



Keeyask Generation Project

Environmental Impact Statement

Supplemental Filing #3



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Re: SUPPLEMENTAL FILING #3

The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership submitted the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on July 6, 2012. Since that time, supplemental information which supports or updates information in the original EIS filing has been developed and finalized by the Partnership.

The Partnership is pleased to provide the following supplemental document, in the enclosed binder titled Supplemental Filing #3:

- Public Involvement Supplemental Report

Should you have any questions or require additional assistance, please feel free to contact Vicky Cole at (204) 360-4621.

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ADDENDUM TO SUPPLEMENTAL FILING #3

The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership submitted the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on July 6, 2012. Since that time, supplemental information which supports or updates information in the original EIS filing has been developed and finalized by the Partnership.

On July 22, 2013, the Partnership submitted Supplemental Filing #3 which contained the Public Involvement Supplemental Report. As stated in the report, O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation expressed an interest in participating in Public Involvement Program (PIP) Round Three and a Community Information Session took place on July 10, 2013.

The following supplemental document contains the notes from this PIP event:

- Round Three Public Involvement Program Community Information Session with O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation.

Please insert this document into the Supplemental Filing #3 binder which was filed on July 22, 2013.

Should you have any questions or require additional assistance, please feel free to contact me at (204) 360-4621.

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**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Public involvement has been an integral part of the environmental assessment process. The overall purpose has been to provide interested parties, particularly those potentially affected by the Keeyask Generation Project (the Project), with opportunities to receive information about the Project and provide input regarding the Project. Initiated in 2008, the Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program (PIP) included three rounds of engagement.

In July 2012, the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership) filed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project. The Partnership consists of Manitoba Hydro and four Cree Nations (referred to collectively as the Keeyask Cree Nations or KCNs): Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation, acting collectively as the Cree Nation Partners, York Factory First Nation, and Fox Lake Cree Nation. In the EIS filing, Chapter Three of the Response to EIS Guidelines document and the Public Involvement Supporting Volume (PI SV) provided information regarding Rounds One and Two of the Public Involvement Program, which were completed prior to the filing.

Round Three PIP activities occurred between April 2013 and June 2013, with a focus on engaging Aboriginal and other people, communities and groups who may be potentially affected by or are interested in the Project. The purposes of PIP Round Three were to:

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how input received to date influenced the environmental assessment of the Project;
- Communicate supplemental information available since the filing of the EIS with regulators in July 2012; and
- Document what was heard from participants.

This Public Involvement Supplemental Report describes public involvement activities carried out by the Partnership since finalizing the EIS. Specifically, it includes materials and engagement activities undertaken for PIP Round Three.

1.1 TARGET AUDIENCES

The PIP focused on the public beyond the KCNs. Target audiences for PIP Round Three included potentially affected Aboriginal people, communities and groups; and other potentially affected people, communities and groups in the general public.

In general, the Partnership sought to involve Aboriginal communities within the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area, as defined by the Burntwood Nelson Agreement. Other potentially affected Aboriginal organizations were provided the opportunity to participate in PIP Round

Three as they represent populations who are potentially affected by or interested in the Project.

Aboriginal communities and groups contacted as part of the PIP Round Three included the following:

- Cross Lake First Nation and Pimicikamak Cree Nation;
- Keewatin Tribal Council;
- Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak;
- Manitoba Metis Federation;
- Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation;
- Norway House Cree Nation;
- O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation; and
- Shamattawa First Nation.

It is also apparent that Aboriginal people reside in other communities within the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area, including Northern Affairs communities and the communities of Thompson, Gillam, Leaf Rapids and Churchill. The PIP was designed to invite participation by Aboriginal people from throughout the area.

Other potentially affected people and groups within the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area contacted as part of the PIP Round Three included the following:

- City of Thompson;
- Cross Lake Northern Affairs Community;
- Granville Lake;
- Ilford Northern Affairs Community;
- LGD of Mystery Lake;
- Nelson House Northern Affairs Community;
- Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC);
- Norway House Northern Affairs Community;
- Pikwitonei Northern Affairs Community;
- Thicket Portage Northern Affairs Community;
- Town of Churchill;
- Town of Gillam;

- Town of Leaf Rapids; and
- Wabowden Northern Affairs Community.

Map 1-1 illustrates the locations where people, community leaders and groups were invited to participate in Round Three activities.

Selected NGOs with an interest in the Project were also included in the PIP Round Three.

In addition, the general public was provided an opportunity to participate by attending public open houses in Winnipeg and Thompson, and via the Project website.

Federal and provincial government agencies were also engaged during the PIP Round Three.



Map 1-1: Communities and Groups Invited to Participate in the Public Involvement Program

2.0 ROUND THREE SUMMARY

The following sections describe PIP Round Three activities focused on engagement of potentially affected and interested Aboriginal and other communities and organizations beyond the KCNs. This engagement process has been directed by the 2007 Public Involvement Plan (Appendix 1A of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the EIS) that was approved by the Partnership and used as the basis for the involvement process implemented for the Project. PIP Round Three communication products and events are described below. In addition, a summary of the key perspectives and themes identified through PIP Round Three is provided.

Through established processes, Manitoba Hydro regularly meets with the Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak Cree Nation), the Manitoba Metis Federation and Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation. In recognition of these on-going processes, the way in which Manitoba Hydro, on behalf of the Partnership, engaged with Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak Cree Nation), the Manitoba Metis Federation and Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation with respect to PIP Round Three differed from the other peoples, communities and groups who were invited to participate in PIP Round Three. These processes are described separately below.

2.1 ABORIGINAL AND OTHER PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES AND GROUPS

Notification packages were sent in April 2013 to notify target audiences of the upcoming PIP Round Three. The notification packages consisted of an introductory letter and several copies of the Round Three newsletter, the EIS Executive Summary and the DVD with the video *Keeyask: Our Story* (a sample copy of these letters is provided in Appendix 2A). The Partnership followed up with telephone contacts of potential participants to determine interest in participating in PIP Round Three.

In total, meetings were held with the leadership in six communities and public information sessions were held in five communities. Public open houses were held in Thompson and Winnipeg. There were three meetings held with organizations and one workshop in Winnipeg with non-government organizations (NGOs) and representatives of organizations that have received Participant Assistance Program funding for the Keeyask Clean Environment Commission Hearings. Table 2-1 provides a summary of the PIP events held during Round Three.

Table 2-1: Round Three Public Involvement Program Events

Date	Event	Location
Meetings with Chiefs and Councils/Mayors and Councils		
4/29/2013	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Gillam
5/1/2013	Cross Lake Mayor and Council Meeting	Town Office, Cross Lake
5/8/2013	Leaf Rapids Mayor and Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Leaf Rapids
5/14/2013	Churchill Mayor and Council Meeting	Council Chambers, Churchill
5/22/2013	Thicket Portage Mayor and Council Meeting	Council Office, Thicket Portage
6/6/2013	Shamattawa First Nation Chief and Council Meeting	InterGroup's Office, Winnipeg
Community Information Sessions		
4/29/2013	Gillam Community Information Session	Gillam Community Centre, Gillam
5/8/2013	Pikwitonei Community Information Session	Recreation Centre, Pikwitonei
5/8/2013	Leaf Rapids Community Information Session	Town Centre Complex, Leaf Rapids
5/14/2013	Churchill Community Information Session	Town Complex Overpass Gallery, Churchill
6/11/2013	Shamattawa First Nation Community Information Session	Band Office, Shamattawa
Meetings with Organizations		
5/17/2013	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Leadership Meeting	MKO Office, Thompson
5/17/2013	Northern Association of Community Councils Leadership Meeting	Canad Inns (Polo Park), Winnipeg
5/22/2013	Keewatin Tribal Council Leadership Meeting	KTC Office, Thompson
Open Houses		
5/16/2013	Thompson Open House	Thompson Regional Recreation Centre, Thompson
5/23/2013	Winnipeg Open House	Norwood Hotel, Winnipeg
Workshop		
5/23/2013	Winnipeg Workshop	Norwood Hotel, Winnipeg

The Local Government District of Mystery Lake, City of Thompson, as well as the communities of Wabowden, Ilford, Granville Lake, and Nelson House informed the Partnership that there was no requirement to meet for PIP Round Three.

The Norway House Cree Nation and Norway House Community Council were unable to identify time to schedule a meeting within the Round Three schedule. The Partnership continues to be willing to meet and discuss the PIP Round Three information with interested communities. O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation has expressed an interest in participating in PIP Round Three and a Community Information Session took place on July 10, 2013. Notes from this PIP event will be submitted in a separate supplemental filing to the EIS in August 2013.

2.1.1 Public Involvement Communication Products

The types of public involvement communication products used in Round Three are described below.

A **newsletter** was provided to those who attended the meetings, open houses and workshop and was available on the Keeyask website (www.keeyask.com). The newsletter, prepared specifically for Round Three, built on past PIP newsletters and provided a general description of the Project, the Partnership, the status of the environmental impact assessment process and results with respect to prominent themes raised in PIP Round Two. Prominent themes included employment and training; flooding, erosion, sedimentation and debris; water quality; mercury, fish and human health; lake sturgeon; and caribou. The newsletter also provided information about how to contact the Partnership regarding any questions, concerns or issues about the Project. The newsletter for Round Three is included in Appendix 2A.

Summary sheets regarding PIP Round Two were developed for each community and organization who participated in PIP Round Two as well as for the workshop held in Round Two. These sheets provided an overview of the main topics of interest raised by the respective community/organization in PIP Round Two and noted where in the EIS information regarding that topic could be found. Communities/ organizations who participated in Round Two were provided with the summary sheets in advance of and during Round Three meetings. The Round Two workshop summary sheet was available at the Round Three workshop. The Round Two summary sheets can be found in Appendices 2B, 2C and 2E.

Information panels were used to communicate, in a visual and summarized form, the newsletter content for community information sessions, open houses and the workshop. The information panels from Round Three are included in Appendix 2A.

The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership website (www.keeyask.com) was developed in 2011 to distribute information about the Project and the Partnership to the general public. The website includes overview information about the Partnership, the Project

and the EIS. The website also includes information specifically related to PIP including advertisements for upcoming public involvement events and public involvement documents such as Rounds One and Two summary reports, newsletters and information panels. Other Project information includes news, information, and links to the Job Referral Service site and the Partners' websites. Visitors are able to directly submit questions, comments, or issues about the Project and the website is monitored for visitation activity and usage.

Up-to-date project information, including information regarding the PIP, is also available at the Keeyask Project page of the Manitoba Hydro website (<http://www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/keeyask>).

2.1.2 Public Involvement Events

The types of public involvement events in Round Three were generally consistent with those completed in PIP Rounds One and Two and described below. Where changes in event format were made in Round Three, this information is also included below.

Meetings with Chiefs and Councils/Mayors and Councils provided an opportunity to discuss in a small group setting the purpose of Round Three of the Keeyask Generation Project PIP, the format and content of the EIS, how input from each community that participated in Round Two was used in the EIS, the environmental assessment process and supplemental information. Each group was provided with the opportunity to view the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. Copies of the Round Three newsletter, the Executive Summary of the EIS and a DVD with the video *Keeyask: Our Story* were provided to participants. A digital copy of the EIS was also provided to the community leadership. Participants asked questions, offered perspectives and identified any issues or concerns. Summary meeting notes were recorded and sent to the council contact person for review. The final meeting notes are available in Appendix 2B.

Community information sessions provided an opportunity to inform and have dialogue with a wider audience of interested community members about the format and content of the EIS, how input from each community that participated in Round Two was used in the EIS, the environmental assessment process and supplemental information. Copies of the newsletter, the Executive Summary of the EIS and a DVD with the video *Keeyask: Our Story* were provided to participants. Information panels were on display, and the video *Keeyask: Our Story* was shown on loop throughout the events. Public notices (posters) and a meeting confirmation letter were sent to community contacts in advance of community information sessions to provide notice within the communities. During the community information sessions, participants were guided through a series of information panels designed to provide information about the Project. In addition to in-person discussions, comment forms were available at these meetings to allow participants an opportunity to provide comments. Participants were encouraged to ask questions and share perspectives about the Project. Finalized community information session notes, documentation identifying questions or perspectives raised and sign-in sheets are included in Appendix 2B.

Meetings with organization representatives provided an opportunity to discuss in a small group setting the format and content of the EIS, how input from each organization that participated in Round Two was used in the EIS, the environmental assessment process and supplemental information. Each organization was provided with the opportunity to view the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. Copies of the newsletter, the Executive Summary of the EIS and a DVD with the video *Keeyask: Our Story* were provided to participants. A digital copy of the EIS was provided to the organization. Discussion occurred throughout the presentation. Summary meeting notes were recorded and sent to an organization contact person for review. The final meeting notes are available in Appendix 2E.

Public open houses provided an opportunity for the broader public to engage with Partnership representatives regarding the format and content of the EIS, how input from PIP was used in the EIS, the environmental assessment process and supplemental information. Public open houses were held in Winnipeg and Thompson. Open houses were publicized through local newspaper advertisements, local radio stations, and posters were also used in Thompson. Information panels were on display and the video *Keeyask: Our Story* was shown on loop throughout the events. Partnership representatives were available to members of the public for discussion and to answer questions. Participants were encouraged to complete comment forms and to speak to members of the Partnership. Any information requests that were raised which 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. Documentation from the open houses in the form of summary notes and sign-in sheets are included in Appendix 2D.

A Workshop was held with invited participants in Winnipeg. The seven NGOs who participated in the Round Two workshop were contacted to determine if there was interest in attending the Round Three workshop. In addition, representatives of the organizations and groups that received Participant Assistance Program funding for the upcoming Clean Environment Commission hearings for the Project were invited to the workshop. Invitees were informed that the workshop would be an opportunity to review the format and content of the EIS and how the Round Two input was used in the EIS. Workshop participants were provided with copies of the newsletter, the Executive Summary of the EIS and a copy of the DVD with the video *Keeyask: Our Story*.

The format of the Round Three workshop differed from the format used in previous PIP rounds. Participants had the opportunity to review the Project information panels, displayed at open houses and community information sessions, and discuss the Project with Partnership representatives. After an introduction, the video, *Keeyask: Our Story* was shown. This was followed by an overview about the format and content of the EIS and how Round Two participant input was used in the EIS. Partnership representatives were introduced and participants were encouraged to discuss the Project and ask questions of the representatives in attendance. Meeting notes were shared with the participants for information purposes. Final meeting notes are included in Appendix 2C.

2.1.3 Key Perspectives and Themes

The following highlights the main perspectives and themes identified by potentially affected and interested communities and groups during PIP Round Three. The information has been organized into themes. The statements are not verbatim, but reflect the key perspectives and themes identified during Round Three. A complete list of the issues and perspectives, responses provided, and the PIP event where the issues and perspectives were raised, is provided in Appendix 1B.

2.1.3.1 Perspectives and Themes about the Environmental Impact Statement

- Discussions regarding the environmental assessment process and methodological approaches used, including the cumulative effects assessment.
- There was considerable dialogue about the information included in the video *Keeyask: Our Story*.
- A participant was supportive of seeing future projects like Keeyask enhance positive project impacts in addition to mitigating adverse effects.
- Positive comments about the use of Aboriginal Tradition Knowledge (ATK) in the environmental assessment.
- High interest in the draft environmental protection program and proposed monitoring/management plans.
- Interest expressed in the Aboriginal traditional knowledge monitoring program.
- Interest expressed in the KCNs Environmental Evaluation Reports.

2.1.3.2 Perspectives and Themes about the Regulatory Review Process

- Interest in regulatory timelines.
- Interest in the Clean Environment Commission process and information.
- Questions asked about the provincial and federal Section 35 Crown consultation processes.
- Interest in the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (2012)* and other new legislation and potential implications to the Project.

2.1.3.3 Perspectives and Themes about the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership

- Questions about the Partnership signatories.
- Interest expressed in the types of benefits for the KCNs.

- Positive comments with regards to the Partnership approach.

2.1.3.4 Perspectives and Themes about the Public Involvement Program

- Inquiries about the breadth of Public Involvement Program.
- Positive comments regarding the information presented during Round Three.

2.1.3.5 Perspectives and Themes about the Project Description and Physical Environment

- Interest in the general Project layout of the physical structures.
- Interest in the sources of materials to be used for construction.
- Interest in the proposed access roads.
- Interest in the mitigation plans outlined in the Joint Keeyask Development Agreement.
- Questions about alternative use possibilities for timber and peat salvage.
- Inquiries into Project planning and construction timelines.
- Interest in Project operation for both domestic and export purposes.
- Interest in the potential changes to Provincial Road 280.
- Questions regarding the need for the Project.
- Some questions and discussions about the predicted hydraulic zone of influence.
- Questions about the potential for system-wide effects as a result of the Project.

2.1.3.6 Perspectives and Themes about the Aquatic Environment

- Interest in the general potential to affect fish, particularly lake sturgeon.
- Numerous questions with regards to aquatic mitigation.
- Interest in the proposed aquatics monitoring plans.

2.1.3.7 Perspectives and Themes about the Terrestrial Environment

- Interest in the types of caribou found in the Project region.
- Interest in caribou migratory patterns and effects of the Project.
- Discussions with regards to use of both Aboriginal traditional knowledge and technical science regarding caribou.
- Interest in the current moose population in the Project area.

2.1.3.8 Perspectives and Themes about the Socio-Economic Environment, Resource Use and Heritage Resources

- Interest in the local, regional and provincial economic benefits.
- Discussions about potential negative worker interaction issues.
- Interest in learning more about the socio-economic monitoring plan.
- Mercury and human health was a prominent discussion topic, specifically the assessed conclusion and proposed mitigation and monitoring plans.
- Concern about a potential increase in traffic on PR 280 that could result in an increase in the risk of vehicle accidents.
- Interest in potential Project effects on community infrastructure and services.
- Discussions regarding the future of the Town of Gillam.
- Substantial interest in Project employment opportunities and employment timelines.
- Comments about the Job Referral Service; numerous participants shared their experiences with the recruitment process used for the Wuskwatim Generation Project and some suggested ways in which this process could be improved for Keeyask.
- Interest in the employee retention measures such as the cultural awareness training.
- Interest in training opportunities related to the Project and support expressed for the Hydro Northern Training and Employment Initiative.
- Interest in potential business opportunities related to the Project.
- Questions asked about how workers would be transported to the Project site.
- General discussions about potential Project impacts on local resource use.
- Questions about potential Project effects on traditional medicinal plants.

- Interest in the offsetting programs included in the KCNs Adverse Effects Agreements that provide access to alternate hunting and gathering areas.
- Questions about predicted water level fluctuations in the winter and potential effects to resources users.
- Interest in heritage resources salvaged during pre-construction activities.
- Interest in how known heritage sites would be protected during Project construction and/or operation and discussions about the Heritage Resources Protection Plan.

2.1.3.9 Perspectives and Themes about Other Topics

- Many participants discussed their experiences with and observed impacts resulting from past hydroelectric development.
- Many participants discussed their experience with or knowledge of the Wuskwatim project.
- Interest in the status of the proposed Bipole III Project.
- Interest in the status of the planned Conawapa Generation Station Project.
- Interest in the upcoming Needs For and Alternatives To process that will be held with the Public Utilities Board in 2014. Some participants shared their perspectives with regards to the need for Manitoba Hydro to focus on alternative energy sources such as gas, wind and solar.
- Concern about the economic feasibility of the proposed and planned Manitoba Hydro projects.
- Concern regarding the cost of residential electricity.

2.2 CROSS LAKE FIRST NATION AND PIMICIKAMAK CREE NATION

Since May 1, 2012, Manitoba Hydro and Cross Lake First Nation and Pimicikamak Cree Nation [CLFN (PCN)] have continued to meet regularly through the Northern Flood Agreement Article 9 consultation process. On May 16, 2013, a PIP Round Three presentation was made to CLFN (PCN) representatives during an Article 9 meeting, in addition to the Round Three materials being sent directly to the community.

Manitoba Hydro provides funding to CLFN (PCN) for the services of an independent technical expert, in addition to the funding provided as process costs for Northern Flood Agreement Article 9 consultations.

Manitoba Hydro, on behalf of the Partnership, continues to work with CLFN (PCN) to

reach an agreement on the terms and objectives of a CLFN (PCN) led land and resource use study. Funding has been provided for the development of a work plan and budget.

Manitoba Hydro, on behalf of the Partnership, and CLFN (PCN) are also continuing to work towards conducting a site visit for representatives of CLFN (PCN) to the proposed Keeyask Generation Project Site. A previously scheduled visit was cancelled as a result of forest fires in the immediate area.

Examples of perspectives with respect to the Keeyask Generation Project that were raised by CLFN (PCN) since June 2012 include, but are not limited to:

- A concern that the effects of the Keeyask Project should be considered cumulatively with existing hydro-electric development in Manitoba;
- A request to conduct meetings within the community about accommodation measures and the cumulative impacts of hydro-electric development;
- A concern that no approvals for the Project should be given until the CLFN (PCN) proposed land use and resource use study is completed and fully considered; and
- A request that the PIP Round Three newsletter materials be produced in Cree Syllabics, as well as re-written to reflect what CLFN (PCN) views as uncertainties with respect to the technical materials available regarding the Project.

Manitoba Hydro, on behalf of the Partnership, and CLFN (PCN) continue to have ongoing discussions about the Project. The above perspectives, while illustrative of the ongoing process and dialogue between the parties, is not exhaustive. Further information about the series of meetings with the CLFN (PCN) is provided in Appendix 3B.

2.3 MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION

The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) is an organization that asserts that it is the sole authority responsible for the representation of Metis interests in Manitoba. Manitoba Hydro, acting on behalf of the Partnership, continues to meet with the MMF to explore the interests of its members in the Project area. Since last June 2012, Manitoba Hydro and the MMF have met on over nine occasions to discuss Project-related topics including the opportunity to hold PIP Round Three meetings with its members and the development a work plan for the MMF to carry out a research program.

Manitoba Hydro, on behalf of the Partnership, offered to make the following arrangements to provide the MMF and its members the opportunity to be involved in PIP Round Three:

- PIP Round Three meetings with the MMF and its members could be held in various locations such as Winnipeg, Thompson, and/or The Pas;
- PIP Round Three meetings with the MMF and its members could follow a revised meeting format. This could include a presentation by the Partnership regarding PIP

Round Three, an opportunity for the MMF and its members to ask questions of the Partnership followed by time for the MMF leadership to meet privately with its membership to discuss Keeyask-related issues and concerns; and

- PIP Round Three meetings travel logistics would be arranged in such a way to reduce travel costs for the MMF and its members.

The Partnership continues to welcome the opportunity to meet with the MMF to discuss PIP Round Three information.

The Manitoba Metis Federation and Manitoba Hydro, acting on behalf of the Partnership, have reached agreement on a workplan and budget to undertake a Metis-specific Traditional Land Use and Knowledge Study, socio-economic impact assessment and historical narrative for the Keeyask region. It is anticipated that these studies will assist in understanding the nature of the Metis community in the Keeyask region, and any potential effects that may be experienced as a result of developing the Project. Further information about the series of meetings with the MMF is provided in Appendix 4.

2.4 NISICHAWAYASIIHK CREE NATION

Given Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation (NCN) and Manitoba Hydro's partnership relationship on the Wuskwatim Project, a separate process has been agreed to with respect to NCN's involvement in the Keeyask Project. To date, NCN has provided comments during the federal guidelines process and has identified issues that are of particular interest to NCN. Due to ongoing discussions with Manitoba Hydro regarding the Wuskwatim Agreement, the Partnership and NCN have not had the opportunity to meet as part of PIP Round Three. The Partnership continues to welcome the opportunity to meet with NCN to discuss PIP Round Three information.

3.0 FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

As per Section 7.3 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines issued in 2012 by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency for the Keeyask Generation Project, PIP Round Three included engagement activities with federal and provincial government agencies. A summary of those engagement activities is provided below.

In July 2012, the Partnership filed the EIS for the Project with federal and provincial regulators. The Project is subject the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and *The Environment Act* (Manitoba) and must meet combined federal and provincial regulatory requirements before it can be built. This includes approvals under the federal *Fisheries Act*, *Water Power Act*, *Water Rights Act* and *Navigable Waters Protection Act*. The EIS described engagement with federal and provincial government agencies up to the spring of 2012.

Subsequent to the submission of the EIS in July 2012, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship invited comments from the public and Manitoba government departments, and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency coordinated comments from the federal review team. From these comments, and in a manner consistent with the Canada-Manitoba Agreement on Environmental Assessment Coordination, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship provided the Partnership with requests for additional information on September 26, 2012 and October 5, 2012. On November 19, 2012, the Partnership provided a formal response to Requests for Additional Information from Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, which had considered comments received from Manitoba government departments, the federal review team and the public.

Subsequent to the November 2012 filing of the Partnership's *Responses to Requests for Additional Information from TAC and Public, Round 1*, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship coordinated a review of these responses with provincial government departments. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency coordinated a similar review with the federal review team and, on November 21, 2012 invited the public and Aboriginal groups to comment on the potential environmental effects of the Keeyask Generation Project (the Project) and the proposed measures to prevent or mitigate those effects as described in the Environmental Effects Summary document. From these reviews, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency provided the Partnership with subsequent Requests for Additional Information on December 28, 2012 and Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship provided additional requests on January 29 and 30, 2013. On April 26, 2013, the Partnership provided a formal response to Requests for Additional Information from Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, which had considered comments received from provincial and federal government departments and the public.

Technical meetings among the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO),

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship (MCWS) and the Partnership are ongoing. The Partnership also met with Environment Canada, Health Canada, Transport Canada, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, and Manitoba Health, as required. Between October 2012 and June 2013, technical sessions were held with regulatory agencies to discuss topics such as mercury and health, water quality, sediment management, fish passage, fish habitat compensation, navigable waters, the protection of migratory birds, use of Crown lands, and the Section 35 Crown Consultation processes.

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APPENDIX 1

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM EVENTS, CONTACT INFORMATION, ISSUES CONCORDANCE TABLES, INFORMATION REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

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APPENDIX 1A PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND THREE EVENTS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Table 1A-1: Public Involvement Program Round Three Events

Round Three Date	Event	Location	Round Three Attendees
Council and Community Meetings/Information Sessions			
4/29/2013	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4
4/29/2013	Gillam Community Information Session	Recreation Centre	21
5/1/2013	Cross Lake Mayor and Council Meeting	Town Office	6
5/8/2013	Pikwitonei Community Information Session	School Gymnasium	17
5/8/2013	Leaf Rapids Mayor and Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4
5/8/2013	Leaf Rapids Community Information Session	Town Centre Complex	11
5/14/2013	Churchill Mayor and Council Meeting	Council Chambers	3
5/14/2013	Churchill Community Information Session	Town Centre Complex Overpass Room	5
5/22/2013	Thicket Portage Mayor and Council Meeting	Council Office	3
6/6/2013	Shamattawa First Nation Chief and Council Meeting	InterGroup Consultants Office in Winnipeg	7
6/11/2013	Shamattawa First Nation Community Information Session	Shamattawa Band Office	50 ¹
Workshops			
5/23/2013	Winnipeg Workshop	Norwood Hotel, Winnipeg	13
Open Houses			
5/16/2013	Thompson Open House	Thompson Regional Recreation Centre	27
5/23/2013	Winnipeg Open House	Norwood Hotel, Winnipeg	37

Meetings with Organizations

5/17/2013	Northern Association of Community Councils Leadership Meeting	Canad Inns Hotel (Polo Park), Winnipeg	11
5/22/2013	Keewatin Tribal Council Leadership Meeting	KTC Thompson Office	4
5/17/2013	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) Leadership Meeting	MKO Thompson Office	3

Notes:

- 40 people signed in for the Shamattawa Community Information Session, an additional ten people showed up but did not sign in.
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Table 1A-2: Public Involvement Program Round Three Events – Communities that Declined Meetings

Location	Round Three Date
Iford Northern Affairs Community	Declined on 5/13/2013
Local Government District of Mystery Lake	Declined on 5/13/2013
Nelson House Northern Affairs Community	Declined on 5/14/2013
Wabowden Northern Affairs Community	Declined on 5/14/2013
City of Thompson Mayor and Council	Declined on 5/29/2013

Table 1A-3: Keeyask Public Involvement Program Contact Information¹

Communities/Groups	Mailing Address	Phone	Fax
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society	3-303 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2B4	204-453-6346	
City of Thompson	226 Mystery Lake Road Thompson, Manitoba R8N 1S6	204-677-7926	204-677-7981
Concerned Fox Lake Grassroots Citizens on Hydro-Electric Development - Elder	P.O. Box 603 Gillam, Manitoba R0B 0L0	204-652-2131	
Consumers Association of Canada - MB Chapter	21-221 Osborne Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3L 1Z3	204-452-2572	888-596-0900
Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak Cree Nation)	P. O. Box 10 Cross Lake, Manitoba R0B 0J0	204-676-2218	204-676-2117
Cross Lake Northern Affairs Community	P.O. Box 208 Cross Lake, Manitoba R0B 0J0	204-676-2465	204-676-2945
Green Action Centre	1101 Riverwood Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 1L5	204-452-9017	
Iford Northern Affairs Community	General Delivery Iford, Manitoba R0B 0S0	204-288-4394	204-288-4372
International Institute of Sustainable Development	161 Portage Ave Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0Y4	204-958-7706	204-958-7710
Kaweechiwasihk Inninuwuk (York Factory Elders)	General delivery York Landing, Manitoba R0B 2B0	204-341-2070	
Keewatin Tribal Council	23 Nickel Road Thompson, Manitoba R8N 0Y4	204-677-2341	204-677-0256
Leaf Rapids	P.O. Box 340 Leaf Rapids, Manitoba R0B 1W0	204-473-2436	204-473-2566
Local Government District of Mystery Lake	Box 189 - Airport Road South, Main Terminal Thompson, Manitoba R8N 1N1	204-677-4075	204-778-7642
Manitoba Federation of Labour	503-275 Broadway Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4M6	204-782-8465	204-943-4276

Communities/Groups	Mailing Address	Phone	Fax
Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc.	6 th Floor, 338 Broadway Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0T2	204-927-7500	204-927-7509
Manitoba Metis Federation	300-150 Henry Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0J7	204-586-8474	204-947-1816
Manitoba Wildlands	565-167 Lombard Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0V3	204-944-9593	204-947-3076
Nelson House Northern Affairs Community	General Delivery Nelson House, Manitoba R0B 1A0	204-484-2023	204-484-2110
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation	Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Band Office Nelson House, Manitoba R0B 1A0	204-484-2332	204-484-2392
Northern Association of Community Councils	750-331 Smith Street Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3B 2G9	204-947-2227	204-947-9446
Norway House Cree Nation	P.O. Box 250 Norway House, Manitoba R0B 1B0	204-359-8075 204-359-5235	204-359-4186
Norway House Northern Affairs Community	P.O. Box 5100 Norway House, Manitoba R0B 1B0	204-359-6719	204-359-6004
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation	P.O. Box 13 South Indian Lake, Manitoba R0B 1N0	204-374-2271	204-374-2350
Peguis First Nation	P.O. Box 10 Peguis, Manitoba R0C 3J0	204-645-2359	204-645-2360
Pikwitonei Northern Affairs Community	General Delivery Pikwitonei, Manitoba R0B 1E0	204-458-2420	204-458-2403
Public Interest Law Centre/Consumers Association of Canada	300-287 Broadway Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0R9	204-985-8540	
Shamattawa First Nation	P.O. Box 210 Shamattawa, Manitoba R0B 1K0	204-565-2340	204-565-2451
Thicket Portage Northern Affairs Community	P.O. Box 80 Thicket Portage, Manitoba R0B 1R0	204-286-3296	204-286-3256
Town of Churchill	P. O. Box 549 Churchill, Manitoba R0B 0E0	204-675-8871	204-675-2934
Town of Gillam	Box 100 - 323 Railway Ave. Gillam, Manitoba R0B 0L0	204-652-3150	204-652-3199

Communities/Groups	Mailing Address	Phone	Fax
Wabowden Northern Affairs Community	Box 130 Wabowden, Manitoba R0B 1S0	204-689-2165	204-689-2355

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APPENDIX 1B

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND THREE ISSUES CONCORDANCE TABLE

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Table 1B-1: Issues Concordance from Round Three of the Public Involvement Program (Includes Issues from all Events, Comment Forms and Information Requests)

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS¹
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	An interest was expressed whether the Project would cause system-wide effects.	Churchill Community Information Session	EIS 4.1, 4.7.2, 6.2.3.2.6, 7, 8.2.1 and 8.2.2
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed in employment opportunities related to the Keeyask project.	Churchill Community Information Session	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.3, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.3.3.4, 8.1.3, 8.2.7, Tables 6-11, 6-43, 6-47 and 8.5
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	A participant mentioned that he is supportive of The Partnership's Public Involvement Program that includes opportunities for First Nation members living in Churchill to learn about and provide input to the Project.	Churchill Leadership meeting	Chapter 3
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about employee retention measures such as the cultural awareness training that will be implemented for the Project.	Churchill Leadership meeting	EIS 6.6.2, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.4.3.1, 6.6.5.2.1, 6.6.5.4.1, 6.6.5.6, 6.6.5.6.1, 6.6.5.6.3, Tables 6-44, 6-62 and 8-5

¹ The EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) consists of a Partnership Video, Keeyask: *Our Story*, an Executive Summary, The Response to EIS Guidelines, The Keeyask Cree Nations Environmental Evaluation Reports, and Supporting Volumes. The references provided here primarily focus on The Response to EIS Guidelines document.

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS ¹
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed in training opportunities related to the Keyask Project. The Hydro Northern Training and Employment Initiative was discussed.	Churchill Leadership meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.1, 6.6.2, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.3.1.3, 8.2.7, 8.3.2.2, Tables 6-11 and 8.5
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about past Manitoba Hydro projects and, in particular, the Wuskwatim Project. The EA Team representatives indicated experiences and lessons learned from the Wuskwatim Project were used in the planning for the Keyask Project.	Churchill Leadership meeting	EIS 6.6.3.1.1 and 6.6.3.2.1
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	A participant asked if the new Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (2012) has changed anything for this Project. The EA Team representative explained the Project was filed with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency prior to the implementation of the new Act and therefore is being reviewed under the previous Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.	Churchill Leadership meeting	EIS 1.3
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the Clean Environment Commission process.	Churchill Leadership meeting	EIS 1.3
Resource Use Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about potential Project impacts on the Fox Lake Cree Nation Resource Management Area.	Churchill Leadership meeting	EIS 4.1 and 6.2.3.6.3
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	A participant expressed interest in possible human remains found at the Project site. The archaeological work completed to date as well as the Heritage Resources Protection Plan was discussed.	Cross Lake Leadership meeting	EIS 6.2.3.7.1, 6.8.2, 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.2, 8.1.2.2 and Table 8-7

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS ¹
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	A question was asked about whether the Project would cause system-wide effects. It was noted that the Project is not expected to change the fundamental operation of the Churchill River Diversion.	Cross Lake Leadership meeting	EIS 2.4.4, 4.1, 4.7.2, 6.2.3.2, 6.3.5.2, 6.3.6.2 Map 6-2 and Chapter 7
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	A question was asked about whether the cleared timber from the reservoir would be marketable. An EA team representative noted that this topic had been researched as a result of a previous request through PIP however it was determined that it would not be economically viable to salvage timber on a commercial scale.	Cross Lake Leadership meeting	EIS 4.3.3.1, 4.6.3, 6.3.6.3 and 6.7.4.3
Partnership Issues and Perspectives	A concern was expressed that Northern Affairs Communities are not receiving the same opportunities as First Nations to become partners in hydro development.	Cross Lake Leadership meeting	
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A participant indicated that in the past, Northern Affairs Community (NAC) members were required to seek out job opportunities posted through the neighbouring Band Office. In addition, not all the Metis residents of Cross Lake NAC are represented by the Manitoba Metis Federation. It was suggested that if there are any announcements regarding Project employment opportunities that they be sent out to both the NACs and the corresponding First Nations Band office at the same time. The Job Referral Service (JRS), the employee referral database that will be used for the Project, was discussed. Concern was expressed regarding the length of employment that will be available with the Keeyask Project.	Cross Lake Leadership meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.3, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.3.3.4, 8.1.3, 8.2.7, Tables 6-11, 6-43, 6-47 and 8.5

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS ¹
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	<p>With regards to the Burntwood Nelson Agreement, a participant expressed concern about union members receiving employment before qualified northern residents. An EA Team representative indicated that they would look into whether any preferences exist for existing union members.</p> <p>Response Provided: While all workers are required to become union members as they are hired, existing union workers do not receive any preferences in the employment process.</p>	Cross Lake Leadership meeting (recorded as an information request)	EIS 6.6.3.1.1 and 6.6.3.2.1
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant indicated that they had concerns regarding Project effects on lake sturgeon. Potential Project impacts on sturgeon as well as planned mitigation measures were discussed.	Gillam Community Information Session	EIS 6.4.6.2, 6.4.8, 6.7.3.1, 8.1.3, Maps 6-24 to 6-27, 6-60-6-63, and Table 8-3
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	The Heritage Resources Protection Plan (HRPP) was discussed.	Gillam Community Information Session	EIS 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.2, 6.8.4.1, 6.8.4.2, 8.1.2.2, Tables 6-69 and 8-7
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	A participant requested more information regarding the access road.	Gillam Community Information Session	EIS 4.3.2.6
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	An EA Team representative provided further detail on the Project design, specifically the access road and the Construction Management Plan.	Gillam Community Information Session	EIS 4.3.2.6, 4.3.3.3 and 4.6
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	Concern was expressed in possible peatland disintegration. This topic along with the Reservoir Clearing Plan was discussed.	Gillam Community Information Session	EIS 6.2.3.2, 6.3.5.2, 6.3.7, 6.3.11, 6.3.12.5, 6.4.3.1.2 and Appendix 4A

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS ¹
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed in the timelines associated with the Keyyask regulatory review process. The regulatory timelines associated with the Project were discussed.	Gillam Community Information Session	EIS 1.3
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the risk communication strategy being developed to address predicted increases in mercury levels.	Gillam Community Information Session	EIS 6.6.5.3.3, 6.6.5.3.5, 6.7.2, 6.7.3.1.3, 6.7.3.1.4, 8.1.3 and Table 8-3
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	A participant had concerns regarding worker interaction and interest was expressed in the planned mitigation efforts to reduce any adverse effects. An EA Team representative provided further detail on the planned worker interaction mitigation measures.	Gillam Community Information Session	EIS 6.6.1, 6.6.2, 6.6.4.3, 6.6.5, 6.6.5.2.1, 6.6.5.2.5, 6.6.5.4, 6.6.5.4.1, 6.6.5.4.2, 6.6.5.4.3, 6.6.5.4.5, 6.6.6.3, 8.1.3, 8.1.2.2, 8.1.3, Tables 6-59 and 8-5
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	Participants expressed interest in the Socio-Economic Monitoring Plan.	Gillam Community Information Session	EIS 8.1.2.3, 8.2.4, Tables 8-5 and 8-6
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant indicated that they had concerns regarding Project effects on caribou. Potential Project impacts on caribou as well as planned mitigation measures were discussed.	Gillam Community Information Session	EIS 2.6.4, 6.2.3.4.7, 6.5.8.1, 6.5.10, 7.5.2, 8.2.3, Tables 6-39 and 8-4
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	A participant asked about the design for the road that will be constructed to cross the Keyyask Generation Station. The EA Team representative indicated that the road will cross over the generation station similar to the existing road that crosses over the Long Spruce dam. The road will be constructed to provincial road standards and, once the Project is constructed, will be integrated into the provincial highway network (PR280).	Gillam Leadership meeting	EIS 4.3.2.6

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS ¹
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	A participant asked if the south access road was included in this Environmental Assessment (EA). The Manitoba Hydro representative indicated that the south access road is part of the same EA.	Gillam Leadership meeting	EIS 4.5.1.8 and 5.3.1
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	A participant asked about the expected date that Manitoba Hydro anticipates receiving a licence for the Project. An EA Team representative indicated that the licensing time frame will be clarified following the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) hearings scheduled for fall 2013. The earliest possible construction start date is anticipated to be June 2014.	Gillam Leadership meeting	EIS 1.3
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	A participant mentioned that traffic on PR280 will increase as a result of the Project and could result in increased risk of accidents. It was suggested that a plan be developed to have continuous cell coverage between Gillam and Thompson. Currently there are only a few locations along this route where cell coverage is available. This could place drivers at risk in case of an accident. The EA Team representative recognized this concern however noted that this is an MTS service enquiry.	Gillam Leadership meeting	EIS 6.6.5.5.1, Tables 6-61 and 8-5
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	A participant asked if any mutual aid agreements are in place between Gillam emergency services and Manitoba Hydro, and if so, who are the partners in the agreements and what does it address. Follow up Response: No mutual aid agreements have been established however, Manitoba Hydro has advised that the Project site will have a fire truck and two ambulances that can be offered in whatever capacity is required.	Gillam Leadership meeting (Recorded as an information request)	EIS Table 8-5

