including preliminary results and mitigation measures and the PIP.
- Where possible, responses were provided.

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

Employment and Training:

- A participant asked if the same program (as the Wuskwatim Project) would be followed to involve Aboriginal people on the Keeyask Project.
 - Response: The Burntwood-Nelson Agreement will be followed throughout the construction process. It includes preferences for qualified northern and Aboriginal workers.
- A participant wanted more information about the \$60 million pre-training program, including details at a community level.
 - Response: The Hydro Northern Training and Employment Initiative (HNTEI) training partners included Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, Tataskweyak Cree Nation, War Lake First Nation, Fox Lake Cree Nation, York Factory First Nation, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak and Manitoba Metis Federation. These First Nations and Aboriginal organizations were responsible for designing and delivering most of the training, largely through community-based programs.
- A participant felt that off-reserve northerners do not have opportunities to take advantage of these training and employment programs and that more should be done to provide opportunities to all northerners. They used the Limestone Training program for heavy equipment operators and truck drivers as an example of training programs that can be accessible to on-reserve and off-reserve residents.
- A representative wanted to know if there would be a hiring office set up in Thompson.
 - Response: This was confirmed.

Human Health:

- A concern was raised about how fish will be provided to communities that can no longer fish on the lake as a result of high mercury levels.
 - Response: It was noted that each of the four First Nations in the vicinity of the Project have an adverse effects agreement that includes measures to allow them to harvest in areas unaffected by the Project.

- A representative wanted to know if this fish provision program was the same as the Cross Lake country food program. He indicated that fish and chickens were being distributed throughout the community.
 - Response: Not familiar with the Cross Lake country food program. The Adverse Effect Agreements with the Keeyask Cree Nation Partners is a program designed to ensure that community members have access to country foods in areas that are not affected by the Project.

Physical Environment:

- A concern was raised about the potential for flooding past the dam and if any protocols were in place in case the turbines break down. A concern was also raised about the potential for flooding in Split Lake.
 - Response: It is predicted that there will be no flooding downstream of the dam. The water on Stephens Lake is regulated by the Kettle Generating Station and has operating limits for high and low water levels. The Keeyask Project will not affect this range.
 - Response: In the event of an emergency, such as a turbine failure, water would be diverted into the spillway. This is the same process used for regular maintenance and would not result in flooding below the dam.
 - Response: There are no predicted effects on water levels in Split Lake during open water conditions. Water levels will be monitored.
- A question was raised about how far back from the shoreline will be cleared and what material will be cleared away, including any peatland.
 - Response: The surface elevation of the reservoir up to at least 159 metres ASL and some level above as a buffer, will be surveyed and staked to define the extent of area to be cleared. All standing woody material will be cleared, which includes dead and living trees and shrubs 5 feet tall or taller, as well as all fallen trees 5 feet or more in length with a diameter of 6 inches or greater at its largest point will be cleared. The peat will not be harvested as it would not be economical to do so.
- A concern was raised that, although Norway House Northern Affairs Community is located further from the Project, the effects of the Keeyask Project on the Nelson River water flow are still unknown.
 - Response: Predicted effects of the Keeyask Project on water flow are not expected to extend this far upstream.

Aquatic Environment:

- A concern was raised regarding the creation of new lake sturgeon spawning habitat and how anyone can ensure that it will be used.
 - Response: This habitat will be created in the turbulent water located at the tailrace of the dam, which is a preferred habitat feature for spawning sturgeon.
- A participant wanted to know why fish ladders were not being considered as a mitigation measure.
 - Response: Multiple options have been undergoing consideration and discussion for the Project.

- A concern was raised that although the flooded area will create new habitat that will be better for whitefish and pickerel; this type of habitat may not be suitable for lake sturgeon and wanted to know what would be done about it.
 - Response: A sturgeon hatchery, including stocking with fingerlings and yearlings, is being considered. There will also be an extensive monitoring program to determine the success of the stocking program and habitat needs after the reservoir is filled and the post-Project habitat is better understood. This may lead to identification of additional mitigation measures.
- A participant wanted to know if Lake Winnipeg had been stocked with lake sturgeon.
 - Response: The Winnipeg River, Assiniboine River, Nelson River and Saskatchewan River have all had some lake sturgeon stocking. Lake Winnipeg has not been stocked due to the ongoing commercial fishery on the lake.

Issues from Past Hydroelectric Developments:

- A participant noted that they were glad to see more income for the Province in selling this hydro power to the United States. However, there are still outstanding agreements that need to be settled. It is frustrating that new deals are being struck with new communities while past agreements are still outstanding.
 - Response: The Manitoba Hydro representative appreciated the input and indicated that this is an issue that would be communicated to the appropriate department within Manitoba Hydro.



Round Two PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:**Meeting with Nelson House Mayor and Council****Final Meeting Notes**

Date of Meeting: March 14, 2012; 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Nelson House Northern Affairs Community, Manitoba
Community Council Office

In Attendance:	Bella Leonard	Mayor
	Emy Lou Wrightson	Councilor
	William Leonard Jr.	Councilor
	Cecilia Tait	Councilor
	Oswald Sawh	CAO
	Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
	Harv Sawatzky	InterGroup Consultants
	Dale Giesbrecht	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions Harv Sawatzky presented information on the Keeyask Generation Project, including any changes to the Project or process that have occurred since Round One and the purpose for Round Two PIP. Specifically, the focus of the presentation was topics consistently raised in Round One of the PIP. The topics included employment and training, lake sturgeon, caribou, flooding and water quality and mercury in relation to fish and human health. Each Council member in attendance was provided the Round Two PIP newsletter. Extra copies of the newsletter were left with the Administrator for general distribution. Throughout the presentation:

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KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Employment and Training:

- A member asked whether employees from the Wuskwatim Project would receive priority during the hiring process for the Keeyask Project.
 - The PIP team explained that hiring for the Projects will be directed by the terms of the Burntwood Nelson Agreement (BNA) that governs employment on northern hydroelectric projects. Workers will be referred to project employers in the following order:
 - Qualified northern Aboriginals living within the Churchill/Burntwood/Nelson River (CBNR) region and surrounding areas as defined in the BNA, and members of the Keeyask Cree Nations who live in Manitoba
 - Qualified northern residents living north of the Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs boundary who are members of a union involved in the Project
 - Qualified northern Aboriginals living north of the Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs boundary but not within the CBNR and surrounding areas as defined in the BNA
 - Qualified northern Manitobans living north of the Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs boundary
 - Qualified Manitoba union members
- A Concern was expressed about the potential negative social issues/effects that could arise due to a surge in workers in the Project area, along with the surplus of cash available to Project employees, in terms of substance abuse and crime.
 - The PIP team stated that the Project partners are working to develop strategies in order to minimize the social impact that an influx of workers could potentially cause. This

includes a socio-economic monitoring program, the details of which will be developed after the Project has been filed. The program will be designed to satisfy licence conditions and to address monitoring proposals set out in the EIS. It will be adjusted upon receipt of the Project's approvals and licence to incorporate any required terms of the license. The program will define in detail the process, scope, methods, documentation and application of the socio-economic monitoring for the Project. An example of strategies in place to minimize this effect include the placement of the work camp on the north shore of the Nelson River, a self-sustained camp in terms of catering and entertainment making it less desirable for workers to travel to Gillam.

Flooding:

- The council was pleased with the plan to clear the reservoir prior to impoundment and stated that it demonstrates that Hydro is learning from past projects.

Other:

- A member asked several questions about the JKDA, hoping to gain a greater understanding of the agreement and its implications.
 - The PIP team explained the history and dynamics of the agreement and what it means for partner communities. The JKDA could also be obtained through the Keeyask Generation Project website (www.keeyask.com)
- A question was raised regarding the duration of the operating license of the Project and whether it was similar to the Churchill River Diversion (CRD).
 - The PIP team stated CRD is currently operating under an interim license and is in the process of finalizing the license for the Churchill River Diversion Project. The Keeyask Proponents will satisfy regulatory requirements of both the federal and Manitoba Governments, in part, by submitting a comprehensive EIS. The duration of the operating license will extend until the GS is decommissioned.



Round Two PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:**Meeting with Cross Lake Mayor and Council****Final Meeting Notes**

Date of Meeting: March 7, 2012; 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Location: Cross Lake, Manitoba
Cross Lake Community Council Office

In Attendance:	Darlene Beck	CAO
	Cameron McLeod	Councilor
	Keith Settee	Councilor
	John McLeod	Councilor
	Noelle Halcrow	Councilor
	Wil DeWit	Manitoba Hydro
	Harv Sawatzky	Intergroup Consultants
	Dale Giesbrecht	Intergroup Consultants

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MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions Harv Sawatzky introduced the Project and the purpose of the public involvement process. Harv and Wil DeWit then presented information on the Keeyask Generation Project, including any changes to the Project or process that have occurred since Round One and the purpose for Round Two PIP. Specifically, the focus of the presentation included issues that were prominently raised in Round One of the PIP including employment and training, lake sturgeon, caribou, flooding and water quality and mercury, fish and human health. Each Council member in attendance was provided the Round Two PIP newsletter. Extra copies of the newsletter were left with the Administrator for general distribution. Throughout and following the discussion:

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KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Employment and Training:

- A concern was expressed about the unfair employment and training process for First Nations at Wuskwatim and that preference was given to out of province and union workers. There was a fear that this would be repeated in the Keeyask Project. The employment process for Keeyask needs to substantially improve upon the process used for Wuskwatim.
 - The PIP team explained that there would be an Advisory Group on Employment to address employment concerns as they arise and the Burntwood-Nelson Agreement (BNA) explains the hiring practices that will be followed for Project employment. There is also a commitment to track training and employment as part of the socio-economic monitoring plan.
- It is difficult for First Nations Members to learn trades in Thompson because there is a shortage of housing, putting Cross Lake residents at a disadvantage. Concern was expressed about how to get the young people working. There also needs to be a focus on retaining workers.
- A Councilor stated that training should be started immediately so that potential workers are prepared for when construction starts. Who is providing training now?
 - It was explained to the Council that the funds allocated for Project specific training opportunities had been fully utilized by the end of March 2010. Now any ongoing training

opportunities would need to be found in the existing UCN programs and other training opportunities.

Flooding:

- Concern was expressed that adding a new dam will change the way Lake Winnipeg is regulated, causing increased impacts on Cross Lake, which is already heavily affected due to Lake Winnipeg Regulation. A question was raised as to whether CLCN would have a claim about any effects from the Keeyask Project.
 - The council was advised that system effects (i.e., changes in system operation) due to Keeyask are currently being studied by considering how Cross Lake water levels might differ with and without Keeyask. The PIP team noted the initial results showed the general pattern of variation and total range in water levels was the same with or without the Project.

Other:

- A councilor questioned why Cross Lake is included in the PIP process if predictions show that there would be no physical effects for the community.
 - It was explained that Cross Lake is part of the BNA and receives a degree of preference in the hiring process and there is a requirement for consultation with the First Nation.
- A member wanted to know why construction began on a project if the licensing had not been processed yet.
 - In reference to the Keeyask access road, this was assessed as a separate project and received a license to commence construction.
- A Councilor talked about how Cross Lake residents are still seeing a lot of fluctuations in Cross Lake despite advisories from Manitoba Hydro and the flooding is still doing a lot of damage.



**Round Two PIP - Proposed Keeyask
Generation Project:****Meeting with Ilford Mayor and Council****Final Meeting Notes**

Date of Meeting: April 4, 2012; 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Location: Ilford, Manitoba
Laliberty Memorial Centre

In Attendance:	James Chornoby	Mayor
	Raymond Beardy	Councillor
	Molly Beardy	Councillor
	Esther Laliberty	CAO
	Monica Wiest	Manitoba Hydro
	Harv Sawatzky	InterGroup
	Christina Blouw	InterGroup

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MEETING PROCESS

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KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Employment and Training:

- A meeting participant mentioned that there have been four or five people from the Ilford community who have been employed at the Wuskwatim project. These people were employed to operate equipment.

Physical Environment & Project Description:

- A meeting participant wanted more information on the level of flooding that currently occurs in the Project area.
 - The PIP team mentioned that in the last two years the region has experienced higher than normal water levels. The proposed Project will raise water levels on Gull Lake but will decrease the range of variation in water level from what occurs today because the reservoir will be operated within a one metre range of elevation.
- A meeting participant was concerned that the Project will affect the water levels in Stephens Lake.
 - The PIP team explained that the Stephens Lake water levels are currently controlled by the Kettle Generating Station. If the Keeyask Generating Station is built it will not change the water level variation on Stephens Lake.
- A concern was mentioned about the degradation of the peatland after the trees are removed from the shoreline and the following effects on water quality.
 - The PIP team member indicated that options for peat harvesting were considered however this option was not deemed economically viable. The Waterways Management Program, outlined in the JKDA, assists in removing floating peat debris from the water body allowing for safe waterway passage.

Aquatic:

- A meeting participant mentioned that they had been informed that the turbines selected for the powerhouse would allow fish to pass through with a lower rate of mortality and injury.

- The PIP team mentioned that turbines are designed to minimize potential harm to fish and to assist with fish passage through the dam.
- A meeting participant noted that the effects of mercury from the Project will be felt by many species of wildlife and vegetation that use the river shoreline areas.
 - The Manitoba Hydro representative explained a voluntary collection program is anticipated to sample wild game, waterfowl, plants and gull eggs to determine if there is any accumulation that could harm people that consume these foods. There is also long-term monitoring plan for fish to determine when the mercury levels will have returned to background levels. The monitoring programs for mercury will use an adaptive management approach to address any changes in mercury levels that have not been foreseen in the environmental studies.

Human Health:

- It was mentioned that pickerel and sauger are typically caught in the Aikens River throughout the spring. These fish have not been tested for mercury, only tagging has been noted. They have also noticed some pickerel being caught in the Aikens River having an abnormally greyish colour. These fish are still eaten and do not taste any different.
 - The PIP team member mentioned methylmercury is naturally found in all fish. The Mercury and Human Health Technical Working Group have prepared a communication strategy which provides information on safe fish consumption regarding size and frequency of consumption for male and female adults and children.
 - The Manitoba Hydro representative indicated that there will be increased methylmercury levels in fish species in the reservoir and in Stephens Lake. It is anticipated that methylmercury levels of fish will be systematically monitored into the future.