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS ¹
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	<p>A participant indicated that they have a cabin near the Project, enjoy fishing, and are concerned about mercury and health effects.</p> <p>The EA Team representative indicated that the Partnership has studied this topic and identified mitigation measures to help minimize adverse effects. Communication material will be developed to provide guidelines regarding safe consumption levels of fish. A program to monitor mercury levels in fish and other wildlife is also planned.</p>	Gillam Leadership meeting	EIS 6.7.3.1.3, 6.7.3.1.4, 8.1.3, Tables 8-3, 8-5 and 8-6
Environmental Impact Statement Issues and Perspectives	<p>Requested hard copies of the KCN Evaluation Reports.</p> <p>Hard copies of the KCNs Evaluation Reports were sent on May 30, 2013.</p>	KTC Meeting (recorded as an information request)	EIS Keeyask Cree Nations Environmental Evaluation Reports
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the Clean Environment Commission process.	KTC meeting	EIS 1.3
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about past research completed on the topic of mercury, fish and human health.	KTC meeting	EIS 6.2.2.3, 6.2.3.3.6, 6.2.3.4.8, 6.2.3.5.4, 6.4.7 and 6.5.9
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	A question was asked about the actions the Partnership might take if Project monitoring results showed higher mercury levels than predicted.	KTC meeting	EIS 8.1.3, Tables 8-3, 8-4, 8-5 and 8-6
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	Proposed mitigation measures related to the topic of mercury were discussed, including the Adverse Effects Agreement Offsetting Programs and the development of a risk-communication strategy.	KTC meeting	EIS 6.2.3.5.4, 6.6.5.3, 6.6.5.3.5, Tables 8-3, 8-4, 8-5 and 8-6

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS ¹
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	A concern was expressed about potential Project effects on traditional medicinal plants.	KTC meeting	EIS 6.2.3.6, 6.6.5.6, 6.7.2, 8.2.5 and Table 8-5
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant would like to know where they can find the information on the Traditional Plants Workshop. Follow up: It can be found at: http://keeyask.com/wp/the-project/environmental-assessment-process/eis/supplemental-filing-1	KTC meeting	Submitted as a Supplemental Filing to the EIS
Environmental Impact Statement Issues and Perspectives	The video Keeyask: Our Story was very well received and many participants took the time to watch it.	Leaf Rapids Community Information Session	
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A participant (who identified as a Fox Lake Cree Nation member) expressed interest in future employment opportunities related to the Keeyask Project. The role of the Fox Lake Cree Nation liaison worker as well as the Job Referral Service was discussed.	Leaf Rapids Community Information Session	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.3, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.63.3.4, 8.1.3, 8.2.7, Tables 6-11, 6-43, 6-47 and 8.5
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Participants spoke of their positive employment experiences at Wuskwatim and expressed interest in employment opportunities related to Keeyask. The Job Referral Service was discussed.	Leaf Rapids Community Information Session	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.3, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.63.3.4, 8.1.3, 8.2.7, Tables 6-11, 6-43, 6-47 and 8.5
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A concern was expressed about potential fluctuations of water levels throughout the system as a result of the Keeyask Project. It was noted that the Project is not expected to change the fundamental operation of the Churchill River Diversion.	Leaf Rapids Leadership meeting	EIS 6.3.6

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS¹
Environmental Assessment Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed in the draft monitoring plans associated with the Project. There was a particular interest in the types of activities that may be included in the Aboriginal traditional knowledge monitoring program.	Leaf Rapids Leadership meeting	EIS Chapter 8 particularly 8.2.7
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	There was a discussion about the predicted construction timeline for the Project. It was noted that the construction process is estimated to take eight-and-a-half years.	Leaf Rapids Leadership meeting	EIS 1.1 and 4.6.1
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about how Leaf Rapids residents could access the employment opportunities available with the Keeyask Project. The Burntwood/Nelson Agreement (BNA) and the Job Referral Service were discussed.	Leaf Rapids Leadership meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.3, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.63.3.4, 8.1.3, 8.2.7, Tables 6-11, 6-43, 6-47 and 8.5
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant talked about a sucker that he saw on a jackfish he caught just below Long Spruce. A photograph was provided so that the EA Team could follow up with Manitoba Hydro's aquatic specialist.	MKO meeting	EIS 6.2.3.3.5
Environmental Impact Statement Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the environmental assessment process and how baseline studies are used to assess the future with and without the Project.	MKO meeting	EIS 5.3
Environmental Impact Statement Issues and Perspectives	A participant talked about impacts associated with past projects and the need to enhance positive impacts of future projects like Keeyask.	MKO meeting	EIS 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 and 6.2.2

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS¹
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the Heritage Resources Protection Plan and the process to be undertaken if human remains are found as a result of the Keeyask project.	MKO meeting	EIS 6.2.3.7, 6.8.2, 6.8.3.1 and 6.8.3.2
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	A participant asked about communities included in the Public Involvement Program. It was explained that communities and organizations affected by and/or interested in the Project are provided the opportunity to participate in the Public Involvement Program.	MKO meeting	EIS 3.4, 3.4.2 and 3.5.1
Partnership Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed in the revenue sharing, business, and employment opportunities available to the Keeyask Cree Nations (KCNS) as a result of the Keeyask project.	MKO meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.2, 6.2.3.5.2, 8.1.3 and Table 8-5
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed in the employment strategy for Keeyask and how the Job Referral Service (JRS) will be used. Interest was expressed in the measures that will be in place to retain workers at the Keeyask site such as cultural training, on-site KCNS liaison workers, and an Aboriginal union representative.	MKO meeting	EIS 6.6.2, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.4.3.1, 6.6.5.2.1, 6.6.5.4.1, 6.6.5.6, 6.6.5.6.1, 6.6.5.6.3, Tables 6-44, 6-62 and 8-5
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A participant explained that MKO had been working with the Keewatin Tribal Council to gathering the demographic information to promote linkages between available jobs and potential workers. It was noted that MKO is interested in promoting the JRS within the communities that they represent.	MKO meeting	EIS 6.6.3.1.1
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A participant explained that MKO is planning to implement a client based management system (KETO) and indicated an interest in linking this to the JRS.	MKO meeting	EIS 6.6.3.1.1

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS¹
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A number of the participants spoke about their experience with and perceptions of the Wuskwatim project. It was noted that the lessons learned from Wuskwatim were considered by the Partnership in planning Keeyask.	MKO meeting	EIS 6.6.3.1.1 and 6.6.3.2.1
Resource Use Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed in the KCNs Adverse Effects Agreement offsetting programs that provide access to alternate hunting and gathering areas. It was noted that these agreements are available on the Keeyask.com website.	MKO meeting	EIS 6.2.3.6, 6.6.3.5, 8.2.5 and Table 8-5
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	A participant expressed concern about bringing workers to the north who have little understanding about Aboriginal culture. The cultural awareness training to be provided to Project workers was discussed.	MKO meeting	Sections 6.6.2 and 6.6.5.6.1
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	The projected increases in methylmercury and the measures that will be put into place to ensure safe consumption of country foods was discussed.	MKO meeting	Sections 6.2.3.5.4, 6.6.5.3, 6.6.5.3.5, Tables 8-3, 8-4, 8-5 and 8-6
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed in the types of ceremonies that have and will take place as a result of the Keeyask project.	MKO meeting	EIS 6.6.5.6 and 6.6.5.6.1
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	A MKO participant spoke of the benefit of collaborative processes in promoting cross-cultural understandings.	MKO meeting	EIS 6.6.2 and 6.6.5.6.1
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about potential project impacts on caribou movements. Mitigation measures and monitoring plans related to caribou were discussed.	MKO meeting	EIS 6.7.3.2, Tables 6-39 and 8-4, Maps 6-38, 6-66 and 6-67

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS¹
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed in the Generation Station turbines and how they had been designed to decrease fish mortality.	NACC meeting	EIS 4.5.1.4
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed in potential fish passage options for the Project.	NACC meeting	EIS 4.5.1.5, 8.1.3 and Table 8-3
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	A question was asked about the capacity of the Keeyask Project.	NACC meeting	EIS 4.1
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	A participant wondered whether the changes in community leadership over the past 5 years had influenced the Public Involvement Program. It was noted that although leadership may have changed over time the topics raised have remained consistent, such as employment.	NACC meeting	EIS 3.6
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	A question was asked about the communities involved in the Public Involvement Program. An Environmental Assessment Team representative reviewed the list of communities and other potentially affected or interested groups who were invited to participate in Round Three of the Public Involvement Program.	NACC meeting	EIS 3.4, 3.4.2 and 3.5.1
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Interest in employment opportunities was expressed; a participant asked about employee recruitment timelines.	NACC meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.3, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.3.3.4, 8.1.3, 8.2.7, Tables 6-11, 6-43, 6-47 and 8-5

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Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed about potential business opportunities related to the Project.	NACC meeting	EIS 6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.2, 6.6.3, 6.6.3.2, 6.6.3.2.1, 6.6.3.2.2, 6.6.3.2.3, 6.6.3.2.4, 6.6.3.2.5, 6.6.6.1, 8.1.2.3, Tables 6-44, 6-48 and 8-5
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the Wuskwatim Project and concerns related to the hiring process.	NACC meeting	EIS 6.6.3.1.1 and 6.6.3.2.1
Environmental Assessment Issues and Perspectives	A question was asked about how long the Project has been in the planning stages. It was noted that while Manitoba Hydro and the Keeyask Cree Nations have been working together to collect and analyze information related to Keeyask for over a decade, the Public Involvement Program began in 2008.	Pikwitonei Community Information Session	EIS 2.3, 4.1 and 4.5.1
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	The timelines associated with the licensing process for the Keeyask Project was discussed.	Pikwitonei Community Information Session	EIS 1.3 and 5.2
Cumulative Effects and Monitoring	A participant wanted to know how Manitoba Hydro will ensure a clean environment, including effects on water levels and wildlife. What will happen if the predictions are incorrect? An EA team member commented on the draft environmental protection program and the proposed monitoring/management plans as described in the EIS.	Shamattawa First Nation Community Meeting	EIS chapters 6 and 8

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Environmental Impact Statement Issues and Perspectives	A participant wanted to know how Manitoba Hydro will ensure a clean environment, including effects on water levels and wildlife. What will happen if the predictions are incorrect? An EA team member commented on the draft environmental protection program and the proposed monitoring/management plans as described in the EIS.	Shamattawa First Nation Community Meeting	EIS 4.3.3.3, 6.3.4.1 and Chapter 8
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	A participant wanted more information on the distance between the Keeyask and Conawapa Generation Projects. An EA Team member explained the location of both the proposed Keeyask Generation Project and the potential Conawapa Generation Project.	Shamattawa First Nation Community Meeting	EIS 4.1 and Map 4-1
Partnership Issues and Perspectives	A participant expressed concern that SFN is not included in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership. It was indicated that the community feels they will be potentially impacted by the Keeyask Project.	Shamattawa First Nation Community Meeting	
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant asked a question about how the water levels will be affected in Shamattawa. It was noted there are no anticipated water level changes in the Shamattawa area as a result of the Keeyask Generation Project.	Shamattawa First Nation Community Meeting	EIS 4.5.1.3, 4.7.2, Map 4-3, 6.2.3.2 and 6.3.6.2
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed in employment opportunities related to the Keeyask Project. The Job Referral Service as well as the Burntwood/Nelson Agreement was discussed.	Shamattawa First Nation Community Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.3, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.3.4, 8.1.3, 8.2.7, Tables 6-11, 6-43, 6-47 and 8-5

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Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A participant expressed concern for the future generations and the lack of opportunities for them in SFN. Interest was expressed with regards to training programs that would allow youth to gain employment on both the Keeyask and Conawapa projects.	Shamattawa First Nation Community Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.1, 6.6.2, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.3.1.3, 8.2.7, 8.3.2.2, Tables 6-11 and 8-5
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	It was noted that SFN has met with staff about the Section 35 Consultation Process with the Crown and would like to share their perspectives regarding the potential impact of the Keeyask Project on the community's Aboriginal and treaty rights.	Shamattawa First Nation Community Meeting	
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	A participant wanted to give credit to the past and present Chief and Councils who have done much work to bring SFN's community concerns to the table. There was a discussion and interest expressed about being able to present at the CEC hearings.	Shamattawa First Nation Community Meeting	
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant expressed concern that the practice of tagging wildlife for research purposes changes the behaviour of the animals.	Shamattawa First Nation Community Meeting	EIS 6.5.8.1
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	Concern was expressed about studies being completed within SFN's area of use without community involvement. It was noted that SFN prefers lake sturgeon from areas outside SFN's area of use, be used to restock the Keeyask Project area.	Shamattawa First Nation Leadership meeting	EIS 6.4.2, 6.4.6.2 and Table 6-23

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Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant mentioned that, in the past, brook trout were removed from the God's River area without SFN's knowledge. SFN does not know who might have removed the brook trout but the community has observed a decline in brook trout populations. It was noted that SFN concerns about relocating fish was documented during PIP Round Two and included in the EIS.	Shamattawa First Nation Leadership meeting	EIS Public Involvement Supporting Volume Appendix 1C and 3C
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant noted that the sturgeon around SFN are still full of eggs through July and August. The collaborative study being undertaken by SFN and North/South Consultants was discussed.	Shamattawa First Nation Leadership meeting	
Environmental Impact Statement Issues and Perspectives	Concern was expressed that the cumulative effects chapter of the EIS does not adequately address SFN's interests. From SFN's perspective, a by-product of past hydro development has been the division of northern First Nations. SFN believes this issue should be discussed in Chapter 7 of the EIS, Cumulative Effects.	Shamattawa First Nation Leadership Meeting	EIS Appendix 7A and Map 7A-1
Environmental Impact Statement Issues and Perspectives	It was noted that SFN was pleased to see the Cree World View incorporated in the EIS. The holistic approach is consistent with SFN's beliefs. They were encouraged by the use of both traditional knowledge and technical science.	Shamattawa First Nation Leadership Meeting	EIS Chapter 2, 6.3.2, 6.4.2, 6.5.2, 6.6.2, 6.7.2, 6.8.2 and 8.2.7
Environmental Impact Statement Issues and Perspectives	A participant requested a hard copy of the EIS. A complete set of the EIS was sent to the SFN staff member on May 30, 2013.	Shamattawa First Nation Leadership Meeting (recorded as an information request)	EIS Keeyask Cree Nations Environmental Evaluation Reports

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Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	A participant wanted clarification on whether the Round Three newsletter communicated information on the Clean Environment Commission hearings. SFN indicated dissatisfaction for the way in which the connections between the Keeyask PIP, Section 35, and the Clean Environment Commission hearing processes have been explained to them in the past. Information on the process included in the Round Three newsletter was provided.	Shamattawa First Nation Leadership Meeting	
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	<p>The Keeyask Round Two SFN PIP meeting notes were discussed. It was noted that SFN disagreed with the organization of the notes, namely that certain topics were included under a heading that indicated they were beyond the scope of Round Two of the Keeyask PIP.</p> <p>An EA Team member reviewed the process the Partnership undertakes to finalize PIP notes which includes the opportunity for community review and comment on the accuracy of the information documented. Although the Round Two PIP notes have been finalized, it was noted that SFN's comments would be documented as part of Round Three.</p>	Shamattawa First Nation Leadership Meeting	EIS Public Involvement Supporting Volume Appendix 3C
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	A participant indicated that they have reviewed the EIS and are satisfied that the main issues have been identified and described appropriately in the record of Round Two of the PIP.	Shamattawa First Nation Leadership Meeting	EIS Public Involvement Supporting Volume Appendix 3C

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Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	<p>A participant noted they were not aware of any communication from SFN that indicated that SFN did not want to participate in Round One of the Keeyask PIP.</p> <p>An EA Team member shared the record of Round One communication between the former Chief of SFN and the Partnership. SFN requested that a copy of this record be shared with them. Follow-up: A summary of the Round One communication record was sent to SFN on June 27, 2013. In response, SFN requested the record reflect a more accurate description of the communication that occurred regarding Round One. SFN was unable to participate rather than "did not want to participate" in PIP Round One.</p>	Shamattawa First Nation Leadership Meeting	
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	A discussion was held around the details of the upcoming Keeyask Round Three PIP SFN community information session.	Shamattawa First Nation Leadership Meeting	
Partnership Issues and Perspectives	A participant wanted to know why SFN's logo is not included with the KHLP partner logos in the Round Three newsletter and believe that SFN should be included in the Partnership.	Shamattawa First Nation Leadership Meeting	
Resource Use Issues and Perspectives	A SFN Traditional Land Use map was displayed, it was mentioned that, from SFN's perspective, this map does not show the full scope of the travels and land use by SFN. The Land Use report published by the community indicates that SFN community members traditionally travel to Kaskatama, Marsh Point and the Weir River for hunting and resource use. It was suggested that changes to water levels on the Nelson River will have a potential impact on the SFN people.	Shamattawa First Nation Leadership Meeting	

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Resource Use Issues and Perspectives	It was noted that SFN believes the geographical range of effects is much wider than the study area discussed in the Keeyask EIS. From their perspective, SFN will potentially be impacted by the Keeyask Project in the following ways: Past projects elevated mercury levels in mammals and fish. The SFN community relies on the Pen Island Caribou herd for resource harvesting. There has been increased pressure on this caribou herd due to past developments, which impacts the people of SFN.	Shamattawa First Nation Leadership Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.4.7, 6.5.8.1, Map 6-38 and 7.5.2.3.3
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant (also a member of the Nelson River Sturgeon Board) wanted to know if additional information had been gathered on the Keeyask area to determine if it was a major feeding area for lake sturgeon.	Thicket Portage Leadership meeting	EIS 6.2.3.3.5 and Maps 6-24 to 6-27
Environmental Impact Statement Issues and Perspectives	Requested hard copies of the KCN Evaluation Reports. Hard copies of the KCNs Evaluation Reports were sent on May 30, 2013	Thicket Portage Leadership meeting (recorded as an information request)	EIS Keeyask Cree Nations Environmental Evaluation Reports
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	A participant wanted more information on what will happen to human remains found at the Project site.	Thicket Portage Leadership meeting	EIS 6.2.3.7.1, 6.8.2, 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.2, 8.1.2.2 and Table 8-7
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	A participant wanted to know if there will be DNA testing done on any of the human remains found	Thicket Portage Leadership meeting	EIS 6.2.3.7.1, 6.8.2, 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.2, 8.1.2.2 and Table 8-7

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Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A participant mentioned that at the Wuskwatim Project it was practise for contractors to hire outside of the province. How will this be different for the Keeyask Project?	Thicket Portage Leadership meeting	EIS 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.3.2.1, 8.1.3, 8.2.7 and 8.3.1.1
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about fish passage for the Keeyask Project. It was explained that habitat will be available to support fish populations upstream and downstream of the generating station so fish do not necessarily need to move to access habitat. However, the Project will include contingencies for including fish passage and, if monitoring plans demonstrate that this is needed, would work with Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship to identify the best approach to fish passage.	Thompson Open House	EIS 4.5.1.5, 8.1.3 and Table 8-3
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	There was a discussion about how Manitoba Hydro designs a new project. It was explained that the design might start from a previous design but it would be optimized for factors such as size, efficiency, and changes in technology. In particular, the project would be designed for conditions at the specific project location.	Thompson Open House	EIS 4.1, 4.3, 4.4.2, 4.5, 4.5.1, 4.7.8.2 and Table 4-2
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	There was a discussion about how new generation projects are constructed to meet the growing energy markets in Manitoba. Initially the domestic demand will be less than the capacity of the generating station and the surplus power will be available to be sold into the export market. Over time, the domestic energy demands will increase so that more of the power generated at Keeyask will be used locally and the energy available for export will decrease.	Thompson Open House	EIS 4.2

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Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	A participant thought that there was going to be a bridge put across the river beside the dam to keep people off the dam for security purposes. It was explained that the road was going to be incorporated into the structures themselves and that there would not be a bridge.	Thompson Open House	EIS 4.6.6 and 4.7.5
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	There was a discussion about the principal structures including the earth dykes and dams, and the concrete powerhouse and spillway structures.	Thompson Open House	EIS 4.3
Partnership Issues and Perspectives	A participant mentioned that it was good to see First Nation involvement in the Project.	Thompson Open House	EIS 1.1 and Chapter 2
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	Two participants mentioned that they were pleased that there is a reservoir clearing plan.	Thompson Open House	EIS Appendix 4A
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	An individual inquired about mineral resources in the Project area. It was explained that mineral resources in the region are all mapped and registered with the Manitoba Government's department of Innovation, Energy and Mines.	Thompson Open House	EIS 6.2.3.6.3, 6.6.3.5.1, 6.7.4.3, 6.7.4.3.5 and Table 6-51
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	There was an inquiry about how workers would be transported to the construction site.	Thompson Open House	6.6.5.4.1

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Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	An employee of the Keewatin Tribal Council spoke with an EA Team member about an employer survey that the Keewatin Tribal Council is conducting in the Thompson region. An employer survey was provided to the EA Team member who then forwarded it to Manitoba Hydro.	Thompson Open House	
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	There were discussions about employment opportunities associated with the Keeyask Project, as well as with the Keeyask Infrastructure Project that is currently under construction. These discussions included information about timelines, projected workforce, types of jobs, potential barriers to employment, business opportunities, and the Job Referral Service system.	Thompson Open House	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.3, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.3.4, 8.1.3, 8.2.7, Tables 6-11, 6-43, 6-47 and 8-5
Resource Use Issues and Perspectives	A concern was expressed about water level fluctuations in the winter that could cause problems for resource users crossing the ice. It was explained that the Waterways Management Program, which is part of the Joint Keeyask Development Agreement, includes provisions for a winter ice-trail crew. This crew will mark out designated safe trails and crossing areas in the wintertime.	Thompson Open House	EIS 4.3.3.1, 4.3.3.2.4, Appendix 4B, 6.2.2.3.6, 6.3.12.4, 6.6.5.5, Table 6-60, 6.7.3.1.1, 8.1.2.2, Tables 8-5 and 8-6
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the economic benefits that the Project will have on the local economy, including the recent experience with the Wuskwatim Project.	Thompson Open House	EIS 4.6.17, 4.7.7, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.2, 8.2.4 and Table 8-5
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	A concern was expressed about worker interaction issues in Thompson.	Thompson Open House	EIS 6.2.3.5.4, 6.6.2, 6.6.4.1.1, 6.6.5.4, Table 6-59, 8.1.3 and Table 8-5
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed in the potential economic benefits and spin-offs for the City of Thompson.	Thompson Open House	EIS 4.6.17, 4.7.7, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.2, 8.2.4 and Table 8-5

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Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion with a local outfitter about concerns related to offsetting programs included in a Keeyask Adverse Effects Agreement.	Thompson Open House	EIS 6.2.3.6.3, 6.6.3.5, 6.7.4, Tables 6-51, 6-65 and 6-66
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the caribou in the study area. There are barren-ground caribou from the Beverly-Qamanirjuaq herd, coastal caribou from the Cape Churchill and Pen Island herds and some summer resident caribou that move in and out of the Project region.	Thompson Open House	EIS 6.2.3.4.7 and Map 6-38
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the effects of the Project on caribou. It was explained that the effect on the caribou populations is small given the large range of caribou and the small area that is affected by the Project.	Thompson Open House	EIS 2.6.4, 6.2.3.4.7, 6.5.8.1, 6.5.10, 7.5.2, 8.2.3, Tables 6-39 and 8-4
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant expressed an interest in the caribou and moose maps in the EIS. She was provided with a digital copy of the EIS, which includes the maps.	Thompson Open House	EIS Maps 6-38, 6-66, 6-67 and 6-68
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the aquatic impact assessment and mitigation efforts related to the topic of water quality.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 6.3.2, 6.4.3.1, 6.2.3.3, 6.2.3.5.4, Table 6-19, Map 6-19, Appendix 6B, 8.1.2.3, 8.1.3 and Table 8-3
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about current lake sturgeon populations as well as the potential effectiveness of the proposed lake sturgeon stocking program and spawning structures.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 6.4.6.2, 6.4.8, 6.7.3.1, 8.1.3, Maps 6-24 to 6-27, 6-60-6-63, and Table 8-3

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Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the monitoring program and on how an adaptive management plan would work.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS Chapter 8
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about how Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge was used in the aquatic impact assessment.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 6.4.2
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	Participants asked about how artifacts found during archaeological fieldwork would be processed.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 6.2.3.7.1, 6.8.2, 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.2, 8.1.2.2 and Table 8-7
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	A participant asked about the Heritage Resource Protection Plan.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.2, 6.8.4.1, 6.8.4.2, 8.1.2.2, Tables 6-69 and 8-7
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	Questions were asked about possible system effects of the Keeyask Project.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 4.5.1.3, 4.7.2, Map 4-3, 6.2.3.2 and 6.3.6.2
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	A participant wanted more information about the potential plan to build a dam at Birthday Rapids.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 4.5.1.1
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	The general public should have greater awareness of the amount of hard work that is put into the Public Involvement Process. The majority of this effort is not documented on paper or charts.	Winnipeg Open House	

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Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	The Public Involvement Program (PIP) considered all avenues of communication.	Winnipeg Open House	
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	The stakeholders considered within the PIP were appropriate.	Winnipeg Open House	
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	Generally very impressed with the open house, the information available, the PIP team of experts explaining the storyboards, the models and access considerations.	Winnipeg Open House	
Partnership Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion with an attendee about why the Keeyask Cree Nations are the only First Nations involved in the Partnership.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 1.1 and Chapter 2
Partnership Issues and Perspectives	A participant expressed disagreement with the Partnership; stating that Manitoba Hydro should be the sole proponent of the Keeyask Project.	Winnipeg Open House	
Partnership Issues and Perspectives	A participant inquired about why the people of Manitoba were not involved in the decision to make Keeyask a Partnership Project.	Winnipeg Open House	
Partnership Issues and Perspectives	A participant expressed concerned that the Partnership must ensure that the profits of the generation station go to the people and the next generation. The generation station must also provide jobs for First Nation youth.	Winnipeg Open House	

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Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the hydraulic zone of influence for the Project and specifically whether the Project would affect the water levels on Stephens Lake and Split Lake.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 4.5.1.3, 4.7.2, Map 4-3, 6.2.3.2 and 6.3.6.2
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the Reservoir Clearing Plan.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 4.6.3, Map 4-15, Appendix 4A, 6.3.1.1,
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant wanted to know about the source and type of material for the construction of the earth dykes.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 4.1, 4.3.1.4, 4.5.1.7, 4.6.11 and Figure 4-7
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about predicted dissolved oxygen concentrations.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 6.3.10, 6.3.12.8, 8.1.3 and Table 8.2
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about how the Keeyask Project offered substantive opportunities for Aboriginal people. Participants expressed support for the pre-project training that was completed.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.3, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.3.4, 8.1.3, 8.2.7, Tables 6-11, 6-43, 6-47 and 8-5
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A participant wanted more information on how First Nation members will economically benefit from Keeyask. Employment and business opportunities were discussed.	Winnipeg Open House	6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.3.2, Table 6-48

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Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Participants were interested in additional information regarding the Job Referral Service.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 6.6.3.1.1 and 6.6.4.2.1
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A participant raised concerns about the lack of Manitobans-employed on the Wuskwatim Project and hoped that the Keeyask Project and will employ more Manitobans.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 6.6.2, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.4.3.1, 6.6.5.2.1, 6.6.5.4.1, 6.6.5.6, 6.6.5.6.1, 6.6.5.6.3, Tables 6-44, 6-62 and 8-5
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Concern was expressed about perceived competition over skilled tradespersons between inter-Provincial projects.	Winnipeg Open House	
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	The Partnership must ensure that the profits of the generation station go to the people and the next generation. The generation station must also provide jobs for First Nation youth.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 6.6.2, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.4.3.1, 6.6.5.2.1, 6.6.5.4.1, 6.6.5.6, 6.6.5.6.1, 6.6.5.6.3, Tables 6-44, 6-62 and 8-5
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed in learning more about the offsetting programs included in the KCNs adverse effects agreements.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 4.3.3.1, 4.3.3.2.4, 6.5.8.1.3, 6.6.5.6, 6.7.2

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Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant suggested that noise and vibration from the Radisson Converter Station was scaring away caribou from that area.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 6.5.8.1
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the differences between First Nations and technical science perspectives on potential Project impacts related to caribou and how these two perspectives were incorporated into the EIS.	Winnipeg Open House	EIS 2.6.4, 6.2.3.4.7, 6.5.8.1, 6.5.10, 7.5.2, 8.2.3, Tables 6-39 and 8-4
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	There were discussions about the aquatics effects assessment.	Winnipeg Workshop	EIS 6.4
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the proposed lake sturgeon stocking program and how similar programs been shown to be effective in other regions.	Winnipeg Workshop	EIS 6.4.6.2, 6.4.8, 6.7.3.1, 8.1.3, Maps 6-24 to 6-27, 6-60, 6-63, and Table 8-3
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	A participant asked what would happen with the artifacts salvaged as a result of the construction activity.	Winnipeg Workshop	EIS 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.2, 6.8.4.1, 6.8.4.2, 8.1.2.2, Tables 6-69 and 8-7
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	A participant asked about the proposed mitigation measures for archaeological sites.	Winnipeg Workshop	EIS 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.2, 6.8.4.1, 6.8.4.2, 8.1.2.2, Tables 6-69 and 8-7
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	There was discussion about the potential for harvesting peat and using it as an energy source.	Winnipeg Workshop	EIS 4.6.3, Appendix 4A and 6.3.11.1

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Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	There was discussion about the potential for timber salvage. Support was expressed for the Reservoir Clearing Plan as a way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Winnipeg Workshop	EIS 4.6.3, Map 4-15, Appendix 4A, 6.3.1.1,
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	There was a discussion about the source material for the construction of the earth dikes.	Winnipeg Workshop	EIS 4.1, 4.3.1.4, 4.5.1.7, 4.6.11 and Figure 4-7
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	A participant suggested that the Keeyask PIP should have included surveys of the general public, as this would more actively solicit comments and questions regarding the Project instead of requiring the public to attend an event or go to the website to submit a comment form.	Winnipeg Workshop	
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	A participant would have preferred the comment form have more direct questions.	Winnipeg Workshop	
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	A participant suggested that a Round Three PIP event be held in Brandon.	Winnipeg Workshop	EIS Public Involvement Supporting Volume Appendix 3A
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	A Participant from the Consumers Association of Canada (Manitoba Office) requested the final attendance at the Winnipeg open house. This information was emailed to the CAC representative on May 29th.	Winnipeg Workshop (recorded as an information request)	

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS ¹
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	A participant observed that the format of the Round Three workshop was different than the Round Two workshop and that they preferred the structured question period that was done in the past.	Winnipeg Workshop	
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about the benefits that will be available to local communities as a result of the project.	Winnipeg Workshop	EIS 4.6.17, 4.7.7, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.2, 8.2.4 and Table 8-5
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was a discussion about how Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge was used in the impact assessment related to caribou.	Winnipeg Workshop	EIS 6.2.3.4.7, 6.2.3.6.2, 6.5.2, 6.5.8.1. Tables 8-4 and 8-6
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	Requested more information about the Keeyask Project. The PIP materials package, including: the Round Three Newsletter; a printed hand out of the Storyboard panels; the EIS Executive Summary; and the DVD, <i>Keeyask: Our Story</i> were mailed to the individual along with the Project website address, www.keeyask.com , where additional information can be viewed.	Phone call from Individual (recorded as an information request)	

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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN ROUND THREE INFORMATION REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

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Information Request Form

The purpose of this form is to record questions or requests for information from members of the public regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project that require follow-up from the Project team. Please complete the form below and either fax or email it to the address provided at the end of the form.

Date of Request: <small>(Month/Day/Year)</small>	Round of PIP:
Submitted By: <small>(Project team member-full name)</small>	Organization:
Requested By: <small>(full name)</small>	Type of Request <small>(eg phone, e-mail, in-person):</small>
Address: <small>(Street/P.O. Box, City/Town, Postal Code)</small>	Preferred Method of Contact: <div style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;"> <i>Mail Email Tel Fax</i> </div>
Preferred Contact Info: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; text-align: center;"> <i>Email (Optional)</i> <i>Telephone (Optional)</i> <i>Fax (Optional)</i> </div>	
Subject: <small>(select all that apply)</small> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <i>Socio-Economic</i> <i>Resource Use</i> <i>Heritage Resources</i> <i>Terrestrial</i> <i>Aquatic</i> <i>Physical Environment</i> <i>Other</i> </div>	
Description of Information Request: <div style="height: 100px;"></div>	
FOR INTERGROUP ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY Assigned To: <small>(Circle who might be able to answer the request; if you do not know, leave blank).</small> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <i>IG</i> <i>NLHS</i> <i>NSC</i> <i>Stantec</i> <i>Mb Hydro Keeyask Engineering</i> <i>MB Hydro Conawapa Engineering</i> <i>MH Hydro MPL</i> <i>Other (Specify)</i> </div>	
Priority: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <i>HIGH</i> <i>MEDIUM</i> <i>LOW</i> </div>	

Please forward the completed form by email or fax to:

Keeyask Public Involvement Program
c/o Major Projects Assessment and Licensing
Department
Manitoba Hydro
360 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0G8

Email Address:
Keeyask@hydro.mb.ca

Fax: (204) 360-6131

Table 1C-1: Summary of Round Three Information Request Forms

IR#	Date	Association	Question	Response
22	04/29/2013	Participant in Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	Wanted to know if any mutual aid agreements are in place between Gillam emergency services and Manitoba Hydro, and if so, who are the partners in the agreements and what does it address.	No mutual aid agreements have been established however the Project site will have a fire truck and two ambulances that can be offered in whatever capacity is required.
25	05/08/2013	Participant in Leaf Rapids Mayor and Council Meeting	Mentioned that there are limited travel options for community members. Would Manitoba Hydro be willing to host a job fair in the community profiling Hydro employment opportunities.	This request was passed on to Manitoba Hydro's Recruitment & Diversity Department on June 14, 2013.
86	05/08/2013	Participant in Leaf Rapids Mayor and Council Meeting	Would like to know what percentage of power from the Keeyask Generating Station will be sold out of province.	Manitoba Hydro has confirmed that it will purchase the entire output (capacity, energy, environmental attributes) of the Keeyask Generating Station from the Partnership and integrate it into the Manitoba System. The surplus power (capacity and energy) from the Manitoba System after supplying the Manitoba domestic load will then be exported to neighboring markets and utilities. The amount of Keeyask power exported from Manitoba is linked to the amount of power generated in Manitoba and the amount of power needed to serve Manitoba domestic load. Periods of favorable water conditions creates surplus power in Manitoba and this results in more exports to neighboring markets. (Response from Daryl Maxwell at MH June 13, 2013).

IR#	Date	Association	Question	Response
88	05/01/2013	Participant in Community of Cross Lake Mayor and Council Meeting	Had concerns with regards to the Burntwood Nelson Agreement, specifically about union members receiving employment before qualified northern residents.	While all workers are required to become union members as they are hired, existing union workers do not receive any preferences in the employment process.
89	05/16/2013	Two participants at the Thompson Open House	They would like to have photographs of the KIP aerials as well as any other available photographs.	Hard copies of three different aerial photographs of the KIP site were sent to both participants on June 4, 2013.
90	04/29/2013	Participant in Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	Would like to know how long material is required to be kept in the Public Registry.	<p>Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship Environmental Approvals Branch staff has advised that there are no specific guidelines regarding how long printed copies of the EIS should be kept in each Public Registry location. While they would like to see the documents stay at local Public Registries indefinitely, at a minimum, documents should be kept at Public Registry locations until the Project is licensed and operational. It is also recognized that public registry locations provide this service at their discretion, and are not subject to control by Conservation and Water Stewardship. A government operated public registry that maintains all documents indefinitely is maintained by the Legislative Library in Winnipeg.</p> <p>Questions about the Public Registry should be directed to: Bruce Webb, P. Eng. Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship Environmental Approvals Water Development & Control Assessment Officer Phone No.: (204) 945-7021 Email: bruce.webb@gov.mb.ca</p>

IR#	Date	Association	Question	Response
91	05/22/2013	Participant in Thicket Portage Mayor and Council Meeting	Requested hard copies of the KCN Evaluation Reports.	Hard copies of the KCNs Evaluation Reports were sent on May 30, 2013.
92	05/22/2013	Participant in Keewatin Tribal Council Meeting	Requested more information on the Wuskwatim mercury monitoring program.	Copies of the Wuskwatim Power Limited Partnership Monitoring Overview reports for 2010-11 and 2011-12 were sent by mail on June 13, 2013. In addition, by way of email, the participant was directed to the Wuskwatim Power Limited Partnership website (www.wuskwatim.ca/reports.html) to review past and future reports.
93	05/22/2013	Participant in Keewatin Tribal Council Meeting	Requested hard copies of the KCN Evaluation Reports.	Hard copies of the KCNs Evaluation Reports were sent on May 30, 2013
95	05/24/2013	Request via phone call from Winnipeg citizen	Requested more information about the Keeyask Project.	The PIP materials package, including: the Round Three Newsletter; a printed hand out of the Storyboard panels; the EIS Executive Summary; and the DVD, <i>Keeyask: Our Story</i> were mailed to the individual along with the Project website address, www.keeyask.com , where additional information can be viewed.
96	05/23/2013	Consumers Association of Canada representative at Winnipeg NGO workshop	Requested the final attendance at the Winnipeg open house.	This information was emailed to the CAC representative on May 29th.
102	06/06/2013	Participant in SFN leadership meeting	Requested a complete hard copy of the EIS.	A complete set of the EIS was sent to the SFN staff member on May 30, 2013.

IR#	Date	Association	Question	Response
111	05/30/2013	Participant at the Winnipeg Open House	What evidence can the Partnership provide to convince the citizens of Manitoba that the total cost of constructing the Keeyask Project will be entirely offset by the commercial terms of any agreement the Partnership may make with Manitoba Hydro?	<p>As the Manitoba population and economy continue to grow and require more electricity, additional electricity energy sources will be required for Manitobans in about a decade. The Keeyask Generation Project is part of Manitoba Hydro's Preferred Development Plan to meet Manitoba's need for new supply. The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership) is an organization structure which enables First Nations in the vicinity of the project to participate in the development, operation and benefits of the project. The Keeyask Cree Nations [Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation (working together as the Cree Nation Partners), Fox Lake Cree Nation and York Factory First Nation] may collectively own up to 25% in the Keeyask Generation Project and Manitoba Hydro will own the balance (a minimum of 75%). The commercial terms of agreements between Manitoba Hydro and the Partnership generally cover the price of Keeyask energy purchased from the Partnership by Manitoba Hydro (later to be resold to Manitoba and export customers) as well as costs incurred by Manitoba Hydro on behalf of the Partnership to finance, construct, operate and maintain the Keeyask generating station and transmission. Manitoba Hydro's share of the Partnership's revenues and expenses, including the cost to construct the Keeyask Generation Project, are added to Manitoba Hydro's other electricity operations (after eliminating any inter-company transactions) and will appropriately be paid for over time by the Manitobans who consume the energy.</p> <p>The justification for the development plan will be the subject of the Public Utility Board's review of the Need For and Alternatives To Manitoba Hydro's Preferred Development Plan.</p>

Table 1C-2: Summary of Round Three Comment Forms

Comment Provided	PIP Event
Round Three PIP General Comments	
The general public should have greater awareness of the amount of hard work that is put into the Public Involvement Process. The majority of this effort is not documented on paper or charts.	Winnipeg Open House
The Partnership must ensure that the profits of the generation station go to the people and the next generation. The generation station must also provide jobs for First Nation youth.	Winnipeg Open House
The Public Involvement Program (PIP) considered all avenues of communication.	Winnipeg Open House
The stakeholders considered within the PIP were appropriate.	Winnipeg Open House
Generally very impressed with the open house, the information available, the PIP team of experts explaining the storyboards, the models and access considerations.	Winnipeg Open House

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APPENDIX 2 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND THREE MATERIALS AND MEETING NOTES

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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND THREE MATERIALS



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Public Involvement Program Round Three Materials

The types of public involvement communication products used in Round Three, generally consistent with those completed in PIP Rounds One and Two, are described below. The following materials are included in this appendix:

- Copy of newsletter;
- Copy of a blank comment form;
- Copy of handout of information panels;
- Website content;
- Copy of a Round Three notification letter;
- Copy of the Round Three notification letter distribution list;
- Copy of Round Three closing letter; and
- Copy of Round Three closing letter distribution list.

Previously submitted material that was also used in Round Three of the PIP:

- The video, Keeyask: Our Story;
- The Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement: Executive Summary;
- The Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement: A Response to EIS Guidelines, the Map and Figure Folio and the Keeyask Cree Nations' Environmental Evaluation Reports;
- The Supporting Volumes were also available at the Open House events and at the Gillam Community Information Session and the NGO Workshop;
- Maps from the Map and Figure Folio; and
- Digital copy of the Complete Package (April 2013 Update) of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement including Supporting Volumes and the Responses to Requests for Additional Information from TAC & Public Reviewers, Round 1.