Terrestrial:

- It was noted by a meeting participant that woodland caribou are observed in the area. Ilford is on the main caribou migratory route from Shamattawa. They have observed these Pen Island caribou travelling south for at least the last 15 years. This year the herd did not cross the Hayes River and therefore they did not see the herd pass through Ilford. It is speculated that in addition to the heavy snowfall, the weather was too warm for the river to freeze over in time to allow the herd to migrate along their typical route.
 - The PIP team member indicated that caribou migratory patterns change over time, and there are many environmental factors that can affect migratory routes, including forest fires and weather conditions.
- A meeting participant wanted more information on how the Project might affect caribou.
 - The PIP team member indicated that noise disturbance from the Project would affect caribou use of the area, and habitat would be lost due to flooding. As a result of these predicted effects, a number of mitigation measures have been put in place. These measures include restricting blasting in quarries that are located near caribou calving areas during calving season, no firearms allowed on site for construction workers, and ongoing monitoring using aerial surveys, ground tracking and Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK).

- The Manitoba Hydro representative mentioned that there is also a new Provincial collaring program to learn more about caribou movements in the region.

Other:

- A meeting participant commented that there were a lot of studies being done if every community in the Partnership was doing one. This was a lot of work to ultimately come up with the same conclusion and decision.
 - The Manitoba Hydro representative indicated that it is important to get all perspectives of the Project involved. The communities will be using ATK in their assessments and this is being used alongside scientific studies to gain a greater understanding of potential Project effects leading to better mitigation and monitoring plans.
- A meeting participant wanted to know if the dam at Birthday Rapids was still going to be built.
 - The PIP team mentioned that there are currently no plans to pursue constructing a hydroelectric dam at this location.



Round Two PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Shamattawa First Nation Chief and Council

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: April 24, 2012; 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Location: Shamattawa Band Office
Shamattawa, Manitoba

In Attendance:	Chief Jeff Napoakesik Councillor Ernie Redhead Councillor Howard Canabie Councillor Sandy Miles Rose Mary Thomas Sam Miles Lawrence Redhead Howard Napoakesik Nancy Thomas Ernest Hill Daniel Redhead Morley Miles Victoria Redhead Daryl Schroeder Thomas Henley Monica Wiest Harv Sawatzky Melissa Davies	Chief Councillor Councillor Councillor SFN Elder SFN Staff Member SFN Member SFN Staff Member SFN Member SFN Member SFN Staff Member SFN Member SFN Member SFN Member SFN Member SFN Advisor Manitoba Hydro InterGroup Consultants InterGroup Consultants
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Regrets : Councillor Liberty Redhead Councillor

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was requested to:

- Provide the public with a description of Project features and changes since Round One.
- Discuss preliminary results regarding biophysical and socio-economic effects of the Project and obtain comments and input on the results.
- Obtain input on possible mitigation measures and monitoring opportunities for minimizing or avoiding potential adverse effects.
- Document what was heard.

The meeting is the second of a series of three sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of the Keeyask Public Involvement Program (PIP). Shamattawa First Nation (SFN) chose not to participate in Round One of the PIP in 2008. Round Three of the PIP will follow the submission of the Environmental Impact Statement.

MEETING PROCESS

Note: The following discussion was presented and/or translated into Cree when considered necessary by a SFN participant.

The meeting began with introductions and an opening prayer by a SFN elder. Acknowledging that SFN is engaged in an ongoing engagement process with Manitoba Hydro about the potential Conawapa Project, SFN Future Development staff put the meeting into context and encouraged meeting participants to distinguish between the Keeyask Generation Project and the Conawapa Generation Project. The PIP Team presented information about the Keeyask Generation Project, including changes to the Project that have occurred since Round One of the PIP. They also introduced the purpose for the Round Two meeting. SFN presented the main issues and concerns that relate to the Keeyask Generation Project and also broader issues that relate to other subjects. At the end of the meeting an elder closed the meeting with a prayer.

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

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED

Public Involvement:

- A participant said that with all the future developments being described, it seemed like this Project was finalized and felt that there was little benefit in mentioning what concerns SFN might have; she felt the PIP team was not asking about the Project, they were telling what will happen.
 - Response: The purpose of round one of the PIP was to initiate dialogue about the Project Description and to identify issues and concerns, as well as how communities wished to be consulted. SFN chose not to participate in Round One, in 2008. Round Two is to communicate potential effects, obtain input about mitigation measures and record what was heard. The purpose of Round Three will be to discuss the format and content of the EIS, communicate supplemental information and record what will be heard.
- A participant stated that it may be the case that SFN cannot impact whether or not the Project goes ahead, but under the Constitution of Canada, anyone who interferes with First Nation hunting, fishing and traditional uses is in breach of the Constitution and as such they need to be consulted and their concerns need to be heard.
 - Response: Consultations related to Section 35 of the Constitution of Canada are the responsibility of the Crown.
- A participant wanted to know what additional PIP activities were planned.

- Response: The final round of PIP will likely occur in the fall of 2012 to discuss what was filed with the Government in the EIS. However, this does not preclude additional discussion; the opportunity to talk further about the Project is available and the record of such discussions could be included as a supplementary filing to the EIS.
- A participant asked whether concerns raised by SFN about the Keeyask and Conawapa Projects are taken seriously and what type of impact they will have on the EIS.
 - Response: Community concerns are heard, recorded, and directed to the key EA specialists. Furthermore, notes from the PIP process are available in the EIS.
- A participant stated that during meetings with Manitoba Hydro on other matters, the Keeyask Project was never discussed, the community was never involved and had they been asked they would have met to learn about the Project and to provide input. SFN anticipates being affected by Keeyask and is concerned about the lack of engagement and opportunity.

The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership:

- The SFN advisor, speaking on behalf of the SFN Chief and Council, said that other First Nations were paid to be involved in the Keeyask consultation process. He said that Manitoba Hydro did not involve SFN with the rationale that the community was too distant to be included in the partnership; as such they were not paid and not involved in the consultation process. SFN disagrees with this approach and claims that despite being left out of this process, they will experience effects from the Keeyask Project. Where other communities are participating and getting compensation, SFN is not. SFN believes that Manitoba Hydro should be held accountable for not including SFN in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership.
- A SFN staff member discussed how there were a number of studies undertaken for the Keeyask Project to date with the First Nations Partnership and around Split Lake and the Nelson River system. SFN asserts that the First Nation will be affected by the Keeyask Project and, as such, should have been considered in the Partnership and consultation processes. It was suggested that the lack of formal engagement precluded any opportunity to properly document and present community concerns about Keeyask and/or benefit from Partnership opportunities.

Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge:

- A participant explained that a study examining SFN traditional land use areas (*in relation to Conawapa*) was submitted to Manitoba Hydro in 2011.
- Skepticism was expressed regarding the accuracy of effects assessments; it is unknown how far and how big the impact will be. An example was given of a caribou that was wearing a yellow tracking collar (presumed this means it was tagged in Manitoba) and one of the hunters shot it in Yukon.
- A community Elder explained that Mother Earth has only one simple language for everyone to understand, you take care of me and I will provide for you.

Aquatic Environment:

- A participant noted that SFN was invited to join the Lower Nelson Sturgeon Stewardship Committee that is focussed on lake sturgeon conservation.

Resource Use:

- Participants indicated that they wanted to ensure that this Project and any others would not affect the SFN way of life – including hunting, cultural sites (sun dances) and grave sites, etc.
 - Response: It is acknowledged that within the Aboriginal worldview, everything is seen as a part of the whole and nothing can be looked at individually. It was acknowledged that this holistic perspective is of value to studies and assessment of current and future projects.
- The SFN advisor stated that a lot of money is generated for the people of Manitoba each year by Manitoba Hydro. Money will not compensate for what is lost in livelihood and losing the Cree people's way of life. Some effects cannot be reduced and are not mitigatable. Nonetheless, money has been paid and should be paid as, under the Canadian Constitution and treaties, Cree people have the right to hunt, trap and fish undisturbed, but it has been disturbed and will continue to be. What Aboriginals have cannot be bought with money; treat Cree people fairly and respect their rights.

Past and Future Effects on SFN by Hydroelectric Development:

- A participant mentioned that there is a certain toxicity that already exists in the lower Nelson River from past developments and the Keeyask Project will increase mercury levels.
 - Response: There will be local effects in Gull Lake and Stephens Lake. There have been many studies done in relation to mercury. About 5-7 years after impoundment the mercury levels will peak and will be too high for frequent consumption, especially for pregnant women and children. Levels will decline after this peak for the next 20-30 years.
- There was mention of a mercury study done in the north shortly after Kettle was constructed, taking samples of hair from local people. Concerns were expressed that this is the only mercury study in the north and that SFN has not been a part of these studies.

The SFN advisor spoke for SFN Chief and Council indicating that they feel there were effects from past projects and will be from future development including:

- The Northern Flood Agreement (NFA) has split up the First Nations – this left SFN out, especially since SFN traplines were given to York Factory. The NFA has also divided the Cree family into distinct groups that are now less likely to cooperate with each other.
- There is an effect on the livelihood, the culture and the Cree way of life. The Cree people of SFN are a part of and interact with a family of people that includes WLFN, FLCN and others, and many elders (particularly the women) commented on the divide now that exists with Aboriginal people from other areas that have been impacted by flooding. Because the resources of these people affected by flooding are depleted they move to SFN's traditional area to hunt and fish, etc. and the SFN residents do not want this to happen. This is a cultural and socio-economic effect.
- Lake sturgeon are moving around the lower Nelson River, up the Gods River, Sturgeon Lake and beyond and have been affected by hydro development and will be more affected with the Keeyask Project. SFN Chief and Council have noticed tagged sturgeon in the Gods River and said this was cause for worry that the Keeyask Project would affect their sturgeon.
- Caribou in this area that move further west are being impacted as there is additional access to them, often due to more roads created by Hydro. This brings other First Nations and other

people that normally would not be coming to these areas harvesting caribou that SFN depends on. There will be less caribou out west as the roads will intersect the migrating herds; these effects have already been felt.

- The effects of mercury on fish and small mammals are an issue for SFN as fish migrate and go up the tributaries. The people of SFN also catch and eat the fish in the lower Nelson River and the Fox River. Additionally it was noted that SFN does not want lake sturgeon taken out of their rivers for the purpose of restocking the Nelson River due to effects from the Keeyask Project.
 - Response: Lake sturgeon stocking effort for the Keeyask Project was not referring to God's River and Hayes River areas being stocked. Their concern about not using lake sturgeon from the God's and Hayes River were noted.
- The SFN advisor stated that SFN would like a process to address the specific effects of the Keeyask Project that are listed above. They believe that the effects are documented and the community is angry about being left out of the process.
 - Response: Although the focus of the PIP process is to discuss the Keeyask Project, Manitoba Hydro is aware that this Project is not occurring in isolation. Once SFN has had the time to review the literature provided there is the potential for Manitoba Hydro to provide a forum for Chief and Council to discuss it further.

Themes presented that are beyond the scope of Round Two of the Keeyask PIP:

- Perspective about not being included in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership;
- Duty to consult as per the Constitution of Canada (responsibility of governments);
- Effects that the community has felt from past projects and their perceived lack of compensation for these past effects;
- The high cost of accessing traditional resources along the Hudson Bay coast were discussed;
- Changes in flows on the Nelson River below the Limestone generating station and perceived effects of ice scouring and changes in the type of grasses at the estuary of the Nelson River;
- The community's desire to have a land-line serve the community's electricity needs;
- Increased access to caribou hunting in areas west of Shamattawa due to increased access into the area; and
- The community would like to see more lake sturgeon studies on the God's and Hayes rivers and to have access to professional scientific help to understand these studies.

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APPENDIX 3D

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND TWO WORKSHOPS

Public Involvement Round Two Workshops

A **Workshop** was held with non-government organizations (NGOs) in Winnipeg (see Table 3D-1). A wide range of NGOs were contacted in advance to determine which groups had an interest in the Project and were interested in providing the Partnership with feedback about the preliminary results of the EA and proposed mitigation measures. At the workshop, participants could review the Project information panels shown at open houses and community information sessions and discuss the Project with the PIP Team. Workshop participants also received a presentation about the results and participated in a facilitated question and answer period, as well as a round-table session where participants shared their issues and perspectives about the preliminary effects and proposed mitigation measures. Workshop participants were encouraged to fill-out comment forms and meeting notes from each of these sessions were drafted and reviewed by participants. Final meeting notes are included in this appendix.

Communication methods to invite workshop attendees included phone calls, emails, in-person communication and letters. An invitation letter was sent to potentially interested NGOs (see Table 3D-2). These letters asked invitees to RSVP to the PIP team prior to the workshop. Examples of the correspondence materials used to facilitate Round Two PIP workshops are provided in this appendix.

People contacted for Round One Thompson resource and recreation users workshop in northern Manitoba were contacted in advance of the planned Round Two workshop (see Table 3D-3). This workshop was cancelled due to lack of interest. Two individuals who had expressed an interest in the workshop were informed about and invited to attend the open house that would be occurring in Thompson on the same date as the cancelled workshop.

Table 3D-1: Round Two Workshops

Date	Event	Location
3/12/2012	Winnipeg NGO Workshop	Delta Hotel, Winnipeg

*NGO refers to non-government organization

The following copies of documents are provided in this appendix:

- Copy of invitation letter for the Winnipeg NGO workshop
- Copy of Eco-Network Bulletin email invitation for the Winnipeg NGO workshop
- Copy of invitation email for the Winnipeg NGO workshop
- Copy of a confirmation letter for the Winnipeg NGO workshop
- Sign-in sheet(s) for the Winnipeg NGO workshop
- Copy of final meeting notes letter for the Winnipeg NGO workshop
- Copy of final meeting notes for the Winnipeg NGO workshop

Table 3D-2: Winnipeg Workshop – Organizations Invited

Winnipeg Workshop – Organizations Invited
A Rocha Canada
Alpine Club of Canada
Bird Studies Canada
Campaign for Pesticide Reduction! Winnipeg
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - Manitoba
Canadian Federation of Students
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS)
Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources (CIER)
Chemical Sensitivities Manitoba
Churchill Wild
Coalition to Save the ELMS
Committee for Church in Society (Christ Lutheran Church)
Concerned Residents of Winnipeg (CROW)
Consumers Association of Canada - MB Chapter
Consumers for Responsible Energy
Council of Canadians - Winnipeg
Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba
Daniel McIntyre/St. Matthews Community Association
Debwendon INC
EcoPIA (Ecological People in Action)
Electrosmog Manitoba
Environmental Health Association of Manitoba
Food Matters Manitoba
ECO-MAFIA ***Please note same as EcoPIA
Fort Whyte Alive
Friends of Gardens Manitoba
Green Action Centre
Green Kids Inc.
Green Action Committee of the Unitarian Church
Hopeful, Aware Students Taking Action (HASTA)
Health in Common
Henteleff Park Foundation INC

Winnipeg Workshop – Organizations Invited

Institute of Urban Studies

International Institute for Sustainable Development

Lake Winnipeg Foundation

Living Prairie Museum

Manitoba Eco-network

Manitoba Federation of Labour

Manitoba Fly Fisher's Association

Manitoba Forestry Association

Manitoba Lodge and Outfitters Association

Manitoba Nature Summit INC

Manitoba Naturalists Society (Nature Manitoba)

Manitoba Ozone Protection Industry Association

Manitoba Protected Areas Society

Manitoba Trappers Association

Manitoba Wildlands

Manitoba Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre

Mixedwood Forest Society

Native Orchid Conservation Inc.

Nature Manitoba

Oak Hammock Marsh

Organic Food Council of Manitoba

Paddle Manitoba

Planners Network Manitoba

Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre INC

Project Peacemakers

Pumpkin Creek Faire

Red River Basin Commission

Red River Valley Clean Cities Coalition

Resource Conservation Manitoba

Rockwood Environmental Action Community Taskforce

Roseisle Creek Watershed Association

Save Our Lake

Save Our Seine River Environment Inc.

Winnipeg Workshop – Organizations Invited

Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions

South Osborne Community Cooperative

Sno-Man

Social Planning Council of Winnipeg - Environment Committee

Speleological Society of Manitoba

The Forks Renewal Corporation

The Mining Association of Manitoba

Time to Respect Earth's Ecosystems

University of Manitoba Faculty of Environment

University Of Winnipeg Campus Sustainability Office

University of Manitoba Recycling & Environment Group

University of Winnipeg Environmental Studies

Webbers Lodges

West Broadway Development Corporation

Wilderness Committee

Winnipeg Community Gardening Network

Winnipeg Humane Society

John G. McDougall – Manitoba Trappers Association

Table 3D-3: Thompson Resource and Recreation Users Workshop – Organizations Invited

Thompson Resource and Recreation Users Workshop – Organizations Invited
All-Terrain Bear Hunts
Churchill Northern Studies Centre
Cross Lake First Nation, Lands Manager
Edmund Lake Lodge
Environmental Youth Centre
Flin Flon & District Environment Council
Gillam Snowmobile Club
Hatley, John & Andrea (Outfitters)
Lazy Bear Lodge
Manitoba Metis Federation Inc., Thompson Regional Office
Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc., Thompson Regional Office
Manitoba Trappers Association - Thompson
Kelly Baker
Charlie Lavallee
Corky Peterson
Nelson Scribe
Fred Hobbs
Nelson River Sturgeon Co-Management Board
Nisichawayasihk Resource Management Board
Split Lake Resource Management Board (TCN)
The Northern Forest Diversification Centre
Thompson Trail Breakers
Thompson Wildlife Association
Tolko Industries Ltd.
Trapper Mike's Outfitting Service
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February 9, 2012

Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Invitation to a workshop with Manitoba Hydro and its consultants regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project

Manitoba Hydro and its Partners – Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation (acting together as the Cree Nation Partners), York Factory First Nation, and Fox Lake Cree Nation – are proposing to develop the Keeyask Generation Project on the Nelson River in northern Manitoba with construction beginning in 2014. Before construction can proceed on the Project, an Environmental Assessment (EA) needs to be concluded to determine the environmental and social impacts associated with the Project, a regulatory review of the EA needs to be undertaken, and licenses and authorizations must be received. As part of the EA process, Manitoba Hydro, on behalf of the Partnership and with the assistance of its consulting team, 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.

Round One of the PIP, held in 2008, introduced northern communities and others to the Project and produced various questions, comments and concerns, which have been helpful in influencing the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the Project. Concerns were raised regarding the effects of flooding on various species, rising mercury levels caused by flooding, and the Project's effects on resource users such as trappers. In addition, communities were enthusiastic about potential employment and training opportunities stemming from the Project.

We are currently organizing Round Two of the PIP and are contacting you to invite you or a representative of your organization to attend an **Environmental Non-governmental Organization Workshop in Winnipeg on March 12 from 12:00 to 2:00pm at the Delta Hotel along with an open house at the same location from 6:00-9:00pm. Moreover, there will be a Resource and Recreation User Workshop in Thompson on March 13th from 12:00 to 2:00pm at St. John's United Church on Cree Road, followed by a public open house on the same day at the same location from 6:00-9:00pm.** This will be a lunch workshop that will start with a discussion about the comments and concerns from round one and describe any changes to the Project and EIA because of this feedback. Additionally, participants in Round Two will have the opportunity to provide comments on the

preliminary results of the biophysical and socio-economic effects of the Project and offer suggestions in order to minimize adverse affects. The meeting will consist of a presentation approximately 20 minutes in length followed by time for questions and a round table discussion of Project effects and mitigation strategies.

If you have already confirmed your attendance at the workshop, thank you. If not, we will be following up with a phone call to see if you or someone else in your organization will be attending.

If you have any questions or comments about the workshop or the proposed Keeyask Project, visit the Project website at Keeyask.com and please feel free to contact **Dale Giesbrecht** at **(204) 942-0654 ext. 251**. We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours truly,

INTERGROUP CONSULTANTS LTD.

Harv Sawatzky
Research Consultant

From: **Manitoba Eco-Network** <info@mbeconetwork.org>

Date: Wed, Feb 15, 2012 at 8:10 AM

Subject: Member Group Bulletin Feb. 2012

To: kristine@mbeconetwork.org

This Eco-Bulletin is provided as a service to the Member Groups of Manitoba Eco-Network. Please distribute it to your staff and Board.

Member Group Bulletin February 15, 2012

1. Grant Writing Workshop (change of date: March 7)
2. New Member Groups
3. Digital Skills Youth Internship Program
4. Keeyask Generation Project Workshop (March 12)
5. TechSoup Canada
6. Set Your Social Media Policies (March 15)
7. Peg: Indicators for the Natural Environment

4. An Invitation to Attend a Workshop about the Keeyask Generation Project

The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership is proposing to develop the Keeyask Generation Project, a 695-megawatt hydroelectric generating station at Gull Rapids on the Nelson River. Additional information about the Project can be found at www.Keeyask.com.

Representatives of Manitoba Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (ENGOS) are invited to attend a workshop to learn about any changes to the Project since the last workshop, to offer comments and to provide input on the preliminary results and potential mitigation measures for the Project. This workshop is being held as part of Round Two of the Public Involvement Program.

Location: Delta Hotel at 350 St Mary Avenue, Winnipeg, MB

Date & Time: March 12 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Lunch will be served

If you cannot attend the workshop, there will be an open house will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 PM in the same location on the same date. All are welcome to attend.

Please note that the Eco-Bulletin has been edited to only show the Table of Contents and the Keeyask Workshop invitation.

From: Christina Blouw
To: ["kalyn@wildernesscommittee.org"](mailto:kalyn@wildernesscommittee.org)
Subject: Workshop with Manitoba Hydro and its consultants regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project
Date: Monday, March 05, 2012 3:50:00 PM

Hello Kalyn,

It was good to talking with you today March 5, 2012. As we discussed over the phone, here is the follow up information on the Winnipeg Workshop as well as dates and times for our public involvement events.

Manitoba Hydro and its Partners – Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation (acting together as the Cree Nation Partners), York Factory First Nation, and Fox Lake Cree Nation – are proposing to develop the Keeyask Generation Project on the Nelson River in northern Manitoba with construction beginning in 2014. Before construction can proceed on the Project, an Environmental Assessment (EA) needs to be concluded to determine the environmental and social impacts associated with the Project, a regulatory review of the EA needs to be undertaken, and licenses and authorizations must be received. As part of the EA process, Manitoba Hydro, on behalf of the Partnership and with the assistance of its consulting team, 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.

Round One of the PIP, held in 2008, introduced northern communities and others to the Project and produced various questions, comments and concerns, which have been helpful in influencing the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the Project. Concerns were raised regarding the effects of flooding on various species, rising mercury levels caused by flooding, and the Project's effects on resource users such as trappers. In addition, communities were enthusiastic about potential employment and training opportunities stemming from the Project.

We are currently organizing Round Two of the PIP and are contacting you to invite you or a representative of Wilderness Committee to attend an **Environmental Non-governmental Organization Workshop in Winnipeg on March 12 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm at the Delta Hotel along with an open house at the same location from 6:00pm to 9:00pm**. This will be a lunch workshop that will start with a discussion about the comments and concerns from round one and describe any changes to the Project and EIA because of this feedback. Additionally, participants in Round Two will have the opportunity to provide comments on the preliminary results of the biophysical and socio-economic effects of the Project and offer suggestions in order to minimize adverse affects. The meeting will consist of a presentation approximately 20 minutes in length followed by time for questions and a round table discussion of Project effects and mitigation strategies.

Please call and confirm your attendance as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or comments about the workshop or the proposed Keeyask Project, visit the Project website at Keeyask.com and please feel free to contact **Christina** at **942-0654**.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

Christina Blouw

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February 17, 2012

Manitoba Lodge and Outfitters Association
Attn: Gordon Gage
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Dear Gordon:

Re: Confirmation of attendance to a workshop with Manitoba Hydro and its consultants regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project

Manitoba Hydro and its Partners – Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation (acting together as the Cree Nation Partners), York Factory First Nation, and Fox Lake Cree Nation – are proposing to develop the Keeyask Generation Project on the Nelson River in northern Manitoba with construction beginning in 2014. Before construction can proceed on the Project, an Environmental Assessment (EA) needs to be concluded to determine the environmental and social impacts associated with the Project, a regulatory review of the EA needs to be undertaken, and licenses and authorizations must be received. As part of the EA process, Manitoba Hydro, on behalf of the Partnership and with the assistance of its consulting team, will be conducting a Public Involvement Program (PIP). The purpose of the PIP is to provide 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 conducted in 2008 was part of the Round One of the PIP. The purpose of this initial round of involvement activities was to introduce the public to the proposed Project, learn from the public about any issues or concerns they have about the Project, and hear from the public on how they wished to be consulted in the future about the Project.

As we discussed over the phone, we are currently organizing Round Two of the Public Involvement Program for the proposed development of the Keeyask Generation Project on the Nelson River in northern Manitoba. We are contacting you to **confirm that you or a representative of your organization will be attending an Environmental Non-governmental Organization Workshop in Winnipeg on March 12 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Delta Hotel (lunch will be provided)**. Please come prepared to learn more about the Keeyask Project and to provide comments that your organization may have about the preliminary results of the environmental assessment and provide input on possible mitigation measures. The meeting will consist of a presentation approximately 20 minutes in length followed by time for questions and a round table discussion of Project effects and mitigation strategies.

Please note that there will also be a public open house at the same location from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on the same day (March 12, 2012).

Thank you for your confirmation of attendance and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions or comments about the workshop or the proposed Keeyask Project, visit the Project website at Keeyask.com and please feel free to contact **Christina** at **942-0654**. We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours truly,












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Research Analyst

**WINNIPEG ENGO WORKSHOP
PROPOSED KEYYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
ROUND 2**

March 12, 2012 @ 12:00 p.m.

Name (Print)	Signature	Affiliation
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Peter Miller		Green Action Centre + TREE
Carolyn Garlick		Green Action Committee of Church
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June 5, 2012

Hank Venema
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Dear Mr. Venema,

RE: Draft meeting notes from the March 12, 2012 workshop with environmental non-government organizations regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project

This letter is in follow-up to the workshop held on March 12, 2012 in Winnipeg at the Delta Hotel with environmental non-government organizations regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project. Enclosed for your review are the draft meeting notes from the above workshop. Please let me know by June 19, 2012 or earlier if there are any errors or omissions in the notes. I can be contacted either by phone at (204) 942-0654 or email cblouw@intergroup.ca. 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 Harv Sawatzky or John Osler of InterGroup Consultants, Ltd. at (204) 942-0654. Furthermore, additional information on the Project can be found on the Project website Keeyask.com.

Thank you for participating in the workshop.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Blouw'.

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June 22, 2012

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Dear Mr. Venema,

RE: Final notes from the March 12, 2012 workshop with non-government organizations regarding the proposed Keeyask Generating Station Project

Please find enclosed the final notes from the workshop held on March 12, 2012 in Winnipeg at the Delta Hotel with non-government organizations regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project. These notes reflect comments that were received during the review process, and will be included in the Environmental Impact Statement.

If you have any questions or comments about the proposed Project or the public involvement process, please do not hesitate to call Harv Sawatzky or John Osler of InterGroup Consultants, Ltd. at (204) 942-0654. Furthermore, additional information on the Project can be found on the Project website Keeyask.com.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us to discuss the proposed Project.

Yours truly,

Christina Blouw
INTERGROUP CONSULTANTS



Round Two PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Winnipeg NGO Workshop

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: Monday March 12, 2012; 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Location: Delta Hotel
350 St. Mary Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba

In Attendance from EA Team:	Bill Kennedy	Cree Nation Partners Advisor (CNP)
	Vicki Melo	Cree Nation Partners Advisor (CNP)
	Brandy Bone	Fox Lake Cree Nation (FLCN)
	Connie Gamble	Manitoba Hydro (MH)
	Vicky Cole	Manitoba Hydro (MH)
	Marc St. Laurent	Manitoba Hydro (MH)
	Ryan Kustra	Manitoba Hydro (MH)
	Nicholas Barnes	Manitoba Hydro (MH)
	Don MacDonell	North/South Consultants (NSC)
	John Osler	InterGroup Consultants (IG)
	Melissa Davies	InterGroup Consultants (IG)
	Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants (IG)

*Regrets Gordon Wastesicoot York Factory First Nation

In Attendance from NGOs:	Ron Thiessen	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS)
	Hank Venema	International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
	Gaile Whelan Enns	Manitoba Wildlands (MW)
	John Doyle	Manitoba Federation of Labour (MFL)
	Peter Miller	T.R.E.E./Resource Conservation Manitoba (TREE)
	Carolyn Garlich	Green Action Committee, Unitarian Church (GAC)
	Gloria Desorcy	Consumers' Association of Canada (CAC)
	Byron Williams	Consumers' Association of Canada (CAC)
	Amiee Craft	Consumers' Association of Canada (CAC)

PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

The workshop was organized by the Environmental Assessment Team for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project to provide interested non-government organization stakeholders with an opportunity to review and discuss the proposed Project.