ROUND THREE of the Keyask Public Involvement Program

NEWSLETTER

April - May 2013

Third Round of Keyask Public Involvement Program

This is the third Public Involvement Program newsletter for the Keyask Generation Project (the Project), proposed to be built in northern Manitoba. This newsletter provides information about the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the public review process. The Keyask Public Involvement Program is intended to provide opportunities for people to receive Project information and to identify issues and potential effects about the proposed Project.



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Keyyask Hydropower Limited Partnership

The Project Proponent is the Keyyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership), which is comprised of four limited partners and one general partner. The four limited partners are Manitoba Hydro and companies representing the Cree Nation Partners (Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation), York Factory First Nation and Fox Lake Cree Nation. The general partner is a corporation wholly owned by Manitoba Hydro.



About the Proposed Keyyask Generation Project

The Partnership is proposing to develop the Project, a 695-megawatt hydroelectric generating station. The renewable hydroelectric energy produced by the Project will be sold to Manitoba Hydro and integrated into its electrical system for use in Manitoba and for export. It will be the fifth generating station on the lower Nelson River and will be the fourth largest generating station in Manitoba.

The Project will be located about 725 kilometres (km) northeast of Winnipeg at Gull Rapids on the lower Nelson River immediately upstream of Stephens Lake in northern Manitoba.



This rendering shows: the layout of principal structures at Gull Rapids looking north with the river flowing from left to right; how a portion of the south channel may look following construction dewatering and; the locations of the north and south access roads.

The Project site is approximately 58 km east of Split Lake, home of Tataskweyak Cree Nation, and approximately 30 km west of the Fox Lake Cree Nation reserve at Gillam. If a decision is made to go ahead with the Project and all approvals are in place, the earliest construction could begin in 2014; the plant could begin producing power in 2019.

The Project will consist of principal structures and supporting infrastructure. The principal structures consist of the powerhouse complex, spillway, dams and dykes. Supporting infrastructure consists of permanent facilities used to construct and/or operate the Project and temporary facilities required only to construct the principal structures.

Status of the Public Involvement Program

Initiated in 2008, the Public Involvement Program is a key element of the Environmental Impact Assessment activities for the Project and involves three rounds of engagement.

The purpose of the public involvement process is to provide the public, particularly those who may potentially be affected by or are interested in the Project, with opportunities to receive information about the Project and provide input on its potential issues and effects.

The public includes residents of local First Nations and other northern communities; Aboriginal, community and environmental groups; the private sector; municipal governments; and the general public.

A variety of public involvement methods are available for each round including meetings, open houses, newsletters, information panels and a Project website at www.keeyask.com.

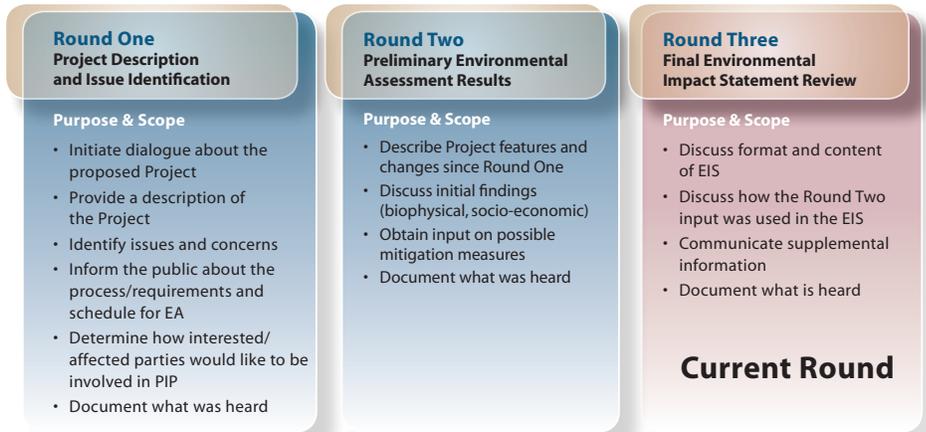
Round One of Public Involvement

Round One of the Public Involvement Program introduced the Project to the public in 2008. Specifically, Round One of the Public Involvement Program:

- Initiated dialogue about the Project;
- Provided information about the Project;
- Identified issues and public concerns;
- Informed the public about the process/ requirements and schedule for the Environmental Impact Assessment;
- Determined how potentially affected/ interested communities/organizations wanted to be involved in the Public Involvement Program; and
- Documented what was heard from participants.

Round Two of Public Involvement

In 2012, Round Two of the Public Involvement Program informed participants about any changes in the Project from Round One, provided



responses to questions raised in Round One and illustrated how the received input influenced the Project design and assessment. Public Involvement Program participants were also given opportunities to offer comments and provide input on preliminary results of the biophysical and socio-economic assessments of the Project and were encouraged to offer suggestions for avoiding or minimizing potential adverse effects. The comments and input received in Round Two were summarized into a report and incorporated into the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Issues identified in the first two rounds generally fell into seven categories: project planning; training, employment and business opportunities; physical environment; aquatic and terrestrial environment; socio-economic and heritage resources; resource use; and the consultation process. Please see Page 5 for a short discussion about some of the specific topics raised most often during first two rounds of the Public Involvement Program.

A complete summary of comments received during Rounds One and Two of public engagement is available on the Keeyask Generation Project website at www.keeyask.com.

Round Three of Public Involvement

In Round Three of the Public Involvement Program, the Partnership will:

- Discuss the format and content of the EIS;
- Discuss how input received to date influenced the Project assessment;
- Communicate supplemental information since the filing of the EIS with regulators in 2012; and
- Document what is heard from participants.

Round Three meetings will be held in communities and with organizations in northern Manitoba and with organizations in southern Manitoba. Public open houses will occur in Thompson and Winnipeg. Information about the public open houses can be found on the Keeyask website (www.keeyask.com) and Manitoba Hydro website (www.hydro.mb.ca). Results of Round Three will be summarized in a report and filed as supplemental information for the regulatory process. The report will also be made available on the Project website (www.keeyask.com).

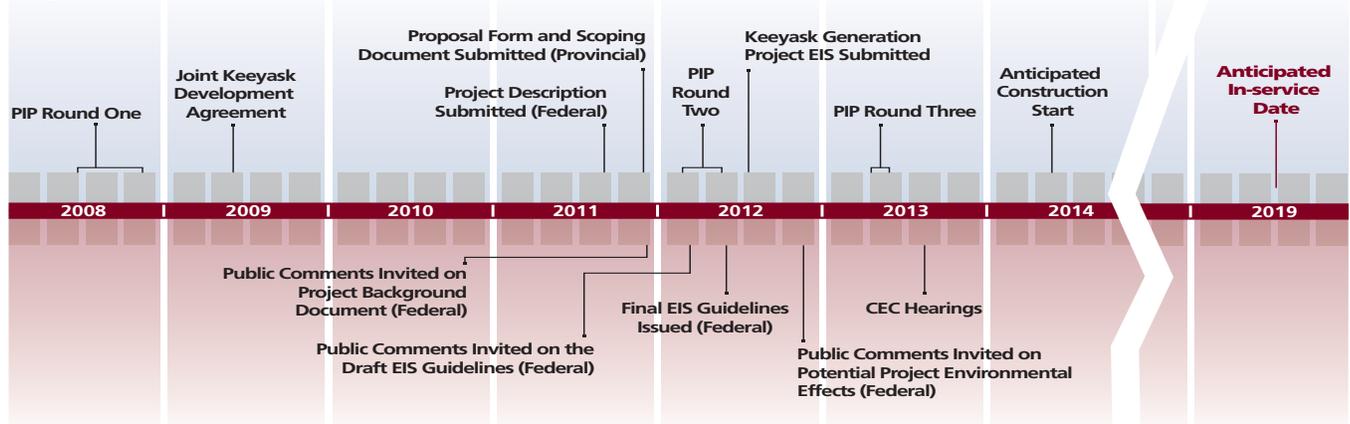
The Environmental Assessment Process

For over a decade, Manitoba Hydro and the Keeyask Cree Nations worked together to collect and analyze information that contributed to the Project's EIS. In addition, the KCNs developed and undertook their own independent, community-specific processes to review and approve the Project. Over this time period, the

Partnership continued to identify ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential negative effects and enhance potential positive effects. Aboriginal traditional knowledge provided important perspectives on both the ecological and socio-economic implications of the Project. The Project is subject to an environmental

assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and *The Environment Act* (Manitoba) and must meet combined federal and provincial regulatory requirements before it can be built. Provincial and federal regulators are working together in the environmental review process.

Key Environmental Assessment Milestones



Environmental Impact Assessment

The Partnership undertook an environmental assessment using both technical science and Aboriginal traditional knowledge, along with information gained through extensive public and government consultation and involvement. The purpose of the environmental assessment process was to identify potential effects of the Project and to develop measures to avoid and mitigate adverse effects and to enhance Project benefits. The results of the environmental assessment are documented in the EIS.

The EIS consists of:

- A Partnership video, *Keeyask: Our Story*, which presents the Keeyask Cree Nations' history and perspectives related to hydroelectric development. Presented through the lens of their holistic Cree worldview, it explains the difficult journey undertaken by the KCNs as they evaluated their concerns about the Project, the nature of their participation as Partners, and the independent decisions they each ultimately made to support the Project;

- An executive summary, highlighting findings and conclusions from the EIS submission to regulatory authorities;
- The Response to the EIS Guidelines, which provides information required in guidelines issued by Canada on March 30, 2012, in response to an application by the Partnership for environmental approvals under the government regulatory environmental assessment process;
- The Keeyask Cree Nations Environmental Evaluation Reports providing each of the Keeyask Cree Nations' own evaluation of the effects of the Project on their community and Members and including Aboriginal traditional knowledge relevant to the Partnership's response to the EIS Guidelines;
- Supporting volumes developed by the Manitoba Hydro environmental team in consultation with the KCNs and their Members.

The EIS included a cumulative environmental effects assessment of effects that are likely to



result from the Project in combination with other projects or activities that have been or will be carried out. The EIS is a primary source of information for the regulatory review under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and *The Environment Act* (Manitoba).

Monitoring and follow-up activities will take place within an overall Environmental Protection Program prepared for the Project. The monitoring programs will use both technical science and Aboriginal traditional knowledge to determine actual effects of the Project, including: whether they are consistent with the predictions in the environmental impact assessment; the effectiveness of mitigation measures; and whether further measures are required to address Project effects.

Environmental Effects Identified in the Public Involvement Program

The following outlines the findings of the Environmental Assessment based on the issues that were most prominently raised in Rounds One and Two of the Public Involvement Program:



● **Caribou:** Noise, blasting, vehicle traffic and the presence of humans have the potential to disturb caribou during construction. In addition, flooding of the reservoir and clearing for infrastructure such as the camp and access roads will result in habitat loss, alteration and fragmentation. Potential effects to some areas of caribou calving habitat were avoided by modifying Project areas. Impacts will be further minimized by limiting clearing and blasting activity during calving season. Overall effects to caribou are expected to be adverse but regionally acceptable because habitat loss is small compared to its widespread regional availability, and there is a negligible change to intactness and mortality.

● **Employment and Training:** More than 4,000 person-years* of Project employment over eight-and-a-half years will help build skills, capacity, job experience and economic benefits for Manitobans, but will especially help northern workers to sustain employment once the Project is complete. Preference measures are included in the Burntwood-Nelson Agreement for employing qualified KCNs Members, other Aboriginal and other northern residents. Measures to retain workers at the site will include cultural training, counselling services, on-site KCNs liaison workers and an Aboriginal union representative; and over 180 long-term operational jobs are targeted for KCNs Members over the next 20 years.

● **Flooding, Erosion, Sedimentation and Debris:** The construction of the reservoir will flood an area of about 45 km², comprising mostly boreal forest and peatlands. During the first 30 years of operation the reservoir will expand in area by 7-8 km² because of shoreline erosion and peatland disintegration. The following plans and measures will be implemented to mitigate the effects of sediment and debris: the Reservoir Clearing Plan to remove inundated trees and woody vegetation, the Waterways Management Program to manage reservoir debris, and the Sediment Management Plan to manage suspended sediment concentrations during construction.

● **Lake Sturgeon:** Construction and operation of the Project will affect lake sturgeon and their habitat. Due to historic population declines caused by commercial over-harvest and past hydroelectric developments, and concerns about a continuing decline in numbers, the Partnership has focused considerable effort on finding ways to mitigate effects of the Project on lake sturgeon. Mitigation measures include the construction of new spawning habitat downstream of the generating station and a long-term conservation-stocking program that will increase sturgeon numbers in the region.

● **Mercury, Fish and Human Health:** Increased mercury levels, especially in jackfish and pickerel in Gull Lake and to a lesser extent in Stephens Lake, are expected during the period after impoundment. Efforts have been made to develop mitigation measures so that KCNs Members can continue to safely eat nutritious country foods from the land and waters over the 30 years it is expected to take until mercury levels return to current levels. Mitigation measures also include developing a risk-communications strategy for the KCNs, Gillam and other users of Gull and Stephens lakes.

● **Water Quality:** During construction, effects to water quality will be managed to avoid harmful effects to aquatic life in the Nelson River and Stephens Lake. The largest effects to water quality in the newly formed reservoir will occur in the first years after the station is constructed, particularly in shallow flooded areas. There will be little or no detectable change in water quality in the main flow of the Nelson River and downstream due to the large volume of water flowing in the river. Overall, water quality will always be suitable for aquatic life in the main part of the reservoir, and it will be suitable at most locations and at most times in the flooded area.

More detailed information on potential effects, mitigation/enhancement and residual effects, including those identified during the Public Involvement Program, are included in the Keeyask Generation Project Executive Summary and EIS (notably in The Response to EIS Guidelines).

How to Get Involved in the Process

Next Steps

The Manitoba Clean Environment Commission (CEC) public hearings are expected to take place in the latter part of 2013. The terms of reference which specify the scope of the CEC review were provided to the CEC in November 2012 by the Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship (see CEC website at www.cecmanitoba.ca).



Gull Rapids on the Nelson River.



Do You Have Questions, Concerns or Issues About the Proposed Project?

We invite you to contact us at the address below with any questions, concerns or issues you may have about the proposed Project.

Mailing Address

Keeyask Project
Public Involvement Program
c/o Major Projects Assessment
and Licensing Department
Manitoba Hydro
360 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0G8

Email Address

Keeyask@hydro.mb.ca

Website Address

www.keeyask.com



Project documents are also available at the Manitoba Conservation Environmental Assessment and Licensing Branch Public Registry website (<http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/registries/index.html>) or at Manitoba Conservation's Public Registries listed below:

- Millennium Public Library, 3rd Floor, 251 Donald St., Winnipeg
- Manitoba Eco-Network, 3rd Floor, 303 Portage Ave., Winnipeg
- Thompson Public Library, 81 Thompson Dr., Thompson
- Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, 701 Thompson Dr., Thompson
- Tataskweyak Cree Nation Band Office, Split Lake
- War Lake First Nation Band Office, Ilford
- York Factory Future Development Office, York Landing
- Town Office of Gillam, 323 Railway Ave., Gillam





Comment Form

**Round Three Public Involvement Program
for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project**

Please take this opportunity to fill-out this brief questionnaire based on the information provided at this event and speaking with the Study Team regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project. Please drop the completed comment form in the box provided.

Overall, was this information session helpful in providing you with a general understanding of format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement that has been prepared for the Keeyask Generation Project?

___ Yes ___ No

If no, what additional information would have been helpful?

Do you have any suggestions on how we could improve the environmental assessment Public Involvement Program?

Do you have any further questions or comments about the environmental assessment process that has been undertaken for the Keeyask Generation Project?

Do you have any additional comments about the Keeyask Generation Project?

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the comment form. Your interest and participation are very important to the environmental assessment process.

For further information about the proposed Keeyask Project, please visit the Project website at Keeyask.com or for information about the public involvement program contact Harv Sawatzky of InterGroup Consultants at (204) 942-0654.

Keeyask Generation Project

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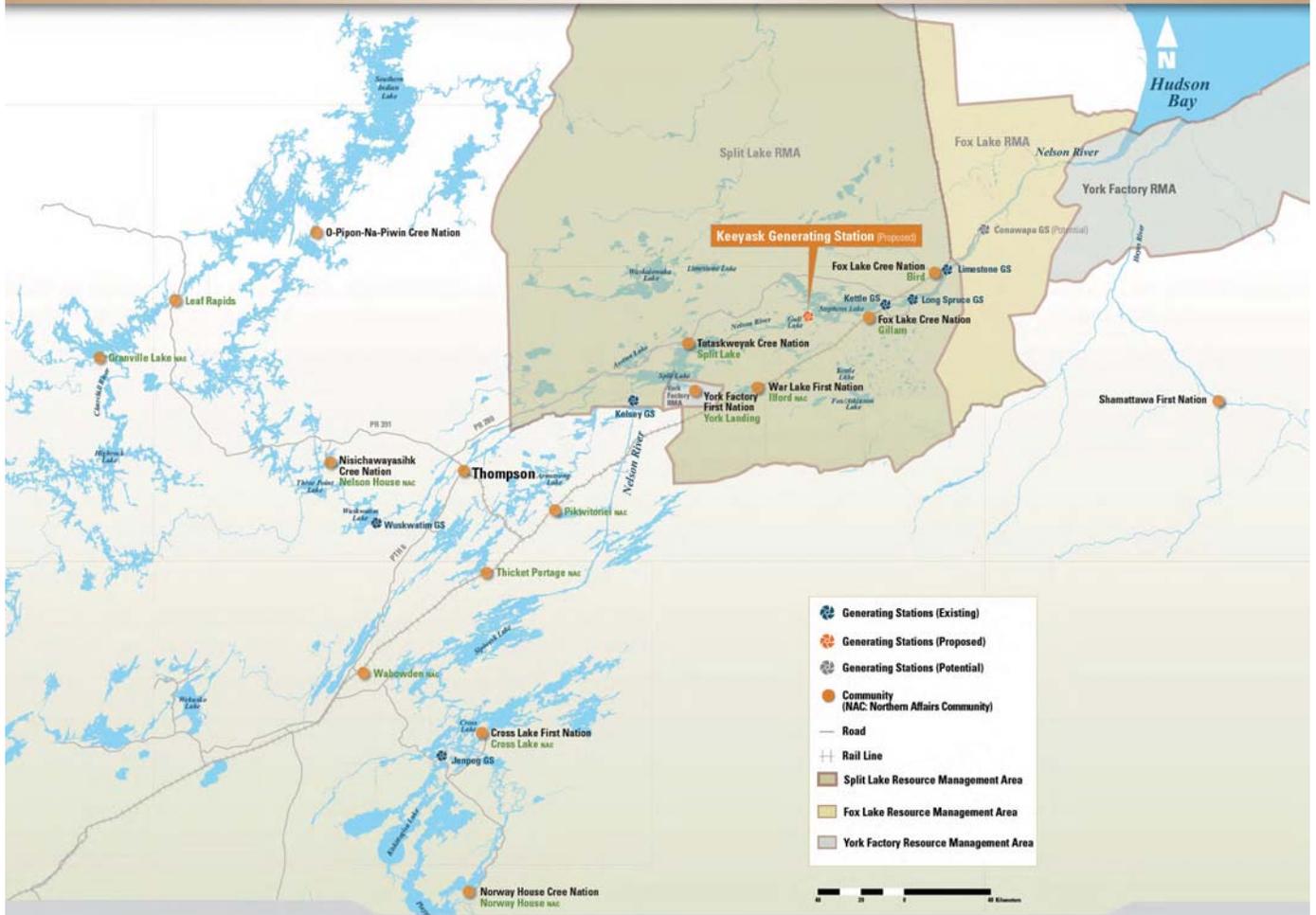
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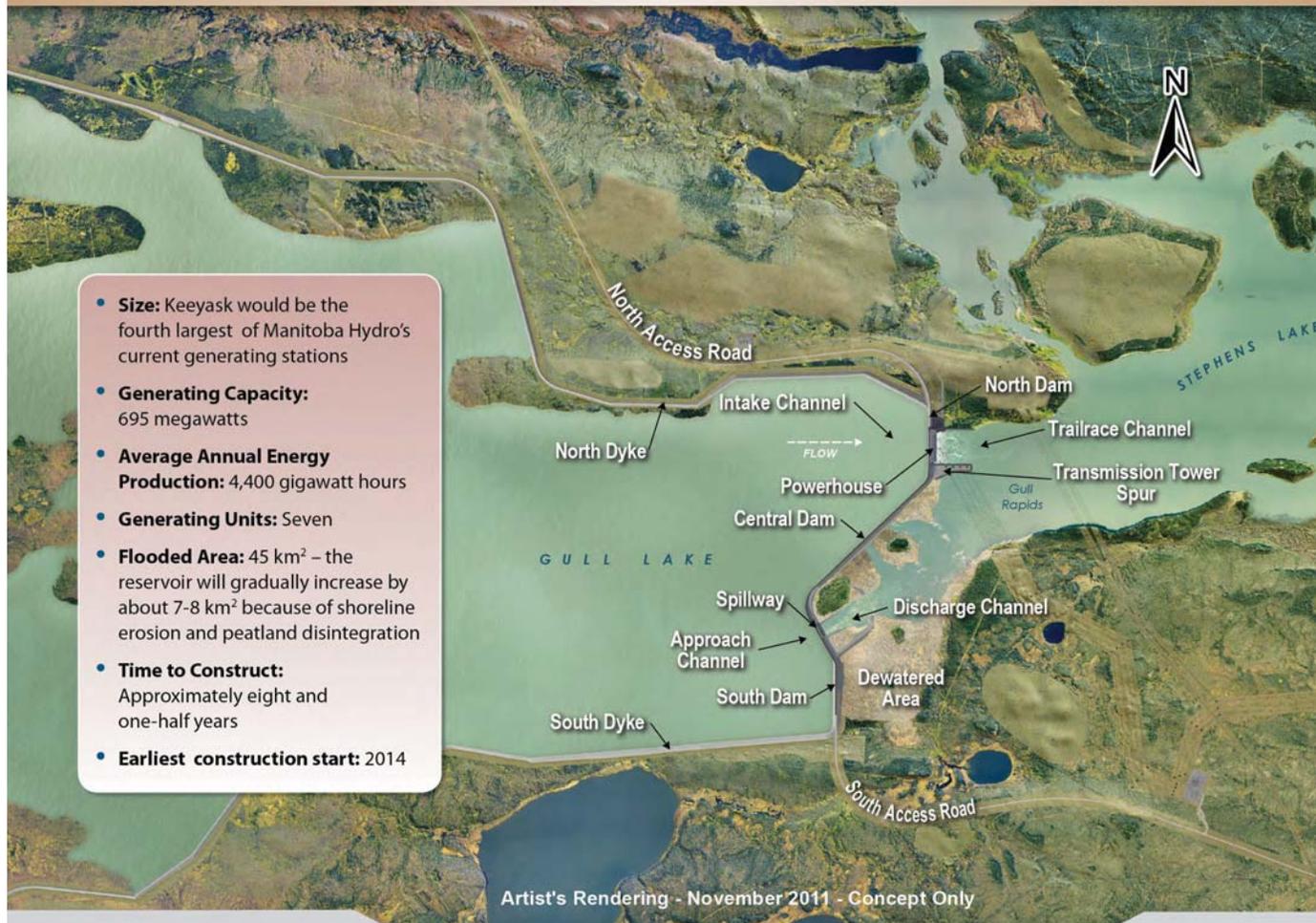
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Keeyask Project Location



Keeyask Project Overview



Round Three of the Public Involvement Program

Round One Project Description and Issue Identification

Purpose & Scope

- Initiate dialogue about the proposed Project
- Provide a description of the Project
- Identify issues and concerns
- Inform the public about the process/requirements and schedule for EA
- Determine how interested/affected parties would like to be involved in PIP
- Document what was heard

Round Two Preliminary Environmental Assessment Results

Purpose & Scope

- Describe Project features and changes since Round One
- Discuss initial findings (biophysical, socio-economic)
- Obtain input on possible mitigation measures
- Document what was heard

Round Three Final Environmental Impact Statement Review

Purpose & Scope

- Discuss format and content of EIS
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS
- Communicate supplemental information
- Document what is heard

Current Round

During the Public Involvement Program, other Aboriginal groups, other communities, interested groups and the general public raised many similar issues already identified by the Keeyask Cree Nations. These issues and perspectives helped to confirm the focus of the environmental assessment studies and the search for effective mitigation measures.



Content of the Environmental Impact Statement



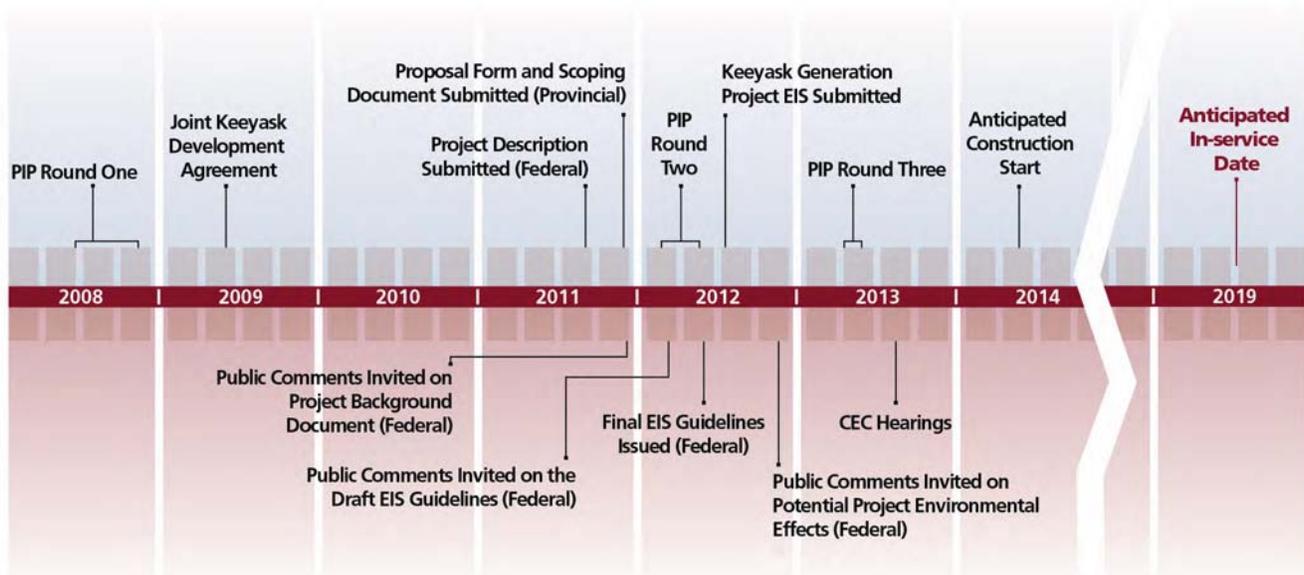
- 1 DVD, *Keeyask: Our Story*
- 2 Executive summary
- 3 Response to the EIS Guidelines
- 4 KCNs Environmental Evaluation Reports
- 5 Supporting volumes
- 6 Map Folio

In the Executive Summary, the Partnership summarizes:

- Studies of 38 valued environmental components including 18 biophysical components and 20 socio-economic components; and
- The environmental effects assessment contained in the Response to EIS Guidelines.



Key Environmental Assessment Milestones



Cree Nation Partners Environmental Evaluation Report

- From 1998 to 2009, the Cree Nation Partners (CNP), comprised of Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation, undertook to conduct an evaluation of the anticipated environmental effects of Keeyask on themselves. This assessment resulted in the Cree Nation Partners Environmental Evaluation Report (2012).
- CNP developed and used the Ancestral Homeland Ecosystem Model to assess the anticipated effects of Keeyask on themselves. The Model was used to compare the state of harmony and balance in their homeland ecosystem in its pre-contact state to their homeland ecosystem with the addition of the Keeyask Project, and by considering other important time periods after first contact (i.e. – present state, before hydro-electric development).
- By identifying and assessing anticipated impacts, CNP determined that the effects of Keeyask are best expressed as effects on CNP Members' vital relationships with Mother Earth and their ability to exercise their Treaty and Aboriginal Rights through activities which are integral to their distinctive cultural identity such as hunting, trapping, fishing and gathering.
- The CNP Environmental Evaluation Report tells the story of TCN and WLFN's approval of Keeyask by providing details regarding:
 - *Cree occupation of northern Manitoba for roughly 6000 years;*
 - *CNP's holistic Cree worldview;*
 - *The process used to identify and evaluate environmental effects;*
 - *The extensive consultation process used for CNP Members to consider and contribute to Keeyask;*
 - *CNP's influence on the design of the Keeyask project; and*
 - *Details of the negotiated agreements with Manitoba Hydro (JKDA, AEAs), including the expected economic and social benefits for each community.*
- By understanding the CNP evaluation, one can better understand TCN and WLFN's respective decisions to vote in favour of the Keeyask Project.

Ancestral Homeland Ecosystem Model



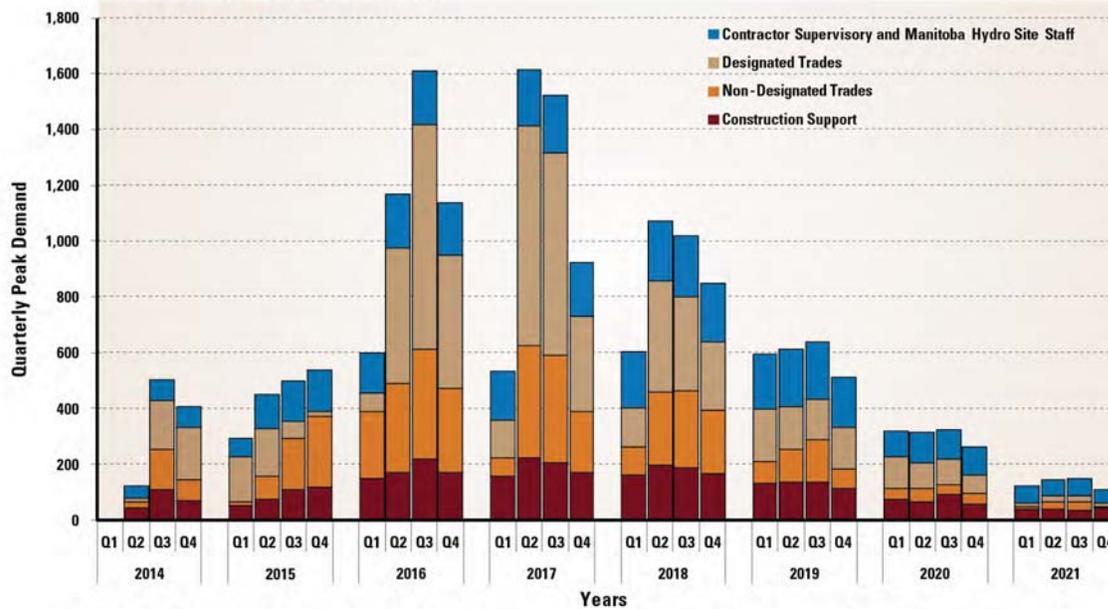
Fox Lake Cree Nation Environmental Evaluation Report

- Since the early 2000s, FLCN and Manitoba Hydro have worked towards reaching a common understanding and establishing a mutually beneficial relationship
- FLCN ratified the JKDA on May 29, 2009 and, unlike the past, FLCN became a partner with extensive involvement in the Keeyask Generation Project development process. FLCN has completed several socio-cultural assessments on impacts of past and future developments including:
 - The FLCN History Document, Video, and Archiving Project;
 - The Keeyask Traditional Knowledge Program; and
 - The Preliminary Traditional Knowledge Study on Sturgeon.
- Through this involvement, FLCN hopes to be better prepared to work towards the institutions and processes our people know are needed to mitigate the negative impacts of the Project. In partnership with Manitoba Hydro, the FLCN will take the opportunity to recover, to prosper and to rebuild from the social, cultural, economic and human impacts of past hydro development projects.
- FLCN will continue to struggle with utilizing hydro development to assist in the goal of again living mino pimatisiwin. FLCN recognizes that the Project will change the landscape even further and will have further impacts on our people. The anticipation of hydro development alone raises fear in the hearts and minds of those that have experienced hydro development. However, it is this same fear that drives FLCN and our people into working to ensure there is no repeat of the past and that there is maximum opportunity for our people to become proud and healthy people.



Employment and Training

Construction Peak Employment

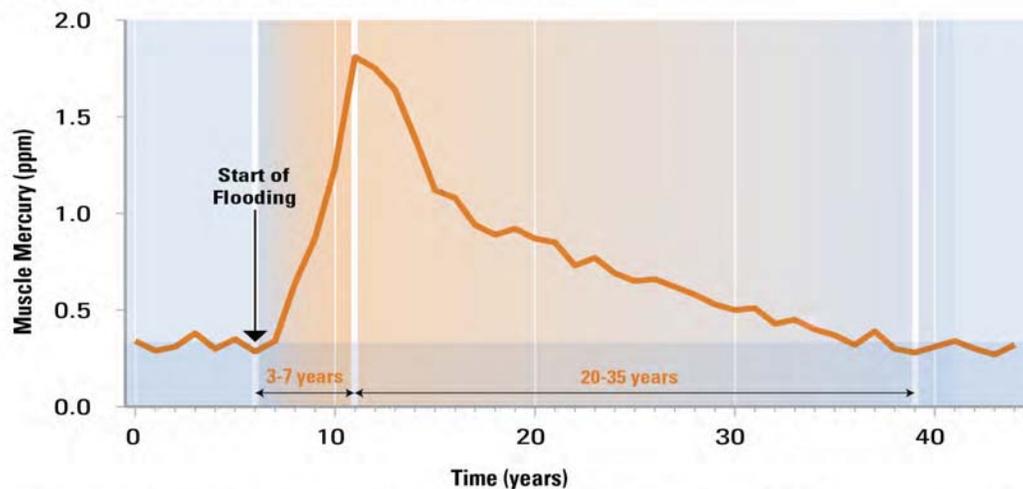


- More than 4,000 person-years of Project employment over eight-and-a-half years will help build skills, capacity, job experience and economic benefits for Manitobans, but especially will help northern workers to sustain employment once the Project is complete.
- Preference measures are included in the Burntwood-Nelson Agreement for employing qualified Keeyask Cree Nations Members, other Aboriginal and other northern residents.
- Measures to retain workers at the site will include cultural training, counselling services, on-site Keeyask Cree Nations liaison workers and an Aboriginal union representative.



Mercury, Fish and Human Health

Typical Time Course of Mercury Concentrations in Predatory Fish After Reservoir Flooding in Northern Manitoba



- Increased mercury levels, especially in jackfish and pickerel in Gull Lake and to a lesser extent in Stephens Lake, are expected during the period after impoundment.
- Efforts have been made to develop mitigation measures so that Keeyask Cree Nations Members can continue to safely eat nutritious country foods from the land and waters over the 30 years it is expected to take until mercury levels return to current levels.
- Mitigation measures also include developing a risk-communications strategy for Keeyask Cree Nations, Gillam and other users of Gull and Stephens lakes.



Flooding, Erosion, Sedimentation and Debris

- The construction of the Keeyask reservoir will flood an area of about 45 km², comprising mostly boreal forest and peatlands.
- The Project has been designed so that water levels on Split Lake or Clark Lake will not be affected during open-water conditions.
- The reservoir level will fluctuate within a narrow 1m range to minimize environmental effects.
- During the first 30 years of operation the reservoir will expand in area by about 7-8 km² because of shoreline erosion and peatland disintegration.
- During construction, effects on erosion and sediment after mitigation are expected to be moderate and they will be addressed through careful construction management.
- During operation, the concentration of suspended sediment in the reservoir is expected to be lower with the Project than in the existing environment.
- The following plans and measures will be implemented to mitigate the effects of sediment and debris:
 - The Reservoir Clearing Plan to remove trees and woody vegetation before the reservoir is flooded;
 - The Waterways Management Program to manage debris once the reservoir is impounded (removal / prevention); and
 - A Sediment Management Plan to monitor the effects of construction activity on suspended sediment concentrations in the river.



Water Quality



View north across Gull Rapids, with the south channel in the foreground and the middle channel in the background. Once the Project is complete, both sets of rapids and much of the island between them will form part of the Keeeyask reservoir.



Laboratory analysis of samples.

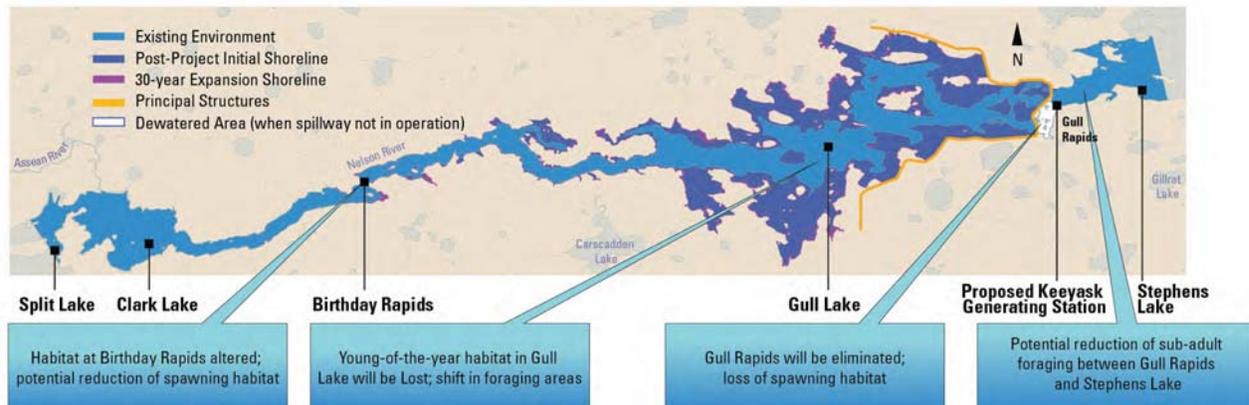


Winter water-quality sampling on Split Lake.

- During construction, effects to water quality will be managed to avoid harmful effects to aquatic life in the Nelson River and Stephens Lake.
- The largest effects to water quality in the newly formed reservoir will occur in the first years after the generating station is constructed, particularly in shallow flooded areas.
- There will be little or no detectable change in water quality in the main flow of the Nelson River and downstream due to the large volume of water flowing in the river.
- Overall, water quality will always be suitable for aquatic life in the main part of the reservoir, and will be suitable at most locations and most times of the year in the flooded area.



Lake Sturgeon



- Construction and operation of the Keeyask Project will affect lake sturgeon and their habitat.
- Due to historic population declines caused by commercial over-harvest and past hydroelectric developments, and concerns about a continuing decline in numbers, the Partnership has focused considerable effort on finding ways to mitigate effects of the Project on lake sturgeon.
- Mitigation measures include the following:
 - A new spawning habitat will be constructed downstream of the generating station;
 - If monitoring shows that habitat to support all life stages of lake sturgeon is no longer available, additional replacement habitat will be developed; and
 - A long-term conservation-stocking program will increase sturgeon numbers in the region.



Caribou



Summer resident bull caribou in the Keeyask region.



Coastal caribou in the Keeyask region.



Barren-ground caribou in the Keeyask Region.

- During construction, noise, blasting, vehicle traffic and the presence of humans have the potential to disturb caribou. In addition, flooding of the reservoir and clearing for infrastructure such as the camp and access roads will result in habitat loss, alteration and fragmentation.
- Potential effects to some areas of caribou calving habitat were avoided by modifying Project areas. Impacts will be further minimized by limiting clearing and blasting activity during calving season.
- Overall effects to caribou are expected to be adverse but regionally acceptable because habitat loss is small compared to its widespread regional availability, and there is a negligible change to intactness and mortality.



Heritage Resources



Artifacts collected during archaeological excavations (2003-2010) include items such as buckles, beads, projectiles and pottery.

- An extensive program has been undertaken to identify heritage resources that the Project will disturb during construction or through flooding once the Project is in operation.
- Heritage resources will be salvaged to enable long-term preservation of portable artifacts and to enhance public and local heritage awareness through education kits, interpretive displays and other forms of cultural media.
- A cemetery, prepared and consecrated for the reburial of human remains found during construction and operation of the Project, including a memorial marker, will be developed in an area selected by Tataskweyak Cree Nation, in consultation with the other Partners. Keeyask Cree Nations Members will be involved in identifying and contributing to impact management measures at important spiritual and heritage sites.



Public Registries and Contact Information

We invite you to talk with one of the Project representatives at the meeting today or to contact us at the address below with any questions or issues you may have about the proposed Project.