Discussion at the workshop focused on a review of information panels about the Keeyask Generation Project developed for public open houses and community meetings throughout the province. The main objectives were to:

- Provide information about: a) Project features and any relevant changes since Round One of the Public Involvement Program (PIP); b) the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership – the Project proponent; and c) issues that were prominently raised in Round One of the PIP, including: employment and training; lake sturgeon; caribou; flooding; water quality; and mercury, fish and human health.
- Discuss preliminary results regarding physical, biophysical and socio-economic effects of the Project and obtain comments and input on the results;
- Obtain input on possible mitigation measures for minimizing or avoiding potential adverse effects, as well as monitoring of effects;
- Identify any process issues of concern to organizations related to the proposed Keeyask Project; and
- Document what is heard in the meeting for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The workshop was the second of a series of three sessions being held with Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) as part of the Keeyask PIP. The results of both workshops have been documented for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Round Three of the PIP will commence after the EIS for the Project has been filed with government regulators.

WORKSHOP PROCESS

The workshop was held in the Albert and Victoria Rooms at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg. Those who attended the workshop 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, nine people attended, representing seven NGOs/resource use groups/labour groups.

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, the workshop shifted to a more formal meeting style. John Osler greeted the workshop participants and introduced Ryan Kustra, Marc St. Laurent and Nicholas Barnes from Manitoba Hydro who provided a presentation about the Project, the environmental assessment process, and preliminary analysis of Project effects. The presentation was based on the information panels. Questions, issues and concerns were encouraged throughout the presentation and again at the end of the discussion.

The following are highlights of the perspectives heard at the workshop 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 verbatim transcription of what was said.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

Project impacts and perspectives:

Access

- TREE asked for clarity on the plan for the roadway across the top of the dam.
 - MH indicated that once the structure is built and the Project goes into operation, the province intends to re-route PR280 across the dam. As such, the road will be built to provincial road standards. The re-routing of the road across the top of the dam will cut approximately 45 minutes off the driving time from Thompson or Split Lake to Gillam.
- CPAWS raised a concern about the decommissioning of trails used during construction and the type of plan that has been put together for decommissioning. The recommendation would be to have front end communication with local community members.
 - MH indicated that decommissioning techniques had been discussed with local community members and will be presented in the EIS and environmental protection plans.

Water Levels

- IISD inquired about the height of the dam, reservoir level and water level fluctuation.
 - MH responded that the tailrace elevation is approximately 141 meters when the downstream reservoir is full and the Keeyask reservoir will be at 159 meters (above sea level) at its full supply level resulting in an approximate 18 meter drop in the water level across the dam. The central dam will have a maximum height of approximately 28 meters.
 - MH explained that the reservoir level will fluctuate by as much as one meter in one day.

Lake Sturgeon

- MW raised a concern about disclosure of information on the previous studies that Manitoba Hydro has conducted on lake sturgeon. MW would like information about what has been learned to be more publically available.
 - MH agreed that Manitoba Hydro has done a considerable amount of research and studies on lake sturgeon to further the understanding of this species and indicated that they will consider a way of making this information publicly available.
- MW suggested that lake sturgeon monitoring should not be limited to the Keeyask Project alone even if preferred lake sturgeon habitat is readily available.
 - Manitoba Hydro is committing to long-term monitoring for lake sturgeon on a regional scale that is much wider ranging than required for Keeyask.
- CAC raised a question about post-Project lake sturgeon habitat monitoring. Are there examples from other Hydro developments where habitat has been affected for study comparison?
 - MH explained that a spawning shoal has been designed for the base of the generating station to replace affected habitat. This type of habitat has been

- developed successfully at other locations, but not on the Nelson River. This means ongoing monitoring will be important.
- MH also noted that there are several spawning locations further upstream of the generating station available to sturgeon. Post-Project monitoring will be undertaken to determine how extensively sturgeon use these habitats. Based on this monitoring, additional spawning habitat enhancement measures may be implemented.
 - CAC suggested that the post-Project timeframe for lake sturgeon monitoring may not detect habitat/species impacts until it is too late to mitigate due to the long lifecycle of sturgeon.
 - A North/South representative mentioned that due to the long lifecycle and resiliency of lake sturgeon it takes a long time to see changes in the population. Long-term and early life stage monitoring is therefore important to quickly detecting adverse effects and providing mitigative measures.
 - MH explained that there is some uncertainty about the extent of effects to sturgeon spawning sites in the upstream end of the reservoir. Current predictions are that they should remain functional; however, contingency measures are being developed to deal with this uncertainty. Installing these measures without monitoring post-Project conditions may result in negative effects, which is why post-Project monitoring at upstream spawning locations is so important.
 - CAC raised a concern about the level of impact on lake sturgeon with the Conawapa Project.
 - MH agreed that sturgeon will be affected by the Conawapa Project and that mitigative measures will be required. These details have not yet been developed.
 - MH also mentioned that Manitoba Hydro and local Cree Nations are developing a legally binding Lake Sturgeon Stewardship and Enhancement Agreement with the objective of protecting and enhancing lake sturgeon populations.

Caribou

- CPAWS raised a concern about caribou monitoring techniques and how the results will inform mitigation approaches. A question was also raised about whether monitoring results would be formally reported and available for public study and analysis.
 - MH explained that monitoring techniques will be described in the EIS and an annual monitoring report will be produced and will be available to the public.
- CPAWS raised a concern about how caribou habitat re-creation techniques do not work and that KHLF is relying too heavily on this theory.
 - MH responded that mitigation was focussing on spatial/temporal avoidance, but habitat re-creation was being explored to deal with potential effects. He invited suggestions as to alternative measures to mitigate caribou habitat loss. MH suggested the solution is to ensure that an adequate percentage of boreal habitat is conserved and kept free from development.
- CAC wanted to know how ATK related to caribou habitat will be included in the Keeyask Project and if this report will be public.
 - MH explained that ATK is included in the Project through workshops with the KCN communities. This integrated knowledge has substantially benefitted the Project in avoiding the adverse effects.
 - MH also noted that ATK indicated there are woodland caribou in the study area, even though no woodland caribou populations have been identified by the province. Based on this ATK, the partnership has taken a precautionary approach to developing

mitigation and monitoring measures for caribou. This information will be public in the EIS.

- MW suggested that all the caribou herds in the Project area potentially affected by the Project should be identified in the EIS, the technical material, the maps and storyboards. The Penn Island and Beverly and Qamanirjuaq herds are two examples of these.

Peat/Vegetation

- TREE wanted additional information on the vegetation removal prior to flooding. They also suggested harvesting the peat.
 - MH described the plan for removal of trees prior to reservoir impoundment. This included a 45 km² area where trees will be removed by machine and hand cutting techniques.
 - MH explained that they had looked at the economics of marketing the removed timber, but that the cost of harvesting and transporting the timber exceeded the market value. A KCN representative further stated that the price of pulp has dropped over the last few years and hauling costs would be too excessive.
 - MH also noted that peat in the area to be flooded may be the wrong kind of peat for harvesting, and that the area is very extensive to harvest all of it. There are several square kilometres of peat; much of it is located far from the access roads, and much of it is very wet. These factors contribute to the very high costs to harvest the peat. No economic analysis has been carried out to harvest peat prior to reservoir impoundment.
- IISD suggested that the cleared or flooded peat land areas could be harvested as an energy source for construction. There is some thermal value to the peat that will be removed and the suggestion was to heat the work camp with this fuel source via a gas powered peat burner on site.
 - MH noted that they would look further into this option.
- IISD asked for an explanation of the peat land disintegration and expansion process.
 - MH explained that wave/wind action, flooding and mineral shoreline erosion are causes for peat land disintegration and expansion. They also explained that this activity is expected to occur along shorelines but not along the dikes.

Public involvement program perspectives/issues:

- MW suggested that MH should include information about the other elements of Keeyask that are being licensed separately so that information provided is complete, that regulators are likely to expect this and it will be essential in the hearings.
 - MH provided information on the regulatory approvals process that has occurred to date.
- MW noted that full public information is needed in relation to the multiple sets of transmission lines that will happen in overlapping project area.
- MW expressed concern about the accessibility of the environmental impact statements (EISs) and related information for the public. MW noted that efforts need to be made to ensure that EIS documents are readily available in paper and electronic format and that they are presented in a way that is easily understandable and accessible.
- MW suggested that Keeyask documents from Round 2 and for the EIS be available electronically on a memory stick as it is too difficult for northern communities to download

(due to file size). If this process of document collection and distribution is started now it could continue to these same standards once the environmental assessment is filed.

- MW noted that the technical documents and reports used to develop the environmental assessments for past projects were not available to the public during the environmental review process, through the EIS or online. MW suggested this should be improved for the Keeyask Project.
- CAC wanted to know how the Open House was advertised.
 - The PIP team provided details on the Open House advertising process and noted this information will be included in the EIS.

Environmental Assessment perspectives/issues:

- MW mentioned that they would like to see the community based (ATK) and the scientific technical information combined and accessible to the public when the EIS is filed.
 - MH noted that both ATK and scientific based assessments will be presented in the EIS.
- CAC wanted more information about where peak loading will be conducted.
 - MH explained that the Keeyask Project may be operated to generate addition power during peak demand periods of the day, however there are other stations in Hydro's system that also provide peak power. Keeyask may also operate using a base loaded mode of operation which is to generate a relatively constant amount of power throughout the day.
- MW wanted to know if the Keeyask EIS will meet recent standards by the International Hydropower Association (IHA) which MH has signed onto and whether this will be evident in the EIS and whether it will be made public.
 - MH stated that the Keeyask Project will be the subject of an IHA audit, but this is not intended for the EIS as it is not part of the regulatory process. However, the results of the IHA audit will be publicly available.
- CAC suggested that given Manitoba Hydro's current transmission lines from the north, Keeyask power cannot be brought south without Bipole III. Therefore Bipole III is/should be considered part of the Keeyask Project.
 - MH explained that the Bipole III Project is being developed for reliability purposes and does not need the Keeyask Project, but the Keeyask Project does need the Bipole III Project. Bipole III is currently under environmental review and will proceed in advance of Keeyask.
 - A Cree Nation Partner representative mentioned that at present, transmission of power from the north is susceptible to natural disaster and the Bipole III Project is an additional way to get power to Winnipeg.
- CPAWS asked about the length of Keeyask transmission line and the footprint of the work camp.
 - MH mentioned that these details were not available to the team presenting today; however this information could be provided.
- GAC mentioned that the Keeyask Infrastructure Project (KIP) creates regulatory pressure to approve the Keeyask Generation Project. This puts the \$200 million already spent on infrastructure as a pressure on future proposals.

- MH explained that KIP is proceeding in order to maximize opportunities for the Keeyask Cree Nations' businesses working on KIP. The representative also said that if future portions of the development get denied, Manitoba Hydro would decommission the current infrastructure work. MH also expressed confidence with the integrity of regulators and panel members to review the Project appropriately.
- CAC noted that the regulatory timing of these projects is very optimistic and it would be surprising if the dates could be achieved.

NFAT

- IISD and MW both raised a concern that the NFAT process will need to be considered with and without the Bipole III Project.
 - MH explained that the NFAT will be for Keeyask, Conawapa, new interconnections and major new export contracts.
- TREE noted that it is the Public Utility Board's duty to investigate alternate methods (other than Bipole III) to establish power reliability.
- IISD wanted more information regarding the Keeyask Project levelized cost of energy.
 - MH explained that that was an NFAT question.
- MH indicated that a format for NFAT has not been announced by the government. MH noted that different formats could be applied.

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APPENDIX 3E

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND TWO OPEN HOUSES

Public Involvement Program Round Two Open Houses

Public open houses were held in Gillam, Winnipeg and Thompson to provide opportunities for the broader public to learn about preliminary results of the EA and proposed mitigation measures for the Project and provide feedback (see Table 3E-1). During Round One an open house was held in Brandon, but not in Round Two due to minimal attendance in Round One. Open houses were publicized in advance through local newspaper advertisements, local radio stations, and posters were also used in the communities of Gillam and Thompson. Open houses were conducted in a format similar to the community information sessions including the use of information panels. Participants were encouraged to complete comment forms and to speak to members of the PIP Team. Any questions that were raised that could not be addressed by those in attendance were documented during the open house, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the request and followed up as required.

Table 3E-1: Public Involvement Program Round Two Open Houses

Date	Event	Location
3/6/2012	Gillam Open House	Recreation Centre, Gillam
3/12/2012	Winnipeg Open House	Delta Hotel, Winnipeg
3/13/2012	Thompson Open House	St. John's United Church, Thompson

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 transcripts 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 Gillam open house on March 6, 2012
- Copy of notes from the Gillam open house on March 6, 2012
- Sign-in sheet(s) from the Winnipeg open house on March 12, 2012
- Copy of notes from the Winnipeg open house on March 12, 2012
- Sign-in sheet(s) from the Thompson open house on March 13, 2012
- Copy of notes from the Thompson open house on March 13, 2012

Text for Round Two Radio Spot for February 29 to March 6, 2012

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You are invited to attend an open house in Gillam on March 6th from 5-8 p.m. at the Recreation Centre, in Winnipeg on Monday, March 12th from 6-9 p.m. at the downtown Delta Hotel at 350 Saint Mary Avenue, or in Thompson on Tuesday, March 13th from 6-9 p.m. at St. John's United Church.

For more information about the Keeyask Project visit the website at Keeyask.com.

Text for Round Two Radio Spot for March 7 to 12, 2012

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Text for Round Two Radio Spot for March 13, 2012

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Table 3E-2: Public Involvement Round Two Open House Radio Spot and Newspaper Advertisement Schedule

Media Outlet	Appearance Dates
Winnipeg Free Press	Friday, March 2 Saturday, March 3 Friday, March 9 Saturday, March 10
Nickel Belt News	Friday, March 2 Friday, March 9
Thompson Citizen	Wednesday, March 7
NCI Radio	Saturday, March 3 Sunday, March 4 Monday, March 5

Media Outlet	Appearance Dates
	Tuesday, March 6
	Wednesday, March 7
	Thursday, March 8
	Friday, March 9
	Monday, March 12
	Tuesday, March 13
	Three spots per day (27 in total) 60 seconds in length.

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The second round of the Keeyask Public Involvement Program is underway. Open houses are planned for three communities, including the following:

WINNIPEG

Monday, March 12 (6:00-9:00 p.m.), Delta Hotel, 350 St. Mary Ave.

THOMPSON

Tuesday, March 13 (6:00-9:00 p.m.), St. John's United Church

For more information about the Public Involvement Program please contact Manitoba Hydro at (204) 360-3311 or 1-888-624-9376 or email Keeyask@hydro.mb.ca

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Grade 6 students give best shot at worst opening line
You kids
have got
the write
stuff!

IT was NOT a dark and stormy night... Suddenly, no shots rang out. No doors slammed. The maid didn't scream. And, as far as anyone can tell, no pirate ships loomed menacingly on the horizon.

However, on an otherwise ordinary morning in a Grade 6 classroom in Winnipeg, a group of students plunked themselves down to write some incredibly purple prose.

In an overly dramatic nutshell, that describes what happened earlier this week when I spent the morning with Marlene Van Der Zweep's Grade 6 class at St. Alphonsus School.

I agreed to entertain the kids on the final day of I Love to Read Month in exchange for them scribbling a few lines inspired by the legendary Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest, a literary competition wherein wretched writers strive to compose the opening sentence to the worst novel imaginable. The contest is held every year to celebrate the most awful opening sentence of all time, an immortal phrase coined by Victorian novelist Edward Bulwer-Lytton in his 1830 novel *Paul Clifford* and plagiarized repeatedly by Snoopy as he types away on top of his dog house — "It was a dark and stormy night!"

My favourite horrible first sentence comes from William "Buddy" Ocheltree of Port Townsend, Wash., who won the prize in 1993 for this gem: "She wasn't really my type, a hard-looking but untalented reporter from the local cat box liner, but the first second that the third-rate representative of the fourth estate cracked open a new fifth of old Scotch, my sixth sense said seventh heaven was as close as an eighth note from Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*, so, nerv-



**In the
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House**
Doug Speirs



ous as a tenth grader drowning in eleventh-hour cramming for a physics exam, I swept her into my longing arms, and, humming 'The Twelfth of Never,' I got lucky on Friday the thirteenth."

But I knew the kids could do better, so I spotted them the opening line and asked them to fill in the next part of the story:

"It was a dark and stormy night when the house exploded and everyone was killed, so the cops got the killer and they killed him with his own tie!" — Alex.

"It was a dark and stormy night. And there was a shadow by the wall and then a few seconds later I realized it was my own. Dunce, I thought to myself!" — Andres.

"It was a dark and stormy night. I was walking through the forest. I have no idea why I was in the forest. I didn't feel like going back home because, let's face it, forests are better." — Katheryne, 12.

"It was a dark and stormy night. The wolves were howling and the vampires were swarming and everyone's power was shut off, so everyone had a pitch-black house because no one was smart enough to buy a candle. So they were all stupid, but suddenly, the sun came out and the vampires died." — Sarah, 11.

"It was a dark and stormy night and all through the house was quiet. Never mind. My wife's home!" — Mike, 11.

"It was a dark and stormy night and there was a brown dust that opened a magic door that had a party behind it. WOHHOO!" — Madeline, 11.

"It was a dark and stormy night. There was a fly flying around. Then there was a frog, a dog and a wolf and a lion and a

crocodile. So the frog ate the fly, the dog ate the frog, the wolf ate the dog, the lion ate the wolf and the crocodile ate the lion ... If you think that was a story, you were wrong. This shows the food chain." — Matthew, 11.

"It was a dark and stormy night. The baby started crying as the roof collapsed in the apartment next to us. I immediately ran to the other apartment to find nothing, just a white room with a giant slab of drywall." — Haise, 11.

"It was a dark and stormy night. I saw a shadow by my door. I could feel the coldness of the wind in my bedroom. There was a loud noise in the kitchen that sounded like Zeus throwing lightning bolts. I went to go see what it was, and there in the kitchen was a monster: 20 pounds of pure dog. My pug." — Kate, 11.

"It was a dark and stormy night. The lightning flashed across the sky, illuminating the laboratory in which the necro-alchemist worked. He lifted the limp body onto the metal slab. Then he pulled the lever and the slab started ascending towards the hole in the roof. The body was no longer limp; it was struggling to escape the restraints around its neck, arms and legs. The necro-alchemist was overjoyed. He had succeeded. It was ALIVE!" — Nicholas, 11.

On behalf of Snoopy and Edward Bulwer-Lytton, I'd like to say I really enjoyed reading your work. In fact, it was the best of times, it was the worst of times. But that's another story.

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In the event of a discrepancy between this list and the official winning numbers, the latter shall prevail.

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Winning number Thursday was 962.
EXTRA
Winning number Thursday for the main prize of \$250,000 was 1351626.

PAYDAY

Winning numbers Thursday for the \$1,000 A Week For Life, \$50,000, \$20,000 and \$1,000 prize categories were 14, 19, 32, 38.

LOTTO 6/49

Winning numbers Wednesday were: 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 40. Bonus number was 28. The jackpot of \$3,000,000 was won by 3 tickets, each worth \$1,000,000. 1 winner in the 5 out of 6 + bonus number category wins \$211,864.40 each. 180 winners in the 5 out of 6 category win \$972.30 each. 8,851 winners in the 4 out of 6 category win \$37.50 each. 135,547 winners in the 3 out of 6 category win \$10 each. 87,843 winners in the 2 out of 6 + bonus number category win \$5 each. Saturday's jackpot is estimated at \$3,500,000.

WESTERN 649

Winning numbers Wednesday were: 20, 35, 39, 43, 44, 46. Bonus number was 27. The jackpot of \$1,000,000 was not won. There were no winners in the 5 out of 6 + bonus number category. 18 winners in the 5 out of 6 category win \$500 each. 887 winners in the 4 out of 6 category win \$50 each. 15,631 winners in the 3 out of 6 category win \$10 each. The Extra winning numbers Wednesday were 6818744.

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Hope fades for Canadian missing from cruise

HOPES of finding a missing 47-year-old Canadian woman believed to have fallen overboard from a cruise ship between the Bahamas and Palm Beach, Fla., have faded after the U.S. Coast Guard suspended its search.

The coast guard called off its effort, which had covered an area of 18,897 square kilometres over 84 hours, on Thursday evening without finding the woman.

Glenn Ryerson, spokesman from Celebration Cruise Line, said the woman's male companion, who had been sharing a cabin with her, reported her missing at 8 a.m. Wednesday, after the ship had docked at the Port of Palm Beach in Riviera Beach, Fla.

The entire 350-person crew undertook an "ex-

tensive search" for the woman. After failing to find her they alerted local police and the FBI.

Rose Anne Brown, spokeswoman for the Riviera Beach police, said her department received the first notification that someone was missing Wednesday morning but, as the woman disappeared before the ship went through customs, the matter was turned over to the FBI.

Neither the police nor the FBI have released the names of the man and woman involved.

Ryerson said the two people were on their way back to the mainland after a two-day stay at Grand Lucayan Radisson Resort on Grand Bahama Island.

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Immigrant rule targets marriages of convenience

Newcomers must wait to sponsor another partner

By Tobi Cohen

OTTAWA — A five-year sponsorship bar to crack down on bogus marriages of convenience falls short of addressing the real problem, critics said Friday, shortly after Immigration Minister Jason Kenney announced the regulatory change.

Starting immediately, Kenney said spouses will have to wait five years from the day they are granted permanent residence status before they can sponsor a new partner.

The move is meant to prevent people from fraudulently marrying Canadians for the purposes of immigration only to leave them and then sponsor a new partner while their Canadian spouse is still financially responsible for them for three years.

"I held town hall meetings across the country to hear from victims of marriage fraud," said Kenney, who made the announcement in Brampton, Ont., just west of Toronto.

"In addition to the heartbreak and pain that came from being lied to and deceived, these people were angry. They felt they had been used as a way to get to Canada. We're taking action because immigration to Canada should not be built upon deceit."

NDP immigration critic Don Davies, however, said the new rule fails address those cases in which Canadian citizens are complicit in these bogus marriages.

Canada should be investing more resources into overseas immigration bureaus that vet applicants before they come to Canada in order to stop marriage fraud before it occurs, Davies said.

"Of all the problems in the immigration system — we have a backlog of a million, wait times are appalling, we have hundreds of thousands of families in this country who are unable to sponsor their parents because there's a freeze... and Minister Kenney thinks the most important thing to legislate on is the relatively small number of people who are engaged in marriages of convenience. I don't think that that's where the focus of

immigration reform should be," he said.

"Where I would put my focus is on prevention rather than the defeatist position of the minister which is simply to ramp up penalties after the problem has occurred and after the pain has been caused."

Davies fears the government will actually cut resources for overseas missions by five to 10 per cent as part of austerity measures being taken by all departments in a bid to erase the federal deficit by 2015.

Canadians will find out more when the budget is tabled on March 29.

The regulatory change comes less than two years after the Conservatives promised to tackle marriage fraud. In the fall of 2010, the government held online consultations to gather public opinion and ideas on how to address the issue.

The idea of a five-year sponsorship bar was proposed in the Canada Gazette last April and was followed by a 30-day public comment period.

The measure officially came into force on Friday and is just one of several actions the government is considering.

Public consultations will begin in the coming weeks on a proposed conditional permanent-residence provision that would deter people in newer relationships from attempting to gain quick entry to Canada when they have no plans to remain with their sponsoring partner.

According to the proposal first published in the Canada Gazette last spring, the sponsored partner in a marriage or common-law relationship of less than two years would be subject to a conditional two-year period of permanent residence.

The measure would bring Canada in line with other countries, such as the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia, which have similar policies.

It's not clear exactly how many cases of marriage fraud occur every year in Canada, but victims' groups and immigration lawyers have said it's in the thousands.

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Less mess once blue boxes are gone

New carts promise to reduce spillage of trash into streets

By Melissa Martin

WINNIPEG'S new recycling carts could cut down on messy garbage-day surprises, city waste officials say.

Still, the new carts — slated to arrive this summer — can't come soon enough for some Winnipeggers frustrated by litter spilling out of the current blue boxes.

East Kildonan resident Meghan Halfyard was looking out at her yard Thursday afternoon when she saw the city recycling truck go by.

When she went out to take a closer look, she found bits of trash strewn about the street, apparently fallen out of the recycling blue box that her family had placed outside at 6 that morning.

"This was bad; this was worse than (at my previous house)," she said. "You could see some of the cans had been squished into the snow because cars had driven over it."

After spending some time cleaning the mess herself, Halfyard said she was able to flag down the recycling truck as it came around the bay, and asked the workers to clean up the junk. Though she doesn't know if the recycling bin was deliberately kicked over by a passing rabble-rouser, blown over by the wind or simply emptied poorly, Halfyard said she was disappointed more care hadn't been taken.

"It sucks that they have to do that if it was somebody's deliberate action," she said. "But that's what they're paid to do."

At a previous home, Halfyard had filed complaints through 311, but was dismayed when she never received a followup from city officials. So this time, she took her experience straight to Coun. Thomas Steen and Mayor Sam Katz, firing off an email with photos of the mess.

City solid waste manager Darryl Drohomerski said the city was looking into what caused the mess outside Halfyard's house, though he did note it's been six months since a complaint was previously made regarding waste pickup on Halfyard's street.



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Meghan Halfyard went straight to the mayor and her city councillor over her concerns about blue-box mess on her street.

If the mess is deemed a result of human error, the city can hold its pickup contractor liable.

But many complaints to the city come as a result of factors beyond its control, he said, including wind and mischief-making.

That doesn't mean there are many complaints, relatively speaking. The city did see a jump in complaints after the 311 service launched but it still averages well below a common bar for customer satisfaction. Last year, the city received an average of 2.7 waste-related complaints per 10,000 Winnipeg homes each day.

"Our standard in the industry is if you have less than five complaints per 10,000 homes,

that's a reasonable number," Drohomerski said. "Complaints overall are very low."

The most common complaints in Winnipeg stem from missed pickups, broken blue boxes and — like Halfyard's experience — trash strewn about an area. While some snafus are a result of human error by the city's contracted crews, Drohomerski said other issues arise as a result of weather and seasons.

For instance, huge volumes of post-Christmas waste can lead to confusion on whether items are meant for recycling or garbage pickup, and high winds regularly blow waste out of blue boxes and into the street.

Lidless boxes can also fall victim to having waste become frozen to the bottom of the box, leading to incomplete disposal when trucks come around.

Drohomerski said the department is looking forward to the arrival of lidded recycling carts later this year, which will reduce the freezing problem and wind-blown messes. "That will alleviate that greatly from what we've seen now," he said.

In the meantime, he recommends Winnipeggers ensure they place lighter material on the bottom of their recycling boxes, to help prevent trash from getting whisked away by the wind.

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Selinger checks on all-weather roads

BY IAN GRAHAM
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Premier Greg Selinger paid a visit to Manto Sipi Cree Nation at Gods River on Feb. 24 to get a first-hand look at progress on an all-weather road network that aims to connect remote communities on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.

Selinger said that new and temporary bridges being constructed in preparation for future work on the all-season roads would enable the East Side Road Authority (ESRA) to extend future winter road seasons by as long as two weeks in some areas and also noted that the all-weather road project was creating jobs and training opportunities.

“Every region of this province can prosper when we work together

to invest in people and foster new opportunities,” said Selinger in a news release.

Work is underway to install new bridges to Island Lake region communities that will help extend the winter road season by eliminating ice crossings. The first bridge, which will cross the Mainland River, is scheduled to be in place for next year’s winter road season, while the second bridge, which will be located at Feather Rapids on the Stevenson River, will be delivered to the site this winter. The ESRA is also working with Red Sucker Lake First Nation on the installation of a bridge over the Red Sucker River.

“Winter roads in our region are no longer reliable,” Manto Sipi Cree Nation Chief Michael

Yellowback said in the news release detailing Selinger’s visit. “Our First Nation is pleased to work with the province to extend the winter road season immediately as we train and hire local residents who will eventually build and maintain permanent roads.”

Yellowback added that 12 members of the First Nation had graduated from introductory construction training course earlier in February.