Contact Information

Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership

Public Involvement Program

c/o Major Projects Assessment and

Licensing Department

Manitoba Hydro

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Website Address: www.keeyask.com

Email Address: Keeyask@hydro.mb.ca

The Environmental Impact Statement for the Keeyask Project is available at the following Public Registry locations:

- Millennium Public Library, 3rd Floor, 251 Donald St., Winnipeg
- Manitoba Eco-Network, 3rd Floor, 303 Portage Ave., Winnipeg
- Thompson Public Library, 81 Thompson Dr., Thompson
- Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, 701 Thompson Dr., Thompson
- Tataskweyak Cree Nation Band office
- War Lake First Nation Band Office, Ilford
- York Factory Future Development Office, York Landing
- Town Office of Gillam, 323 Railway Ave., Gillam.

Electronic registry:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/index.html>





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Round One of Public Involvement

The Project was introduced to communities in northern Manitoba and other potentially interested/affected organizations in 2008. Comments received from participants were documented and include the following perspectives:

- Communities were positive about potential employment and training opportunities associated with the Project and provided comments on how best to participate in this opportunity.
- Concerns were raised about the effects of Project flooding on various fish and animals species (e.g., sturgeon, caribou). Potentially elevated mercury levels caused by Project flooding were also concerns raised by a number of northern communities.
- Concerns were raised about Project effects on resource users (e.g., trappers) and cultural sites (e.g., burial sites) and the need to have these issues considered in the environmental assessment



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Public Involvement Plan

A **Public Involvement Plan (PIP)** was jointly developed by KCN and Manitoba Hydro in the fall of 2007 to guide engagement activities with Aboriginal communities and stakeholders beyond the in-vicinity KCN's.

Project engagement and consultation activities will be provided at key stages in the environmental review and planning process. Three extensive rounds of information-gathering and consultation activities are anticipated in the planning process.

Stages of Public Involvement for the Keeyask Generation Project

ROUND ONE Project Description and Issue Identification

PURPOSE & SCOPE

- Initiate dialogue about proposed project
- Provide a description of the project.
- Identify issues and concerns
- Inform public about the process/requirements and schedule for EA
- Determine how interested/affected parties would like to be involved in PIP
- Document what was heard.

ROUND TWO Preliminary Environmental Assessment Results

PURPOSE & SCOPE

- Describe project features and changes since Round One
- Discuss initial findings (biophysical, socio-economic)
- Obtain input on possible mitigation measures
- Document what was heard.

ROUND THREE Final Environmental Impact Statement Review

PURPOSE & SCOPE

- Discuss format and content of EIS
- Communicate supplemental information
- Document what was heard.

Round One of the Public Involvement Program

Round One PIP activities occurred between June 2008 and November 2008, focusing on communities in northern Manitoba and potentially interested/affected organizations. Its purpose was to:

- Introduce the public to the proposed Project;
- Learn about any issues or concerns the public had about the Project; and
- Hear from the public how they wished to be consulted in future rounds of the PIP.

Consultation has focused primarily on communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area beyond the Keeyask Cree Nations, including First Nations, Gillam, Thompson, Churchill, Leaf Rapids and Northern Affairs communities. In addition, open houses were held in Winnipeg and Brandon.

A variety of public involvement methods were utilized during Round One including:

- Informal meetings with community leadership;
- Community information session following the meetings with the community leadership;
- Public open houses;
- Workshops; and
- Meetings with organizations.



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Round Two of the Public Involvement Program

Round Two of the Public Involvement Program occurred between February 2012 and May 2012. The focus of Round Two was to inform participants about changes in the Project from Round One, provide responses to questions raised in Round One and illustrate how the received input influenced the Project design and assessment. Public Involvement Program participants were also given opportunities to offer comments and provide input on preliminary results of the biophysical and socio-economic assessments of the Project and encouraged to offer suggestions for avoiding or minimizing potential adverse effects. The comments and input received in Round Two were used as part of finalizing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Round Three of the Public Involvement Program

Round Three of the Public Involvement Program occurred between April and July 2013. The focus of Round Three was to discuss the format and content of the EIS; how input received to date influenced the Project assessment; communicate supplemental information since the filing of the EIS with Regulators in 2012; and document what was heard. Round Three meetings were held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as with communities, organizations, and other Aboriginal groups that may be potentially affected by or interested in the Project. Public open houses occurred in Thompson and Winnipeg. Results of Round Three have been summarized in a report and filed as supplemental information for the regulatory process. The report is available on the Project website (www.Keevask.com).

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Round One and Round Two of the Keeyask Public Involvement Program are now complete. The issues and concerns raised by participants pertaining to the Keeyask Generation Project have been included in the Environmental Impact Statement.

- [Keeyask Environmental Impact Assessment Public Involvement Program – Round Three. \(open new window\)](#)
- [Keeyask Generation Project Newsletter – Round Three, April 2013. \(open new window\)](#)
- [Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program – Round Two summary. \(open new window\)](#)
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Open Houses and Meetings

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For more information about the Public Involvement Program, call 204-360-3473 or e-mail [Keeyask](#).

Previously, open houses were held in March 2012 in Gillam, Winnipeg, and Thompson, and in June 2008 in Gillam, Thompson, Winnipeg, and Brandon.

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April 4, 2013

Ms. Jackie Clayton
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CAO
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Dear Ms. Clayton,

**RE: PROPOSED KEYASK GENERATION PROJECT
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM: ROUND THREE**

The Keyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership) is proposing to develop the Keyask Generation Project (the Project), a 695-megawatt hydroelectric generating station at Gull Rapids on the lower Nelson River immediately upstream of Stephens Lake in northern Manitoba. The Keyask Hydropower Limited Partnership includes four limited partners and one general partner. The four limited partners are Manitoba Hydro and companies representing the Cree Nation Partners (Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation), York Factory First Nation and Fox Lake Cree Nation.

The Partnership has undertaken an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to identify potential effects of the Project in order to avoid and mitigate adverse effects and to enhance project benefits. The results of the assessment are documented in the Projects' Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A key element of the EIA for the Project is the Public Involvement Program (PIP) involving three rounds of engagement. The purpose of the PIP is to provide the public, particularly those who may be potentially affected by or are interested in the Project, with opportunities to receive information about the proposed project and provide input on its potential issues and effects.

In 2008, Round One introduced the Project to communities in northern Manitoba and other potentially interested/affected organizations. During Round Two in 2012, participants were 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.

The Partnership is currently planning the third and final round of engagement. The objective

is to discuss format and content of the EIS, communicate supplemental information and document what was heard.

This letter includes copies of the Round Three newsletter, the Executive Summary of the Environmental Impact Statement and a copy of the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. Also included is information that outlines how the issues raised by your community were addressed in the EIS. As a representative of Gillam Community Council, we will be contacting you in the near future to inquire whether there is interest in organizing a meeting in Gilliam to further discuss this material. In addition, Public Open Houses will be held in Winnipeg on and Thompson. Please see www.keyask.com for up to date event information including time and location. Round Three of the PIP is scheduled to occur between April 22 and May 31, 2013.

For more information about the Keeyask Generation Project, visit the Project website at: www.keeyask.com. For more information about the Keeyask Generation Project, visit the Project website at: www.keeyask.com. If you have any questions about the public involvement process, please do not hesitate to contact Harv Sawatzky at InterGroup Consultants at (204) 942-0654.

Yours truly,



Mark Manzer
Socio-economic Assessment Supervisor
Major Projects Assessment and Licensing Department
Manitoba Hydro

cc: James Goymer

Table 2A-1: Notification Letters Sent to Communities for Round Two of the Keeyask Public Involvement Program

Name	Community/Organization	Date Sent
Ms. Angela English	City of Thompson	April 5, 2013
Mr. Gary Ceppetelli	City of Thompson	April 5, 2013
Mr. Tim Johnston	City of Thompson	April 5, 2013
Ms. Darlene Beck	Council	April 5, 2013
Mr. Robert (Bob) Smith	Cross Lake Community Council	April 5, 2013
Ms. Jackie Clayton	Gillam Community Council	April 5, 2013
Mr. James Goymer	Gillam Community Council	April 5, 2013
Ms. Kari Halleux	Granville Lake Community	April 5, 2013
Mr. James Chornoby	Ilford Community Council	April 9, 2013 April 24, 2013
Ms. Sharon McKay	Keewatin Tribal Council (KTC)	April 5, 2013
Ms. Paulette LeDrew	Keewatin Tribal Council (KTC)	April 5, 2013
Ms. Geraldine Cockerill	Leaf Rapids Community Council	April 5, 2013
Ms. Christina Stanford	Leaf Rapids Community Council	April 5, 2013
Ms. Louise Hodder	LGD of Mystery Lake	April 5, 2013
Mr. Michael Anderson	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO)	April 5, 2013
Mr. David Monias	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO)	April 5, 2013
Ms. Mallory Fleming	Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC)	April 5, 2013
Mr. Reg Meade	Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC)	April 5, 2013
Mr. Lloyd Flett	Norway House Community Council (NWHNA)	April 5, 2013
Mr. Cristo Spiess	Norway House Community Council (NWHNA)	April 5, 2013
Ms. Bella Leonard	Nelson House Community Council (NHNA)	April 5, 2013
Mr. Oswald Sawh	Nelson House Community Council (NHNA)	April 5, 2013
Mr. Mike Dumas	O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation	April 5, 2013
Chief Jack Dysart	O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation	April 5, 2013
Ms. Esther Dysart	O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation	April 5, 2013
Mr. Wayne Laubmann	Pikwitonei	April 5, 2013

Name	Community/Organization	Date Sent
Mr. John Thorne	Pikwitonei	April 5, 2013
Ms. Joanne Pronteau	Thicket Portage	April 5, 2013
Mr. Marcel Brightnose	Thicket Portage	April 5, 2013
Ms. Danielle Sinclair	Town of Churchill	April 5, 2013
Mr. Cory Young	Town of Churchill	April 5, 2013
Mr. Mike Spence	Town of Churchill	April 5, 2013
Mr. Larry McIvor	Wabowden	April 5, 2013
Mr. Reg Meade	Wabowden	April 5, 2013
Ms. Marci Riel	Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF)	April 5, 2013
Mr. David Chartrand	Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF)	April 5, 2013
Chief Ron Evans	Norway House Cree Nation	April 15, 2013
Ms. Helen Scribe	Norway House Cree Nation	April 15, 2013
Chief William Miles	Shamattawa First Nation	April 5, 2013
Mr. Thomas Henley	IRMA Inc.	April 5, 2013
Ms. Doreen Sanderson	Southern Chiefs' Organization Inc.	April 23, 2013
Mr. Michael Bear	Southern Chiefs' Organization Inc.	April 23, 2013
Grand Chief Murray Clearsky	Southern Chiefs' Organization Inc.	April 23, 2013
Ms. Gloria Desorcy	Consumers Association of Canada - MB Chapter	April 8, 2013 April 9, 2013
Mr. Noah Massan	Concerned Fox Lake Grassroots Citizens on Hydro-Electric Development - Elder	April 9, 2013
Ms. Agnieszka Pawlowska	Concerned Fox Lake Grassroots Citizens on Hydro-Electric Development - Assistant	April 9, 2013
Ms. Erynne Sjoblom	Manitoba Metis Federation	April 9, 2013
Ms. Gaile Whelan Enns	Manitoba Wildlands	April 8, 2013 April 9, 2013
Mr. Mike Sutherland	Peguis First Nation	April 9, 2013
Mr. Eric Saunders	Kaweewiwasihk Inninuwuk (York Factory Elders)	May 10, 2013
Mr. Michael Anderson	Kaweewiwasihk Inninuwuk (York Factory Elders)	May 10, 2013
Ms. Karen Chevillard	Kaweewiwasihk Inninuwuk (York Factory Elders)	May 10, 2013

Name	Community/Organization	Date Sent
Mr. Ron Thiessen	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS)	April 5, 2013
Mr. Byron Williams	Public Interest Law Centre/Consumers Association of Canada	April 8, 2013
Ms. Aimee Craft	Public Interest Law Centre/Consumers Association of Canada	April 8, 2013
Mr. Peter Miller & Ms. Carolyn Garlich	Green Action Centre Green Action Committee of the Unitarian Church	April 5, 2013
Mr. Hank Venema	International Institute for Sustainable Development	April 8, 2013
Mr. John Doyle	Manitoba Federation of Labour	April 5, 2013
Ms. Jean Horton	Brandon Naturalists Society	April 5, 2013
Mr. Greg Cyr	Cyr Drilling International Ltd. Callinan Mines Limited – Fox River	April 5, 2013
Ms. Shauna MacKinnon	Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – MB	April 8, 2013
Mr. Daniel McNaughton	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency	April 5, 2013
Mr. Jim Mair	Committee for Church in Society (Christ Lutheran Church)	April 8, 2013
Ms. Catherine Glass	Consumers for Responsible Energy	April 9, 2013
Mr. Randall McQuaker	Green Action Centre	April 5, 2013
Ms. Alexis Knispel Kanu	Lake Winnipeg Foundation	April 5, 2013
Ms. Pat Dunlop	Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners	April 8, 2013
Ms. Kristine Koster	Manitoba Eco-network	April 8, 2013
Ms. Patricia Pohrebniuk	Manitoba Forestry Association	April 8, 2013
Ms. Susan McLarty	Manitoba Naturalists Society	April 8, 2013
Ms. Cherry White	Manitoba Trappers Association	April 5, 2013
Mr. Ron D. Spence	Manitoba Trappers Association	April 8, 2013
Mr. Chris Randall	Paddle Manitoba	April 8, 2013
Mr. Eric Friedland	Peregrine Diamonds Ltd. – Weir River	April 8, 2013
Ms. Chelsea Flook	Sierra Club Prairie Chapter	April 8, 2013
Mr. Ken Lucko	Snoman Inc	April 8, 2013
Mr. Dennis Lewycky	Social Planning Council of Winnipeg - Environment Committee	April 5, 2013

Name	Community/Organization	Date Sent
Mr. Barrie Simoneau	The Mining Association of Manitoba	April 5, 2013
Dr. Norman Halden	University of Manitoba Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources	April 8, 2013
Mr. Anders Annell	University of Manitoba Recycling & Environment Group	April 5, 2013
Mr. Alan Diduck	University of Winnipeg Environmental Studies	April 8, 2013
Mr. Laird Tomalty	Victory Nickel Inc	April 8, 2013
Mr. Allan Bleich	Winnipeg Water Watch	April 9, 2013
Mr. Cory Grant	All-Terrain Bear Hunts	April 8, 2013
Mr. Brian Miller	CaNickel Mining Limited (formerly Crowflight Minerals Inc.) Bucko Lake Nickel Mine - Wabowden, MB	April 8, 2013
Mr. Michael Goodyear	Churchill Northern Studies Centre	April 8, 2013
Ms. Tamy Burton	Community Futures North Central Development	April 8, 2013
C/O Will Gray	Gillam Snowmobile Club	April 8, 2013
Mr. Pierce Roberts & the IRMT Members	Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship	April 8, 2013
Mr. Chris Bignell	MKO Thompson	April 8, 2013
Mr. Rick Leger	Mystery Country Lodge and Outpost	April 8, 2013
	Nelson River Sturgeon Co-Management Board	April 8, 2013
Mr. Randy Beardy	Split Lake Resource Management Board	April 8, 2013
Mr. Kelly Martens	Snowman	April 8, 2013
	Thompson Wildlife Association	April 11, 2013
Mr. Doug Hunt	Tolko Industries Ltd., The Pas	April 8, 2013
Mr. Ryan Land	Vale	April 8, 2013
Mr. Lovro Paulic	Vale	April 8, 2013



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June 4, 2013

Mr. Cristo Spiess
Norway House Community Council (NWHNA)
Mayor
P.O. Box 5100
Norway House, Manitoba R0B 1B0

Dear Mr. Spiess:

**RE: CONCLUDING ROUND THREE OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR THE PROPOSED KEYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT**

The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership) is proposing to develop the Keeyask Generation Project (the Project), a 695-megawatt hydroelectric generating station at Gull Rapids on the lower Nelson River immediately upstream of Stephens Lake in northern Manitoba.

The Partnership has undertaken an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to identify potential effects of the Project in order to avoid or mitigate adverse effects and to enhance project benefits. The results of the assessment are documented in the Project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A key element of the EIA for the Project is the Public Involvement Program (PIP) involving three rounds of engagement. The purpose of the PIP is to provide the public, particularly those who may be potentially affected by or are interested in the Project, with opportunities to receive information about the proposed project and provide input on its potential issues and effects.

The Partnership initiated the third and final round of the PIP in April 2013. As indicated in the notification letter sent to Norway House Community Council on April 5, 2013, the objective of Round Three is to discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), to discuss how input received to date influenced the Project assessment, communicate supplemental information, and to document what is heard from participants. This final round of PIP activities will be documented and submitted in a supplemental filing to the EIS.

Unfortunately, to date we have not had the opportunity to meet with Norway House Community Council as part of Round Three of the PIP. The Partnership continues to welcome the opportunity to meet with Norway House Community Council to discuss the Keeyask Project. However, to ensure that a record of all Round Three PIP activities is included in the supplemental filing, we would like to inform you that Round Three of the PIP will conclude on June 14th, 2013.

If you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss the Keeyask Project and/or have any questions about the public involvement process, please do not hesitate to contact Harv Sawatzky at InterGroup Consultants at (204) 942-0654. For more information about the Keeyask Generation Project, please visit the Project website at: www.keeyask.com.

Yours truly,

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Mark Manzer
Socio-economic Assessment Supervisor
Major Projects Assessment and Licensing Department
Manitoba Hydro

cc: Mr. Lloyd Flett, CAO

Table 2A-2: Public Involvement Program Round Three Closure Date Letters

Closure Letter Date	Event	Communication Method
Council and Community Meetings		
6/4/2013	Norway House Community Council	Email and letter mail
6/4/2013	Norway House Cree Nation	Email and letter mail

KEEYASK GENERATION PROJECT

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

APPENDIX 2B

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND THREE COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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Public Involvement Program Round One Council and Community Meetings

Table 2B-1: Round Three Council and Community Meetings/Sessions

Date	Event	Location
4/29/2013	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	Council Chambers
4/29/2013	Gillam Community Information Session	Recreation Centre
5/01/2013	Cross Lake Mayor and Council Meeting	Town Office
5/08/2013	Pikwitonei Community Information Session	School Gymnasium
5/08/2013	Leaf Rapids Mayor and Council Meeting	Council Chambers
5/08/2013	Leaf Rapids Community Information Session	Town Centre Complex
5/15/2013	Churchill Mayor and Council Meeting	Council Chambers
5/15/2013	Churchill Community Information Session	Town Centre Complex Overpass Room
5/21/2013	Thicket Portage Mayor and Council Meeting	Council Office
6/6/2013	Shamattawa First Nation Chief and Council Meeting	InterGroup Consultants office in Winnipeg
6/11/2013	Shamattawa First Nation Community Information Session	Shamattawa Band Office

The following copies of documents are provided in this appendix:

- Copy of confirmation of meeting letter
- Copy of community poster
- Copy of draft meeting notes letter
- Copy of final meeting notes letter
- Copy of final meeting notes, Round Two summary sheets and sign in sheets:
 - Gillam mayor and council meeting notes;
 - Gillam Round Two summary sheets;
 - Gillam sign in sheet(s);
 - Gillam community meeting notes;
 - Cross Lake mayor and council meeting notes;
 - Cross Lake Round Two summary sheets;
 - Pikwitonei Round Two summary sheets;
 - Pikwitonei sign in sheet(s);

- Pikwitonei community meeting notes;
 - Leaf Rapids mayor and council meeting notes;
 - Leaf Rapids Round Two summary sheets;
 - Leaf Rapids sign in sheet(s);
 - Leaf Rapids community meeting notes;
 - Churchill mayor and council meeting notes;
 - Churchill Round Two summary sheets;
 - Churchill sign in sheet(s);
 - Churchill community meeting notes;
 - Thicket Portage mayor and council meeting notes;
 - Thicket Portage Round Two summary sheets;
 - Shamattawa First Nation Chief and Council meeting notes;
 - Shamattawa First Nation Round Two summary sheets;
 - Shamattawa First Nation sign in sheet(s); and
 - Shamattawa First Nation community meeting notes.
- Copies of Round Two community summary Sheets provided in the Notification packages to communities that chose not to participate in Round Three:
 - City of Thompson Round Two summary sheets;
 - Ilford Round Two summary sheets;
 - Local Government District of Mystery Lake Round Two summary sheets;
 - Nelson House Northern Affairs Community Round Two summary sheets;
 - Norway House Northern Affairs Community Round Two summary sheets; and
 - Wabowden Round Two summary sheets
 - Copies of Round Two community summary Sheets corrected as per community request throughout Round Three PIP meetings:
 - Thicket Portage Round Two revised summary sheets; and
 - Shamattawa First Nation Round Two revised summary sheets.



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April 23, 2013

Ms. Jackie Clayton
Gillam Community Council
CAO
Box 100, 323 Railway Ave
Gilliam, Manitoba R0B 0L0

Dear Ms. Clayton,

**RE: CONFIRMATION OF MEETING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS AND A
COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED
KEYYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT**

We are pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the proposed Keeyask Generation Project (the Project) with your elected officials. This letter confirms that representatives from Manitoba Hydro, acting on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership), will be attending a meeting in **Gillam, Manitoba on April 29, 2013 at 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm** to discuss the proposed Project with the **Mayor and Council – this meeting will be followed with a community information session on the same day from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Gillam Recreation Centre – Blue Room.**

As indicated in the notification letter, the Partnership is proposing to develop the Keeyask Generation Project on the Nelson River in northern Manitoba. The Partnership includes four limited partners and one general partner. The four limited partners are Manitoba Hydro and companies representing the Cree Nation Partners (Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation), York Factory First Nation and Fox Lake Cree Nation.

The Partnership has undertaken an Environmental Impact Assessment to identify potential effects of the Project in order to avoid and mitigate adverse effects and to enhance project benefits. The results of the assessment are documented in the Projects' Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A key element of the assessment for the Project is the Public Involvement Program (PIP) involving three rounds of engagement. The purpose of the PIP is to provide the public, particularly those who may be potentially affected by or are interested in the Project,

with opportunities to receive information about the proposed project and provide input on its potential issues and effects.

In 2008, Round One introduced the Project to communities in northern Manitoba and other potentially interested/affected organizations. During Round Two in 2012, participants were 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.

The Partnership is currently planning the third and final round of engagement. The objective is to discuss format and content of the EIS, discuss how input received to date influenced the Project assessment, and communicate supplemental information. The meeting would consist of a presentation followed by time for questions and discussion.

This last round of PIP activities will be documented and submitted in a supplemental filing to the EIS.

If you have any questions or comments about the meeting, please feel free to contact Harv Sawatzky at InterGroup Consultants at (204) 942-0654. Additional information about the Keeyask Generation Project is available at the Project website at www.keeyask.com.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours truly,

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Mark Manzer
Socio-economic Assessment Supervisor
Major Projects Assessment and Licensing Department
Manitoba Hydro

An Invitation to Attend



Keyask Public Involvement Program: Round Three



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

Round Three of the Public Involvement Program has been planned to discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement, how input received to date influenced the Project assessment, and communicate supplemental information since the filing of the Environmental Impact Statement with Regulators in 2012.

Location: Gillam, Manitoba

Venue: Recreation Centre - Blue Room

Date: Monday April 29th, 2013

Time: 5 pm to 8 pm

For more information on the project, please contact us:

Email Address
Keyask@hydro.mb.ca

Website Address
www.Keeyask.com



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tel: (204) 942-0654

June 14, 2013

Jackie Clayton
Gillam Community Council
CAO
Box 100, 323 Railway Ave
Gilliam, Manitoba R0B 0L0

Dear Ms. Clayton,

RE: Draft meeting notes from the April 29, 2013 meeting with the Gillam Mayor and Council regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project

This letter is in follow-up to the meeting held on April 29, 2013 in Gillam 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 June 28, 2013 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 submitted in a supplemental filing to the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project.

Additional information about the Keeyask Generation Project is available at the Project website at: www.keeyask.com.

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

Yours truly,

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Christina Blouw
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June 25, 2013

Ms. Jackie Clayton
Gillam Community Council
CAO
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Dear Ms. Clayton,

RE: Final notes from the April 29, 2013 meeting with the Gillam Mayor and Council and the Community Information Session regarding the proposed Keeyask Generating Station Project

Please find enclosed the final notes from the meetings held on April 29, 2013 in Gillam regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project, including copies for distribution to the Mayor and Councillors. These notes reflect comments that were received during the review process, and will be included in a supplemental filing to the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project.

If you have any questions or comments about the Public Involvement Program, please do not hesitate to call Harv Sawatzky at InterGroup Consultants at (204) 942-0654. Additional information about the Keeyask Generation Project, please visit the Project website at: www.keeyask.com.

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

Yours truly,

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Christina Blouw
INTERGROUP CONSULTANTS



Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Gillam Mayor and Council

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: April 29, 2013; 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Location: **Gillam, Manitoba
Town Council Chambers**

In Attendance:	Jim Goymer	Mayor
	Danny Van Alstyne	Councilor
	Bryan Gordon	Councilor
	Jackie Clayton	CAO
	Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
	Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
	John Osler	InterGroup Consultants
	Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS.
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what is heard.

The meeting is part of the third and final round in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program (PIP) being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as communities, organizations, and other Aboriginal groups that may be potentially affected by or interested in the Project. This last round of public involvement activities will be documented and submitted as supplemental information for the regulatory process related to the Project prior to the Clean Environment Commission hearings planned for late 2013.

MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, EA Team representatives, on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership), presented information on the Project, including the format and content of the EIS, how input from Round Two was used in the EIS and purpose of Round Three of the Project PIP. Specifically, the focus of the presentation included information about the Partnership, the proposed Project, the environmental assessment process, the EIS and related supplemental information. In addition, the findings of the environmental assessment regarding the issues that were most prominently raised in Round Two of the PIP were provided. This included information regarding employment and training; lake sturgeon; caribou; flooding, erosion, sedimentation and debris; water quality; and mercury, fish and human health. Each Gillam leadership representative in attendance was provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter, a summary of the Round Two issues raised by Gillam leadership representatives, a copy of the EIS Executive Summary and a copy of the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. Extra copies of the newsletter and the Executive Summary were left with the organization for general distribution and a digital copy of the EIS for the organization's use. Throughout and following the presentation:

- Meeting participants asked questions and offered perspectives about the proposed Project, the environmental assessment including format and content of the EIS, how Round Two input was used in the EIS and the PIP; and
- Where appropriate, representatives of the EA Team offered responses.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Physical Environment & Project Description:

- A participant asked about the design for the road that will be constructed to cross the Keeyask Generation Station.
 - The EA Team representative indicated that the road will cross over the generation station similar to the existing road that crosses over the Long Spruce dam. The road will be constructed to provincial road standards and, once the Project is constructed, will be integrated into the provincial highway network (PR280)

Traffic and Safety:

- A participant mentioned that traffic on PR280 will increase as a result of the Project and could result in increased risk of accidents. It was suggested that a plan be developed to have continuous cell coverage between Gillam and Thompson. Currently there are only a few locations along this route where cell coverage is available. This could place drivers at risk in case of an accident.
 - The EA Team representative recognized this concern however noted that this is an MTS service enquiry.

Emergency Services:

- A participant asked if any mutual aid agreements are in place between Gillam emergency services and Manitoba Hydro, and if so, who are the partners in the agreements and what does it address.
 - An EA Team representative indicated that they will follow up on this.
 - Follow up: No mutual aid agreements have been established however Manitoba Hydro has advised that the Project site will have a fire truck and two ambulances that can be offered in whatever capacity is required.
- A participant wanted to know if construction work will continue at the Project site prior to the CEC hearing. More specifically will traffic along PR280 increase this summer (2013).
 - The EA Team representative mentioned that construction related to the Keeyask Infrastructure Project is ongoing at the site and will continue this summer. The website Keeyask.com contains additional information about the Keeyask Infrastructure Project as well as a current traffic study.

Human Health:

- A participant indicated that they have a cabin near the Project, enjoy fishing, and are concerned about mercury and health effects.
 - The EA Team representative indicated that the Partnership has studied this topic and identified mitigation measures to help minimize adverse effects. Communication material will be developed to provide guidelines regarding safe consumption levels of fish. A program to monitor mercury levels in fish and other wildlife is also planned.

Regulatory Review Process:

- A participant asked if the south access road was included in this Environmental Assessment (EA).
 - The Manitoba Hydro representative indicated that the south access road is part of the same EA.
- A participant asked about the expected date that Manitoba Hydro anticipates receiving a licence for the Project.
 - An EA Team representative indicated that the licensing time frame will be clarified following the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) hearings scheduled for fall 2013. The earliest possible construction start date is anticipated to be June 2014.

Other:

- A participant asked about the length of time that is required to keep the EIS binders in the registry.
 - An EA Team representative noted that management of the public registry, including when materials could be removed, was the responsibility of Manitoba Conservation.
 - Follow up: Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship Environmental Approvals Branch staff have advised that there are no specific guidelines regarding how long printed copies of the EIS should be kept in each Public Registry location. While they would like to see the documents stay at local Public Registries indefinitely, at a minimum, documents should be kept at Public Registry locations until the Project is licensed and operational. It is also

recognized that public registry locations provide this service at their discretion, and are not subject to control by Conservation and Water Stewardship. A government operated public registry that maintains all documents indefinitely is maintained by the Legislative Library in Winnipeg.

Questions about the Public Registry should be directed to:

Bruce Webb, P. Eng.
Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship
Environmental Approvals
Water Development & Control Assessment Officer
Phone No.: (204) 945-7021
Email: bruce.webb@gov.mb.ca



Community of Gillam Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Gillam Community Leadership Council Chambers, March 6, 2012; 3:00 –4:30 pm

In Attendance:

Jim Goymer (Mayor)

Curtis Belfour (Deputy Mayor)

Jackie Clayton (CAO)

Debbie Crozier (ACAO)

Rita Spence (FLCN)

Nick Barnes (MH)

Marc St. Laurent (MH)

John Osler (IG)

Dale Giesbrecht (IG)

Gillam Community Information Session

Recreation Centre, March 6, 2012; 5:00 -8:00 pm

In Attendance:

Nick Barnes (MH)

Marc St. Laurent (MH)

Mark Manzer (MH)

Cam Barth (NSC)

Friederike Schneider-Vieira (NSC)

Don MacDonell (NSC)

Rob Berger (WRCS)

John Osler (IG)

Dale Giesbrecht (IG)

6 local people attended

Key perspectives and issues identified by Gillam council and community members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to community representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(March 6, 2012; 3:00 – 4:30 pm)

Traffic and Safety:

- A question was asked regarding the quality of construction of the south access road to Gillam.
 - Response: The road will be constructed to meet provincial road standards.
- A question was asked regarding the time saved when driving between Gillam and Thompson once the Project is in place.
 - Response: The new route would be expected to reduce travel time by approximately 45 minutes.
- A participant indicated that the PR280 highway improvement project should be completed before the Keeyask Project begins so that the road is safe to drive when the construction traffic begins.
- A participant noted that the Gillam Council hears complaints about traffic on PR280 and needs a Project contact person so that they can be in contact if and when concerns arise.
- A participant suggested that cell phone dead zones between Thompson and Gillam should be eliminated by adding additional towers. This would provide those traveling the road with additional safety, particularly with the additional construction traffic.

Employment and Training:

- A concern was expressed about the ability of training programs to provide adequate labour for the Project. It was noted that local hiring is a good thing, but a core group of workers will be needed.
 - Response: Steps have been taken in the northern region to train workers and to provide a preference for northern and Aboriginal workers.
- It was suggested that worker retention programs be in place at the construction camp to reduce employee turnover rates.

Flooding:

- A participant asked if there was a plan to salvage timber cleared from the flooded areas.
 - Response: An evaluation determined that salvaging the wood would not be economical.
- A participant suggested that timber in the vicinity of the access roads be placed near the roads so that communities could utilize it.
- A council member asked whether there would be any program in place to help people to travel safely on lakes affected by the flooding.
 - Response: After construction is complete there will be a program to establish safe boating routes, to mark hazards and to establish safe landing sites for boats.
- A participant asked about the details of the plan to keep sedimentation down during Project construction.
 - Response: Sediments will be minimized through the design of the cofferdams, methods for placement of material into the river and introduction of vegetation to disturbed areas.
- A participant asked why water levels on Stephens Lake would not be affected.
 - Response: The same amount of water would be flowing through the Gull Rapids area after construction. In addition, the water level on Stephens Lake is controlled by the Kettle Generating Station.

- A participant noted that lake sturgeon education programs are a good idea.

Other:

- A question was asked about the timeline for the next steps in the process.
 - Response: Specific answers will be returned to council as soon as possible. Meeting notes from the meeting will be included in the EIS as a record of the discussion with Gillam. In addition, Round Three of the PIP will be held, likely in fall 2012, with the purpose of reviewing the completed Environmental Impact Statement with the communities.
- A question was asked regarding the number of traplines affected by the Keeyask Project.
 - Response: About three or four traplines will be affected. Those affected have been contacted.
- A question was asked regarding where groceries and other supplies for the Project would originate.
- Since Gillam has only two emergency vehicles, it was suggested that the Keeyask site serve its own needs so as not to strain emergency services in Gillam.
 - Response: The camp design includes emergency vehicles and staff trained in emergency response.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

(March 6, 2012; 5:00 – 8:00 pm)

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.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

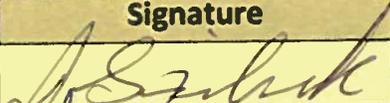
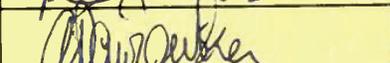
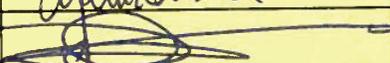
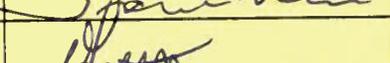
Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	A participant suggested that cell phone dead zones between Thompson and Gillam should be eliminated by adding additional towers. This would provide those traveling the road with additional safety, particularly with the additional construction traffic.	Gillam Mayor and Council	EIS 4.3.2.3
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant noted that lake sturgeon education programs are a good idea.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 7.5.1.2
Environmenta l Assessment Issues and Perspectives	A question was asked about the timeline for the next steps in the process.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 3.5.2 and 3.5.3
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant asked why water levels on Stephens Lake would not be affected.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.2.6, 6.3.6.2.2, 6.4.3.2.2 and 6.6.5.5.3
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant asked about the details of the plan to keep sedimentation down during Project construction.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.2, 6.3.8, 6.3.12.6, 6.4.3.2, 6.4.6.1, 8.1.5.3, 8.2.1 and 8.2.2
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	A participant asked if there was a plan to salvage timber cleared from the flooded areas.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.3, 6.7.4.3 and Appendix 4A
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	It was suggested that worker retention programs be in place at the construction camp to reduce employee turnover rates.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 6.6.1, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.2, 6.6.4.3, 6.6.5.4, 6.6.5.6, 6.6.6.3 and 8.2.4

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A concern was expressed about the ability of training programs to provide adequate labour for the Project. It was noted that local hiring is a good thing, but a core group of workers will be needed.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 2.4.6, 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.3.1 and 8.2.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A question was asked regarding where groceries and other supplies for the Project would originate.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.6.3.2 and 6.6.6.1
Resource Use Issues and Perspectives	A question was asked regarding the number of traplines affected by the Keeyask Project.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.6, 6.6.3.5, 6.7.1 and 6.7.4.1
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	A council member asked whether there would be any program in place to help people to travel safely on lakes affected by the flooding.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.3.2.12, 4.3.3.1, 4.6.13, 4.7.7.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.2.3.6, 6.3.11, 6.6.5.5, 6.6.6.3, 6.7.3.1, 6.7.5.1 and 8.1.2.2
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	A question was asked regarding the time saved when driving between Gillam and Thompson once the Project is in place.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.6.5.5
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	A question was asked regarding the quality of construction of the south access road to Gillam.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.3.2.6
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	Since Gillam has only two emergency vehicles, it was suggested that the Keeyask site serve its own needs so as not to strain emergency services in Gillam.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.7.7.2
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	A participant indicated that the PR280 highway improvement project should be completed before the Keeyask Project begins so that the road is safe to drive when the construction traffic begins.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.3.2.6, 4.7.4, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.5.5, 6.6.6.1, 6.6.6.3, 7.6.3.1 and 8.2.4

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	A participant suggested that timber in the vicinity of the access roads be placed near the roads so that communities could utilize it.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting and recorded as an Information Request	EIS 4.6.3, 6.7.4.3 and Appendix 4A
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	A participant noted that the Gillam Council hears complaints about traffic on PR280 and needs a Project contact person so that they can be in contact if and when concerns arise.	Gillam Mayor and Council Meeting and recorded as an Information Request	EIS 6.5.12 and 8.3.3
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	The discussion included several inquiries regarding the time line of the Project as well as technical aspects of project design.	Gillam Open House	Chapter 4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Comments and inquiries were made about the opportunities for employment training and construction employment. The opportunity for construction jobs on Keyask and other future projects like Conawapa was identified as a good opportunity for people living in the north in general and Gillam in particular.	Gillam Open House	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	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.	Gillam Open House	EIS 4.3.2.6, 4.7.4, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.5.5, 6.6.6.1, 6.6.6.3, 7.6.3.1 and 8.2.4

**TOWN OF GILLIAM
COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION
PROPOSED KEYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
ROUND THREE**

April 29, 2013 @ 5:00 pm

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Lyle McMaster	Lyle McMaster	
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Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Gillam Community Information Session

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: April 29, 2013; 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: **Gillam, Manitoba**
Gillam Recreation Centre – Blue Room

In Attendance:

Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
John Osler	InterGroup Consultants
Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

Attendance from Community: **See sign-in-sheet**

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The community information session was requested by the Environmental Assessment (EA) Team for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project (the Project) to:

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS;
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what is heard.

The community information session is part of the third and final round in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program (PIP) being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as communities, organizations, and other Aboriginal groups that may be potentially affected by or interested in the Project. This last round of public involvement activities will be documented and submitted as supplemental information for the regulatory process related to the Project prior to the Clean Environment Commission hearings planned for late 2013.

MEETING PROCESS

The community information session was held at the Gillam Recreation Centre – Blue Room. Attendees at the information session were encouraged to sign-in and speak to representatives of the EA Team about any perspectives/issues they might have about the Project. Each attendee was provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter, a copy of the EIS Executive Summary, a DVD containing the video Keeyask:

Our Story, and, if requested, a digital copy of the EIS. The video, *Keeyask: Our Story* was shown and questions about the Project were answered. If questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session they were recorded by a EA Team member, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the information request, and followed up as required. In total, twenty-one community members signed-in at the session.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Project Description

- A participant requested more information regarding the access road.
- An EA Team representative provided further detail on the Project design, specifically the access road and the Construction Management Plan.
- Concern was expressed in possible peatland disintegration. This topic along with the Reservoir Clearing Plan was discussed.

Employment and Training

- Participants expressed interest in the Socio-Economic Monitoring Plan.
- A participant had concerns regarding worker interaction and interest was expressed in the planned mitigation efforts to reduce any adverse effects.
 - An EA Team representative provided further detail on the planned worker interaction mitigation measures.

Regulatory Review Process

- Interest was expressed in the timelines associated with the Keeyask regulatory review process. The regulatory timelines associated with the Project were discussed.

Caribou

- A participant indicated that they had concerns regarding Project effects on caribou.
 - Potential Project impacts on caribou as well as planned mitigation measures were discussed.

Sturgeon

- A participant indicated that they had concerns regarding Project effects on lake sturgeon. Potential Project impacts on sturgeon as well as planned mitigation measures were discussed.

Mercury and Human Health

- There was a discussion about the risk communication strategy being developed to address predicted increases in mercury levels.

Heritage

- The Heritage Resources Protection Plan (HRPP) was discussed.

Other

- Participants mentioned that producing the *Keeyask: Our Story* was a worthwhile endeavour.
- Interest was expressed in the Conawapa Generation Project.



Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Incorporated Community of Cross Lake Mayor and Council

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: May 1, 2013; 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Location: **Cross Lake, Manitoba**
Cross Lake Community Building, Boardroom

In Attendance:	Bob Smith	Mayor
	Keith Settee	Councillor
	John McLeod	Councillor
	Cameron McLeod	Councillor
	Rosalee Halcrow	Councillor
	Noelle Halcrow	Community Development Officer
	Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
	Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
	Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS;
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what is heard.

The meeting is part of the third and final round in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program (PIP) being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as communities, organizations, and other Aboriginal groups that may be potentially affected by or interested in the Project. This last round of public involvement activities will be documented and submitted as supplemental information for the regulatory process related to the Project prior to the Clean Environment Commission hearings planned for late 2013.

MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, the video *Keeyask: Our Story* was viewed. EA Team representatives, on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership), then presented information on the Project, including the format and content of the EIS, how input from Round Two was used in the EIS and the purpose of Round Three of the Project PIP. Specifically, the focus of the presentation included information about the Partnership, the proposed Project, the environmental assessment process, the EIS and related supplemental information. In addition, the findings of the environmental assessment regarding the issues that were most prominently raised in Round Two of the PIP were provided. This included information regarding employment and training; lake sturgeon; caribou; flooding, erosion, sedimentation and debris; water quality; and mercury, fish and human health. Each council member in attendance was provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter as well as a copy of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement Executive Summary. Extra copies of the newsletter were left with the Administrator for general distribution. Throughout and following the presentation:

- Meeting participants asked questions and offered perspectives about the proposed Project, the environmental assessment including format and content of the EIS, how Round Two input was used in the EIS and the PIP; and
- Where appropriate, representatives of the EA Team offered responses.

The following are highlights of the meeting and are intended to capture the key points that were raised and discussed. 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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Employment and Training

- A participant indicated that in the past, Northern Affairs Community (NAC) members were required to seek out job opportunities posted through the neighbouring Band Office. In addition, not all the Metis residents of Cross Lake NAC are represented by the Manitoba Metis Federation. It was suggested that if there are any announcements regarding Project employment opportunities that they be sent out to both the NACs and the corresponding First Nations Band office at the same time. The Job Referral Service (JRS), the employee referral database that will be used for the Project, was discussed. Concern was expressed regarding the length of employment that will be available with the Keeyask Project.
- With regards to the Burntwood Nelson Agreement, a participant expressed concern about union members receiving employment before qualified northern residents. An EA Team representative indicated that they would look into whether any preferences exist for existing union members.
 - Follow up: Manitoba Hydro has advised that while all workers are required to become union members as they are hired, existing union workers do not receive any preferences in the employment process.

Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership

- A concern was expressed that Northern Affairs Communities are not receiving the same opportunities as First Nations to become partners in hydro development.

Project Description

- A question was asked about whether the Project would cause system-wide effects. It was noted that the Project is not expected to change the fundamental operation of the Churchill River Diversion.
- A question was asked about whether the cleared timber from the reservoir would be marketable. An EA team representative noted that this topic had been researched as a result of a previous request through PIP however it was determined that it would not be economically viable to salvage timber on a commercial scale.

Heritage Resources

- A participant expressed interest in possible human remains found at the Project site. The archaeological work completed to date as well as the Heritage Resources Protection Plan was discussed.

Other

- Concern was expressed regarding the increase in residential hydro costs in the North.
- A participant wanted to know if there had been any meetings with the neighbouring Cross Lake First Nation Chief and Council.
 - A EA Team representative indicated Cross Lake First Nation/Pimicikamak Cree Nation has received Keeyask Generation Project information through the Northern Flood Agreement Article 9 process and the PIP process.



Community of Cross Lake Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Cross Lake Community Leadership Council Chambers, March 7, 2012; 1:00 – 2:30 pm

In Attendance:

Darlene Beck (CAO)

Cameron McLeod (Councillor)

Keith Settee (Councillor)

Noelle Halcrow (Councillor)

Wil DeWit (MH)

Harv Sawatzky (IG)

Dale Giesbrecht (IG)

Key perspectives and issues identified by Cross Lake council members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to community representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(March 7, 2012; 1:00 – 2:30 pm)

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 councillor 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 University College of the North (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 Cross Lake First Nation (CLFN) 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 councillor 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 councillor 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.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	A councillor questioned why Cross Lake is included in the PIP process if predictions show that there would be no physical effects for the community.	Cross Lake N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 3.4 and PI SV Appendix 4
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	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 Cross Lake First Nation would have a claim about any effects from the Keeyask Project.	Cross Lake N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.1, 4.7 and 6.2.2.3
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A councillor stated that training should be started immediately so that potential workers are prepared for when construction starts. Who is providing training now?	Cross Lake N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 2.4.6, 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.3.1 and 8.2.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	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.	Cross Lake N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 2.4.6, 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.3.1 and 8.2.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A concern was expressed about what was felt to be an 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.	Cross Lake N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 2.4.6, 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.5.1 and 8.2.4
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	A councillor wanted to know why construction began on a project if the licensing had not been processed yet.	Cross Lake N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.3.2.11



Community of Pikwitonei Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Pikwitonei Community Leadership

Recreation Centre, March 8, 2012; 4:30 – 5:00 pm

In Attendance:

L. Hanson (Mayor)

Christine Campbell (Councillor)

Samantha Cordell (Councillor)

Wil DeWit (MH)

Harv Sawatzky (IG)

Dale Giesbrecht (IG)

Pikwitonei Community Information Session

Recreation Centre, March 8, 2012; 1:00 -4:30 pm

In Attendance:

Wil DeWit (MH)

Harv Sawatzky (IG)

Dale Giesbrecht (IG)

15 local people attended

Key perspectives and issues identified by Pikwitonei council and community members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to community representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(March 8, 2012; 4:30 – 5:00 pm)

Flooding:

- A comment was made regarding shoreline erosion on the upper Nelson River from the high water levels over the past two years.

Sturgeon and Fish:

- A council member asked how the lake sturgeon spawning habitat creation proposed for the Keeyask Project could be implemented on the Upper Nelson River. The Nelson River Sturgeon Management Board has been trying to get funds to do this for some time.
 - It was suggested that they monitor the process at Keeyask to see what is done there, whether it proves successful and try to adapt those measures to the Upper Nelson River situation.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

(March 8, 2012; 1:00 -4:30 pm)

Employment and Training:

- Concerns were raised by several community members regarding the lack of training programs for those interested in gaining employment on Manitoba Hydro projects. They felt that there should be training for Aboriginal people for all project skills, including steel work, concrete work, etc. Concern was expressed that training opportunities in the north do not cover the full range of skills that will be required for the Project. They felt that there should be no need to bring in outside workers to fill Project jobs.
 - Response: Information in the newsletter was highlighted pertaining to the Hydro Northern Training and Employment Initiative (HNTEI), which ended in 2010. The Project hiring practices were also reviewed, as outlined in the newsletter. The Burntwood-Nelson Agreement will govern hiring on the Project; there will be preferential hiring opportunities for qualified candidates from northern Manitoba, with the first preference given to qualified Aboriginal people in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson communities.
- Several participants expressed a desire to see improved employment practices over those experienced at the Wuskwatim Generation Project. They indicated that Aboriginal people were hired, quickly let go and subsequently replaced by non-Aboriginal workers. They also indicated that Aboriginal people need to be employed in positions that match their skills. They cited an example of an Aboriginal person with heavy equipment operation experience being employed as a general labourer, while a non-Manitoba worker operated equipment.
 - Response: The experiences of past projects, including the Wuskwatim Generation Project, have been examined in planning for the Keeyask Generation Project.

- A community member felt that small communities like Pikwitonei are overlooked by Manitoba Hydro in terms of employment and they wanted information about how community members can get jobs on the Project.
 - Response: The hiring process would be similar to that used for the Wuskwatim Project; workers would register with the job referral service, would need to keep this information up-to-date, renew it every six months and keep checking back with the employment office in Thompson or other employment centres.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Several participants expressed a desire to see improved employment practices over those experienced at the Wuskwatim Generation Project. They indicated that Aboriginal people were hired, quickly let go and subsequently replaced by non-Aboriginal workers. They also indicated that Aboriginal people need to be employed in positions that match their skills. They cited an example of an Aboriginal person with heavy equipment operation experience being employed as a general labourer, while a non-Manitoba worker operated equipment.	Pikwitonei Community Meeting	EIS 2.4.6, 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.5.1 and 8.2.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A community member felt that small communities like Pikwitonei are overlooked by Manitoba Hydro in terms of employment and they wanted information about how community members can get jobs on the Project.	Pikwitonei Community Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1, 6.6.4.2 and 6.6.5.1
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Concerns were raised by several community members regarding the lack of training programs for those interested in gaining employment on Manitoba Hydro projects. They felt that there should be training for Aboriginal people for all project skills, including steel work, concrete work, etc. Concern was expressed that training opportunities in the north do not cover the full range of skills that will be required for the Project. They felt that there should be no need to bring in outside workers to fill Project jobs.	Pikwitonei Community Meeting	EIS 2.4.6, 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.3.1, 8.2.4
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A council member asked how the lake sturgeon spawning habitat creation proposed for the Keeyask Project could be implemented on the Upper Nelson River. The Nelson River Sturgeon Management Board has been trying to get funds to do this for some time.	Pikwitonei Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.4.6.1, 6.4.6.2, 8.2.2 and 8.3.1

**PIKWITONEI LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY
INFORMATION SESSION
PROPOSED KEYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT
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ROUND THREE**

May 8, 2013 @ 11:00 am

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DUSTIN mercredi	DUSTIN mercredi	
Faith Dick	Faith Dick	
Ruby Taylor	Ruby Taylor	
Margaret Moose	Margaret Moose	Pik School
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Breeann Pagee		
Kayleigh		



Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Pikwitonei Community Information Session

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: May 8, 2013; 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: **Pikwitonei, Manitoba**
Pikwitonei School Gym

In Attendance:

Monica Wiest	Manitoba Hydro
Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

**Attendance from
Community:** **See sign-in-sheet**

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS;
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what is heard.

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MEETING PROCESS

The community information session was held at the Pikwitonei School Gym. Attendees at the information session were encouraged to sign-in and speak to representatives of the EA Team representatives about any perspectives/issues they might have about the Project. Each attendee was provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter, a copy of the EIS Executive Summary, a DVD containing the video *Keeyask: Our Story*, and if requested a digital copy of the EIS. The video, *Keeyask: Our Story* was shown and

questions about the Project were answered. If questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session they were recorded by an EA Team member, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the information request, and followed up as required. In total, seventeen community members signed-in at the session.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Environmental Assessment Process

- A question was asked about how long the Project has been in the planning stages. It was noted that while Manitoba Hydro and the Keeyask Cree Nations have been working together to collect and analyze information related to Keeyask for over a decade, the Public Involvement Program began in 2008.

Employment

- Participants spoke of their positive employment experiences at Wuskwatim and expressed interest in employment opportunities related to Keeyask. The Job Referral Service was discussed.

Regulatory Review Process

- The timelines associated with the licensing process for the Keeyask Project was discussed.

Other:

- Interest was expressed in the Conawapa Project.



Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Leaf Rapids Mayor and Council

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: May 8, 2013; 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Location: **Leaf Rapids, Manitoba**
Leaf Rapids Council Office, Council Chambers

In Attendance:	Geraldine Cockerill	Mayor
	Allan Linklater	Councillor
	Garry Trewin	Councillor
	John Roach	Councillor
	Monica Wiest	Manitoba Hydro
	Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
	Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, EA Team representatives, on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership), presented information on the Project, including the format and content of the EIS, how input from Round Two was used in the EIS and purpose of Round Three of the Project PIP. Specifically, the focus of the presentation included information about the Partnership, the proposed

Project, the environmental assessment process, the EIS and related supplemental information. In addition, the findings of the environmental assessment regarding the issues that were most prominently raised in Round Two of the PIP were provided. This included information regarding employment and training; lake sturgeon; caribou; flooding, erosion, sedimentation and debris; water quality; and mercury, fish and human health. Each Leaf Rapids leadership representative in attendance was provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter, a summary of the Round Two issues raised by Leaf Rapids representatives, a copy of the EIS Executive Summary and a copy of the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. Extra copies of the newsletter and the Executive Summary were left with the organization for general distribution and a digital copy of the EIS for the organization's use. Throughout and following the presentation:

- Meeting participants asked questions and offered perspectives about the proposed Project, the environmental assessment including format and content of the EIS, how Round Two input was used in the EIS and the PIP; and
- Where appropriate, representatives of the EA Team offered responses.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Project Description

- There was a discussion about the predicted construction timeline for the Project. It was noted that the construction process is estimated to take eight-and-a-half years.
- A participant wanted to know what percentage of power from the Keeyask Generating Station will be sold out of province. A EA Team representative indicated that the Project will be built for domestic and export power. The power generated by the Project will be bought by Manitoba Hydro and integrated into Manitoba Hydro's power system. It was indicated that the EA Team representative would follow up to see if there is any more information that can be provided on this topic.
 - Follow-up: Manitoba Hydro has confirmed that it will purchase the entire output (capacity, energy, environmental attributes) of the Keeyask Generating Station from the Partnership and integrate it into the Manitoba System. The surplus power (capacity and energy) from the Manitoba System after supplying the Manitoba domestic load will then be exported to neighboring markets and utilities. The amount of Keeyask power exported from Manitoba is linked to the amount of power generated in Manitoba and the amount of power needed to serve Manitoba domestic load. Periods of favorable water conditions creates surplus power in Manitoba and this results in more exports to neighboring markets.

Aquatics

- A concern was expressed about potential fluctuations of water levels throughout the system as a result of the Keeyask Project. It was noted that the Project is not expected to change the fundamental operation of the Churchill River Diversion.

Employment and Training

- There was a discussion about how Leaf Rapids residents could access the employment opportunities available with the Keeyask Project. The Burntwood/Nelson Agreement (BNA) and the Job Referral Service were discussed.

Monitoring

- Interest was expressed in the draft monitoring plans associated with the Project. There was a particular interest in the types of activities that may be included in the Aboriginal traditional knowledge monitoring program.

Other

- There was a discussion about the Wuskwatim Project and ongoing monitoring activities. Councillor Linklator spoke of his positive experience participating in the Monitoring Advisory Committee for Wuskwatim.
- Interest was expressed in having Manitoba Hydro host a job fair in the community that profiles Manitoba Hydro employment opportunities. The Environmental Assessment Team representatives indicated that they would pass this request along to the appropriate department in Manitoba Hydro.
- There was a discussion about impacts associated with the Churchill River Diversion and the changes observed on South Indian Lake.



Community of Leaf Rapids Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Leaf Rapids Community Leadership Council Chambers, February 29, 2012; 1:30 – 4:00 pm

In Attendance:

Geraldine Cockerill (Mayor)
Alan Linklater (Councillor)
Gary Trewin (Councillor)
Keith Anderson (Councillor)

John Roach (Councillor)
Linda Heath (CAO)
Lianna Anderson (CEDO)
John Osler (IG)

Leaf Rapids Community Information Session

Town Centre Complex, February 29, 2012; 1:30 – 4:00 pm

In Attendance:

Monica Wiest (MH)
Dale Giesbrecht (IG)
10 local people attended

Key perspectives and issues identified by Leaf Rapids council and community members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to community representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**(February 29, 2012; 1:30 – 4:00 pm)****Physical Environment:**

- Councillors commented that the planned offset programs appear to be a good idea and the appropriate approach. However, two councillors cautioned that the adverse effects mitigation can only be considered something that is done when impacts cannot be avoided.

Employment and Training:

- There was interest in potential employment and training opportunities associated with the Project. Comments were provided on the community's recent experience with the Wuskwatim Project construction process, noting that improvements in the accessibility and posting of employment opportunities would be encouraged.

Other

- Leaf Rapids and community have noted they have experienced adverse effects as a result of the Churchill River Diversion Program (CRD). These concerns and impacts were raised during previous consultation with Manitoba Hydro during the recent CRD licensing process. While information was provided as part of the Keeyask Round Two PIP process, which indicates water management is not expected to change, participants noted that the waterways in and around the community continue to change as a result of CRD. For example, although water levels on South Indian Lake are reported to be stabilized, elders continue to comment that they are witnessing increasingly higher water levels on the lake.
- There was considerable discussion around how the current waterways continue to impact the community. An example identified was recent experience with high water flow levels and stability concerns associated with the bridge in and out of the community. The community continues to be concerned with the municipal water supply access. Council members who are also resource users cite examples of outstanding issues with accessibility to resource use areas.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS**(February 29, 2012; 1:30 – 4:00 pm)****Employment and Training:**

- Based on experience and what has been heard from people that worked at Wuskwatim, concern was raised about unfair layoff-off practices and positions being replaced with workers from outside the province.
 - The concern was noted by the PIP team who explained that there is a review to explore and build on lessons learned from Wuskwatim experience in order improve the Keeyask Job Referral System (JRS).
- One individual stated that they would like to see hiring preferences for northern Manitoba residents stated in writing.
 - Hiring preferences are stated in the Joint Keeyask Development Agreement (JKDA) and reflect provisions in the Burntwood/Nelson Agreement (BNA). The individual was provided with a link to the Project website and path to JKDA.

Physical Environment:

- Several attendees expressed concerns and skepticism about potential system effects due to the operation of Keeyask.
 - A PIP member explained predictions re: system effects in conjunction with accompanying presentation boards and provided information on existing agreements (Northern Flood Agreement) as well as Keeyask specific agreements, JKDA and Adverse Effects Agreements (AEA), applicable to Keeyask Cree Nations (KCNs) communities.

Aquatics:

- A concern was expressed about proposed sturgeon mitigation measures and the manufactured spawning areas. The individual thought that with reservoir level fluctuations the artificial spawning areas would not be successful.

Other:

- A number of people expressed concerns about past Hydro issues regarding Wuskwatim and the Churchill River diversion.
 - A PIP member noted the concern. Information was provided on the current environmental assessment and public engagement processes, that both were designed to improve on past practices, are transparent and foster engagement on various levels (including directly affected partners as well as potentially affected and/or interested stakeholders).

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder /Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A concern was expressed about proposed sturgeon mitigation measures and the manufactured spawning areas. The individual thought that with reservoir level fluctuations the artificial spawning areas would not be successful.	Leaf Rapids Community Meeting	EIS 6.4.6.1, 6.4.6.2, 8.2.2 and 8.3.1
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	Several attendees expressed concerns and skepticism about potential system effects due to the operation of Keeyask.	Leaf Rapids Community Meeting	EIS 4.1, 4,7, 6.2.2.3, 6.2.3.2, Chapter 7, EIS 8.2.1 and 8.2.2
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Based on experience and what has been heard from people that worked at Wuskwatim, concern was raised about unfair lay-off practices and positions being replaced with workers from outside the province.	Leaf Rapids Community Meeting	EIS 6.6.3.1 and 6.6.5.1
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	One individual stated that they would like to see hiring preferences for northern Manitoba residents stated in writing.	Leaf Rapids Community Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	Councillors commented that the planned offset programs appear to be a good idea and the appropriate approach. However, two councillors cautioned that the adverse effects mitigation can only be considered something that is done when impacts cannot be avoided.	Leaf Rapids Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.5.1, 6.4.8, 6.5.10, 6.6.6, 6.7.6 and 6.8.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	There was interest in potential employment and training opportunities associated with the Project. Comments were provided on the community's recent experience with the Wuskwatim Project construction process, noting that improvements in the accessibility and posting of employment opportunities would be encouraged.	Leaf Rapids Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1, 6.6.4.2 and 6.6.5.1

LEAF RAPIDS
COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION
PROPOSED KEYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
ROUND THREE

May 8, 2013 @ 6:00 pm

Name (Print)	Signature	Affiliation
Ashley O	<i>Ashley O</i>	Leaf Rapids
Becky Johnston	<i>Becky Johnston</i>	Leaf Rapids
Liz B	<i>Liz B</i>	Leaf Rapids
William S	William	Leaf Rapids
Kelsey O	Kelsey Oman	Leaf Rapids
Gregory O	Gregory Oman	Leaf Rapids
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Rose Bissetty	Rose Bissetty	



Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Leaf Rapids Community Information Session

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: May 8, 2013; 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: **Leaf Rapids, Manitoba**
Leaf Rapids Town Complex

In Attendance:	Monica Wiest	Manitoba Hydro
	Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
	Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

**Attendance from
Community:** **See sign-in-sheet**

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The community information session was requested by the Environmental Assessment (EA) Team for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project (the Project) to:

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS;
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what was heard.

The community information session is part of the third and final round in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program (PIP) being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as communities, organizations, and other Aboriginal groups that may be potentially affected by or interested in the Project. This last round of public involvement activities will be documented and submitted as supplemental information for the regulatory process related to the Project prior to the Clean Environment Commission hearings planned for late 2013.

MEETING PROCESS

The community information session was held at the Leaf Rapids Town Complex. Attendees at the information session were encouraged to sign-in and speak to representatives of the EA Team representatives about any perspectives/issues they might have about the Project. Each attendee was

provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter, a copy of the EIS Executive Summary, a DVD containing the video *Keeyask: Our Story*, and if requested a digital copy of the EIS. The video, *Keeyask: Our Story* was shown and questions about the Project were answered. If questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session they were recorded by an EA Team member, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the information request, and followed up as required. In total, eleven community members signed-in at the session.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Employment and Training

- A participant (who identified as a Fox Lake Cree Nation member) expressed interest in future employment opportunities related to the Keeyask Project. The role of the Fox Lake Cree Nation liaison worker as well as the Job Referral Service was discussed.

Environmental Impact Assessment

- The video *Keeyask: Our Story* was very well received and many participants took the time to watch it.

Other

- Interest was expressed in the Conawapa Generation Project.



Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Churchill Leadership

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: May 14, 2013; 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Location: **Churchill, Manitoba**
Churchill Council Office, Council Chambers

In Attendance:	Verna Flett	Councilor
	Cory Young	CAO
	Danielle Sinclair	Executive Assistant
	Rita Spence	Fox Lake Cree Nation
	Monica Wiest	Manitoba Hydro
	Harv Sawatzky	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS;
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what is heard

The meeting is part of the third and final round in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program (PIP) being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as communities, organizations, and other Aboriginal groups that may be potentially affected by or interested in the Keeyask Generation Project (the Project). This last round of public involvement activities will be documented and submitted as supplemental information for the regulatory process related to the Keeyask Generation Project prior to the Clean Environment Commission hearings planned for late 2013.

MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, EA Team representatives, on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership), presented information on the Project, including the format and content of the EIS, how input from Round Two was used in the EIS and the purpose of Round Three of the Keeyask Generation Project PIP. Specifically, the focus of the presentation included information about the Partnership, the proposed Project, the environmental assessment process, the EIS and related supplemental information. In addition, the findings of the environmental assessment regarding the issues that were most prominently raised in Round Two of the PIP were provided. This included information regarding employment and training; lake sturgeon; caribou; flooding, erosion, sedimentation and debris; water quality; and mercury, fish and human health. Each council member in attendance was provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter, a summary of the Round Two issues raised in Churchill and a copy of the EIS Executive Summary. The video *Keeyask: Our Story* was shown at the end of the leadership meeting and copies were offered to participants. Extra copies of the newsletter were left with the Administrator for general distribution. Throughout and following the presentation:

- Council members asked questions and offered perspectives about the proposed Project, the environmental assessment including format and content of the EIS, how Round Two input was used in the EIS and the PIP; and
- Where appropriate, representatives of the EA Team offered responses.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Environmental Effects

- There was a discussion about potential Project impacts on the Fox Lake Cree Nation Resource Management Area.

Public Involvement Program

- A participant mentioned that he is supportive of The Partnership's Public Involvement Program that includes opportunities for First Nation members living in Churchill to learn about and provide input to the Project.

Employment and Training

- There was a discussion about employee retention measures such as the cultural awareness training that will be implemented for the Project.
- Interest was expressed in training opportunities related to the Keeyask project. The Hydro Northern Training and Employment Initiative was discussed.

Regulatory Process

- A participant asked if the new *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (2012)* has changed anything for this Project.

- The EA Team representative explained the Project was filed with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency prior to the implementation of the new Act and therefore is being reviewed under the previous *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.
- There was a discussion about the Clean Environment Commission process.

Other

- There was a discussion about past Manitoba Hydro projects and, in particular, the Wuskwatim Project. The EA Team representatives indicated experiences and lessons learned from the Wuskwatim Project were used in the planning for the Keeyask Project.



Community of Churchill Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Churchill Community Leadership

Council Chambers, March 1, 2012; 12:00 – 2:00 pm

In Attendance:

Verna Flett (Deputy Mayor)
Albert Meijering (CAO)
Jennifer Massan (CFO)
Gerald Azure (Councillor)
Gail Hodkin (Councillor)

Monica Wiest (MH) (PIP)
John Osler (IG) (PIP)
Dale Giesbrecht (IG) (PIP)

Churchill Community Information Session

Pioneer Centre, March 1, 2012; 5:00 -7:00 pm

In Attendance:

Mark Manzer (MH) (PIP)
Monica Wiest (MH) (PIP)
John Osler (IG) (PIP)
Dale Giesbrecht (IG) (PIP)
5 local people attended

Key perspectives and issues identified by Churchill council and community members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to community representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 3 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**(March 1, 2012; 12:00 – 2:00 pm)****Project impacts and perspectives:**

- Community members expressed that they knew little about the Project, and had many questions.
- An individual suggested that the flooded area be imposed as a transparency over the map of northern Manitoba to facilitate visual learners rather than having the maps and diagrams placed on separate story boards.
- Councillors questioned the effects of the Keeyask Project on water quality for the Churchill residence and the status of operations at the Missi Falls Control Structure.
- Concerns were expressed that Churchill residents have not received what they were promised in the past in terms of water from the Missi Falls Control Structure.
- An individual stated that they would like to receive the Environmental Assessment to read it.
- Concerns were voiced about the effects of mercury on human health (MHH), and that the community needs to be supplied with information about the complexity of this matter. There is a dependence on country food due to the high prices in the stores. Mercury is affecting the ability of northerners to support themselves.
 - The PIP team explained measures taken to communicate issues re: MHH (existing and future environment, safe consumption recommendations, *etc.*) for Keeyask Cree Nations (KCNs) communities. Noted that this is documented in the EIS, as well as overview of past and current research on MHH. Noted that there will be communication of such measures to Provincial Health Ministry for information and potential use, if desired. Additionally, highlighted Pan-Canadian research, led by Dr. Laurie Chan (peer reviewer for Human Health Risk Assessment), that brings further clarity to the effects of mercury on human health.
- An individual would like to do anything to help Churchill but does not want to contribute to a project that might have adverse affects 20 years down the road.
- An individual stated that there are already problems with the Missi Falls Control Structure and concern was raised that Hydro is constructing another dam before dealing with current issues. Another individual would like to know how the Missi Falls Control Structure relates to past and future Hydro developments. A further concern was expressed about droughts and the effects on the Churchill River if water flow is regulated for the purpose of Hydro development on the Nelson River. Cannot give up any more water.
- A concern was expressed regarding the Keeyask dam being placed between other dams and its constant requirement for water and how this might affect the operations of these other dams.
 - The PIP team provided a response explaining how the design of Keeyask would not change flow levels at generating stations upstream and downstream of Keeyask.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

(March 1, 2012; 5:00 – 7:00 pm)

Project impacts and perspectives:

- An individual expressed concern about the level of spending on mitigation/monitoring programming and how this affects rate changes for ratepayers. Expressed doubt as to whether the benefits of these funds (*e.g.*, employment, capacity building, *etc.*) were distributed to the community as a whole or confined to select individuals. An individual cautioned that scope of mitigation and monitoring efforts may be too broad, noting that “Hydro should not be all to everyone.”
 - Dialogue on this topic ranged from a reflection of Hydro initiatives that encourage energy efficiency to the rationale/ethics of mitigation and monitoring efforts in the current era.
- In terms of employment, one individual thought that promoting future projects with regard to training preparation should be coordinated with the timing and opportunities of high school, University College of the North (UCN), and others to maximize employment success.
- Interest was expressed in the job application process and knowing more about the hiring preferences.
 - Information was provided about Directly Negotiated Contracts and Tendered Contracts, hiring preferences for the respective contracts, and Job Referral Service (JRS) registration process.

Other:

- Concern regarding inefficiencies in line loss through transmission. Individual felt that resolution of this problem would minimize the need to build more dams.
 - The PIP team indicated power transmission is beyond the scope of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Assessment but a commitment was made to communicate the question to Manitoba Hydro Transmission for a response to be communicated back to the individual.
- An individual asked about the financial strength of Manitoba Hydro.
 - A PIP team member indicated Manitoba Hydro is experiencing its strongest financial position in its history.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Planning and Socio-Economic	An individual expressed concern about the level of spending on mitigation/monitoring programming and how this affects rate changes for ratepayers. Expressed doubt as to whether the benefits of these funds (e.g., employment, capacity building, etc.) were distributed to the community as a whole or confined to select individuals. An individual cautioned that scope of mitigation and monitoring efforts may be too broad, noting that "Hydro should not be all to everyone."	Churchill Community Meeting	EIS 5.3.2.1, 6.2.3.7, 6.5.8.1, 6.6.2, 6.7.4, 7.6.3.2 and 8.7.2.3
Project Training, Employment and Business	Interest was expressed in the job application process and knowing more about the hiring preferences.	Churchill Community Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2
Project Training, Employment and Business	In terms of employment, one individual thought that promoting future projects with regard to training preparation should be coordinated with the timing and opportunities of high school, University College of the North, and others to maximize employment success.	Churchill Community Meeting	EIS 2.4.6, 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.3.1 and 8.2.4
Aquatic	Councillors questioned the effects of the Keeyask Project on water quality for the Churchill residents and the status of operations at the Missi Falls Control Structure.	Churchill Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.1, 4.7 and 6.2.2.3
Public Involvement Process	An individual suggested that the flooded area be imposed as a transparency over the map of northern Manitoba to facilitate visual learners rather than having the maps and diagrams placed on separate story boards.	Churchill Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 3.5
Public Involvement Process	An individual stated that they would like to receive the Environmental Assessment to read it.	Churchill Mayor and Council Meeting	Once filed, EIS will be in Provincial Registries and online
Project Planning	A concern was expressed regarding the Keeyask dam being placed between other dams and its constant requirement for water and how this might affect the operations of these other dams.	Churchill Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.5.1.1 and 4.5.1.2
Project Planning	Several concerns were raised about system effects of the Keeyask Project in light of the Churchill River Diversion and Missi Falls.	Churchill Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.1, 4.7 and 6.2.2.3

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Socio-Economic	Concerns were voiced about the effects of mercury on human health, and that the community needs to be supplied with information about the complexity of this matter. There is a dependence on country food due to the high prices in the stores. Mercury is affecting the ability of northerners to support themselves.	Churchill Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.5.2.3, 6.6.5.3, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.1, 6.6.6.3, 6.6.7, 7.6, 8.2.4 and 8.2.5
Socio-Economic	A community leader requested information about the mercury and human health report and education material prepared for the communities and resources users.	Churchill Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.5, 6.6.2, 6.6.5.3, 6.6.6.3, 6.7.3.1 and 6.7.6



Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Churchill Community Information Session

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting:	May 14, 2013; 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	
Location:	Churchill, Manitoba Churchill Town Complex Overpass Room	
In Attendance:	Monica Wiest Rita Spence Harv Sawatzky	Manitoba Hydro Fox Lake Cree Nation InterGroup Consultants
Attendance from Community:	See sign-in-sheet	

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the community information session was to:

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS;
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what is heard.

The community information session is part of the third and final round in the Keeyask Public Involvement Program (PIP) being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as communities, organizations, and other Aboriginal groups that may be potentially affected by or interested in the Keeyask Generation Project (the Project). This last round of public involvement activities will be documented and submitted as supplemental information for the regulatory process related to the Project prior to the Clean Environment Commission hearings planned for late 2013.

MEETING PROCESS

The community information session was held at the Churchill Town Complex Overpass Room. Attendees the information session were encouraged to sign-in and speak to Environmental Assessment (EA) team representatives about any perspectives/issues they might have about the Project. Each attendee was provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter, a copy of the EIS Executive Summary, a print out of the storyboard panels, a DVD containing the video *Keeyask: Our Story*, and if requested a digital copy of

the EIS. The video, *Keeyask: Our Story* was shown and questions about the Project were answered. If questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session they were recorded by an EA Team member, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the information request, and followed up as required. In total, five community members signed-in at the session.

The following are highlights of the community information session 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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Employment and Training

- Interest was expressed in employment opportunities related to the Keeyask project.

Project Description

- An interest was expressed whether the Project would cause system-wide effects.



Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Thicket Portage Mayor and Council

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: May 22, 2013; 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: **Thicket Portage, Manitoba
Town Council Office**

In Attendance:	Maurice Clements	Deputy Mayor
	Walter Head	Councilor
	Joanne Pronteau	CAO
	Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
	Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
	Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS;
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what is heard.

The meeting is part of the third and final round in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program (PIP) being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as communities, organizations, and other Aboriginal groups that may be potentially affected by or interested in the Project. This last round of public involvement activities will be documented and submitted as supplemental information for the regulatory process related to the Project prior to the Clean Environment Commission hearings planned for late 2013.

MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, the video *Keeyask: Our Story* was viewed. EA Team representatives, on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership), then presented information on the Project, including the format and content of the EIS, how input from Round Two was used in the EIS and

the purpose of Round Three of the Project PIP. Specifically, the focus of the presentation included information about the Partnership, the proposed Project, the environmental assessment process, the EIS and related supplemental information. In addition, the findings of the environmental assessment regarding the issues that were most prominently raised in Round Two of the PIP were provided. This included information regarding employment and training; lake sturgeon; caribou; flooding, erosion, sedimentation and debris; water quality; and mercury, fish and human health. Each council member in attendance was provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter as, a summary of the Round Two issues raised by Thicket Portage members, a copy of the EIS Executive Summary and a copy of the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. Extra copies of the newsletter were left with the Administrator for general distribution. Throughout and following the presentation:

- Council members asked questions and offered perspectives about the proposed Project, the environmental assessment including format and content of the EIS, how Round Two input was used in the EIS and the PIP; and
- Where appropriate, representatives of the EA Team offered responses.

The following are highlights of the meeting and are intended to capture the key points that were raised and discussed. 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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Environmental Impact Assessment

- A participant expressed concern regarding the seemingly negative messages presented in the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. It was suggested that the video include more information regarding the benefits associated with the Keeyask Project.
- A participant requested hard copies of the KCNs Evaluation Reports.
 - Follow-up: copies of the reports were sent to the Thicket Portage Council Office.

Aquatics:

- A participant, who identified as a Thicket Portage member of the Nelson River Sturgeon Board, was interested in the research conducted in the Keeyask area regarding lake sturgeon. The efforts undertaken by the Partnership to understand and find ways to mitigate effects of the Project on lake sturgeon were discussed.

Employment:

- Interest was expressed in employment opportunities related to the Project. The Job Referral Service was discussed.

Heritage Resources:

- A question was asked about the measures to be undertaken if human remains are found at the Project site. The Heritage Resource Protection Plan was discussed.

Other:

- A concern was raised about the condition of PR 280 between Thompson and Gillam. It was indicated Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation are completing PR 280 upgrades.



Community of Thicket Portage Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Thicket Portage Community Leadership Council Office, February 22, 2012; 3:00-5:00 pm

In Attendance:

Donald Pronteau (Mayor)
Maurice Clemons (Councillor)
Joanne Pronteau (CAO)

Wil DeWit (MH)
Harv Sawatzky (IG)
Christina Blouw (IG)

Thicket Portage Community Information Session Administration Building, February 22, 2012; 3:00-5:00 pm

In Attendance:

Wil DeWit (MH)
Harv Sawatzky (IG)
Christina Blouw (IG)
10 local people attended

Key perspectives and issues identified by Thicket Portage council and community members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to community representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(February 22, 2012; 3:00-5:00 pm)

Project Impacts and Perspectives:

- Concerns were shared about foreign invasive species that have shown up on the local lakes since the Hydro dams have arrived – invasive species include sunfish and carp. Expressed concern that another dam will make it worse.
 - The PIP team acknowledged that this is a concern but also noted that this is not necessarily something that can be attributed to the development of hydro dams.
 - The Keeyask monitoring program was mentioned as a tool to keep record of any invasive species and steps for mitigation.
 - It was also mentioned that early hydro dams were introduced around the same time carp were introduced in southern Manitoba. The spread of carp over the last century is not necessarily connected to hydro development over the same time period. Once introduced, invasive species will typically spread throughout a drainage basin, taking up residence in suitable habitats that are accessible to them.
- A council member noted that the two lakes by the community are connected to the Burntwood River and the Nelson River.
- A council member stated that the community did not get access to the training funds. Concerns were expressed about inability to access higher level employment training programs offered in Nelson House for the Wuskwatim Project, and that this will be the case for Keeyask. It is hard for a small community like Thicket Portage to go head to head with the larger communities to get the training programs.
 - 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 in 2010. It was noted that there may be opportunities for on the job training when the Project starts.
- Concerns were shared about effects on the lake sturgeon spawning area at Gull Rapids. Concern was also expressed about lake sturgeon feeding habitat. The sediment deposits from the flooded peat land may cover/reduce food availability (bloodworms) for sturgeon.
 - The PIP team provided some information about the proposed mitigation and lake sturgeon stocking measures that are being planned and indicated that there will be a monitoring program in place during construction and operation to determine if these measures are effective or if other changes need to be made to help improve conditions for lake sturgeon. The sediment from the newly eroded shoreline will likely deposit in the bays and near the shoreline – leaving adequate feeding habitat throughout the rest of the lake for adult lake sturgeon.
- Would like annual overview of all the Hydro projects in the area – pre-construction, monitoring – sent out to all communities. Meetings are the best way to communicate this information as internet access is not available to everyone. It was suggested that a general overview meeting would be a good idea to touch on all the Manitoba Hydro projects in the area.
 - The PIP team appreciates that this is something that the community is interested in and will pass this information on to the Project Proponents. Currently, an open house is held annually in Nelson House to discuss Wuskwatim monitoring programs. Annual monitoring overview could be sent out to communities to facilitate awareness of subsequent monitoring.

- Those in attendance were positive about the plans for the reservoir clearing program, that the material will be removed and burned prior to flooding.
- There is an interest in the community being able to learn more about job opportunities as they arise so that their residents can pursue employment with the Project.
- There was discussion surrounding a commitment to monitor Split Lake water levels, working with members for Tataskweyak Cree Nation and York Factory First Nation to address the concerns that elders have that Split Lake will be affected by the Keeyask Project.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

(February 22, 2012; 3:00-5:00 pm)

Project Impacts and Perspectives:

- Participants identified interest in Project employment and training opportunities but identified impediments including lack of information about the employment and training opportunities, lack of access to training funds, and priority for Keeyask Cree Nations (KCNs) communities which could exclude others from higher level training and 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. It was noted that there may be opportunities for on the job training when the Project starts.

Other:

- Concern was shared about the burial sites along the upper Nelson River that have been flooded as a result of previous activities. How will these flooded grave sites be taken care of and what will be done to ensure future discovered sites are respected.
 - The PIP team acknowledged the concerns about burial sites on the upper Nelson River and that Manitoba Hydro supports a Manitoba Heritage Resources Branch program for burial sites throughout the Manitoba Hydro system. The PIP team advised that plans are in place for the Keeyask Project to ensure that any remains discovered during the construction process and during operations will be recovered and reburied in a respectful manner in accordance with the Heritage Resources Protection Plan. The Heritage Resources Protection Plan was developed by the Partnership and is in accordance with the Manitoba Heritage Resources Act.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Participants identified interest in Project employment and training opportunities but identified impediments including lack of information about the employment and training opportunities, lack of access to training funds, and priority for KCNs communities which could exclude others from higher level training and employment opportunities.	Thicket Portage Community Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1, 6.6.4.2 and 6.6.5.1
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	Concern was shared about the burial sites along the upper Nelson River that have been flooded as a result of previous activities. How will these flooded grave sites be taken care of and what will be done to ensure future discovered sites are respected.	Thicket Portage Community Meeting Information Request	EIS 2.4.3, 6.6.2, 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.2 Non-Keeyask
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	Those in attendance were positive about the plans for the reservoir clearing program, that the material will be removed and burned prior to flooding.	Thicket Portage Council Meeting	EIS 4.3.3.2, 5.2, 6.3.11, 6.6.6.3, 6.7.4.3, 6.7.6, 8.1.2.2, 8.3.3 and Appendix 4A
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	Concerns were shared about foreign invasive species that have shown up on the local lakes since the Hydro dams have arrived – invasive species include sunfish and carp. Expressed concern that another dam will make it worse.	Thicket Portage Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.3
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	Concerns were shared about effects on the lake sturgeon spawning area at Gull Rapids. Concern was also expressed about lake sturgeon feeding habitat. The sediment deposits from the flooded peat land may cover/reduce food availability (bloodworms) for sturgeon.	Thicket Portage Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.4.6.1, 6.4.6.2, 8.2.2 and 8.3.1
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	There is an interest in the community being able to learn more about job opportunities as they arise so that their residents can pursue employment with the Project.	Thicket Portage Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A council member stated that the community did not get access to the training funds. Concerns were expressed about inability to access higher level employment training programs offered in Nelson House for the Wuskwatim project, and that this will be the case for Keeyask. It is hard for a small community like Thicket Portage to go head to head with the larger communities to get the training programs.	Thicket Portage Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5 and 6.6.3.1
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was discussion surrounding a commitment to monitor Split Lake water levels, working with members for Tataskweyak Cree Nation and York Factory First Nation to address the concerns that elders have that Split Lake will be affected by the Keeyask Project.	Thicket Portage Mayor, Council Meeting	EIS 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 4.1, 4.5.1.1, 6.3.6.2, 8.2.1 and 8.2.4



Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Shamattawa First Nation Chief and Council

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: June 6, 2013; 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm

Location: **Winnipeg, Manitoba**
InterGroup Consultants Office

In Attendance:	William Miles	SFN Chief
	Jordna Hill	SFN Councillor
	Sandy Miles	SFN Councillor
	Elie Hill	SFN Band Manager
	Daniel Redhead	SFN Staff
	Sam Miles	SFN Staff
	Thomas Henley	SFN Advisor
	Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
	Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
	John Osler	InterGroup Consultants
	Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS.
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what is heard.