Work on the southern portion of the permanent road network already completed includes a new bridge over the Wanipigow River and a seven-kilometre section of the road to Berens River between kilometre 48 and kilometre 55. New bridges are currently being built over

the Loon and Longbody creeks and a five-kilometre section (from kilometre 88 to kilometre 93) of the permanent road to Bloodvein First Nation is under construction. The province, the federal government and Bloodvein First Nation are also working together on a pilot project to build a 2.5-kilometre access road to connect the First Nation to the proposed permanent road network.

“As the project proceeds, the federal government has an opportunity to build on its initial commitment to cost share the access road to Bloodvein,” said Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Minister Eric Robinson, the cabinet member responsible for the ESRA. “This is a good start but a much more significant

commitment from Canada is required to complete the permanent road network in a reasonable time frame.”

In the area the permanent road network will serve, noted Robinson, almost 97 per cent of inhabitants are First Nations under direct federal jurisdiction. He also said permanent roads would eliminate the need to airlift supplies in at great cost when winter roads fail, an increasingly common occurrence in recent years.

The ESRA completed a route selection study in 2010 that recommended building two main arteries, one each for the southern and northern communities in the region east of Lake Winnipeg. More southerly communities, including

Berens River, will be connected to Provincial Road 304 at Hollow Water, while Manto Sipi and the Island Lake communities will be connected through Provincial Road 373 at Norway House. Both routes will run along existing winter road routes as much as possible.

The East Side Transportation Initiative aims to provide safer and more reliable transportation for communities on the east side of Lake Winnipeg while providing training and economic opportunities for local residents, the premier said in the news release, which stated that the project has created approximately 200 jobs and trained 162 people in east side communities since 2009.



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- Common cold symptoms are sneezing, stuffy nose, sore throat and a mild cough.
- Common influenza symptoms are fever and cough with 1 or more of the following: aching muscles, aching joints, sore throat, tiredness and sudden onset (it happens out of the blue). Children less than 5 years of age can have nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

You can catch the influenza virus when someone around you with the virus sneezes or coughs. You can also catch the flu when you touch a surface that has the virus on it, like a door handle. Influenza can be very serious; every year some people have to stay in the hospital and a small percentage will die from complications of the flu. People who are very young or very old are more likely to get sick from influenza. Some people can catch the influenza virus and even if they do not become very sick from it, can pass it to a younger or older family member who might become very ill.

So what can *you* do to help prevent the flu?

- 1) Wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer if soap is not available;
- 2) cover your sneezes and coughs with a tissue or your sleeve; do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth;
- 3) get the influenza shot from your public health nurse or a nurse at the clinic.

If you think you have influenza, stay home, rest, drink fluids and take Tylenol or Ibuprofen for the fever. See your doctor or nurse practitioner if you are not starting to feel better in 5 days (the cough may last several weeks). If you or your child has shortness of breath and/or chest pain, seek immediate medical attention at your clinic or emergency department. Meantime, eat well, get to sleep on time, stay active and enjoy the winter!

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MICHAEL KOSTYK
OCTOBER 30, 1927 – MARCH 1, 2012

It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Michael Kostyk, 84, passed away peacefully with his family by his side at the Northern Spirit Manor, in Thompson, Manitoba.



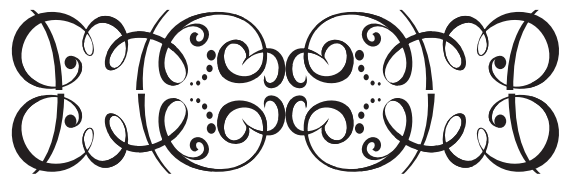
Michael was born in Wishart, Saskatchewan on October 30, 1927. He was predeceased by his father, John Kostyk, his mother, Tekla Kostyk, his brother, Steve Kostyk, and his 2 sisters Mary and Ann. Before moving to Thompson, Michael had numerous jobs such as Crawford's Poultry in Winyard, Saskatchewan and was also a rancher while living in Saskatchewan. His last stop before Thompson was working as a miner in Great Bear Lake, North West Territories. In 1963, Michael stepped off the train in Thompson, Manitoba and said, "This is where I am going to spend the rest of my life" He then pursued his career at INCO for 25 years.

First and foremost, Michael was a dedicated, single father to his four children. In his spare time he enjoyed gardening, reading, and putting together puzzles. Mike was a very family oriented, happy and loving man who is survived by his 4 children: James (Angel), David (Angela), Tammy (Dan) and Kim (Keith), 13 grandchildren: Jordan (Trista), Chad (Celina), Carita (Jeff), Caitlin, Christopher, Cassidy, Stephanie, Charmaine, Nicole (Matt), Angel, Justin, Tiffany and Amanda, 6 great-grandchildren: Casey, Carsyn, Makayla, Bentley, Noah, and Cole, 1 sister in law, Emily, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A service was held on Tuesday, March 6th, 2012 at the Boardman Funeral Home in Michael's memory.

Michael's family would like to thank the staff at the Northern Spirit Manor for their continuous care and support for the past few years. In lieu of flowers if friends so desire donations may be made in Michael's memory to Alzheimer Society of Manitoba, 10-120 Donald Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 9Z9.

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We must continue to be vigilant on trade deals

Canadians have every right to be concerned about the proposed free trade agreement with the European Union.

Canadians support fair trade deals but we have seen time and time again that so called trade deals are often about a lot more than trade.

Our caucus has conducted a series of roundtables on the proposed trade deal. The goal of this series of discussions is to make up for the lack of debate in the House of Commons



Niki Ashton

on this agreement that will affect the public services Canadians depend on.

The message from Canadians has been clear. Canadians have the right to know how the agreement will impact on Canada.

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Canadians have been clear about the impacts of the agreement on our health care system.

Our health care system is not for sale and under no circumstances should Canada sign a free trade agreement at the expense of our public system. This is the main conclusion of the first of a series of NDP roundtables on the potential impacts of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement with the European Union. Canadians have the right to know how the agreement will impact health care services.

The Conservatives are negotiating a free trade agreement which could have irreversible effects on our Canadian health services. By promoting deregulation, they could al-

low for more private sector involvement and threaten the very survival of our public system. That is why we have stated clearly that health procurement must be withdrawn from the negotiating table.

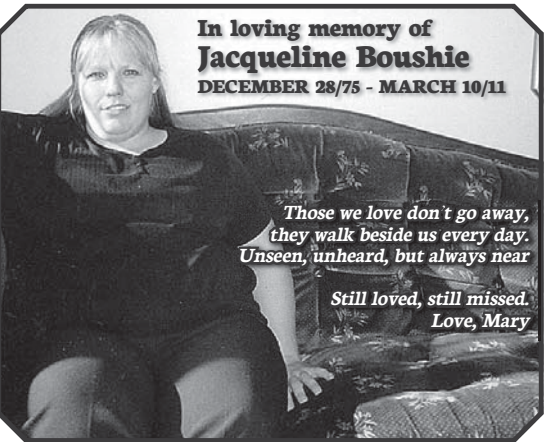
Generic drugs are another topic of concern; experts predict that drug costs could skyrocket if intellectual property rights are prolonged as demanded by the European Union, costing Canadians up to \$3 billion annually.

The EU proposals would further protect profits for European pharmaceutical multinationals, at the expense of Canadian consumers. Why should we pay more for prescription drugs when we're already among those who pay the highest prices in the world for these products?

In the coming weeks we will organize several roundtables discussing the potential effects of CETA in various sectors including municipalities, education and access to information.

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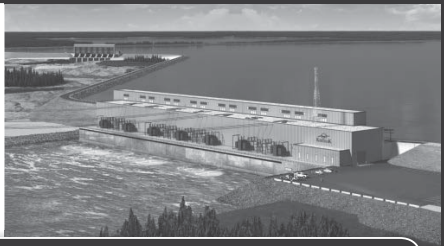
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An Invitation to Attend



Keeyask Public Involvement Program: Round Two

The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership is proposing to develop the Keeyask Generation Project, a 695-megawatt hydroelectric generating station at Gull Rapids on the Nelson River in northern Manitoba.

Round Two of the Public Involvement Program has been planned to provide information to interested parties, including preliminary results of the environmental assessment, and to seek input on possible mitigation measures.

You are invited to attend an open house to share your views about the preliminary results.

The second round of the Keeyask Public Involvement Program is underway. Open houses are planned for three communities, including the following:

WINNIPEG
Monday, March 12 (6:00-9:00 p.m.), Delta Hotel, 350 St. Mary Ave.

THOMPSON
Tuesday, March 13 (6:00-9:00 p.m.), St. John's United Church

For more information about the Public Involvement Program please contact Manitoba Hydro at (204) 360-3311 or 1-888-624-9376 or email Keeyask@hydro.mb.ca

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The Keeyask Project website: Keeyask.com

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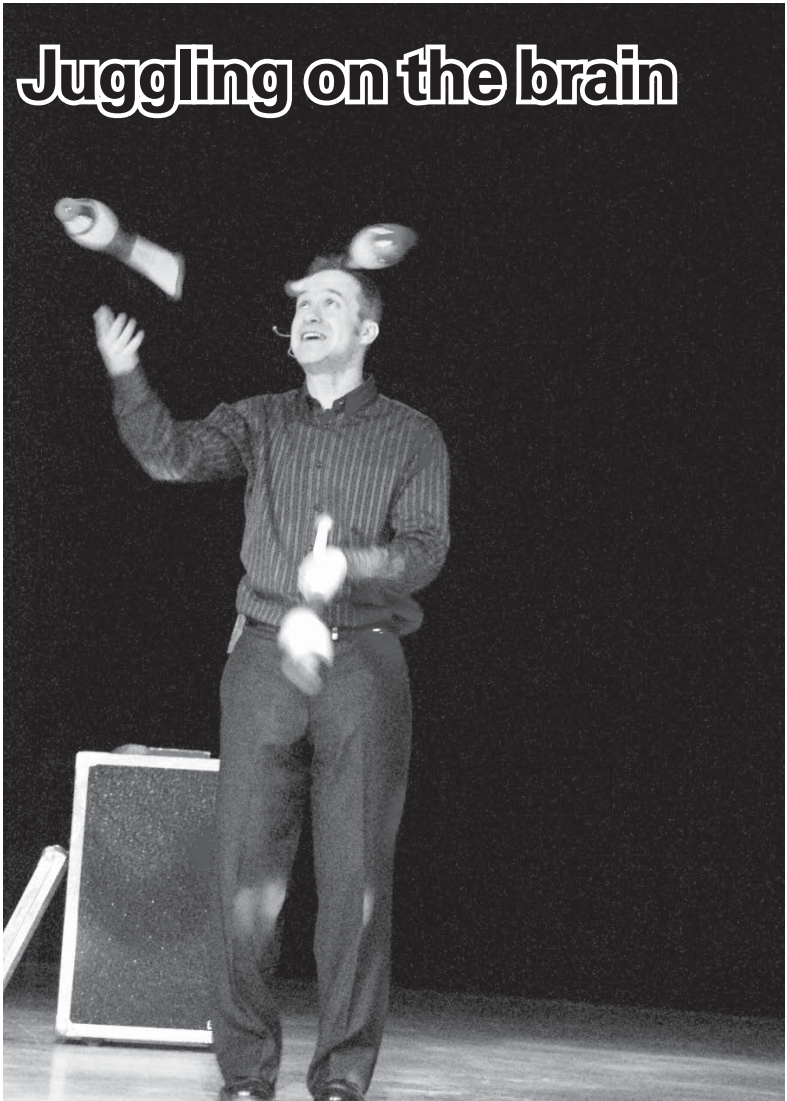
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Juggling on the brain



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Robin Chestnut of Teulon, Man., a two-time Canadian juggling champion, shows the audience how he uses his head during a performance at the Letkemann Theatre on Feb. 25, one of the WinterFest events that were put on throughout the month

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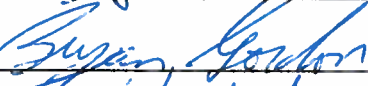

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TOWN OF GILL AM OPEN HOUSE
PROPOSED KEYYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
ROUND 2

March 6, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m.

Name (Print)	Signature	Affiliation
Shauna Gordon		
Guyana Gordon		Town of Gilliam
TOM WOJCIKOWSKI		MB. HYDRO



Round Two PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Gillam Open House

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: March 6, 2012, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Gillam, Manitoba
Recreation Centre

In Attendance from EA Team:	Nick Barnes	Manitoba Hydro
	Marc St. Laurent	Manitoba Hydro
	Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
	Cam Barth	North-South Consultants
	Friederike Schneider-Vieira	North-South Consultants
	Don MacDonell	North-South Consultants
	Rob Berger	WRCS
	John Osler	InterGroup Consultants
	Dale Giesbrecht	InterGroup Consultants

In Attendance from Community: See sign-in-sheet

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the open-house was to:

- Provide the public with a description of Project features and changes since Round One.
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The meeting is the second of a series of three sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of the Keeyask Public Involvement Program (PIP). Round Three of the PIP will commence after the Environmental Impact Statement for the Project has been filed with the government regulators.

MEETING PROCESS

The open house was held at the Gillam Recreation Centre. Those who attended the information session were encouraged to sign-in, fill out comment forms and speak to members of the environmental assessment team about any perspectives/issues they might have about the Project. Members of the environmental assessment team were also present to guide community members through the information panels regarding the Project if they desired and to answer any questions. The information panels included issues that were prominently raised in Round One of the PIP including employment and training, lake sturgeon, caribou, flooding and water quality and mercury, fish and human health. If questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session they were recorded by an environmental assessment team member, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the information request, and followed up as required. In total, three community members signed-in at the session; however, approximately three individuals attended the community information session that did not sign-in. A Fox Lake member, a Manitoba Hydro employee, and a town councilor were among those who attended the open house.

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.


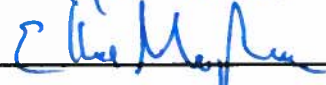

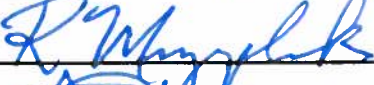






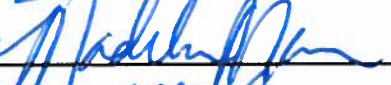

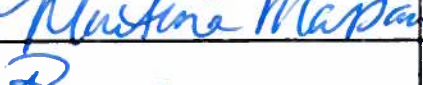


KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Other

- The discussion included several inquiries regarding the time line of the Project as well as technical aspects of project design.
- Interest was expressed about the potential for reduced travel time between Gillam and Thompson if the access roads eventually become part of a re-routed PR280. The quality of the road will increase safety as well.
- Comments and inquiries were made about the opportunities for employment training and construction employment. The opportunity for construction jobs on Keeyask and other future projects like Conawapa was identified as a good opportunity for people living in the north in general and Gillam in particular.

**WINNIPEG OPEN HOUSE
PROPOSED KEYYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
ROUND 2**







March 12, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

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Devon Massan		Tataskueyak
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AL ADAMS		Thompson, via
Wendy Botkin		Wpp, CEAA
Charles Mangay		AAWDC
Dee MacMillan		KGX Group
Billy Massan		SLK
Oscar Molo		Hobbs & Associates
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Talissa Mayham		Split Lake
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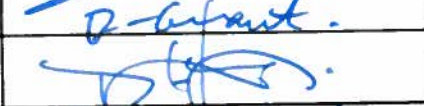

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March 12, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

Name (Print)	Signature	Affiliation
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D. Moore	DM	NCN
Titus Morris	Titus Morris	SPLIT Lake
Shermaine Flett	Shermaine Flett	SPLIT Lake
Shirley Fontaine	Shirley Fontaine	Aboriginal Consultation Unit - MB-ANA
Scott Nachtigall	Scott Nachtigall	WSD
Jim Campbell		
Loretta Bauer		ANA
Dale Laubach		PRC
Gloria Desoray	G. Desoray	CAC Manitoba
Johan Vazal		WJ
Alon Weinberg		—
BRYAN MERCER	Bryan Mercer	
L Wade Mercer	L Wade Mercer	
Purushottam Singh	Purushottam Singh	Conservation & Water Stewardship

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ROUND 2**

March 12, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
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March 12, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

Name (Print)	Signature	Affiliation
Dewi Adhikari	Dewi Adhikari	
Robin Gislason	R. Gislason	
Amelia Bone	[Signature]	York Zone
John Sydnor		
Shirley Stephens	SHIRLEY STEPHENS	
Vicki Poirier	[Signature]	HYORO



Round Two PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Winnipeg Open House

Final Open House Notes

Date of Meeting: March 12, 2012; 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Victoria and Albert Room, Delta Hotel, 350 St. Mary Avenue, Winnipeg

In Attendance from EA Team:	Ryan Kustra Nick Barnes Marc St. Laurent Marc Manzer Bill Kennedy Vicki Melo Brandy Bone Friederike Schneider Vieira Don MacDonell Rob Berger John Osler Harv Sawatzky Melissa Davies Christina Blouw Dale Giesbrecht	Manitoba Hydro Manitoba Hydro Manitoba Hydro Manitoba Hydro CNP Advisor CNP Advisor Fox Lake EIA Coordinator North-South Consultants North-South Consultants WRCS InterGroup Consultants InterGroup Consultants InterGroup Consultants InterGroup Consultants InterGroup Consultants
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In Attendance from Community: See sign-in sheet

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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The open house was the second of a series of three sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested groups in Manitoba as part

of the Keeyask Public Involvement Program (PIP). Round Three of the PIP will commence after the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project has been filed with the government regulators.

MEETING PROCESS

The open house was held in the Victoria & Albert Room of the Delta Hotel in downtown Winnipeg. Those who attended the open house were encouraged to sign-in, fill out comment forms and speak to members of the environmental assessment team about any perspectives/issues they might have about the Project. Members of the environmental assessment team were also on hand to guide community members through the information panels regarding the Project and to answer any questions. The information panels included issues that were prominently raised in Round One of the PIP including: employment and training; lake sturgeon; caribou; flooding; water quality; and mercury, fish and human health. If questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session they were recorded by an environmental assessment team member, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the information request, and followed up as required. In total 46 people attended (three did not sign in) the open house. This included members from five northern First Nation communities, representatives from provincial and federal government departments, and other interested persons.

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

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Employment and Training:

- Two attendees asked about the Keeyask procurement process and whether it would be similar to the Wuskwatim process.
 - The PIP team representative explained that the Keeyask Project procurement process is expected to have a combination of open tender and direct negotiated contracts with Keeyask Cree Nation Joint Ventures. A similar process is currently being followed for the Keeyask Infrastructure Project. These contracts are explained in section 13.1 of the JKDA.

Terrestrial:

- Several participants expressed concerns about effects that the Project could have on caribou food.
 - The PIP team responded that there would be a small loss of food (and tree cover) where Project infrastructure (*e.g.*, roads, dykes, buildings) will be located. Some animals might be disturbed by machinery and people and may not be able to access food in the immediate Project area during construction. It is expected that overall disturbance will decrease during the operation phase, so food availability for caribou in the Project area would improve. Food is generally not considered to be a limiting factor to caribou populations in the region because it is plentiful.

Water Quality/Flooding:

- One person wanted clarification on the increase in the extent of the flooded areas.
 - The individual was shown the maps and the process of initially filling the reservoir and how the new shorelines will be established over time, including the additional reservoir expansion of 7-8 km² due to erosion of shorelines and peatland disintegration was explained.

Fish:






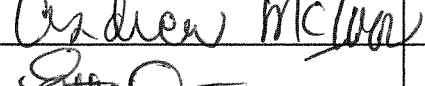








- An individual was interested in the increase in mercury levels in fish and how this was being dealt with in terms of human consumption
 - A PIP team member explained the information in the newsletter and information panels about the predicted increases duration of elevated mercury levels in fish, and also described the public information programs and adverse effects programs with the KCN to provide alternate sources of fish for human consumption from unaffected areas.
- One official from Manitoba (Water Resources) asked whether the Project would change with fish passage facilities.
 - A PIP team member explained that the partnership is assessing alternative methods for passing fish at Keeyask should it be required in the future. Some options may require provisions be included in the principle structures while some options do not. Preferred alternatives have not yet been selected.

Other:

- A number of people had questions that were addressed within the information provided and with the newsletter.
- One participant was interested in the financial viability of the Project.
 - The PIP team member explained that this will be addressed more explicitly in the Needs For and Alternatives to the Project review process.
- A participant was interested in the approach that was used to collect and include Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) in the environmental impact assessment.
 - It was explained the process is being led by each community, and how the ATK is being applied. A couple of examples were provided to show how ATK has affected the Project planning: the reservoir clearing plan, which would be undertaken in large part because of the Cree worldview; and the approach to caribou mitigation, which is a precautionary approach in response to Cree ATK regarding woodland caribou.
- An individual wanted to know how much Hydro has spent to date on Keeyask.
 - The PIP team member indicated that this information has been released in the past and suggested that the individual contact Manitoba Hydro Public Affairs for this information.

**THOMPSON OPEN HOUSE
PROPOSED KEYYASK GENERATION PROJECT
PUBLIC INVOLVMENT PROGRAM
ROUND TWO**

MARCH 13, 2012 – 6:00 – 9:00pm

NAME	SIGNATURE	AFFILIATION
Scott Tribula		UNITED RENTALS
Ken Giesbrecht		
DAVID GREEN		Thompson Ford
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Helen Garson		
Andrew McIvor		
Esther Dysart		
Les Dysart		SIL/CRD
Don Madal		Fisheries Br.
Phyllis		
Sarah Cole		
Maver Space		
Jennie Wastesicuro		—
Kaitlin Beardsley		
JEFF TURMAN		

**THOMPSON OPEN HOUSE
PROPOSED KEYYASK GENERATION PROJECT
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
ROUND TWO**

MARCH 13, 2012 – 6:00 – 9:00pm

NAME	SIGNATURE	AFFILIATION
<i>Corrina Brightrose</i>	<i>Corrina Brightrose</i>	



Round Two PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Thompson Open House

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: March 13, 2012; 6:00 – 9:00pm

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

In Attendance from EA Team:	Nick Barnes	Manitoba Hydro
	Marc St. Laurent	Manitoba Hydro
	Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
	Friederike Schneider Vieira	North-South Consultants
	Richard Remnant	North-South Consultants
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In Attendance from Community: See sign-in-sheet

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MEETING PROCESS

The open house was held in the St. John's United Church in Thompson. Those who attended the open house were encouraged to sign-in, fill out comment forms and speak to members of the environmental assessment team about any perspectives/ issues they might have about the Project. Members of the environmental assessment team were also on hand to guide community members through the information panels regarding the Project if they desired and to answer any questions. The information panels included issues that were prominently raised in Round One of the PIP including employment and training, lake sturgeon, caribou, flooding and water quality and mercury, fish and human health. If questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session they were recorded by an environmental assessment team member, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the information request, and followed up as required. In total, 16 community members signed-in at the open house. This included members from some northern First Nation communities and a representative from a provincial department, and other interested persons.

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

Employment and Training:

- An attendee expressed concern about the hiring process for current Hydro projects. During the Limestone Project the posted qualifications were accessible, however, now the system is on a database which often filters out interested workers due to the complex language that contractors share exclusively with whom they choose.
 - A PIP team member explained that the Advisory Group on Employment would have the opportunity to look at issues like this if they arise.

Physical Environment:

- An attendee was interested in Project related employment and discussed JKDA employment targets, Direct Negotiated Contracts and the Job Referral System with a member of the PIP team.
- An attendee asked several questions about erosion, and specifically the maximum extent of erosion, why the extent of erosion was modeled to 30 years and no longer, and the positioning of the dyke lines. He concluded that as a resident of South Indian Lake, the experience gained at Southern Indian Lake is that we are always learning new things about the erosion processes in a reservoir.
 - A member of the PIP team explained that shoreline erosion was modeled to 30 years to coincide with the air photos that were used for the study and also because it coincides with the age of Stephens Lake which was the main proxy site for Keeyask. Explained that shoreline erosion will not end at 30 years and that it will continue on indefinitely until bedrock is reached however shoreline erosion rates will slow down to rates similar to rates experienced today. Dykes are positioned mainly to take advantage of higher ground

around the proposed reservoir to minimize construction costs. Efforts were made to position the dykes to reduce flooded land.

Heritage Resources:

- A concern was expressed regarding protocol for when human remains are discovered during Project construction and/or operation.
 - A PIP team member advised a protocol/plan will be in place for human remains discovered and deemed in danger during the construction and operation phases of the Keeyask Generation Project. This plan is known as the Heritage Resources Protection Plan. The plan also covers protocols relating to heritage resources.
- An attendee held a discussion with a PIP team member about the approaches to locating burial sites and how the reservoir clearing teams and waterways management staff will be trained to identify heritage resources. The attendee also expressed a concern that sensitive material should not be included in the EIS.
 - Concerns about proper management of human remains and the location of sensitive materials were noted and has been addressed in the Keeyask Partnership Heritage Resources Protection Plan.

Other:

- An attendee discussed the measures being taken to try to keep workers in the construction camp and not interacting with Gillam residents. The individual suggested that someone might set up an opportunistic boat shuttle service to boat people from the camp to Gillam. The individual wondered if a demand for workers wanting to get to Gillam would result in a boat shuttle being setup by an opportunistic service provider.
 - A PIP team member discussed information about the Access Management Plan, but noted that this was useful information for the study team to consider.

KEEYASK GENERATION PROJECT

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APPENDIX 3F

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND TWO MEETINGS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

Public Involvement Program Round Two Meetings with Organizations

Meetings with Organizations were held with the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO), the Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC) and the Keewatin Tribal Council (KTC) (see Table 3E-1). A presentation was made to each organization about the preliminary results of the EA and proposed mitigation measures, followed by discussion. Participants were encouraged to complete comment forms or raise specific questions. Draft meeting notes were shared with the organizations for their review; once that review occurred, they were finalized and are included in this appendix.

Communication methods to arrange meetings with organizations included phone calls, emails, in-person communication and letters. An invitation letter was sent to the organization via an administrator or like position to participate in Round Two 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 meeting participants to review for accuracy. After the notes were reviewed and approved, final notes were sent to the organization for their records. Examples of the correspondence materials used to facilitate Round Two PIP meetings are provided in this appendix.

Table 3F-1: Public Involvement Program Round Two Meetings with Organizations

Date	Event	Location
3/9/2012	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak	MKO Office, Winnipeg
3/13/2012	Keewatin Tribal Council	Thompson Office
3/15/2012	Northern Association of Community Councils	Marlborough 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:
 - Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak meeting notes
 - Keewatin Tribal Council meeting notes
 - Northern Association of Community Councils meeting notes



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February 9, 2012

Paulette LeDrew
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Dear Paulette:

Re: Invitation to meet with Manitoba Hydro and its consultants regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project

Manitoba Hydro and its Partners – Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation (acting together as the Cree Nation Partners), York Factory First Nation, and Fox Lake Cree Nation – are proposing to develop the Keeyask Generation Project on the Nelson River in northern Manitoba with construction beginning in 2014. Before construction can proceed on the Project, an Environmental Assessment (EA) needs to be concluded to determine the environmental and social impacts associated with the Project, a regulatory review of the EA needs to be undertaken, and licenses and authorizations must be received. As part of the EA process, Manitoba Hydro, on behalf of the Partnership and with the assistance of its consulting team, 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.

Round One of the PIP, held in 2008, introduced northern communities to the Project and produced various questions, comments and concerns, which have been helpful in influencing the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and the Project. Concerns were raised regarding the effects of flooding on various species, rising mercury levels caused by flooding, and the Project's effects on resource users such as trappers. In addition, communities were enthusiastic about potential employment and training opportunities stemming from the Project.

As we discussed over the phone, we are currently organizing Round Two of the PIP and are contacting you to determine whether your organization is available to participate in a meeting. Round Two of the PIP process will involve a discussion regarding comments and concerns from round one and illustrate any changes to the Project and EIA because of this feedback. Moreover, participants in Round Two will have the opportunity to provide comments on the preliminary results of the biophysical and socio-economic effects of the Project and offer suggestions in order to minimize adverse affects. The meeting would consist of a presentation approximately 20 minutes in length followed by a discussion.

We are currently targeting a meeting with you on *February 23rd, 2012 from 11 to 12pm.*

If you have any questions or comments about the meeting or the proposed Keeyask Project, please feel free to contact Christina at 204.942.0654. We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours truly,

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February 16, 2012

Paulette LeDrew
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Dear Paulette:

**Re: Confirmation of meeting with organization regarding the proposed Keeyask
Generating Station Project**

We are pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the proposed Keeyask Generation Project with your organization. This letter confirms that representatives from Manitoba Hydro, acting on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership), will be attending a meeting **at the KTC Thompson Office on March 13th from 3 to 4pm** to discuss the proposed Project with interested members of the organization.