The meeting is part of the third and final round in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program (PIP) being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as communities, organizations, and other Aboriginal groups that may be potentially affected by or interested in the Project. This last round of public involvement activities will be documented and submitted as supplemental information for the regulatory process related to the Project prior to the Clean Environment Commission hearings planned for late 2013.

MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, the Shamattawa First Nation (SFN) Advisor presented a number of issues and concerns that the community has about the Keeyask Project and a number of issues outside the scope of the PIP. EA Team representatives, on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership), presented information on the Project, including the format and content of the EIS, how input from Round Two was used in the EIS and purpose of Round Three of the Project PIP. Specifically, the focus of the presentation included information about the Partnership, the proposed Project, the environmental assessment process, the EIS and related supplemental information. In addition, the findings of the environmental assessment regarding the issues that were most prominently raised in Round Two of the PIP were provided. This included information regarding employment and training; lake sturgeon; caribou; flooding, erosion, sedimentation and debris; water quality; and mercury, fish and human health. Each SFN representative in attendance was provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter, a summary of the Round Two issues raised by SFN, a copy of the EIS Executive Summary and a copy of the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. Extra copies of the newsletter and the Executive Summary were left with the leadership for general distribution and a digital copy of the EIS for SFN's use. Throughout and following the presentation:

- Meeting participants asked questions and offered perspectives about the proposed Project, the environmental assessment including format and content of the EIS, how Round Two input was used in the EIS and the PIP; and
- Where appropriate, representatives of the EA Team offered responses.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Environmental Impact Statement

- Concern was expressed that the cumulative effects chapter of the EIS does not adequately address SFN's interests. From SFN's perspective, a by-product of past hydro development has been the division of northern First Nations. SFN believes this issue should be discussed in Chapter 7 of the EIS, Cumulative Effects.
- It was noted that SFN was pleased to see the Cree World View incorporated in the EIS. The holistic approach is consistent with SFN's beliefs. They were encouraged by the use of both traditional knowledge and technical science.

Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership

- A participant wanted to know why SFN's logo is not included with the KHLP partner logos in the Round Three newsletter and believe that SFN should be included in the Partnership.

Public Involvement Program

- A participant wanted clarification on whether the Round Three newsletter communicated information on the Clean Environment Commission hearings. SFN indicated dissatisfaction for the way in which the connections between the Keeyask PIP, Section 35, and the Clean Environment Commission hearing processes have been explained to them in the past.
 - Information on the process included in the Round Three newsletter was provided.
- The Keeyask Round Two SFN PIP meeting notes were discussed. It was noted that SFN disagreed with the organization of the notes, namely that certain topics were included under a heading that indicated they were beyond the scope of Round Two of the Keeyask PIP.
 - An EA Team member reviewed the process the Partnership undertakes to finalize PIP notes which includes the opportunity for community review and comment on the accuracy of the information documented. Although the Round Two PIP notes have been finalized, it was noted that SFN's comments would be documented as part of Round Three.
- A participant indicated they have reviewed the EIS and are satisfied that the main issues have been identified and described appropriately in the record of Round Two of the PIP.
- A participant noted they were not aware of any communication from SFN that indicated that SFN did not want to participate in Round One of the Keeyask PIP.
 - An EA Team member shared the record of Round One communication between the former Chief of SFN and the Partnership.
 - SFN requested that a copy of this record be shared with them.
 - Follow-up: A summary of the Round One communication record was sent to SFN on June 27, 2013. In response, SFN requested the record reflect a more accurate description of the communication that occurred regarding Round One. SFN was unable to participate rather than “did not want to participate” in PIP Round One.
- A discussion was held around the details of the upcoming Keeyask Round Three PIP SFN community information session.

Aquatic Environment

- Concern was expressed about studies being completed within SFN's area of use without community involvement. It was noted that SFN prefers lake sturgeon from areas outside SFN's area of use, be used to restock the Keeyask Project area.
- A participant mentioned that, in the past, brook trout were removed from the God's River area without SFN's knowledge. SFN does not know who might have removed the brook trout but the community has observed a decline in brook trout populations.
 - It was noted that SFN concerns about relocating fish was documented during PIP Round Two and included in the EIS.
- A participant noted that the sturgeon around SFN are still full of eggs through July and August. The collaborative study being undertaken by SFN and North/South Consultants was discussed.

Resource Use

- A SFN Traditional Land Use map was displayed, it was mentioned that, from SFN's perspective, this map does not show the full scope of the travels and land use by SFN. The Land Use report published by the community indicates that SFN community members traditionally travel to

Kaskatama, Marsh Point and the Weir River for hunting and resource use. It was suggested that changes to water levels on the Nelson River will have a potential impact on the SFN people.

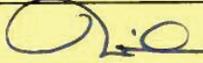
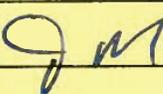
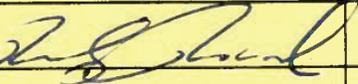
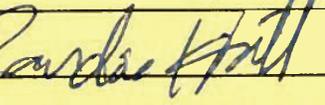
- It was noted that SFN believes the geographical range of effects is much wider than the study area discussed in the Keeyask EIS. From their perspective, SFN will potentially be impacted by the Keeyask Project in the following ways:
 - Past projects elevated mercury levels in mammals and fish.
 - The SFN community relies on the Pen Island Caribou herd for resource harvesting. There has been increased pressure on this caribou herd due to past developments which impacts the people of SFN.

Other Comments

- A participant indicated that SFN has been engaged with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, however the closure of their Winnipeg office has, from SFN's perspective, impacted this working relationship.
- A participant stated that SFN feels they have been excluded from the Clean Environment Commission hearing process.
- A participant mentioned that SFN has outstanding issues related to past hydro development they would like to see resolved.
 - An EA Team member noted Manitoba Hydro's Aboriginal Relations Division is responsible for the management of internal and external Aboriginal issues and have engaged with SFN Chief and Council about these issues of concern.

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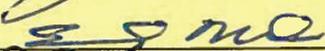
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Shamattawa First Nation Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Shamattawa Community Leadership

Band Office, April 24, 2012; 2:00 – 4:30 pm

In Attendance:

Chief Jeff Napoakesik (Chief)

Ernie Redhead (Councillor)

Howard Canabie (Councillor)

Sandy Miles (Councillor)

Rose Mary Thomas (SFN Elder)

Sam Miles (SFN Staff Member)

Lawrence Redhead (SFN Member)

Howard Napoakesik (SFN Staff Member)

Nancy Thomas (SFN Member)

Ernest Hill (SFN Member)

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KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(April 24, 2012; 2:00 – 4:30 pm)

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 Shamattawa First Nation (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 Environmental Assessment (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.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant noted that SFN was invited to join the Lower Nelson Sturgeon Stewardship Committee that is focused on lake sturgeon conservation.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 6.4.6.2
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.3 and 6.4.6.2
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 6.4.7.1, 6.7.3.1, 8.2.2 and 8.2.4
Environmental Assessment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 2.2, 2.4.1, 2.5.2 and 2.6.6.1
Environmental Assessment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 5.3.2.1, 5.5, 6.5.8, 7.5.2.2, 7.5.2.3, 8.1.1, 8.1.3 and 8.2.3
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 3.5

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 3.3
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	A participant wanted to know what additional PIP activities were planned.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 3.5.3
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 2.4.5, 2.6.6.1, 6.2.2.3 and 6.2.3.6
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 3.3.1.4 and PI SV Appendix 2A
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 1.1

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 1.1, 3.4.1.4 and PI SV Appendix 2A
Resource Use Issues and Perspectives, Heritage Issues and Perspectives, Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.2, 6.2.2.2, 6.2.2.3, 6.2.3.5, 6.2.3.6 and 6.6.2
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 2.2.1, 2.1.2, 2.3, 2.4.8, 2.5.2, 2.5.7, 6.2.2, 6.2.2.2, 6.2.2.3, 6.2.3.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.2.3.6, 6.6.2, 7.6.1.2, 7.6.2.2, 7.6.3.2 and 8.2.4
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives, Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 4.5.2.3, 6.6.5.3, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.1, 6.6.6.3, 6.6.7, 7.6, 8.2.4 and 8.2.5



**Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask
Generation Project:**

**Shamattawa First Nation Community
Information Session**

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: June 11, 2013; 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Location: **Shamattawa, Manitoba**
Shamattawa First Nation Band Office

In Attendance from EA Team:	Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
	Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
	John Osler	InterGroup Consultants
	Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

**In Attendance from
Community:** See sign-in-sheet

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS;
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what is heard.

The meeting is part of the third and final round in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program (PIP) being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as communities, organizations, and other Aboriginal groups that may be potentially affected by or interested in the Project. This last round of public involvement activities will be documented and submitted as supplemental information for the regulatory process related to the Project prior to the Clean Environment Commission hearings planned for late 2013.

MEETING PROCESS

The community information session was held at the Shamattawa First Nation (SFN) Band Office. Those who attended the information session were encouraged to sign-in, review storyboards, fill out comment forms and speak to members of the EA team about any perspectives/issues they might have about the Project. Attendees were provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter, a summary of the issues raised by Shamattawa First Nation in Round Two, a copy of the EIS Executive Summary and a copy of the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. Copies of the newsletter, the Executive Summary and a digital copy of the EIS were left at the Band office for the community's use. The video, *Keeyask: Our Story* was shown in Cree and offered to be shown in English (if necessary) and questions about the Project were answered. If questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session they were recorded by an EA team member, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the information request, and followed up as required. In total, 40 participants signed-in at the session. Additionally, approximately 10 attendees were present but did not sign in.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Project Description

- A participant wanted more information on the distance between the Keeyask and Conawapa Generation Projects.
 - An EA Team member explained that there is approximately 100 km between the proposed Keeyask Generation Project and the potential Conawapa Generation Project.

Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership

- A participant expressed concern that SFN is not included in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership. It was indicated that the community feels they will be potentially impacted by the Keeyask Project.

Employment and Training

- Interest was expressed in employment opportunities related to the Keeyask Project.
 - The Job Referral Service as well as the Burntwood/Nelson Agreement was discussed.
- A participant expressed concern for the future generations and the lack of opportunities for them in SFN. Interest was expressed with regards to training programs that would allow youth to gain employment on both the Keeyask and Conawapa projects.

Regulatory Review Process

- It was noted that SFN has met with staff about the Section 35 Consultation Process with the Crown and would like to share their perspectives regarding the potential impact of the Keeyask Project on the community's Aboriginal and treaty rights.

- A participant wanted to give credit to the past and present Chief and Councils who have done much work to bring SFN's community concerns to the table. There was a discussion and interest expressed about being able to present at the CEC hearings.

Environmental Impact Statement

- A participant raised a concern about past environmental damage and wanted to know how Manitoba Hydro will ensure a clean environment with the Keeyask Project.
 - An EA team member commented on the draft Environmental Protection Program and the proposed monitoring/management plans as described in the EIS.

Physical Environment

- A participant asked a question about how the water levels will be affected in Shamattawa.
 - It was noted there are no anticipated water level changes in the Shamattawa area as a result of the Keeyask Generation Project.

Resource Use

- A participant stated the number of snow geese on Marsh Point has seemed to drastically decrease over the last three years. This negatively impacts SFN's ability to harvest resources.
- A concern was expressed about resources users from other First Nation communities travelling into Shamattawa's area of use to hunt and fish.

Monitoring

- A participant wanted to know how Manitoba Hydro will ensure a clean environment, including effects on water levels and wildlife. What will happen if the predictions are incorrect?
 - An EA team member commented on the draft environmental protection program and the proposed monitoring/management plans as described in the EIS.

Other

- A participant asked if there are plans to build any Generation Stations on the Gods or Hayes rivers.
 - An EA team member noted that there are no current plans to develop Generation Stations on either of these rivers.
- A participant commented that although they know the province of Manitoba needs the power, northern communities also need to see benefits associated with the development. They feel that it is unfair that SFN lives with the effects of the Hydro projects yet does not have the benefit of being hooked up to the hydro power grid.
- A participant indicated that the community felt that they were not adequately involved in the sale of their hunting camp at Kaskatama.
- A participant indicated that, from their perspective, past hydro development has resulted in the loss of northern trap lines being associated with their community.
- Interest was expressed in the Conawapa Generation Project.
- A participant expressed concern that the practice of tagging wildlife for research purposes changes the behaviour of the animals.

- A participant mentioned that elders have extensive knowledge to share, however there is a language barrier.
 - An EA Team member mentioned that an option moving forward with the Conawapa Project could be to identify opportunities for Manitoba Hydro to participate in meetings in the community to ensure elders and community members can attend and contribute. The EA Team had considered bringing a translator with them today however they did not want to bring someone from outside the community. They rely on local SFN members involved in the process to identify an interpreter when needed.
- A participant added that up to 60 SFN elders were interviewed about their relationship with the land. This information has been documented to aid in guiding future decisions that are made by Chief and Council.
- A participant mentioned that the discussion today has been good and a positive sign that both parties can work together respectfully.



City of Thompson Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Thompson Community Leadership

City Hall, March 13, 2012; 3:30 – 5:00 pm

In Attendance:

Dennis Fenske (Deputy Mayor)
Judy Koloda (Councillor)
Luke Robinson (Councillor)
Gary Ceppetelli (City Manager)

Nick Barns (MH)
Marc St. Laurent (MH)
Harv Sawatzky (IG)

Thompson Open House

St. John's United Church, March 13, 2012; 6:00 - 9:00 pm

In Attendance:

Nicholas Barnes (MH)
Marc St. Laurent (MH)
Marc Manzer (MH)
Friederike Schneider Vieira (NSC)
Richard Remnant (NSC)
Rob Berger (WRCS)

Brandy Bone (FLCN)
John Osler (IG)
Harv Sawatzky (IG)
Dale Giesbrecht (IG)
16 local people attended

Key perspectives and issues identified by Thompson council and community members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to community representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(March 13, 2012; 3:30 – 5:00 pm)

Aquatic Environment:

- A question was raised about how the Project would address fish being stranded in pools in the dewatered areas below the dam structures.
 - Response: This concern has been examined and some pools that may be watered and dewatered will have connecting channels so that as the pools are dewatered fish can move into Stephens Lake. Where pools will not be rewatered, fish will be relocated.
- A concern was raised regarding how the increased mercury levels in fish will be addressed.
 - Response: The newsletter sets out the approach to addressing mercury in certain fish species. Regular monitoring of mercury in fish will occur, including during the period following impoundment when this effect is expected to occur. Results will be communicated to local communities. The Keeyask Cree Nations (KCNs) have negotiated adverse effects agreements which include programs to harvest country food in locations unaffected by flooding.
- A representative wanted to know if there is commercial fishing in the Project area?
 - Response: There is one commercial fishing license holder in the Project area and that individual is on Stephens Lake.
- Concern was expressed about how long the lake sturgeon stocking program will run.
 - Response: This is a long-term commitment by the Project Proponents.
- An individual mentioned that although Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has hydroelectric generation stations along the Mattagami River in Ontario they continue to maintain a healthy population of lake sturgeon in this river. It was suggested that the Partnership may want to talk with OPG about how they manage lake sturgeon issues with their facilities.

Terrestrial Environment:

- A concern was expressed about increased mercury levels in animals and eagles that eat fish in the Project area.
 - Response: It was explained that mammal species will be monitored. Regarding eagles, effects have been estimated based on other sources of information and have not been sampled directly.
- A question was asked about problem bears at the Wuskwatim site.
 - Response: There have not been many problems that have been documented at the Wuskwatim Project. It was explained that the Environmental Protection Plan lists the dos and don'ts to deal with wildlife and other issues to prevent these types of problems.

Traffic and Safety:

- It was stated that traffic travelling to the Wuskwatim Project had been very hard on the road to the site. What will happen to the roads going to the Keeyask site? Concern was also expressed that the increased traffic may affect the Thompson roads.
 - Response: PR 280 is being upgraded by Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation and the upgrade considers the increased traffic from the Keeyask Project. The PIP team will look into what assessment has been completed for the road sections in Thompson.

- A participant asked if the current road alignment of PR 280 to Gillam will be abandoned after the road is rerouted over the Keeyask dam. It was noted that there are trappers that use the area along that road.
 - Response: Once completed, the Province plans to reroute PR 280 via the north access road, over the Keeyask dam and south access road. The new road to Gillam is estimated to reduce travel time by about 45 minutes between Gillam and Thompson. The northeast portion of PR 280 will be abandoned.

Employment and Training:

- A concern was raised about the Advisory Group on Employment (AGE). It was suggested that it would be beneficial for the AGE to get underway at present date.
 - Response: The PIP team did not know when the AGE would start and will look into this.
- A comment was made about using the Wuskwatim hiring process as a benchmark for the Keeyask Project. This was in relation to a perception that some people in Thompson will be looking for employment opportunities in the near future due to reductions at Vale. It was explained that the City of Thompson has a committee in place to examine opportunities for the community given that Vale is closing the refinery and smelter in 2015. There is a Thompson Economic Diversification Working Group (TEDWG) looking at ways to minimize the impacts of this closure of mine-related facilities. However, it was also noted that the community will not be as affected by the closures due to staff shortages that the company is already experiencing (i.e., 150 people short of full employment level). The community would like to see a connection with local people to help transition the local workforce.
- A participant felt that there should be many apprenticeship opportunities stemming from the Project, specifically in the construction phase.
 - Response: The PIP team indicated that there will be some opportunities for apprentices at the Project site.

Socio-economic Environment:

- A participant indicated that he initially thought some staff for the Project may be located in Thompson. Now seeing that with the Project will be so much closer to Gillam, he felt that there would be no housing issue created in Thompson.
- A participant wanted more information about Manitoba Hydro's buying policies for northern projects.
 - Response: The northern purchasing policy is to buy locally and to work with economic development opportunities for communities.
- A participant asked that the PIP team send him information about these policies.
 - Response: The PIP team will look into this.
- A participant wanted to know if there will be a cultural component similar to the experience at the Wuskwatim Project?
 - Response: This will occur and it will be carried out and guided by the First Nation Partners.

Flooding:

- A concern was expressed about the wood being cleared for the reservoir. It was pointed out that Tolko may be interested in it or local people may want it for firewood.
 - Response: The plan is to cut the wood, windrow it to allow it to dry and then burn it. The reservoir timber to be cleared was evaluated and determined to have little economic value – non-merchantable. The Project proponents are open to creative ideas for the use of the wood and would welcome proposals.
- An additional question was asked about harvesting the peat in the Project area instead of flooding it.
 - Response: To date, salvage of peat that will be inundated by the Project has not been considered -- it is not expected to be economic to harvest because of the large volume, spatial extent and type of peat. However, Manitoba Hydro has committed to investigate the feasibility of harvesting some peat for purposes yet to be defined.
- In relation to flooding the reservoir, a question was asked about what would happen to some of the islands.
 - Response: Some of the existing islands will be partially or totally flooded while new islands will form.
- A concern was mentioned about eroding shorelines similar to South Indian Lake.
 - Response: The PIP team responded that there is an expectation that there will be an additional 7-8 km² that will erode over the first 30 years of operation. Much of this will occur in the first five years. There will be an intensive Waterways Management Program during these first few years when most of the erosion will occur to remove trees that are anticipated to fall into the water. This will then scale back to the type of Waterways Management program as is being used in other areas of Manitoba Hydro operations.
- A comment was made that South Indian Lake is still a muddy lake; the water is not clear like it used to be. Is it possible to create a sediment trap to reduce the amount of sediment?
 - Response: In effect, the dam will provide this function. It is predicted that, in the long-term, there will be less suspended sediment in the river due to sedimentation in the Keeyask reservoir.
- A question was asked regarding the one metre operating range of the reservoir and whether this would result in excessive erosion.
 - Response: This has been assessed. Eventually the areas that remain will be wetland areas or steep banks where the amount of erosion will be minimal.
- A participant wanted more information about how the Keeyask Project would affect the water level downstream on Stephens Lake.
 - Response: There would be very little change to the water level because Stephens Lake is controlled by the Kettle Generating Station.
- A participant wanted to know how many communities draw water from the Nelson River. Once the Project is complete will these communities be required to increase water treatment efforts?
 - Response: The closest communities to the Project include Gillam (downstream) and Split Lake and York Landing (upstream). If there is more sediment or other materials that need to be treated then the communities will receive assistance to ensure that drinking water quality standards are met.

Other

- A councillor wanted to know if the Project Site Manager had been selected. The Thompson leadership greatly appreciated the role that John Markowsky had on the Wuskwatim Project. He did a very good job in public relations and kept the Council informed about the Project.
 - Response: The site manager has not been selected at this stage in the planning.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

(March 13, 2012; 6:00 - 9:00 pm)

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 Joint Keeyask Development Agreement (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.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A concern was raised regarding how the increased mercury levels in fish will be addressed.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.3, 6.4.7.1, 6.6.5.3, 6.7.3.1, 8.2.2 and 8.2.4
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	An individual mentioned that although Ontario Power Generation (OPG) has hydroelectric generation stations along the Mattagami River in Ontario they continue to maintain a healthy population of lake sturgeon in this river. It was suggested that the Partnership may want to talk with OPG about how they manage lake sturgeon issues with their facilities.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.4.6.2 and 8.2.2
Aquatic Issues and Perspectives	A question was raised about how the Project would address fish being stranded in pools in the dewatered areas below the dam structures.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.3.3.2, 4.5.1.2, 6.4.6.1 and 6.4.6.2
Aquatic Issues and Perspectives	Concern was expressed about how long the lake sturgeon stocking program will run.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.4.6.2, 8.2.2 and AE SV Appendix 1A
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	In relation to flooding the reservoir, a question was asked about what would happen to some of the islands.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.3., 6.3.2, 6.3.7.2, 6.4.8, 6.5.2, 6.5.8.1, 6.5.10, 7.5.2.2 and 8.1.3
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant wanted more information about how the Keeyask Project would affect the water level downstream on Stephens Lake.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.2, 6.3.6.2, 6.4.3.2 and 6.6.5.5
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	A concern was mentioned about eroding shorelines similar to South Indian Lake.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.2, 6.3.2, 6.3.7, 6.3.7.1, 6.3.7.2, 6.3.8, 6.3.8.1, 6.3.8.2, 6.3.12.5, 6.6.7 and 8.2.2

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	A question was asked regarding the one metre operating range of the reservoir and whether this would result in excessive erosion.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.2, 6.3.6.2 and 6.3.7.2
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	A comment was made that South Indian Lake is still a muddy lake; the water is not clear like it used to be. Is it possible to create a sediment trap to reduce the amount of sediment?	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.2, 6.3.7.2, 6.3.8.2 and 7.5.1.1
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	A concern was expressed about the wood being cleared for the reservoir. It was pointed out that Tolko may be interested in it or local people may want it for firewood.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.3, 6.7.4.3 and Appendix 4A
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	A councillor wanted to know if the Project Site Manager had been selected. The Thompson leadership greatly appreciated the role that John Markowsky had on the Wuskwatim Project. He did a very good job in public relations and kept the Council informed about the Project.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 8.3.3
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A participant felt that there should be many apprenticeship opportunities stemming from the Project, specifically in the construction phase.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 8.2.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A concern was raised about the Advisory Group on Employment (AGE). It was suggested that it would be beneficial for the AGE to get underway at present date.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.6.3.1 and 6.6.5.1

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A comment was made about using the Wuskwatim hiring process as a benchmark for the Keeyask Project. This was in relation to a perception that some people in Thompson will be looking for employment opportunities in the near future due to reductions at Vale. It was explained that the City of Thompson has a committee in place to examine opportunities for the community given that Vale is closing the refinery and smelter in 2015. There is a Thompson Economic Diversification Working Group (TEDWG) looking at ways to minimize the impacts of this closure of mine-related facilities. However, it was also noted that the community will not be as affected by the closures due to staff shortages that the company is already experiencing (i.e., 150 people short of full employment level). The community would like to see a connection with local people to help transition the local workforce.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Requested information on the progress and details for the Advisory Group on Employment.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.6.3.1 and 6.6.5.1
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A participant asked that the PIP team send him information about purchasing policies	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.6.3.2 and 6.6.6.1
Resource Use Issues and Perspectives	A representative wanted to know if there is commercial fishing in the Project area.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.6, 6.7.4.2 and 7.3.2
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	Will there be a cultural component as there was at Wuskwatim?	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 2.4.3, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.5.4, 6.6.5.6, 6.6.5.7, 6.6.6.3 and 8.2.4

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	A participant asked if the current road alignment of PR 280 to Gillam will be abandoned after the road is rerouted over the Keeyask dam. It was noted that there are trappers that use the area along that road.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.7.4, 6.5.8.2 and 6.6.5.5
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	A participant wanted to know how many communities draw water from the Nelson River. Once the Project is complete will these communities be required to increase water treatment efforts?	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.3, 6.6.5.2 and 6.6.5.3
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	A participant indicated that he initially thought some staff for the Project may be located in Thompson. Now seeing that with the Project will be so much closer to Gillam, he felt that there would be no housing issue created in Thompson.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.5.3 and 6.6.4.2
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	A participant wanted to know if there will be a cultural component similar to the experience at the Wuskwatim Project.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 2.4.3, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.5.4, 6.6.5.6, 6.6.5.7, 6.6.6.3 and 8.2.4
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	A concern was expressed about increased mercury levels in animals and eagles that eat fish in the Project area.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3, 6.5.7.3 and 6.5.9
Terrestrial Issues and Perspectives	A question was asked about problem bears at the Wuskwatim site.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.5.8.5, 8.1.2, 8.1.2.1 and 8.3
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A participant wanted more information about Manitoba Hydro's buying policies for northern projects.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting and recorded as an Information Request	EIS 6.6.3.2 and 6.6.6.1

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	It was stated that traffic travelling to the Wuskwatim Project had been very hard on the road to the site. What will happen to the roads going to the Keeyask site? Concern was also expressed that the increased traffic may affect the Thompson roads.	City of Thompson Mayor and Council Meeting and recorded as an Information Request	EIS 4.3.2.6, 4.7.4, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.5.5, 6.6.6.1, 6.6.6.3, 7.6.3.1 and 8.2.4
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	A concern was expressed regarding protocol for when human remains are discovered during Project construction and/or operation.	Thompson Open House	EIS 2.4.3, 4.3.3.2, 6.6.2, 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.2 and 8.2.6
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	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.	Thompson Open House	EIS 2.4.3, 6.8 and 8.2.6
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Thompson Open House	EIS 6.2.3.2, 6.3.2, 6.3.7, 6.3.8, 6.3.12.5, 6.6.7 and 8.2.2

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	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.	Thompson Open House	EIS 6.6.3.1 and 6.6.5.1
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	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.	Thompson Open House	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	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.	Thompson Open House	EIS 6.2.3.5, 6.6.4.3, 6.6.5, 6.6.5.4, 6.6.6.3, 7.6, 7.6.1.2, 7.6.2.2, 7.6.3.2, 8.1.3 and 8.2.4



Community of Ilford Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Ilford Community Leadership

Laliberty Memorial Centre, April 4, 2012; 1:00 – 2:30 pm

In Attendance:

James Chornoby (Mayor)
Raymond Beardy (Councillor)
Molly Beardy (Councillor)
Esther Laliberty (CAO)

Monica Wiest (MH)
Harv Sawatzky (IG)
Christina Blouw (IG)

Key perspectives and issues identified by Ilford council members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to community representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(April 4, 2012; 1:00 – 2:30 pm)

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 Joint Keeyask Development Agreement (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.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A representative 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.	Ilford Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.3.3.2, 4.5.1.4, 4.5.1.5, 6.4.6.1, 6.4.6.2, 6.4.8 and 8.2.2
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A concern was mentioned about the degradation of the peatland after the trees are removed from the shoreline, and the associated effects on water quality.	Ilford Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.3.7, 6.3.8.2 and 6.4.3.1
Environmental Assessment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Ilford Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 1.4, 2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 3.4.1, 5.2, 5.3.2 and 5.3.3
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	A meeting participant wanted more information on the level of flooding that currently occurs in the Project area.	Ilford Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.2
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	A meeting participant was concerned that the Project will affect the water levels in Stephens Lake.	Ilford Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.2, 6.3.6.2, 6.4.3.2 and 6.6.5.5
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	A meeting participant wanted to know if the dam at Birthday Rapids was still going to be built.	Ilford Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.5.1
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	It was mentioned that pickerel and sauger are typically caught in Aiken 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.	Ilford Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.3, 6.2.6.2, 6.7.3.1 and 8.2.2

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Ilford Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3, 6.5.7.3 and 6.5.9
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Ilford Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.4, 6.5.8.1, 7.5.2.1 and 7.5.2.3
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	A meeting participant wanted more information on how the Project might affect caribou.	Ilford Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.4, 6.5.8.1, 7.5.2.1 and 7.5.2.3



Local Government District of Mystery Lake Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Local Government District of Mystery Lake

Administration Office, Thompson Airport, March 13, 2012; 1:00 – 2:00 pm

In Attendance:

Corrine Stewart (Airport Manager/Administrator)

Mark Manzer (MH)

Harvey Hart (Waste Manager)

John Osler (IG)

Key perspectives and issues indentified by the Local Government District of Mystery Lake administration members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to administration representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF MYSTERY LAKE ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS

(March 13, 2012; 1:00 – 2:00 pm)

Waste Disposal:

- The staff of the LGD of Mystery Lake noted that in a recent letter (February 27 2012) to Manitoba Hydro they have confirmed that The Thompson Waste Disposal Site would be willing to accept solid waste generated during the Keeyask Generation Station construction period. The LGD of Mystery Lake staff is interested in knowing when delivery of this waste material is expected to commence.

Air Traffic:

- During the 2008 Round One PIP discussion there had been a concern about potential strain additional traffic might place on the Thompson airport. Since that time, upgrades to the runway and other facilities have removed this concern. There no longer concerns about passenger traffic capacity.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	The staff of the Local Government District of Mystery Lake noted that in a recent letter (February 27, 2012) to Manitoba Hydro they have confirmed that The Thompson Waste Disposal Site would be willing to accept solid waste generated during the Keeyask Generation Station construction period. The Local Government District of Mystery Lake staff is interested in knowing when delivery of this waste material is expected to commence.	Local Government District of Mystery Lake Meeting Information Request	EIS 4.3.2.11



Nelson House Northern Affairs Community Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

**Meeting with the Nelson House (NAC) Community Leadership
Council Office, March 14, 2012; 7:30 – 8:00pm**

In Attendance:

Bella Leonard (Mayor)

Emy Lou Wrightson (Councillor)

William Leonard Jr. (Councillor)

Cecilia Tait (Councillor)

Oswald Sawh (CAO)

Mark Manzer (MH)

Harv Sawatzky (IG)

Dale Giesbrecht (IG)

Key perspectives and issues identified by Nelson House (NAC) council members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to community representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(March 14, 2012; 7:30 –8:00 pm)

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 (KCNs) 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 Joint Keeyask Development Agreement (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 Generation Station is decommissioned.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	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.	Nelson House Mayor and Council	EIS 4.3.3.2, 4.6.3, 5.2, 6.3.11, 6.6.6.3, 6.7.4.3, 6.7.6, 8.1.2.2, 8.3.3 and Appendix 4A
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	A member asked several questions about the JDKA, hoping to gain a greater understanding of the agreement and its implications.	Nelson House Mayor and Council Meeting	Chapter 2, EIS 4.1, 4.3.3.1, 4.3.3.2, 4.6.17.2, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.2, 6.6.5, 6.6.6.1, 6.6.6.3, 6.7.3.1, 8.1.2.4, 8.2.4 and 8.2.6
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A member asked whether employees from the Wuskwatim project would receive priority during the hiring process for the Keeyask project.	Nelson House Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	A question was raised regarding the duration of the operating license of the Project and whether it was similar to the Churchill River Diversion.	Nelson House Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.1
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	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.	Nelson House Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.5, 6.6.4.3, 6.6.5, 6.6.5.4, 6.6.6.3, 7.6, 7.6.1.2, 7.6.2.2, 7.6.3.2, 8.1.3 and 8.2.4



Norway House Northern Affairs Community Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Norway House (NAC) Community Leadership Council Chambers, March 27, 2012; 12:15 – 1:45 pm

In Attendance:

Cristo Spiess (Mayor)
Carl York (Councillor)
Lloyd Flett (CAO)

Monica Wiest (MH)
Harv Sawatzky (IG)
Christina Blouw (IG)

Key perspectives and issues identified by Norway House (NAC) council members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to community representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keyeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keyeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(March 27, 2012; 12:15 – 1:45 pm)

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 above sea level (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.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant wanted to know why fish ladders were not being considered as a mitigation measure.	Norway House N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.3.3.2, 4.5.1.4, 4.5.1.5, 6.4.6.1, 6.4.6.2, 6.4.8, 8.1.3 and 8.2.2
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A concern was raised regarding the creation of new lake sturgeon spawning habitat and how anyone can ensure that it will be used.	Norway House N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.4.6.1, 6.4.6.2, 8.2.2 and 8.3.1
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Norway House N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.4.6.1, 6.4.6.2, 6.4.8, 6.7.3.1, 8.1.3, 8.2.2 and 8.2.5
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	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.	Norway House N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 4.1, 4.3.1.5, 4.6.5, 4.7.7.2, 6.2.3.2, 6.3.6 and 8.2.1
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	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.	Norway House N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.1, 4,7 and 6.2.2.3
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A participant asked if the same program (as the Wuskwatim Project) would be followed to involve Aboriginal people on the Keeyask Project.	Norway House N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A participant wanted more information about the \$60 million pre-project training program, including details at a community level.	Norway House N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5 and 6.6.3.1

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	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.	Norway House N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 2.4.6, 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.5.1 and 8.2.4
Resource Use Issues and Perspectives	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.	Norway House N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.6.5.6, 6.7.3.1, 6.7.3.2 and 8.2.4
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	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.	Norway House N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.3.3.1, 6.5.2, 6.5.8.1, 6.5.8.2, 6.6.3.5, 6.6.4.3, 6.6.5.6, 6.7.3.2 and 6.7.4.3
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	A question was raised about how far back from the shoreline will be cleared and what material will be cleared away, including any peatland.	Norway House N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.3, 7.5.2.3, 8.1.2.1, 8.2.3, Appendix 4A



Community of Wabowden Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Wabowden Community Leadership Town Office, February 21, 2012; 3:00 - 4:15 pm

In Attendance:

Larry McIvor (CAO)

Francis McIvor (Councillor)

Leon Benson (Councillor)

Wil DeWit (MH)

Harv Sawatzky (IG)

Christina Blouw (IG)

Wabowden Community Information Session

Ke Na Now Centre, February 21, 2012; 5:00-7:45 pm

In Attendance:

Wil DeWit (MH)

Harv Sawatzky (IG)

Christina Blouw (IG)

7 local people attended

Key perspectives and issues identified by Wabowden council and community members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to community representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(February 21, 2012; 3:00 - 4:15 pm)

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.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

(February 21, 2012; 5:00-7:45 pm)

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 (JRS).

- 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.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	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.	Wabowden Community Meeting	EIS 2.4.3, 6.8 and 8.2.6
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues 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.	Wabowden Community Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1, 6.6.4.2 and 6.6.5.1
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	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.	Wabowden Community Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1, 6.6.4.2, 6.6.5.1 and 8.2.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Concerns were shared about the lack of information on how to get training and the steps needed to access employment opportunities.	Wabowden Community Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Experienced structural steel worker is looking for employment on Keeyask. He has filled out paperwork for the provincial JRS system but is unfamiliar with the process. He would like someone to explain the hiring process for the Keeyask Infrastructure Project (KIP)/Keeyask so he can figure out how to get his name in to be considered for employment.	Wabowden Community Meeting and information request	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	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.	Wabowden Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.3, 6.7.4.3 and Appendix 4A

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Aquatic Environment Issues 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.	Wabowden Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.3, 6.4.7.1, 6.6.5.3, 6.7.3.1, 8.2.2 and 8.2.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	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.	Wabowden Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.6.3.2 and 6.6.6.1
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	One Councillor is concerned about the community being further removed from the Project area and the accessibility of employment opportunities.	Wabowden Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2



Revised Community of Thicket Portage Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Thicket Portage Community Leadership Council Office, February 22, 2012; 3:00-5:00 pm

In Attendance:

Donald Pronteau (Mayor)
Maurice Clemons (Councillor)
Joanne Pronteau (CAO)

Wil DeWit (MH)
Harv Sawatzky (IG)
Christina Blouw (IG)

Thicket Portage Community Information Session Administration Building, February 22, 2012; 3:00-5:00 pm

In Attendance:

Wil DeWit (MH)
Harv Sawatzky (IG)
Christina Blouw (IG)
10 local people attended

Key perspectives and issues identified by Thicket Portage council and community members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to community representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(February 22, 2012; 3:00-5:00 pm)

Project Impacts and Perspectives:

- Concerns were shared about foreign invasive species that have shown up on the local lakes since the Hydro dams have arrived – invasive species include sunfish and carp. Expressed concern that another dam will make it worse.
 - The PIP team acknowledged that this is a concern but also noted that this is not necessarily something that can be attributed to the development of hydro dams.
 - The Keeyask monitoring program was mentioned as a tool to keep record of any invasive species and steps for mitigation.
 - It was also mentioned that early hydro dams were introduced around the same time carp were introduced in southern Manitoba. The spread of carp over the last century is not necessarily connected to hydro development over the same time period. Once introduced, invasive species will typically spread throughout a drainage basin, taking up residence in suitable habitats that are accessible to them.
- A council member noted that the two lakes by the community are connected to the Burntwood River and the Nelson River.
- A council member stated that the community did not get access to the training funds. Concerns were expressed about inability to access higher level employment training programs offered in Nelson House for the Wuskwatim Project, and that this will be the case for Keeyask. It is hard for a small community like Thicket Portage to go head to head with the larger communities to get the training programs.
 - 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 in 2010. It was noted that there may be opportunities for on the job training when the Project starts.
- Concerns were shared about effects on the lake sturgeon spawning area at Gull Rapids. Concern was also expressed about lake sturgeon feeding habitat. The sediment deposits from the flooded peat land may cover/reduce food availability (bloodworms) for sturgeon.
 - The PIP team provided some information about the proposed mitigation and lake sturgeon stocking measures that are being planned and indicated that there will be a monitoring program in place during construction and operation to determine if these measures are effective or if other changes need to be made to help improve conditions for lake sturgeon. The sediment from the newly eroded shoreline will likely deposit in the bays and near the shoreline – leaving adequate feeding habitat throughout the rest of the lake for adult lake sturgeon.
- Would like annual overview of all the Hydro projects in the area – pre-construction, monitoring – sent out to all communities. Meetings are the best way to communicate this information as internet access is not available to everyone. It was suggested that a general overview meeting would be a good idea to touch on all the Manitoba Hydro projects in the area.
 - The PIP team appreciates that this is something that the community is interested in and will pass this information on to the Project Proponents. Currently, an open house is held annually in Nelson House to discuss Wuskwatim monitoring programs. Annual monitoring overview could be sent out to communities to facilitate awareness of subsequent monitoring.

- Those in attendance were positive about the plans for the reservoir clearing program, that the material will be removed and burned prior to flooding.
- There is an interest in the community being able to learn more about job opportunities as they arise so that their residents can pursue employment with the Project.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

(February 22, 2012; 3:00-5:00 pm)

Project Impacts and Perspectives:

- Participants identified interest in Project employment and training opportunities but identified impediments including lack of information about the employment and training opportunities, lack of access to training funds, and priority for Keeyask Cree Nations (KCNs) communities which could exclude others from higher level training and 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. It was noted that there may be opportunities for on the job training when the Project starts.