The Partnership is proposing to develop the Keeyask Generation Project on the Nelson River in northern Manitoba beginning on 2014. The Partnership consists of the Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation (acting together as the Cree Nation Partners), York Factory First Nation, Fox Lake Cree Nation and Manitoba Hydro. The Partnership has evolved through the commitment of the Partners to negotiate agreements of mutual benefit and to work together to resolve critical issues of concern.

Before construction can proceed on the Project, an Environmental Assessment (EA) needs to be concluded to determine the environmental and social impacts associated with the Project, a regulatory review of the EA needs to be undertaken, and licenses and authorizations must be received. As part of the EA process, Manitoba Hydro, on behalf of the Partnership and with the assistance of its consulting team, 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 conducted in 2008 was part of the Round One of public involvement. The purpose of this initial round of involvement was to introduce the public to the proposed Project, learn from the public about any issues or concerns they may have about the Project, and hear from the public on how they wished to be consulted in the future about the Project.

In Round Two, participants will be given the opportunity to offer comments and provide input on preliminary results regarding the biophysical and socio-economic effects of the Project and to offer suggestions for minimizing or avoiding potential adverse effects. Comments and input received in Round Two will be used in finalizing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This round will also inform participants about any changes in the Project since Round One, respond to questions raised in Round One and illustrate how input received influenced the Project development.

If you have any further questions about the meeting or the Project, please do not hesitate to contact **Christina Blouw** of InterGroup Consultants, Ltd. **(204) 942-0654**.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours truly,

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May 10, 2012

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Dear Ms. LeDrew,

RE: Draft meeting notes from the March 13, 2012 meeting with the Keewatin Tribal Council regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project

This letter is in follow-up to the meeting held on March 13, 2012 with the Keewatin Tribal Council regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project. Enclosed for your review are the draft meeting notes from the above meeting. Please let Harv Sawatzky or myself know by May 24, 2012 or earlier if there are any errors or omissions in the notes. Please contact either of us by phone 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 Harv Sawatzky or John Osler of InterGroup Consultants, Ltd. at (204) 942-0654. Furthermore, additional information on the project can be found on the project website Keeyask.com.

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

Yours truly,

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May 30, 2012

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Dear Ms. LeDrew,

**RE: Final notes from the March 13, 2012 meeting with the Keewatin Tribal Council
regarding the proposed Keeyask Generating Station Project**

Please find enclosed the final notes from the meetings held on March 13, 2012 in Thompson, Manitoba regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project, including copies for distribution. These notes reflect comments that were received during the review process, and will be included in the Environmental Impact Statement.

If you have any questions or comments about the proposed Project or the public involvement process, please do not hesitate to call Harv Sawatzky or John Osler of InterGroup Consultants, Ltd. at (204) 942-0654. Furthermore, additional information on the Project can be found on the Project website Keeyask.com.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us to discuss the proposed Project.

Yours truly,

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Round Two PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:**Meeting with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Council****Final Meeting Notes**

Date of Meeting: Friday, March 9, 2012; 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak
Winnipeg Office, 6th Floor, 338 Broadway Avenue

In Attendance:

David Monias	MKO Executive Director
Michael Anderson	MKO Natural Resource Secretariat Research Director
Glenn Buchko	MKO Chartered Accountant
Wil DeWit	Manitoba Hydro
John Osler	InterGroup Consultants
Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was requested to:

- Provide the public with a description of the Keeyask Generation Project features and changes since Round One of the public involvement program (PIP);
- Discuss preliminary results of the environmental assessment (EA) regarding biophysical and socio-economic effects of the Project and obtain comments about the results;
- Obtain input on possible mitigation measures for minimizing or avoiding potential adverse effects, as well as monitoring of effects; and
- Document what is heard in the meeting for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The meeting is the second of a series of three sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of the Keeyask PIP. Round Three of the PIP will commence after the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project has been filed with government regulators.

MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, John Osler and Wil DeWit presented information about the Keeyask Generation Project, including changes to the Project that have occurred since Round One of the PIP. They also introduced the purpose of Round Two of the PIP. The presentation addressed issues that were

prominently raised in Round One of the PIP including: employment and training; lake sturgeon; caribou; flooding and water quality; and mercury, fish and human health. In addition to the presentation, copies of the Round Two newsletter were provided.

- MKO representatives asked questions, offered perspectives, and identified issues about the proposed Project, the environmental assessment including preliminary results and mitigation measures and the PIP.
- Where possible, responses were provided.

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

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED

Project Impacts and Perspectives:

- Questions were asked about the characteristics of the generating station
 - Response: The Project will operate as a modified peaking plant and water levels will vary within a one metre range (158-159 m ASL) when operating in a peaking mode. The reservoir may be drawn down up to one metre during the day when power demand is high and refilled overnight when demand is low. The water level will vary by one metre in a week when operating in a peaking mode. The station will be operated in a peaking mode most of the time.
- Concerns were raised regarding the level of potential flood damage and what would happen if estimates are wrong.
 - Response: Adverse effects agreements have been developed and signed with the four First Nations in the vicinity of the Project. They are also partners in the development. In addition, flooding effects will be monitored.
- Concerns were raised regarding ice issues and potential ice jamming on Split Lake due to high water levels.
 - Response: Ice will form earlier on the reservoir due to the new dam; however, ice formation will stall prior to reaching Clark Lake, downstream of Split Lake. Under typical winter conditions the Project is not expected to affect water levels on Clark and Split Lake. Hydraulic modeling indicated a potential for the Project to affect Clark/Split Lake water levels in winter under very low-flow conditions that occur about once every 20 years. Levels could be increased up to 0.2 m, but would remain within the normal range of winter levels without the Project.
- A concern was raised about the greenhouse gas analysis pertaining to flooded peat land.
- A concern was raised about how the mercury levels are addressed in the EIS. They noted that the PIP summary does not communicate that there are current health advisories in place for fish on Split Lake and the Keeyask Project will only magnify this issue. It was suggested that there should be advisories to the local communities that are high fish consumers.
- Questions were raised about plans to incorporate fish passage into the Project. It was noted that lake sturgeon are integral to the culture of the Cree people.

- Response: Fish passage is still under consideration as a possible mitigation measure for the Project.
- It was noted that Aboriginal traditional knowledge (ATK) has been incorporated to help understand caribou activity patterns and herd location. This type of ATK inclusion should be increased throughout the EIS.
- Questions were raised about the monitoring obligations carried out by the Partnership.

Employment and Training Issues and Perspectives:

- It was felt that the employment chart in the Round Two Newsletter is not descriptive enough. Specifically, the “designated trades” terminology should be made understandable to the general public.
 - Response: There is more detail and description that included in the EIS, including explanations of job classifications.
- A concern was raised about the effectiveness of the Burntwood-Nelson Agreement to achieve Aboriginal employment, and it was felt that these issues should be included in the PIP.
- It was felt that, while Manitoba Hydro has a mandate to hire First Nations, independent contractors, unless explicitly directed, can behave very differently.
- It was recommended that examples of businesses that maintain high First Nation employment retention rates (e.g., mining companies in the NWT) be examined to offer guidance in creating an employment retention model that works.
- It was noted that MKO maintains a database of skilled First Nations people that could be drawn on to fill positions for the Project. It was also noted that MKO representatives have previously met with Manitoba Hydro on this issue.
- A concern was raised that there is no reference point to assess whether or not First Nations hiring is effective.
- A concern was raised that “northern preference” hiring is an objective but may not be implemented by contractors. It was felt that contractors are not held accountable to uphold this hiring mandate. MKO suggested that their organization could act as an intermediary to assist with the First Nations hiring.
- It was suggested that any hiring issues should be addressed at the outset of the employment process.

**Round Two PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:****Meeting with Keewatin Tribal Council****Final Meeting Notes**

Date of Meeting: March 13, 2012; 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Thompson, Manitoba
Keewatin Tribal Council

In Attendance: Sharon McKay
Douglas Kitchekeesick
Mark Manzer
John Osler

Keewatin Tribal Council (KTC)
Tataskweyak Cree Nation (TCN)
Manitoba Hydro
InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

- Provide the public with a description of Project features and changes since Round One.
- Discuss initial preliminary results regarding biophysical and socio-economic effects of the Project and obtain comments and input on the results.
- Obtain input on possible mitigation measures and monitoring opportunities for minimizing or avoiding potential adverse effects.
- Document what is heard in the meeting with organizations for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The meeting is the second of a series of three sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of the Keeyask Public Involvement Program (PIP). Round Three of the PIP will commence after the Environmental Impact Statement for the Project has been filed with the government regulators.

MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, John Osler presented information on the Keeyask Generation Project, including any changes to the Project or process that have occurred since Round One and the purpose for Round Two PIP. Specifically, the focus of the presentation included issues that were prominently raised in Round One of the PIP including employment and training, lake sturgeon, caribou, flooding and water quality and

mercury, fish and human health. The KTC representative in attendance was provided the Round Two PIP newsletter. Extra copies of the newsletter were left with the representative for general distribution. Throughout the presentation:

- The representative asked questions, offered perspectives, and identified issues about the proposed project, the environmental assessment including preliminary results and mitigation measures 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 REPRESENTATIVE

Employment and Training:

- Noted that it is important to celebrate and acknowledge the advancement of employment and training initiatives for northerners and northern Aboriginals in the recent past. Employment training and opportunities have progressed dramatically in the past decades for Aboriginal peoples. There are things that can be learned from the experiences of the recent past but there is also value in recognizing what has happened to benefit northern peoples in the last 15 years.
- The KTC would like to see in the EIS more information on the socio-economic effects of the training and employment opportunities from Wuskwatim. Development and employment of a trained workforce has had a significant and positive effect on the people of the north.
- A comment was provided on employment training documentation provided in the PIP materials and expressed interest in seeing in the EIS a more thorough analysis of the employment training initiatives for Wuskwatim and other projects. This would help to demonstrate objectively how the Aboriginal training programs have improved the accessibility to employment positions.

Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge:

- A comment was made that the prominent role ATK has had in the environmental assessment process was welcomed.



Round Two PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Northern Association of Community Councils

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: March 15, 2012; 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Location: NACC Winnipeg office
Suite 750-331 Smith Street, Winnipeg

In Attendance:	Reg Meade	NACC – President
	Mallory Fleming	NACC – Executive Director
	Helgi Einarsson	NACC – Eastern Chair
	Anne Lacquette	NACC – Western Chair
	Glen Flett	NACC – Northern Chair
	Wil DeWit	Manitoba Hydro
	Harv Sawatzky	InterGroup Consultants
	Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was requested to:

- Provide the public with a description of the Keeyask Generation Project features and changes since Round One of the public involvement program (PIP);
- Discuss preliminary results of the environmental assessment (EA) regarding biophysical and socio-economic effects of the Project and obtain comments about the results;
- Obtain input on possible mitigation measures for minimizing or avoiding potential adverse effects, as well as monitoring of effects; and
- Document what is heard in the meeting for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The meeting is the second of a series of three sessions being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area and with potentially affected and interested organizations as part of the Keeyask PIP. Round Three of the PIP will commence after the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project has been filed with government regulators.

MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, Harv Sawatzky and Wil DeWit presented information about the Keeyask Generation Project, including changes to the Project that have occurred since Round One of the PIP.

They also introduced the purpose for Round Two of the PIP. The presentation included issues that were prominently raised in Round One including: employment and training; lake sturgeon; caribou; flooding and water quality; and mercury, fish and human health. Those in attendance were provided with the Round Two PIP newsletter

Participants asked questions, offered perspectives, and identified issues about the proposed Project, the environmental assessment including preliminary results and mitigation measures and the PIP. Where possible, responses were provided.

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

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Employment and Training:

- A concern was raised regarding the northern hiring preference mandate and if it will be carried out for the Keeyask Project. It was felt that past projects have had unrealistic job requirements which excluded northerners (e.g., French language skills, six months work experience and speciality equipment training). They also felt that oversight of the process was lacking and that there was discrimination at the job site, making it hard to retain workers.
 - Response: The experience of past projects, including the Wuskwatim Generation Project has been examined in planning for the Keeyask Generation Project.
- It was suggested that an employment liaison position should be created to help address potential employment issues.
 - Reponse: There will be an Advisory Group on Employment implemented to provide a forum for addressing employment-related issues.
- Concern was expressed about whether or not the hiring preference process will still follow the Burntwood-Nelson Agreement.
 - Response: This agreement will still be followed.

Human Health:

- A concern was raised regarding older people who are heavy fish consumers; they noted that mercury testing on these individuals has not shown high mercury levels.
 - Response: Mercury levels are dependent on the type, size and frequency of fish being consumed.

Aquatic Environment:

- A representative wanted more information regarding where the mercury levels are expected to be highest.
 - Response: It was noted that mercury levels will be the highest in Gull Lake.

- A request was made for more information about lake sturgeon in relation to the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA).
 - Response: A decision about listing lake sturgeon has not been made; Manitoba Hydro is working with the Department of Oceans and Fisheries (DFO) to provide accurate information on which to base the decision.
- A concern was raised regarding the capacity of DFO to enforce a harvesting ban along the entire Nelson River should lake sturgeon be listed under SARA.

Terrestrial Environment:

- A question was asked about the type of caribou that remain in the study area throughout the year (e.g., Woodland or Barren-ground caribou).
 - Response: There is uncertainty regarding the caribou that stay in the region in summer and winter. They may be coastal caribou, forest-dwelling woodland caribou or a mixture of the two types.

Issues from Past Hydroelectric Developments:

- A participant noted that it is good to see Manitoba Hydro learning from past mistakes and moving burial grounds and heritage site artifacts prior to flooding the reservoir.

Other:

- A participant felt that the colour selection for the employment graph in the Round Two newsletter should be changed.
- The NACC invited the Keeyask PIP team to present the proposed Keeyask Generation Project at the NACC Annual General Meeting (AGM) on August 14-16, 2012 in Winnipeg.
 - Response: The invitation was welcomed and it was noted that, if the AGM dates coincide within Round Three of the Keeyask PIP process, then they will be sure to try and schedule a meeting.