Other:

- Concern was shared about the burial sites along the upper Nelson River that have been flooded as a result of previous activities. How will these flooded grave sites be taken care of and what will be done to ensure future discovered sites are respected.
 - The PIP team acknowledged the concerns about burial sites on the upper Nelson River and that Manitoba Hydro supports a Manitoba Heritage Resources Branch program for burial sites throughout the Manitoba Hydro system. The PIP team advised that plans are in place for the Keeyask Project to ensure that any remains discovered during the construction process and during operations will be recovered and reburied in a respectful manner in accordance with the Heritage Resources Protection Plan. The Heritage Resources Protection Plan was developed by the Partnership and is in accordance with the Manitoba Heritage Resources Act.
- There was discussion surrounding a commitment to monitor Split Lake water levels, working with members for Tataskweyak Cree Nation and York Factory First Nation to address the concerns that elders have that Split Lake will be affected by the Keeyask Project.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Participants identified interest in Project employment and training opportunities but identified impediments including lack of information about the employment and training opportunities, lack of access to training funds, and priority for KCNs communities which could exclude others from higher level training and employment opportunities.	Thicket Portage Community Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1, 6.6.4.2 and 6.6.5.1
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	Concern was shared about the burial sites along the upper Nelson River that have been flooded as a result of previous activities. How will these flooded grave sites be taken care of and what will be done to ensure future discovered sites are respected.	Thicket Portage Community Meeting Information Request	EIS 2.4.3, 6.6.2, 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.2 Non-Keeyask
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	Those in attendance were positive about the plans for the reservoir clearing program, that the material will be removed and burned prior to flooding.	Thicket Portage Council Meeting	EIS 4.3.3.2, 5.2, 6.3.11, 6.6.6.3, 6.7.4.3, 6.7.6, 8.1.2.2, 8.3.3 and Appendix 4A
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	Concerns were shared about foreign invasive species that have shown up on the local lakes since the Hydro dams have arrived – invasive species include sunfish and carp. Expressed concern that another dam will make it worse.	Thicket Portage Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.3
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	Concerns were shared about effects on the lake sturgeon spawning area at Gull Rapids. Concern was also expressed about lake sturgeon feeding habitat. The sediment deposits from the flooded peat land may cover/reduce food availability (bloodworms) for sturgeon.	Thicket Portage Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 6.4.6.1, 6.4.6.2, 8.2.2 and 8.3.1
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	There is an interest in the community being able to learn more about job opportunities as they arise so that their residents can pursue employment with the Project.	Thicket Portage Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A council member stated that the community did not get access to the training funds. Concerns were expressed about inability to access higher level employment training programs offered in Nelson House for the Wuskwatim project, and that this will be the case for Keeyask. It is hard for a small community like Thicket Portage to go head to head with the larger communities to get the training programs.	Thicket Portage Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5 and 6.6.3.1
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	There was discussion surrounding a commitment to monitor Split Lake water levels, working with members for Tataskweyak Cree Nation and York Factory First Nation to address the concerns that elders have that Split Lake will be affected by the Keeyask Project.	Thicket Portage Community Meeting	EIS 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 4.1, 4.5.1.1, 6.3.6.2, 8.2.1 and 8.2.4



Revised Shamattawa First Nation Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Shamattawa Community Leadership

Band Office, April 24, 2012; 2:00 – 4:30 pm

In Attendance:

Chief Jeff Napoakesik (Chief)	Ernest Hill (SFN Member)
Ernie Redhead (Councillor)	Daniel Redhead (SFN Staff Member)
Howard Canabie (Councillor)	Morley Miles (SFN Member)
Sandy Miles (Councillor)	Victoria Redhead (SFN Member)
Rose Mary Thomas (SFN Elder)	Daryl Schroeder (SFN Member)
Sam Miles (SFN Staff Member)	Thomas Henley (SFN Advisor)
Lawrence Redhead (SFN Member)	Monica Wiest (MH)
Howard Napoakesik (SFN Staff Member)	Harv Sawatzky (IG)
Nancy Thomas (SFN Member)	Melissa Davies (IG)

Key perspectives and issues identified by Shamattawa council members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to community representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(April 24, 2012; 2:00 – 4:30 pm)

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 Shamattawa First Nation (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 Environmental Assessment (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 Yukon) and one of the hunters shot it in Manitoba.
- 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.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant noted that SFN was invited to join the Lower Nelson Sturgeon Stewardship Committee that is focused on lake sturgeon conservation.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 6.4.6.2
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.3 and 6.4.6.2
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 6.4.7.1, 6.7.3.1, 8.2.2 and 8.2.4
Environmental Assessment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 2.2, 2.4.1, 2.5.2 and 2.6.6.1
Environmental Assessment Issues and Perspectives	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 Yukon) and one of the hunters shot it in Manitoba.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 5.3.2.1, 5.5, 6.5.8, 7.5.2.2, 7.5.2.3, 8.1.1, 8.1.3 and 8.2.3
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 3.5

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 3.3
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	A participant wanted to know what additional PIP activities were planned.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 3.5.3
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 2.4.5, 2.6.6.1, 6.2.2.3 and 6.2.3.6
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 3.3.1.4 and PI SV Appendix 2A
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 1.1

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Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 1.1, 3.4.1.4 and PI SV Appendix 2A
Resource Use Issues and Perspectives, Heritage Issues and Perspectives, Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 6.2.2, 6.2.2.2, 6.2.2.3, 6.2.3.5, 6.2.3.6 and 6.6.2
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 2.2.1, 2.1.2, 2.3, 2.4.8, 2.5.2, 2.5.7, 6.2.2, 6.2.2.2, 6.2.2.3, 6.2.3.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.2.3.6, 6.6.2, 7.6.1.2, 7.6.2.2, 7.6.3.2 and 8.2.4
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives, Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Shamattawa F.N. Chief and Council Meeting	EIS 4.5.2.3, 6.6.5.3, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.1, 6.6.6.3, 6.6.7, 7.6, 8.2.4 and 8.2.5

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APPENDIX 2C

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND THREE WORKSHOP

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Public Involvement Program Round Three Workshop

Table 2C-1: Public Involvement Program Round Three Workshop

Date	Event	Location
5/23/2013	Winnipeg Workshop	Norwood Hotel, Winnipeg

The following copies of correspondence materials used to facilitate the Round Three PIP workshop are provided in this appendix:

- Copy of invitation list for the Winnipeg workshop;
- Copy of a confirmation letter for the Winnipeg Workshop;
- Copy of the Winnipeg Workshop Round Two summary sheets;
- Sign-in sheet(s) for the Winnipeg workshop;
- Copy of final meeting notes letter for the Winnipeg workshop; and
- Copy of final meeting notes for the Winnipeg workshop.

Table 2C-2: Winnipeg Workshop – Organizations Invited

Winnipeg Workshop – Organizations Invited
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS)
Concerned Fox Lake Grassroots Citizens (Participant Assistance Program funded applicant)
Consumers Association of Canada - MB Chapter (previous participant and Participant Assistance Program funded applicant)
Green Action Centre
Green Action Committee of the Unitarian Church
International Institute for Sustainable Development
Kaweechiwasihk Inninuwuk (York Factory Elders) (Participant Assistance Program funded applicant)
Manitoba Federation of Labour
Manitoba Metis Federation (Participant Assistance Program funded applicant)
Manitoba Wildlands (previous participant and Participant Assistance Program funded applicant)
Peguis First Nation (Participant Assistance Program funded applicant)



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April 23, 2013

Ms. Gloria Desorcy
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Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Desorcy,

**RE: PROPOSED KEYASK GENERATION PROJECT
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM: ROUND THREE**

The Keyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership) is proposing to develop the Keyask Generation Project (the Project), a 695-megawatt hydroelectric generating station at Gull Rapids on the lower Nelson River immediately upstream of Stephens Lake in northern Manitoba. The Keyask Hydropower Limited Partnership includes four limited partners and one general partner. The four limited partners are Manitoba Hydro and companies representing the Cree Nation Partners (Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation), York Factory First Nation and Fox Lake Cree Nation.

The Partnership has undertaken an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to identify potential effects of the Project in order to avoid and mitigate adverse effects and to enhance project benefits. The results of the assessment are documented in the Projects' Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A key element of the EIA for the Project is the Public Involvement Program (PIP) involving three rounds of engagement. The purpose of the PIP is to provide the public, particularly those who may be potentially affected by or are interested in the Project, with opportunities to receive information about the proposed project and provide input on its potential issues and effects.

In 2008, Round One introduced the Project to communities in northern Manitoba and other potentially interested/affected organizations. During Round Two in 2012, participants were 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.

As discussed over the phone, we are currently organizing Round Three 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 a Workshop in Winnipeg on May 23 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Norwood Hotel (refreshments will be provided)**. Please come prepared to learn more about the Keeyask Project and to provide comments that your organization may have about the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement and how the input to date influenced the Project assessment. The meeting will consist of a presentation followed by time for questions and a round table discussion.

Please note that there will also be a public open house at the same location from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the same day (May 23, 2012).

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

For more information about the Keeyask Generation Project, visit the Project website at www.keeyask.com. If you have any questions about the public involvement process, please do not hesitate to contact Harv Sawatzky at InterGroup Consultants at (204) 942-0654. We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours truly,



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Major Projects Assessment and Licensing Department
Manitoba Hydro



Winnipeg NGO Workshop Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Workshop with Winnipeg Non-Government Organizations (NGO)

Delta Hotel, Winnipeg, 350 St. Mary Ave, March 12, 2012; 12:00 – 3:00 pm

In Attendance:

PIP Members:

Bill Kennedy (CNP)
Vicki Melo (CNP)
Brandy Bone (FLCN)
Connie Gamble (MH)
Vicki Cole (MH)
Marc St. Laurent (MH)

Ryan Kustra (MH)
Nicholas Barnes (MH)
Don MacDonell (NSC)
John Osler (IG)
Melissa Davies (IG)
Christina Blouw (IG)

Workshop Attendees:

Ron Thiessen
Hank Venema
Gaile Whelan Enns
John Doyle
Peter Miller
Carolyn Garlich
Gloria Desorcy
Byron Williams
Amiee Craft

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS)
International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
MB Wildlands (MW)
MB Federation of Labour (MFL)
Green Action Centre [formerly TREE]
Green Action Committee, Unitarian Church (GAC)
Consumers' Association of Canada (CAC)
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Key perspectives and issues identified by Winnipeg NGO workshop attendees during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to workshop attendees. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY WORKSHOP ATTENDEES**(March 12, 2012; 12:00 – 3:00 pm)****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 the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (KHLPP) 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 Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (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 Keeyask Cree Nations (KCNs) 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 Pen 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 KCNs 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.
 - MH follow up response June 22, 2013: The proposed Generation Outlet Transmission (GOT) lines (3) will be approximately 40 km long with a 160 m right of way. The total footprint associated with Keeyask is provided for both the construction and operation phases. The total footprints for Keeyask in

the construction phase is 12,229 ha and for the operation phase is 12,769 ha. The foot print for the camp and work areas is 154 ha for both the construction and operation phase.

- 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 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 Needs For and Alternatives To (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.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	Manitoba Wildlands suggested that lake sturgeon monitoring should not be limited to the Keeyask Project alone even if preferred lake sturgeon habitat is readily available.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 6.4.6.1, 6.4.6.2, 8.2.2 and 8.3.1
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	Manitoba Wildlands raised a concern about disclosure of information on the previous studies that Manitoba Hydro has conducted on lake sturgeon. Manitoba Wildlands would like information about what has been learned to be more publically available.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 6.4.6.1, 6.4.6.2, 8.2.2 and 8.3.1
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	Consumers Association of Canada 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.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 6.4.6.1, 6.4.6.2, 8.2.2 and 8.3.1
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	Consumers Association of Canada 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?	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 6.4.6.1, 6.4.6.2, 8.2.2 and 8.3.1
Environmental Assessment Issues and Perspectives	Consumers Association of Canada wanted to know how Aboriginal traditional knowledge related to caribou habitat will be included in the Keeyask Project and if this report will be public.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	Chapter 2, EIS 1.4, 5.3.2.1, 6.2.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.4.2, 6.4.8, 6.4.9, 6.5.2, 6.5.10, 6.5.8.1, 6.6.2, 6.7.2, 6.7.3.2, 6.8.2, 7.5.2, 8.2.3, 8.2.7, 8.3.1.1 and Appendix 2A
Environmental Assessment Issues and Perspectives	Manitoba Wildlands wanted to know if an environmental audit by the International Hydropower Association (IHA) will be in the EIS and whether it will be made public.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 2.7.1
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	A representative wanted to know how the Open House was advertised.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	PI SV Appendices 2A, 2E, 3A and 3E

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	Manitoba Wildlands mentioned that they would like to see the community based (Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge) and the scientific technical information combined and accessible to the public.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS filing includes both ATK and scientific information throughout
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process, Environmental Assessment Issues and Perspectives	Manitoba Wildlands noted that the technical documents used to develop the environmental assessments for past projects were not available to the public during the environmental review process. Manitoba Wildlands suggested this should be different for the Keeyask Project.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	Preface
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process, Environmental Assessment Issues and Perspectives	Manitoba Wildlands expressed concern about the accessibility of the environmental impact statements (EISs) and related information for the public. Manitoba Wildlands noted that efforts need to be made to ensure that relevant documents are readily available in paper and electronic format and that they are presented in a way that is easily understandable.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	Preface
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	International Institute of Sustainable Development inquired about the height of the dam, reservoir level and water level fluctuation.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 4.1, 4.3.1.3, 4.5.1.1, 4.7.1, 6.2.3.2, 6.3.6.2 and 8.2.1
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	International Institute of Sustainable Development asked for an explanation of the peatland disintegration and expansion process.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 6.2.3.2, 6.3.7, 6.3.11, 6.3.12.5, 6.4.3.1 and 8.2.1

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	Manitoba Wildlands suggested that reference also be made to the Keeyask Infrastructure Project that has already been licensed. This would provide greater public understanding about the differences between these two projects. It would also be helpful to know how transmission will be handled. These are three separate projects, but all related.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 4.3.2.11
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	Consumers Association of Canada wanted more information about where peak loading will be conducted.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 4.5.1.3 and 4.7.1
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	International Institute of Sustainable Development 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.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	Appendix 4A
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	Time to Respect Earths Ecosystems asked for clarity on the plan for the roadway across the top of the dam.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 4.7.4, 6.6.4.5, 6.6.5.5 and 6.7.3.2
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	Time to Respect Earths Ecosystems wanted additional information on the vegetation removal prior to flooding. They also suggested harvesting the peat.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 4.6.3, 6.7.4.3 and Appendix 4A
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society 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.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 6.5.10, 7.6.2.2 and 8.2.3
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	Consumers Association of Canada 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.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 7.3.3, 7.5 and 7.6

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	Consumers Association of Canada mentioned that the Keeyask Infrastructure Project creates regulatory pressure to approve the Keeyask Generation Project. This puts the \$200 million already spent on infrastructure as a pressure on future proposals.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 4.3.2.11
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	Consumers Association of Canada noted that that the regulatory timing of these projects is very optimistic and it would be surprising if the dates could be achieved.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 4.3.2.11
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	International Institute of Sustainable Development and Manitoba Wildlands both raised a concern that the NFAT process will need to be considered with and without the Bipole III Project.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 4.2
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society 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.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 6.2.3.4, 6.5.8.1, 7.5.2.1, 7.5.2.3, 8.1.2.1 and 8.2.3
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	Manitoba Wildlands suggested that the generic naming of the caribou herds in the presentation slides and poster boards be changed. They should be referred to as the Pen Island and the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq herds.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 6.2.3.4, 6.5.8.1, 7.5.2.1 and 7.5.2.3
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society raised a concern about how caribou habitat re-creation techniques do not work and that KHLP is relying too heavily on this theory.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop	EIS 6.2.3.4, 6.5.8.1, 7.5.2.1, 7.5.2.3, 8.1.2.1 and 8.2.3
Project Planning and Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society asked about the length of Keeyask transmission line and the footprint of the work camp.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop Information Request	EIS 4.3.2.1, 4.3.2.2 and 4.3.2.11

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	International Institute of Sustainable Development wanted more information regarding the Keeyask Project levelized cost of energy.	Winnipeg Non-Government Organization Workshop Information Request	PI SV Appendix 1D

WINNIPEG NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

WORKSHOP

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

May 23, 2013 @ 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Name (Print)	Signature	Affiliation
Jared Whelan	<i>Jared Whelan</i>	Peguis FN
Opalyn Haglund	<i>Opalyn Haglund</i>	MB Wildlands
Almie Eastwood	<i>Almie Eastwood</i>	MB and Wildlands
G. Whelan Emms	<i>G. Whelan Emms</i>	MB Wildland
MARCI RIEL	<i>Marci Riel</i>	MMF
Brandi Bere	<i>Brandi Bere</i>	ECGN
R.W. STEVENSON	<i>R.W. Stevenson</i>	Togus
Cheyenne Parisian	<i>Cheyenne Parisian</i>	Peguis F. N
Peter Miller	<i>Peter Miller</i>	Green Action Centre
Colouie Derouy	<i>Colouie Derouy</i>	CAC Manitoba
Ameska Pannousk	<i>Ameska Pannousk</i>	CFLGC
Lyan Meas	<i>Lyan Meas</i>	CFLGC
Noah Massan	<i>Noah Massan</i>	CFLGC
Peter K. Lychski	<i>Peter K. Lychski</i>	CFLGC
L. J. FISH	<i>L. J. FISH</i>	AMF



Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Winnipeg Workshop

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: May 23, 2013; 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Location: Winnipeg, Manitoba
Norwood Hotel, Promenade A Banquet Room

In Attendance:

Melanie Spence	Cree Nations Partners
Councillor Michael Keeper (TCN)	Cree Nations Partners
Bill Kennedy	Cree Nations Partners Advisor
Brandy Bone	Fox Lake Cree Nation
Francis Neepin	Fox Lake Cree Nation
Martina Saunders	York Factory First Nation
Wayne Redhead	York Factory First Nation
Roy Redhead	York Factory First Nation
Ryan Kustra	Manitoba Hydro
Vicky Cole	Manitoba Hydro
Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
Marc St. Laurent	Manitoba Hydro
Wil DeWit	Manitoba Hydro
Nick Barnes	Manitoba Hydro
Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
Janet Kinley	InterGroup Consultants
Harv Sawatzky	InterGroup Consultants
Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants
Friederike Schneider-Vieira	North/South Consultants
Virginia Petch	Northern Lights Heritage
Rob Berger	Wildlife Resource Services

**Participants in
Attendance:**

Agnieszka Pawlowska	Concerned Fox Lake Grassroots Citizens Advisor
Ivan Massan	Concerned Fox Lake Grassroots Citizens
Noah Massan	Concerned Fox Lake Grassroots Citizens
Peter Kulchyski	Concerned Fox Lake Grassroots Citizens Advisor
Gloria Desorcyc	Consumers' Association of Canada
Peter Miller	Green Action Centre
Marci Riel	Manitoba Metis Federation
Ashlyn Haglund	Manitoba Wildlands
Aimie Eastwood	Manitoba Wildlands
Gaile Whelan Enns	Manitoba Wildlands
Jared Whelan	Peguis First Nation Advisor
L. W. Stevenson	Peguis First Nation
Cheyenne Parisian	Peguis First Nation

PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

The workshop was organized by the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Assessment (EA) Team to provide interested stakeholder organizations with an opportunity to review and discuss the proposed Keeyask Generation Project (the 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:

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS;
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- Document what was heard.

The workshop was part of the third and final round in the Keeyask Public Involvement Program (PIP) being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as communities and organizations that may be potentially affected by or interested in the Project. This last round of public involvement activities will be documented and submitted as supplemental information for the regulatory process related to the Keeyask Generation Project prior to the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) hearings planned for late 2013.

MEETING PROCESS

The workshop was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba at the Norwood Hotel in the Promenade A Banquet Room. A total of seven non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who participated in the previous Round Two workshop (four of these organizations also participated in the Round One workshop) were contacted to determine if there was interest in attending the Round Three workshop. Also, representatives of organizations and groups that received Participant Assistance Program funding for the Keeyask CEC Hearings, thereby demonstrating an interest in the Project, were invited to the workshop.

Invitees were informed they would have opportunities to provide feedback about the format and content of the EIS and how the Round Two input was used in the EIS. Workshop participants were provided with copies of the newsletter, the Executive Summary of the EIS and a copy of the DVD with the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. If requested, participants were provided with a digital copy of the EIS.

At the workshop, participants had an opportunity to review the Project information panels utilized at open houses and community information sessions and discussed the Project with the Environment Impact Assessment Team. After a few introductory words the video, *Keeyask: Our Story* was played. This was followed by a presentation about the format and content of the EIS and how input received during Round Two was used in the EIS. Following the presentation the Environmental Assessment Team and KCN representatives were introduced to the participants and then participants were encouraged to speak directly with these specialists, KCNs representatives and other Project representatives in the room. Workshop participants were encouraged to fill-out comment forms.

If questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session they were recorded by a PIP team member, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the information request, and followed up as required. In total, 14 participants signed-in at the session. Two attendees who signed the workshop sign-in sheet were early open house attendees and subsequently not included in the participant count.

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Project Description and Physical Environment

- There was discussion about the potential for harvesting peat and using it as an energy source.
- There was discussion about the potential for timber salvage. Support was expressed for the Reservoir Clearing Plan as a way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- There was a discussion about the source material for the construction of the earth dikes.

Public Involvement Program

- A participant suggested the Keeyask PIP should have included surveys of the general public as this would more actively solicit comments and questions regarding the Project instead of requiring the public to attend an event or go to the website to submit a comment form.
- A participant would have preferred the comment form have more direct questions.
- A participant suggested a Round Three PIP event be held in Brandon.
- A participant observed the format of the Round Three workshop was different than the Round Two workshop and they preferred the structured question period that was done in the past.

Aquatic

- There were discussions about the aquatics effects assessment.
- There was a discussion about the proposed lake sturgeon stocking program and how similar programs have been shown to be effective in other regions.

Caribou

- There was a discussion about how Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge was used in the impact assessment related to caribou.

Socio-economic

- There was a discussion about the benefits that will be available to local communities as a result of the project.

Heritage

- A participant asked what would happen with the artifacts salvaged as a result of pre-construction activity.
- A participant asked about the proposed mitigation measures for archaeological sites.

Other

- A participant requested printed copies of all the Keeyask maps that were on display at the workshop.
 - Follow-up: copies of the maps were sent to the participant by mail on May 29, 2013.

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KEEYASK GENERATION PROJECT

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

APPENDIX 2D

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND THREE OPEN HOUSES

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Public Involvement Program Round Three Open Houses

Table 2D-1: Round Three Open Houses

Date	Event	Location
5/16/2013	Thompson Open House	Thompson Regional Recreation Centre
5/23/2013	Winnipeg Open House	Norwood Hotel, Winnipeg

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

- Copy of transcript and schedule of radio spots and newspaper announcements for open houses;
- Copy of newspaper announcement for open houses;
- Copies of newspaper advertisements;
- Sign-in sheet(s) from the Thompson open house on May 16, 2013;
- Copy of notes from the Thompson open house on May 16, 2013;
- Sign-in sheet(s) from the Winnipeg open house on May 23, 2013; and
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Text for Round Three Radio Spot for May 2-16 2013 – Winnipeg & Thompson

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Text for Round Three Radio Spot for May 17-22 2013 - Winnipeg

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Table 2D-2: Public Involvement Round Three Open House Radio Spot and Newspaper Advertisement Schedule

Media Outlet	Appearance Dates
Winnipeg Free Press	Friday, April 3
	Saturday, April 4
	Friday, April 10
	Saturday, April 11
	Friday April 17
	Saturday April 18
Nickel Belt News	Friday, April 3
	Friday, April 10
Thompson Citizen	Wednesday, May 1
	Wednesday, May 8
	Wednesday, May 15
NCI Radio (three spots per day 30 seconds in length)	Thursday, May 2
	Friday, May 3
	Saturday, May 4
	Sunday, May 5
	Monday, May 6
	Tuesday, May 7
	Wednesday, May 8
	Thursday, May 9
	NCI Radio and CJOB Radio (three spots per day on each station 30 seconds in length)
Saturday, May 11	
Sunday, May 12	
Monday, May 13	
Tuesday, May 14	
Wednesday, May 15	
Thursday, May 16	
Friday, May 17	
Saturday, May 18	
Sunday, May 19	
Monday, May 20	
Tuesday, May 21	
Wednesday, May 22	
Thursday, May 23	

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OBITUARIES

ELIZABETH ROWENA McDOUGALL (nee MORRIS)

10 July 1928 - 23 April 2013

Rowena was born in Llanon, Wales, a small seaside village; the 6th of 7 children of a Master Mariner who sailed to the Far East and West Indies. She spoke with great love of swimming in the ocean and sitting on the beach with her sisters and friends. We were all interested in her stories of the rustic life she had with no electricity; on some rare cold mornings she would wake up to a frozen glass of water at her bedside. As a teenager during the war, she experienced food rationing and black outs in the village, as well as bomb raids in London when she was visiting her sisters, Molly and Nancy. Rowena trained as a teacher and worked a few years in Wales, before traveling to Canada with her sister Sarah. They both initially got jobs at Woolworth's in Toronto before getting teaching positions in North Ontario where Rowena met the love of her life, Peter McDougall. Peter and Rowena moved to Sudbury, then to Thompson, where they raised their four children. Rowena loved music and soon after their marriage, they bought a piano, which all the kids learned to play. She worked at the Thompson Library for many years in keeping with her love of reading, which she passed on to all her children.



In spite of developing rheumatoid arthritis, Rowena was as active as possible and had a cheerful, optimistic outlook on life. She enjoyed the sunshine and spent many hours outdoors enjoying its warmth. Mom encouraged academic pursuits and physical activity including skiing, skating, hockey, cycling, swimming and ballet, with a lot of support from Dad. Bread making on Sunday was a regular routine at home, and the cinnamon buns on Sunday evening were a special treat.

Rowena went back to the UK several times and always loved connecting with her family there. Regular phone calls and letters allowed her to maintain those relationships which were so important to her. Rowena's greatest love was her family. Upon the birth of her first grandchild, she would travel to Winnipeg by bus for visits, and she (and Dad) would visit the grandchildren in Prince George, BC and Calgary, AB when possible. On retirement, Mom and Dad moved to Winnipeg, regularly travelling to Mesa, Arizona as well as trips to the Caribbean and Hawaii.

Predeceased by her husband, Peter, brothers, Danny, David and Lewis, and sister, Nancy. The family would like to thank the staff at Simkin Centre for their exceptional and compassionate care, special thanks to Jane, Dr Chung, Genny, and to companions Melba and Mabrat. Rowena will be dearly missed by her children, Molly, Dave (Brenda), Jean (Jeff), and Sandra (Colin) and grandchildren, Don (Courtney), Robert, Kelly (Andrew), Jessie, Rob, Jackie and Sian. In keeping with her wishes, a private family service will be held and interment at Glen Lawn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may donate to the Arthritis Society or the Humane Society.

Family and friends may sign a Book of Condolence at www.glenlawn.ca

GLEN LAWN FUNERAL HOME 982-7550



DARLENE ELIZABETH CRAMPTON

Darlene Elizabeth Crampton passed away peacefully of cancer (Leukemia) on April 27, 2013 at Seven Oaks with family by her side holding her daughters hand.



Predeceased by her father Clifford L. Crampton 1998, mother Irene T. Crampton (Dawydiuk) 1992.

Her memories will be cherished by her brother Gary Crampton, her children Irene Jerilee Crampton (Clint), Jerry Jonathon Crampton (Heather), grandchildren Jarell, Jordyn, Kayla, Kristine, Kaitlyn, and Krystal, plus numerous, nieces, nephews, family and friends. The family would like to thank the Seven Oaks Hospital staff for their compassionate, mannerism, and professional, comforting care.

*In tears we saw you sinking
we watched you fade away,
you suffered much in silence,
you fought so hard to stay.
You faced your task with courage,
but still you kept on fighting,
until the very end.*

*God saw you getting tired
When a cure was no to be,
so He put his arms around you
and whispered, "Come to Me".
So when we saw you sleeping
So peaceful, free from pain,
we could not wish you back
To suffer that again.*

Memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 2:00 pm at Glen Eden Funeral Home, 4477 Main Street.

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Forty-two cancer survivors filed in to the C.A. Nesbitt arena at the Thompson Regional Community Centre April 27 for the annual Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Honorary survivors Leonard Little and Shelley Carey spoke to the hundreds of participants in attendance, and were given the honour of kicking off the event by cutting the start ribbon. Thirty-five teams registered for the 12-hour walk this year; the number of survivors in attendance and teams registered both eclipsed last year's numbers. In total, participants raised \$127,224.15 – a number surpassed only in 2011 when Relay raised \$139,400 in cash– along with over \$41,400 in gifts in kind for a grand total of \$180,882. This year, \$49,498.85 was contributed through gifts in kind, bringing the grand total to \$176,723.00. The top two fundraisers were Shelley Carey and Melissa Gunn.

OBITUARY

LOIS THELMA LITTLE

(Nee Danielson)

Peacefully with family by her side, Lois Thelma Little passed away at the Health Sciences Centre at the age of 77.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, May 4th at 2:00 p.m. at Thomson "In the Park" Funeral Home, 1291 McGillivray Boulevard, Winnipeg, MB

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Condolences may be sent to www.thomsoninthepark.com

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Chiefs stand together to demand development on their own terms

BY IAN GRAHAM

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Representatives of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC), Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) and the Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO) held a press conference outside the provincial governments Mines Branch and Mineral Resources Division office in Winnipeg on April 26 to announce that Manitoba First Nations are declaring moratoriums on resource development in their traditional territories and that stop work orders on mine development are being posted and will be enforced.

"We're no longer going to be sitting back watching corporations and governments come into our traditional territories and ancestral lands and exploit our resources, leaving us nothing at the end of the day," said AMC Grand Chief Derek Nepinak. "We're not going to accept that. The status quo is done. For far too many generations now, provincial governments, federal governments have worked in collusion with the corporate industries to come into our territories and to take the vast wealth of our ancestral lands. Meanwhile they come back to us with contribution agreements that are wholly inadequate to provide for the basic needs of our communities and our citizens. Those days are over, those days are done and what's happening here I

think is an emergence of a new unified position. Once again our people are leading the way."

Several northern chiefs made statements at the event, including Chief Arlen Dumas of Mathias Colomb Cree Nation (MCCN), against whom a court injunction was recently granted to mining company Hudbay to prevent him from blockading the company's mining and exploration projects in the snow Lake area, as well as Chief Jack Dysart of the O-Pipon-Napiwin Cree Nation, Chief Micheal Yellowback of the Manto Sipi Cree Nation and the chiefs of Wasagamack First Nation, Red Sucker Lake First Nation and Garden Hill First Nation in the Island Lake region. Idle No More spokesperson and Ryerson University professor Pam Palmater, also the subject of a court injunction issued to Hudbay, also spoke at the event.

"What is the price of these mining licences that are being illegally operated or being illegally awarded to companies?" said Dumas. "Well, the person that pays the most is the environment, the degradation of the environment. It's also our treaty and aboriginal rights that also pay the ultimate cost for this."

Dysart said people at the grassroots level had high expectations of their leaders and that it was up to the leaders to ensure that they are aggressive in seeking re-

source revenue.

"It is time to respect and accommodate in a meaningful [way] on duty to consult as defined by each sovereign nation," said Dysart, pointing out that many of the people the chiefs represent are not sharing in Canada's prosperity. "They have so little. It is time to chart out our own economic success."

Yellowback said that the province of Manitoba has failed to work with First Nations in a meaningful way when it comes to resource industries.

"They have gone beyond the legislative authority to issue permits to these mineral exploration companies and they're not addressing with us in good faith and it's kind of disappointing with our MLA Eric Robinson that he's not doing enough to represent us in the legislative assembly," said Yellowback. "We have tried to work in partnership with this province but only time and time again they have failed to do so."

Island Lake chiefs said it was of utmost importance to preserve the unspoiled nature that defines their part of the province while also bringing their communities' standard of living up to what it taken for granted in other regions.

"Island Lake is a population of some 12,000 people," said Wasagamack Chief Alex McDougall. "In any area of Manitoba of that population we see sup-

port infrastructure, we see hospitals. We don't have a hospital in Island Lake of 12,000 people. I don't have an airport for my community in Wasagamack. So we're merely asking that we get involved in the discussions and planning of our traditional are so that we can benefit from those resources ourselves."

Chief Buddy Beardy of Garden Hill First Nation said his community had rebuffed advances from mining companies in the past.

"Vale came to our community once, our people said no," said Beardy. "The important thing for our people is to protect the land, the rivers, and lakes. That's of foremost importance other than protecting their cultural activities."

Red Sucker Lake First Nation Chief Les Harper said past activities by mineral exploration companies in the region did

not improve life for his people.

"We never benefit from it," Harper said. "Our hunting and trapping are affected. Manitoba goes through the motions of consulting with us and permits are issued without determining or identifying impacts on our territory."

Palmater, the final speaker at the event,

said all Canadians would benefit when First Nations people were prosperous and that the government must abide by the law.

"When they ignore and violate our aboriginal and treaty rights, they're violating their own constitution and it's time that we restored the rule of law here in Manitoba," Palmater said.

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News

Spring community-wide clean-up via Robin's Donuts May 11

BY MATT DURMAN
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Thompson's spring cleanup got under way on May 1, despite Mother Nature's apparent unwillingness to bring any spring weather.

Mayor Tim Johnston officially kicked off the project at a Thompson Chamber of Commerce meeting on May 1, urging the community to come together to spruce up the city after the winter left streets looking less than

attractive. "It's a tough time in the city, spring is not normally kind to Thompson in terms of the melt," said Johnston, "we use a lot of sand in the winter, so in the spring it appears to be very dirty; in the past Thompson was very dirty because of the huge amount of litter that was spread throughout the winter."

A number of initiatives that have been employed in the past will be

part of this year's spring clean up, including a 24-hour compost site and an e-waste drop-off at the public works yard.

On Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be the clean community project where participants can register at Robin's Donuts. All involved will be provided with gloves, garbage bags and water and will receive \$3 for each bag of garbage collected.

The \$3 per bag of trash

incentive will not be limited to just the community clean-up project on May 11, residents can bring in bags of trash to public works all month and receive cash in return.

"Residents need to be encouraged and supported to get involved," said Johnston, "it will not be a level of government that cleans up the community, it will be the community that cleans it up and keeps it clean."

Those who want to get

involved in the incentive are asked to first contact the public works department who will provide gloves and bags and assign an area that requires a clean up.

E-waste drop-off kicked off on May 4 and runs right through to October and is aimed at encouraging the safe disposal of electronics such as computer monitors and televisions. The e-waste initiative is supported by the province

and everything dropped off is shipped out to be properly handled.

Just as snowploughs keep streets clean throughout the winter, the city will have street sweepers out in force in an effort to keep sand off the roads, and the recreation department has been out sweeping sidewalks and boulevards as well.

For more information, contact the public works department at: 204-677-7970

UCN trade expo

BY MATT DURMAN
NEWS@THOMPSONCITIZEN.NET
The University College of the North (UCN) hosted their annual Try-a-Trade expo at the Gordon Beard Arena in Thompson on April 24.

Over 20 different employers from the city were on hand with exhibits set up to promote their organizations and help give job searchers an idea of what jobs might be available to them.

UCN had 20 exhibits of their own set up as well, showing off the array of courses from game design, to dental assisting, to culinary arts.

Students from schools all over Northern Manitoba, including Norway House, South Indian Lake, Nelson House, Leaf Rapids, Flin Flon, Cross Lake, Gillam, and Thompson took in the expo, with more than 650 students passing through over the course of the day.

The expo rotates between Thompson and The Pas on a year-to-year basis, and Louise Dewar, who heads student recruitment at UCN, as well as co-ordinating the Try-a-Trade expo says the next time in Thompson will be a banner year.

"The next time we have this expo here, our new campus will be open," said Dewar, "so potential students will be able to actually come through and tour the building and the different faculties."

A very hands-on approach was taken at the expo, and those who attended were literally able to try their hands at a number of different trades.

Manitoba Hydro had an exhibit set up outside of the arena where attendees could actually ride up in a cherry picker bucket.

A virtual welder, hair styling stations, and a mini kitchen were all some of the hands-on



Thompson Citizen photo by Matt Durman

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation was just one of over 30 exhibits set up in the Gordon Beard Arena on April 24 for the University College of the North's Try-a-Trade expo.

activities that could be sampled at the expo.

Benefits of the expo were widespread; job searchers and students were exposed to a wide array of opportunities, while exhibitors were given a chance to fill some positions for summer work and beyond within their companies.

"You can take a look around here and there's a lot of companies in that position," said Dewar, "I mean, we have the Burnwood Hotel exhibit in

here today and they're looking for staff."

UCN and Thompson as a whole stand to gain from the expo in terms of the attraction of future students and building a stronger workforce.

"There is a long-term benefit to this for all of the north really," said Dewar, "you're going to not only be finding your employees here, but training future employers through the University College of the North."



The winner of the raffle for the Coffee Buddies cancer basket was Kris Burty. Thank you to all for buying tickets. We raised \$1061. Draw was made at Relay for Life by Donna Wilson.

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Constitution amendments must be received by May 16, 2013 to the attention of Anita Campbell, Executive Director.

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Canada two-thirds Christian

Continued from Page 3
information on religious affiliation, regardless of whether respondents practised their religion. Once numbering around 20,000 people nationally, the ranks of those who

claim to be Jedi Knights, inspired by Star Wars movies have dwindled to fewer than half that figure, according to Statistics Canada's first release of data from the 2011 National Household Survey. "A lot less this time. I think there's about 9,000 reporting Jedi," Jane Baddets, a senior analyst at Statistics Canada, was quoted as saying.

Jediism is the study of the philosophies largely borrowed from Buddhism and Daoism in the Star Wars series.

Statistics Canada says 1,050 people nationally declared themselves to be Satanists in the 2011 survey, while 1,745 were Scientologists and 6,130 were Zoroastrians.

There were also 1,055 Rastafarians scattered across the country.

The largest faith group in Canada is still Christians. About 22,102,700, or two-thirds of Canada's population (67.3 per cent), reported that they were affiliated with a Christian religion. Roman Catholics

were the largest Christian religious group in 2011. About 12,728,900 people identified themselves as Roman Catholic, representing 38.7 per cent of Canada's population as a whole.

Consistent with changing immigration patterns, there were growing proportions of the population who reported religious affiliations other than Christian. These religions included Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist. In 2011, about 2,373,700 people, or 7.2 per cent of Canada's population, reported affiliation with one of these religions. This was up from 4.9 per cent a decade earlier, as recorded in the 2001 census.

In 2011, people who identified themselves as Muslim made up 3.2 per cent of the population, Hindu 1.5 per cent, Sikh 1.4 per cent and Jewish one per cent.

Roughly 7,850,600 people, or nearly one-quarter of Canada's population (23.9 per cent), had

no religious affiliation – a number that reached more than 35 per cent here in Thompson. Nationally, the 23.9 per cent with no religious affiliation was up from 16.5 per cent a decade earlier, as recorded in the 2001 census.

Immigration has contributed to a higher share of the population having affiliation with Muslim, Hindu, Sikh or Buddhist religions as well as to a higher share of the population having no religious affiliation. Of the immigrants who came prior to 1971, 2.9 per cent were affiliated with Muslim, Hindu, Sikh or Buddhist religions, whereas 33 per cent of immigrants who came between 2001 and 2011 reported affiliation to one of these religions. As well, 16 per cent of immigrants who came before 1971 had no religious affiliation, compared with 22 per cent among those who came between 2001 and 2005, and 19.5 per cent among those who came between 2006 and 2011.

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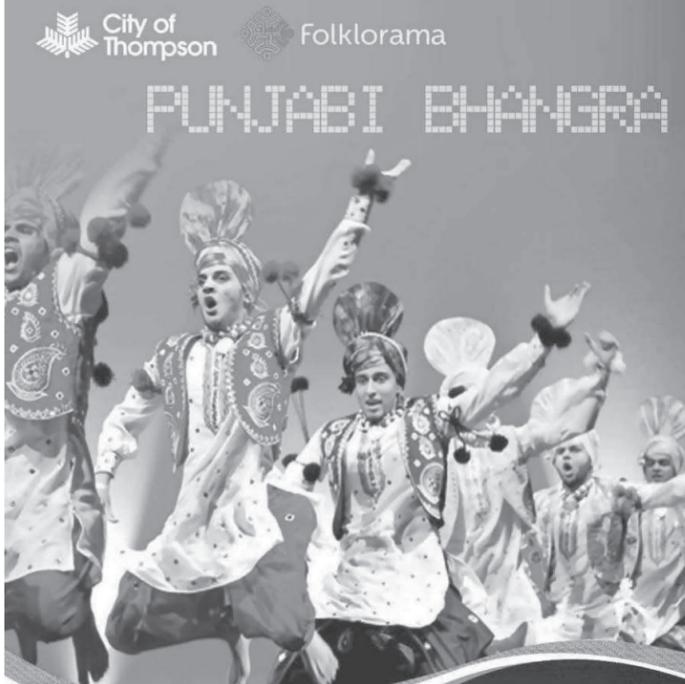
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- Any person who is eligible to vote in municipal elections in the Local Authority of CITY OF THOMPSON can have his or her name added to the Voters List, or have any information about the voter on the Voters List corrected.
- Any person can request to have his or her name and address obscured from the Voters List.

A person whose name has been obscured will receive a Personal Security Certificate and identification number. In a civic election, that person may only vote by Sealed Envelope Ballot and cannot vote in person at the regular or advance voting places.

To implement the above, a written request must be submitted to the Senior Election Official in person, by e-mail, fax or mail to:

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Spring is slowly approaching and things are drying up. Grass fires are a very serious hazard that can become out of control within seconds.

We would like to remind residents to be careful when:

- Discarding any smoking materials,
- Using the BBQ,
- Using back yard fire pits. A permit must be obtained from City Hall, and the Thompson Fire Department must inspect the fire pit, prior to use.

Remember, we are surrounded by forest and only one incident may put our city at risk. When you are enjoying the nice weather, please be aware of fire hazards around you. Do your part to keep our city and citizens safe. Thompson Fire and Emergency Services would like to remind all citizen that open fires are prohibited under By-law 1809-2009.

Please ensure you are not in danger of starting a fire.

NOTICE

The City of Thompson, together, through community partnerships, has identified actions that will attract citizens, visitors, and business to a clean, safe and active downtown. You are cordially invited:

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**AROUND
Canada**

Qatar wants agency

OTTAWA — Canada is ramping up its efforts to prevent Qatar from wresting away the only United Nations agency based in this country.

The Middle Eastern country is seeking to convince the UN to let it host the headquarters for the International Civil Aviation Organization, currently based in Montreal.

The Qataris made a formal pitch to the organization in April, reportedly offering a brand-new building for the organization and a promise to cover all the costs associated with the move.

Now Canada is preparing a counterattack. “(Foreign Affairs) Minister (John) Baird will fight tooth and nail to keep ICAO in its rightful home of Montreal,” spokesman Rick Roth said in an email Thursday.

Canada has played host to the body, which sets international standards for civil aviation, since 1946.

The Qatari offer comes as Canada and the ICAO are negotiating for a new lease on the Montreal headquarters, built at a cost of \$100 million in the 1990s.

Though the organization didn't go looking for a new host, it is obliged to consider Qatar's bid under the organization's rules.

A vote is set for this fall. The result of that vote has both economic and political implications for Canada.

There are 534 staff employed at the organization's headquarters and the agency claims to generate some \$80 million annually for Montreal's economy and 1,200 direct and indirect jobs.

For Qatar's bid to prevail, a minimum of 60 per cent of the ICAO's 191 member states must sign off.

There are concerns a decision by UN states to remove an agency from Canada will be seen as punishment for the Conservative government's broader policy stance on the Middle East.

Baird irritated many in the Arab world last month when, while on a visit to the Middle East, he met Israel's foreign minister at a coffee shop in East Jerusalem, which the Palestinians and the UN consider occupied land.

Match solves mystery

SASKATOON — Police say a matchstick has helped them solve the 50-year-old cold case of a man murdered at the Saskatoon Golf and Country Club.

Investigators believe a 17-year-old youth shot and

killed golf-course worker Richard Hartz in 1963 during a robbery.

But the suspect, whose name is not being released, can't be charged because he died in 2009.

Police say advanced technology showed matchsticks found on the golf course came from a matchbook in a stolen truck the teen used in a different robbery.

The teen was the leading suspect at the time, but there was no arrest despite an investigation involving hundreds of witnesses and interviews.

Ontario budget orange

TORONTO — In a last-ditch bid to stay alive and avoid an election, Ontario's minority Liberals revealed a \$127.6-billion budget Thursday awash in NDP orange along with the red ink.

Ticking off every demand the New Democrats put on their long list — from giving motorists a break on their insurance to de-laying and eliminating some corporate tax breaks — the Liberals have thrown down the gauntlet and put the party that holds the balance of power between a rock and a hard place.

The New Democrats have a choice: prop up a government hungry for their left-leaning supporters, or defeat the budget that they helped craft and force an election just 19 months after the last one.

— The Canadian Press



Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Conservative party trail the Liberals in popular support.

Attack ads don't strike blow to surging Trudeau

New poll finds Liberals leading Conservatives

By Joan Bryden

OTTAWA — Two weeks of Conservative attack ads have done little to dim Justin Trudeau's honeymoon with Canadians, a new poll suggests.

The latest Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey suggests the Liberal party jumped into a seven-point lead over the Conservatives during the two weeks that followed Trudeau's landslide leadership victory last month.

Liberal support stood at 35 per cent, while the Conservatives dropped to 28 and the NDP to 22. The Green party was at seven per cent.

That's the highest level of support for the Liberals since March 2009, when the selection of Michael Ignatieff as party leader briefly buoyed the party's fortunes.

Ignatieff subsequently led the party to its worst defeat in history in the 2011 election, which reduced the Liberals to a third-party rump.

Current Liberal support is not quite as high as the 36 per cent peak reached by the NDP a year ago immediately following the election of its new leader, Tom Mulcair. New Democrats have been trending down since then, a spiral that accelerated over the last few months of the Liberal leadership contest.

Trudeau's honeymoon could yet prove as fleeting as those of new leaders before him, but for now at least, the poll suggests he has weathered the barrage of Tory television ads asserting the new Liberal leader is “in way over his head.”

The Conservatives began broadcasting the ads within hours of Trudeau's leadership victory on April 14.

“Things can certainly change in Canadian political opinion and, with two relatively un-

tested leaders, I'd expect these numbers are still relatively soft,” said Harris-Decima senior vice-president Doug Anderson.

“What we do know for certain is that more people are saying they'd vote Liberal than have felt inclined to say that in years. And it's better to be up than down.”

The telephone poll of 2,008 Canadians was conducted April 18-28 and is considered accurate to within plus or minus 2.2 percentage points, 19 times in 20.

It suggests the Liberals moved into a commanding lead in Trudeau's home province of Quebec with 37 per cent to the NDP's 24. The Bloc Québécois had 23 per cent support, the Conservatives nine per cent and the Greens five per cent.

Quebec, which was swept by the NDP in 2011, is key to Trudeau's plans for a Liberal comeback in the 2015 election.

The Liberals also held a slight lead in Ontario, another crucial battleground: 38 per cent compared with 34 per cent for the Conservatives, 20 per cent for the NDP and seven per cent of the Greens.

And they were well ahead in the Atlantic provinces with 48 per cent to 27 for the NDP, 22 for the Conservatives and two for the Greens.

The NDP led in British Columbia with 34 per cent to the 30 per cent for the Liberals, the Tories at 22 per cent and the Greens at 13 per cent.

The Conservatives led in Alberta with 58 per cent, compared with 22 per cent for the Liberals, 13 per cent for the Greens and seven per cent for the NDP.

They were also well ahead in Manitoba/Saskatchewan at 50 per cent, compared with 22 per cent for the Liberals, 21 per cent for the NDP and five for the Greens.

— The Canadian Press

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A Bangladeshi woman looks at a wall filled with portraits of missing people near the site of a garment factory that collapsed last week.



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Factory collapse downplayed

Politician says it wasn't 'really serious,' just an accident

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Bangladesh's finance minister downplayed the impact of last week's factory-building collapse on his country's garment industry, saying Friday he didn't think it was "really serious" hours after the 500th body was pulled from the debris.

Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith spoke as the government cracked down on those it blamed for the disaster in the Dhaka suburb of Savar. It suspended Savar's mayor and arrested an engineer who had called for the building's evacuation last week, but was also accused of helping the owner add three illegal floors to the eight-storey structure. The building owner was arrested earlier.

The government appears to be attempting to fend off accusations it is in part to blame for the tragedy because of weak oversight of the building's construction.

During a visit to the Indian capital, New Delhi, Muhith said the disaster would not harm Bangladesh's garment industry, which is by far the country's biggest source of export income.

"The present difficulties... well, I don't think it is really serious — it's an accident," he said. "And the steps that we have taken in order to make sure that it doesn't happen, they are quite elaborate and I believe that it will be appreciated by all."

The government made similar promises after a

garment factory fire five months ago that killed 112, saying it would inspect factories for safety and pull the licences of those that failed. However, that plan has yet to be implemented.

Asked if he was worried foreign retailers might pull orders from his country, Muhith said he wasn't: "These are individual cases of... accidents. It happens everywhere."

Muhith, a longtime government official from a prominent family, has been criticized for insensitive comments in the past — even by his own party. Last year when thousands of small investors lost their savings and poured into the streets seeking government intervention, Muhith said it wasn't responsible and the investors were at fault.

The official death toll from the April 24 collapse reached 512 Friday and was expected to climb, making it likely the deadliest garment-factory accident in world history. It surpassed long-ago disasters such as New York's Triangle Shirtwaist factory fire, which killed 146 workers in 1911, and more recent tragedies such as a 2012 fire that killed about 260 people in Pakistan and one in Bangladesh that same year that killed 112.

At the site of the collapse, workers carefully used cranes to remove the concrete rubble and continue the slow task of recovering bodies.

— The Associated Press

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Notice of Application and Pre-Hearing Conference

APPLICANT:
MANITOBA HYDRO

APPLICATION:

NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE NEEDS FOR AND ALTERNATIVES TO (NFAT) REVIEW OF MANITOBA HYDRO'S PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On April 25, 2013, the Government of Manitoba issued Terms of Reference to The Public Utilities Board (PUB) regarding the Needs For And Alternatives To (NFAT) Review of Manitoba Hydro's proposed preferred development plan for the construction of the Keeyask Generating Station and Conawapa Generating Station, associated domestic transmission facilities, export contracts, and Canada-U.S. transmission interconnection facilities.

The NFAT Review will be conducted under the authority of Section 107 of The Public Utilities Board Act (The PUB Act) for the purpose of making recommendations to the Minister responsible for the administration of The PUB Act upon completion of the PUB's investigations and deliberations. The PUB will provide a report no later than June 20, 2014.

Manitoba Hydro plans to file its submission with respect to its preferred development plan by August 16, 2013. The PUB will hold an initial Pre-hearing Conference on May 16, 2013, prior to the filing, and will schedule a second Pre-Hearing Conference to be held after Manitoba Hydro files its NFAT submission.

SCOPE

The scope of the PUB's NFAT Review will be governed by the Terms of Reference, which can be found on the PUB's website at www.pub.gov.mb.ca, or by contacting the PUB at the address set out below.

The public is invited to participate in the NFAT Review, either by applying as a Presenter to submit oral or written Presentations, or by applying for Intervener status. All parties seeking Intervener or Presenter status should familiarize themselves with the Terms of Reference, including the scope and procedure set out therein.

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE DATE AND LOCATION

The Board will convene a Pre-Hearing Conference to establish a schedule for the NFAT Review process and consider submissions from proposed Interveners on the following date, time, and location:

Thursday, May 16, 2013 @ 9:00 AM
 Hearing Room – 4th Floor, 330 Portage Avenue
 Winnipeg, Manitoba

REQUESTS FOR INTERVENER STATUS

All persons, firms or corporations wishing to intervene in respect of this matter are required to send a request for Intervener status to the PUB by mail, courier or email to be received by the PUB by no later than Tuesday May 14, 2013 using the Intervener request form available under the NFAT section of the PUB's website at www.pub.gov.mb.ca. Interveners must describe their reasons for intervention, their specific issues of concern as well as their detailed work plan and proposed consultants and estimated budgets. Interveners must be prepared to cooperate with other Interveners to avoid duplication.

The PUB may determine whether an Intervener is entitled to costs for participating in the review and may fix the amount of those costs in accordance with the PUB's Rules of Practice and Procedure which are available on the PUB's website.

REQUESTS FOR PRESENTER STATUS

Those parties wishing to submit a written presentation or to provide oral comments to the PUB may apply for Presenter status by mail, courier or email to be received by the PUB by no later than August 30, 2013.

The PUB is prepared to attend at various locations throughout Manitoba to hear and receive public Presentations. A schedule of dates and locations will be made available on the PUB's website following the Pre-Hearing Conference.

PROCEDURE

The PUB's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as modified by the NFAT Terms of Reference, will apply to the PUB's NFAT Review. All proposed Interveners should familiarize themselves with both documents. The PUB's Rules of Practice and Procedure are available on the PUB's main website at www.pub.gov.mb.ca. Any interested party can also request a paper copy from the PUB by writing the PUB at the address below or emailing the PUB at publicutilities@gov.mb.ca.

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Pair credit aboriginal culture for fresh start

Study backs what two native Winnipeggers experienced

By Alexandra Paul

A PAIR of Winnipeggers say they're living proof of what recent Canadian studies show: Urban aboriginal adults who embrace traditional culture are less likely to experience prescription- and illicit-drug problems.

John Oige, 31, and Dawn Simmons, 29, both of Winnipeg, struggled for years with crack-cocaine addiction.

Oige's habit had him in and out of jail for a decade. It was a cycle of break-and-enters, alcohol abuse and physical altercations for the northern Manitoba Cree man, adopted as a four-year old in the big city. "I'd pretty much ruined my life," Oige said.

Simmons, meanwhile, grew up being taunted as aboriginal but had no links to her native culture in the Ukrainian Catholic home where she grew up. For her, crack cocaine was the ultimate anesthetic.

"I was very shy and withdrawn, and it led to drugs. I understand it was a way for me to deal with my life, because I didn't have the tools to cope," she said.

Now, both are drug-free — Simmons since 2009 and Oige since his last jail term ended in November 2012.

She has a full-time job and he's working toward one. Both credit discovering their ancestors' culture through urban

aboriginal centres such as Thunderbird House in Winnipeg for their sobriety and hope for a brighter future.

"Before, life wasn't worth living. It's not like that anymore," Oige said. "I look forward to every day, helping people... At Thunderbird House, I'm attending sweat lodges and pipe ceremonies, smudging, feasts — whatever they have."

Some researchers in Canada are confirming the positive experiences of people such as Oige and Simmons.

In a recent study, University of Lethbridge researcher Cheryl Currie concluded urban aboriginal people who embrace traditional culture are less likely to have drug problems.

"Those participating in aboriginal culture were those who were not using drugs and did not have drug problems," Currie said. "The culture was serving as a protective factor against using and abusing drugs for urban-based aboriginal adults."

The year-long study, published in the journal *Social Science and Medicine*, is based on surveys with about 400 aboriginal people in Edmonton.

The study is small but the findings were definitive, Currie said.

When asked what it meant to practise aboriginal culture in a city, those in the study described participating in aboriginal ceremonies and cultural

events, valuing spirituality and family, and respecting oneself, others and the Earth.

Winnipeg university educators who are aboriginal and embrace their cultures said the findings might be new to science, but not to them.

"The most important part of this study is... it shows the real strength of aboriginal people and that we have these ceremonies and practices that are really protective for our health," said Marcia Anderson-Decoteau, the head of the University of Manitoba's medical faculty section on First Nations, Métis and Inuit health.

Added Wab Kinew, the University of Winnipeg's director of indigenous inclusion: "It is good to see evidence to back up what the indigenous community has known all along."

The other part of the equation is to recognize that drug and alcohol abuse are part of a process that undermined indigenous people.

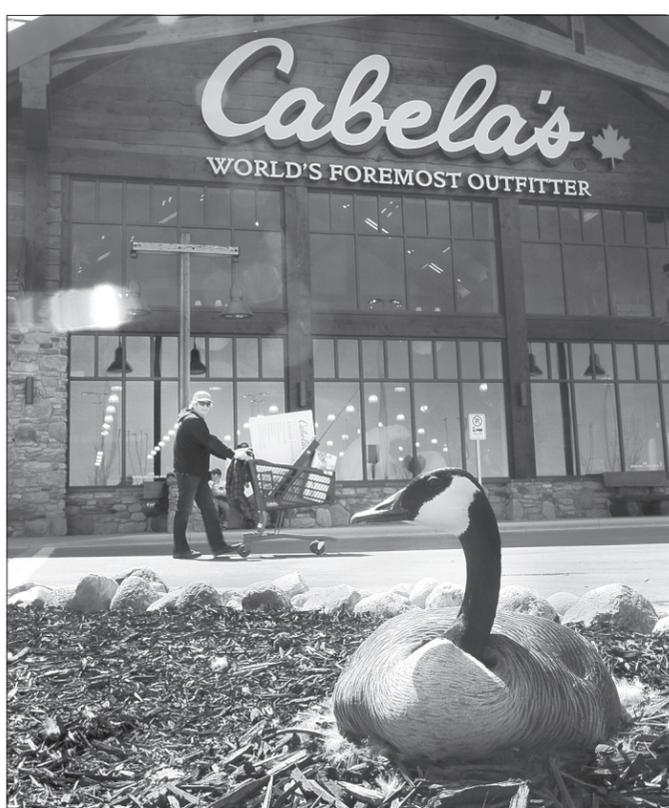
"The reconnection of those ties with community, language and a positive self-image — all things facilitated by traditional indigenous ceremonial practices — are enough for anyone to live a healthy life," said Niigaanweewidam James Sinclair, an associate professor at the U of M.



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John Oige, with daughter Trinity LeBlanc, 9, says native culture gave him a new life.

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Um... they sell shotguns in there

A Canada goose sets up a nest at the front door of Cabela's new 72,000-square-foot store that opened in Winnipeg Thursday. The new outlet is in the Seasons of Tuxedo retail complex on Route 90 next to the IKEA store.

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Education initiative expanding

Former prime minister Paul Martin launched the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative in Thunder Bay five years ago. It's now in 17 Canadian schools. In Manitoba, it's in Children of the Earth and Gordon Bell high schools in Winnipeg, Major Pratt School in Russell, Oscar Lathlin Collegiate on Opaskwayak Cree Nation and Grand Rapids School. Martin was at Gordon Bell Friday morning. The MAEI hired aboriginal teachers to develop textbooks for Grade 11 and 12 business courses

— entrepreneurship, marketing and accounting — incorporating aboriginal culture, traditions and ways of learning. Small classes of students selected by the principal take the one-semester credit course. In public schools, provincial governments and school divisions help finance the program, which includes teaching teachers the curriculum, while private donors help cover costs on reserves. Manitoba's Department of Education is providing \$30,000 per public school. For more information, visit www.maei-iam.ca.

Pilot project entrenched

Waywayseecappo First Nation and Park West School Division will sign an agreement May 27 to entrench a current pilot project in which Waywayseecappo School has joined PWS. A handful of First Nations have contracted with Frontier S.D. to run reserve schools, but Waywayseecappo and Park West have an apparently unprecedented partnership that shares decision-making. Aboriginal leaders say Ottawa provides reserve children with 20 to 30 per cent less funding per

student than students receive in provincial public schools. Yet, when reserve children go to a public school, or a reserve school signs an agreement with a public school division, Ottawa pays the going rate. Per-student funding has soared for Waywayseecappo students during the project. Students have smaller classes with access to more learning materials and resources such as specialist teachers and counsellors.

— Nick Martin



Students in the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative present a star blanket to former prime minister Paul Martin during a school assembly at Major Pratt School in Russell Wednesday.

The new business model is traditional

Former PM touts aboriginal-education program

By Nick Martin

RUSSELL — Isaac Brandon is a really bright youth from Waywayseecappo First Nation who's come up with an idea for a pen that carries extra cartridges for emergency injections of insulin.

Paul Martin was impressed. The former prime minister doesn't impress all that easily.

But here were Martin and Brandon in the same classroom of Major Pratt School Wednesday, the fifth anniversary of the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative, and Martin was in Russell for the formal official launch of the local program, which began in January.

An affable and avuncular Martin moved immediately into teaching mode.

"What's the first advice you'd give Brandon?" he asked the class of First Nations students.

Patent it, someone said. Martin slowly revealed the answer: Brandon needs to prove no one else had previously had the idea.

"Skylar, would you use this?" Martin asked student Skylar Seaton. "Do you know, in fact, it's not going to do more harm than good? How do you do it?"

Over the next 10 minutes, Martin led the students through the realization the product must be medically approved, government-certified, then advertised and promoted through doctors who would recommend it to their patients.

"How would you price it?" asked Martin. That question led to all kinds of learning about material costs, the costs of research and development, manufacturing, advertising, labour and everything else that goes into business decisions.

"The concept of the course — teaching entrepreneurship, marketing, accounting — that in itself is not new," Martin had explained earlier. "None of this has ever been offered before to aboriginal Canadians, or, as we understand, to indigenous people anywhere."

Martin's project assigned aboriginal teachers to develop aboriginal textbooks and lesson plans that incorporate aboriginal culture and traditions.

At an assembly at Major Pratt, Martin told the students that prior to European contact, trade flourished from the Far North to the Gulf of Mexico along enormous trade routes. There was manufacturing of pottery and other goods along with a massive agricultural industry.

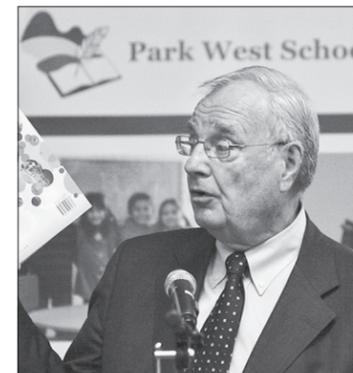
"For reasons that are inexplicable and unfair, First Nations and Métis were shut out of the economy. First Nations and Métis have business in their blood — you have a huge history behind you, and it's a history of success," he said.

The idea of the business-oriented project is to keep young aboriginal students in school and offer them another path that could lead to post-secondary education and a career.

Just this week, Martin flew to Montreal, Lethbridge, Fort Simpson, The Pas, Grand Rapids, Russell and Winnipeg to promote the program.

He said it's up to aboriginal leaders and education authorities to invite his program into the community.

In Russell, Park West School Division and Way-



Paul Martin hopes his business course offers students another post-secondary option.

wayseecappo First Nation will sign an agreement May 27 to entrench a pilot project, believed to be unique in Canada, in which the reserve's nursery- to-Grade 8 school becomes part of the school division, and is funded at public school rates, while the band is a partner in all decision-making.

"There is absolutely no excuse for the federal government not to provide education funding," said Martin, adding he thought it was appalling Ottawa funds reserve schools 20 to 30 per cent less per student than children in the provincial system.

"That's immoral, and it's also economically dumb," he said.

Martin, the renowned slayer of deficits, is a little less emphatic when asked why he didn't eliminate that school-funding gap in his nine years as federal finance minister and his nearly 27-month stint as prime minister between 1993 to 2006. His Kelowna Accord would have done so, he said, referring to the agreement with provinces and native leaders reached in late 2005 just before his government fell.

Working together is essential, Martin told students in Russell.

During his time in the western Manitoba town, Martin was bubbling over with praise for Manitoba's Department of Education, and particularly for deputy education minister Gerald Farthing, who Martin said should be sent on a lecture tour across North America to talk about improving education opportunities for aboriginal youth.

"If we do this right," Farthing said in Russell, "the skills and knowledge that students leave with will be relevant. There is so much more we can do if we work together."

The Waywayseecappo and Park West partnership "is a model the rest of us should pay attention to," said Farthing.

"The Department of Education in Manitoba, I can't speak more highly of it," Martin said. "The innovation they've brought to aboriginal education is remarkable."

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Kevin Twomey, a manager at T&T Seeds, waters begonias this week, preparing for the May long weekend rush.



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Crushing blow for amateur sport

By Geoff Kirbyson

AMATEUR sport lost one of its biggest fans and supporters Wednesday evening when Diana Stevens, executive director of Athletics Manitoba, was killed in a car accident near Killarney.

The 51-year-old was on her way to Bottineau, N.D., for her daughter Janelle's wedding this weekend when her SUV was involved in a head-on crash with a semi-trailer on Highway 10 just north of the U.S. border.

"She was amazing," said Jennifer Campbell, who worked alongside Stevens for nearly a decade as the president of Athletics Manitoba.

"Her passion was her family and her passion was athletics and she made a great balance between the two."

The rest of Stevens' family was supposed to follow Friday after work. The wedding has been put on hold.

"She was so excited about the wedding. We worked at a track meet this past weekend at the

University of Manitoba and it was freezing cold. She was out there working away," Campbell said.

Ted Bigelow, a director at Sport Manitoba, said Stevens' other daughter, Michelle, is a team manager for Manitoba's track and field team at the upcoming 2013 Canada Summer Games in Sherbrooke, Que.

"She was the glue that kept the athletics community together. She could do it in a way that was pretty special. Going into her office was like walking into her living room. You were very welcome. Her ability to work with people was fantastic. She was very organized and very much appreciated," he said.

Campbell said Athletics Manitoba is preparing to have an emergency board meeting to deal with the loss.

"She was an amazing lady," she said.

Stevens was scheduled to pick up Perdita Felicien, former world champion in the 100-metre hurdles, and take her to the Hershey's Track and Field Games Day meet next weekend in Carman.

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A city committee has voted to sell the John Blumberg Golf Course and lease four other city-owned courses to an Ontario company. The matter moves to the executive policy committee on May 22.

Golf course advocates see red after meeting

Debate on sale of city-owned greens not extended

By Bartley Kives

WINNIPEGGERS who wanted to share their views on golf greens wound up seeing red after an abbreviated debate over the city's embattled plan for five of its courses.

City council's alternate service delivery committee voted Friday to approve a plan to sell the John Blumberg Golf Course and lease four other city-owned sets of links to an Ontario firm. Committee chairman Russ Wyatt (Transcona) and St. Charles Coun. Grant Nordman both voted to sell the 81-hectare John Blumberg property and lease courses at Kildonan Park, Harbour View, Crescent Park and Windsor Park for 20 years to Golf-North Properties, a Conestoga, Ont. operator.

Nordman said operating golf courses is not a core city responsibility and suggested proceeds from the Blumberg sale could finance repairs to the Sherbrook Pool. Wyatt praised the leasing component of the plan as a means of saving \$759,000 a year for the city, citing a figure a number of other councillors have questioned as artificial, given the way funds are transferred between city departments.

Tempers flared before the vote, when five delegates who wished to address the committee were denied. While it's customary for committees to suspend their rules and allow delegates to speak even if they had not registered in advance, Wyatt declined to support a Nordman motion to do so.

As a result, delegates such as Charleswood-Tuxedo Coun. Paula Havixbeck and Mike Davidson, the president of the city's largest union, were not able to raise their concerns about the plan.

"This is an erosion of our democratic process," said Davidson, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 500. "This is disgraceful what took place here today."

Wyatt said Davidson and Havixbeck are free to address executive policy committee on May 22 and council as a whole on May 29, when the golf-course plan moves forward.

Wyatt also continued to defend the \$90,000 Responsible Winnipeg ad campaign, which a third of council has condemned as a waste of public funds. The print, radio, transit-bus and web campaign initially urged Winnipeggers to contact their councillors in the hopes they will support the golf-course plan.

That component of the campaign was deleted Thursday amid howls of outrage. "I thought it was the best part of it," Wyatt quipped, coyly stating he wasn't sure whose idea it was to use public funds to lobby his fellow councillors. "I like to hear feedback from constituents on issues like this."

■ MORE ROOM FOR CABS: The City of Winnipeg plans to test out a few ways to make life easier for taxicabs, who've complained about traffic-violation crackdowns outside downtown nightclubs. On Wednesday, city council's executive policy committee will consider a proposal to allow cabs to wait in downtown and Exchange District loading zones between 10 p.m. and 3 a.m. — and create five new taxi stands downtown on an interim basis. If approved by EPC and council, the pilot projects will be tested out and the results will be reviewed by council no later than September 2015.

■ NEW POLICE-BOARD APPOINTEE: Best Sleep Centre president David Keam is city council's latest nominee to sit on the new Winnipeg Police Board. Keam will replace Superblinds president Glenn Karr, who withdrew his own nomination in March. The appointment faces executive policy committee approval on Wednesday.

Wyatt also suggested a CUPE 500 television-ad campaign against the proposed sale or lease of golf courses in 2012 was also financed by taxpayers.

"The union members are paid by you and me, the ratepayers," he said. "They have a large war chest, because they obviously charge their individual members too much in union dues to be able to fund their massive advertising campaigns."

Several councillors were also upset the first batch of Responsible Winnipeg advertisements appeared to be the work of an external organization. Wyatt said he approved the campaign materials as part of a group that also included Mayor Sam Katz and chief administrative officer Phil Sheegl.

Winnipeg marketing company Direct Focus ran the campaign. For the second straight day, the firm did not respond to interview requests.

In an embarrassment for the mayor, a Responsible Winnipeg advertisement appeared on an electronic message centre on the property of Shaw Park, where the Katz-owned Winnipeg Goldeyes play.

Katz spokeswoman Rhea Yates said that ad buy was a mistake and insisted no city advertising dollars will flow to the Goldeyes or Riverside Park Management, the non-profit organization that sublets Shaw Park to the baseball club.

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An Invitation to Attend



Hydropower Limited Partnership



Keeyask Public Involvement Program: Round Three

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 Three of the Public Involvement Program has been planned to provide information about the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement, discuss how input received to date influenced the Project assessment, communicate any supplemental information since the filing of the Environmental Impact Statement with regulators in 2012, and document what is heard. You are invited to attend an open house in Winnipeg.

The third round of the Keeyask Public Involvement Program is underway. An open house is planned for Winnipeg:

WINNIPEG OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, May 23 (4:00-8:00 pm)
at the Norwood Hotel
at 112 Marion Street in Winnipeg

For more information about the Public Involvement Program please contact Manitoba Hydro at (204) 360-3473 or email Keeyask@hydro.mb.ca

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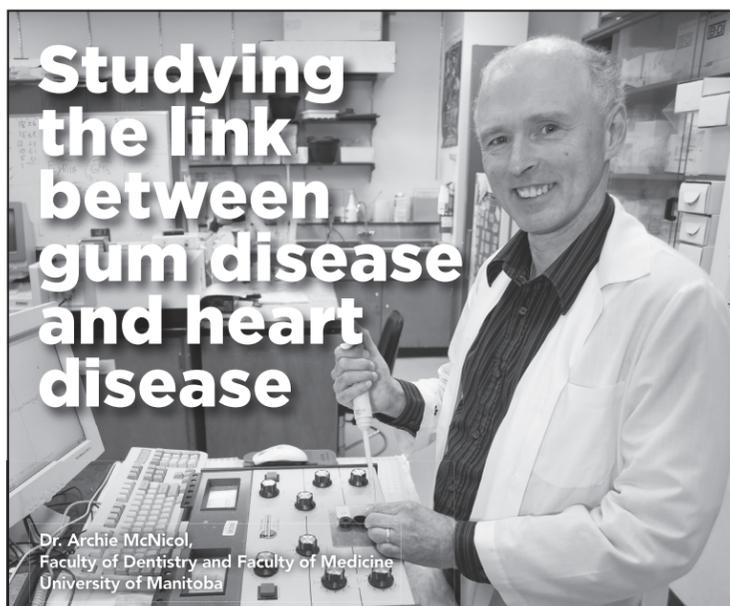
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Dr. Archie McNicol's research is examining the role blood platelets play in the link between these bacteria and

cardiovascular disease. Dr. McNicol's study hopes to determine how bacteria and the stress hormone adrenaline play a role in activating platelets in the blood, leading to heart disease or stroke. If successful, his work may lead to further studies that address differences in individual responses to bacteria, helping to determine who is at increased risk of developing heart disease or stroke.

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May 16, 2013 @ 4:00 pm

Name (Print)	Signature	Affiliation
Judy Kolada	<i>Judy Kolada</i>	City of Thompson
Verna Beardy	<i>V. Beardy</i>	Thompson resident
Joey Lagimodier	<i>J. Lagimodier</i>	cc cc
Erin Hogan	<i>Erin Hogan</i>	Public
Usabil	<i>TED BLAND</i>	YFFN
Mark McDelland	<i>Mark McDelland</i>	Vale
Wayne Redhead	<i>Wayne Redhead</i>	YFFN
Jacqueline Blum	<i>Jacqueline Blum</i>	KTC
Sandra Ross-Hitch	<i>Sandra Ross-Hitch</i>	Calm Air
Brock Weir	<i>Brock Weir</i>	Calm Air.
Obediah West	<i>Obediah West</i>	YFFN
Kevin Dick	<i>Kevin Dick</i>	RSE

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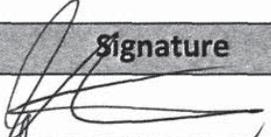
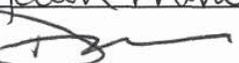
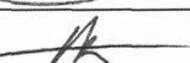
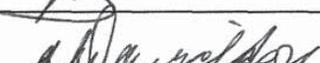
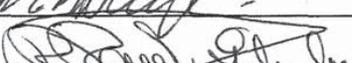
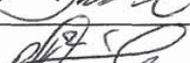
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JAT Schultz		Royal Bank
PJ Molloy		Public Citizen
Fawn Morales	Fawn Morales	Pub MIT
Dorothy FEOMA		Manitoba Conservation
Rick Leber		Mystery Country Outposts
Jim Davidson		Public Citizen
M. McDONALD		Public
P. PRITCHARD		Public
K Moore		Public
W Little	W. Little	Public
Ben CRAIT		
DR. PETER AARINOLA		PUBLIC
KEVIN CAROLINO		PUBLIC
Peggy Symons	P Symons	TCN
Don Cook		PUBLIC



Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Thompson Open House

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: May 16, 2013; 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: **Thompson, Manitoba**
Thompson Regional Recreation Centre, Multipurpose Room

In Attendance:	Bill Kennedy	Cree Nations Partners Advisor
	Rita Spence	Fox Lake Cree Nation
	Martina Saunders	York Factory First Nation
	Ted Bland	York Factory First Nation
	Wayne Redhead	York Factory First Nation
	Obediah Wastesicoot	York Factory First Nation
	Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
	Marc St. Laurent	Manitoba Hydro
	Wil DeWit	Manitoba Hydro
	Bill Henderson	Manitoba Hydro
	Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
	Friederike Schneider-Vieira	North/South Consultants
	Rob Berger	Wildlife Resource Services
	Nancy LeBlond	InterGroup Consultants
	Harv Sawatzky	InterGroup Consultants

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MEETING PROCESS

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HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Project Description and Physical Environment

- There was a discussion about how Manitoba Hydro designs a new project.
 - It was explained that the design might start from a previous design but it would be optimized for factors such as size, efficiency, and changes in technology. In particular, the project would be designed for conditions at the specific project location.
- There was a discussion about how new generation projects are constructed to meet the growing energy markets in Manitoba.
 - Initially the domestic demand will be less than the capacity of the generating station and the surplus power will be available to be sold into the export market. Over time the domestic energy demands will increase so that more of the power generated at Keeyask will be used locally and the energy available for export will decrease.
- There was a discussion about the principal structures including the earth dykes and dams, and the concrete powerhouse and spillway structures.
- Two participants mentioned that they were pleased that there is a reservoir clearing plan.
- A participant thought that there was going to be a bridge put across the river beside the dam to keep people off the dam for security purposes.
 - It was explained that the road was going to be incorporated into the structures themselves and that there would not be a bridge.
- A concern was expressed about water level fluctuations in the winter that could cause problems for resource users crossing the ice.
 - It was explained that the Waterways Management Program, which is part of the Joint Keeyask Development Agreement, includes provisions for a winter ice-trail crew. This crew will mark out designated safe trails and crossing areas in the winter time.

- An individual inquired about mineral resources in the Project area.
 - It was explained that mineral resources in the region are all mapped and registered with the Manitoba Government's department of Innovation, Energy and Mines.

Aquatic

- There was a discussion about fish passage for the Keeyask Project.
 - It was explained that habitat will be available to support fish populations upstream and downstream of the generating station so fish do not necessarily need to move to access habitat. However, the Project will include contingencies for including fish passage and, if monitoring plans demonstrate that this is needed, would work with Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship to identify the best approach to fish passage.

Caribou

- There was a discussion about the caribou in the study area.
 - There are barren-ground caribou from the Beverly-Qamanirjuaq herd, coastal caribou from the Cape Churchill and Pen Island herds and some summer resident caribou that move in and out of the Project region.
- There was a discussion about the effects of the Project on caribou.
 - It was explained that the effect on the caribou populations is small given the large range of caribou and the small area that is affected by the Project.
- A participant expressed an interest in the caribou and moose maps in the EIS. The participant was provided with a digital copy of the EIS which includes the maps.

Socio-economic (including Employment and Training)

- There was a discussion about the economic benefits that the Project will have on the local economy, including the recent experience with the Wuskwatim Project.
- A concern was expressed about worker interaction issues in Thompson.
- Interest was expressed in the potential economic benefits and spin-offs for the City of Thompson.
- There was an inquiry about how workers would be transported to the construction site.
- An employee of the Keewatin Tribal Council spoke with an EA Team member about an employer survey that the Keewatin Tribal Council is conducting in the Thompson region. An employer survey was provided to the EA Team member who then forwarded it to Manitoba Hydro.
- There were discussions about employment opportunities associated with the Keeyask Project, as well as with the Keeyask Infrastructure Project that is currently under construction.
 - These discussions included information about timelines, projected workforce, types of jobs, potential barriers to employment, business opportunities, and the Job Referral Service system.
- There was a discussion with a local outfitter about concerns related to offsetting programs included in a Keeyask Adverse Effects Agreement.

Other

- There was discussion about the Bipole III Transmission Project.
- A participant expressed an interest in the Needs for and Alternatives process.

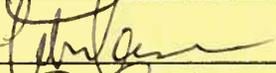
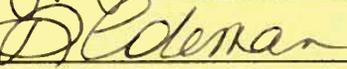
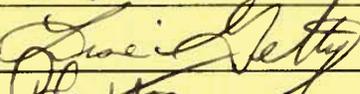
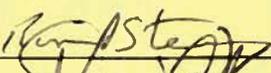
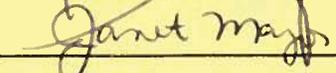
- Two participants requested copies of aerial photographs of the Keeyask Infrastructure Project.
 - An EA Team member indicated that they would follow up on this.
 - Follow up: Copies of three aerial photographs were sent by mail on June 4, 2013.
- A participant mentioned that it was positive to see First Nation involvement in the Project.

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William Keeper		T.C.W.
Robert Coleman		Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation
T-Wallen		IBEW 2085
Lisa Gretty		"
Randy Wilkett		
Bob Cron		UV ASSOCIATES
Row Stecy		MBRTC
DAVID MURDOE		NON-AFFILIATED
Angelo Paletta		Accommodations North
Dane Barham		MIT.
Lori H. Stewart		PUBLIC
Bill TRAILER		Retired AMRO X
Steve Demming		-
Janet Mays		MH

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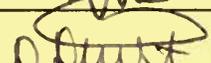
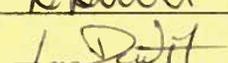
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Foya Mayham	<i>Foya Mayham</i>	Tataskweyak Cree Nation
Dick Stephens	<i>[Signature]</i>	Hydro
Shirley Stephens	SHIRLEY STEPHENS	PUBLIC
Chauvette Lambert	Chauvette Lambert	Grand Staircase
Jack Jones	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Brian Kelly	<i>B Kelly</i>	Kelvin Management Consulting
Morgan Becket	<i>Morgan Becket</i>	Hydro
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Reil Mound	<i>[Signature]</i>	PLCN
Ed Kubara	<i>E Kubara</i>	—
Elaine Kubara		PUBLIC
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A. Brown		Self
N. MACKINTOSH		Citizen
Diane DeWit		
Jemma DeWit		



**Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask
Generation Project:**

Winnipeg Open House

Final Meeting Notes

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In Attendance:

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Bill Kennedy	Cree Nations Partners Advisor
Brandy Bone	Fox Lake Cree Nation
Martina Saunders	York Factory First Nation
Wayne Redhead	York Factory First Nation
Roy Redhead	York Factory First Nation
Halina Zbigniewicz	Manitoba Hydro
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Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
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Virginia Petch	Northern Lights Heritage
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Janet Kinley	InterGroup Consultants
John Osler	InterGroup Consultants
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HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Environmental Impact Statement

- A number of participants expressed interest in the KCN's Environmental Evaluation Reports.

The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership

- There was a discussion with an attendee about why the Keeyask Cree Nations are the only First Nations involved in the Partnership.
- A participant expressed disagreement with the Partnership; stating that Manitoba Hydro should be the sole proponent of the Keeyask Project.
- A participant inquired about why the people of Manitoba were not involved in the decision to make Keeyask a Partnership Project.

Project Description and Physical Environment

- There was a discussion about the hydraulic zone of influence for the Project and specifically whether the Project would affect the water levels on Stephens Lake and Split Lake.
- There was a discussion about predicted dissolved oxygen concentrations.
- There was a discussion about the Reservoir Clearing Plan.
- A participant wanted to know about the source and type of material for the construction of the earth dykes.
- Questions were asked about possible system effects of the Keeyask Project.

Aquatics

- There was a discussion about the aquatic impact assessment and mitigation efforts related to the topic of water quality.
- There was a discussion about current lake sturgeon populations as well as the potential effectiveness of the proposed lake sturgeon stocking program and spawning structures.
- There was a discussion about the monitoring program and on how an adaptive management plan would work.
- There was a discussion about how Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge was used in the aquatic effects assessment.

Caribou

- A participant suggested noise and vibration from the Radisson Converter Station is scaring away caribou from that area.
- There was a discussion about the differences between First Nations and technical science perspectives on potential Project impacts related to caribou and how these two perspectives were incorporated into the EIS.

Socio-economic

- Interest was expressed in learning more about the offsetting programs included in the KCNs adverse effects agreements.

Heritage

- Participants asked about how artifacts found during archaeological field work would be processed.
- A participant asked about the Heritage Resource Protection Plan.

Other

- A participant wanted information about the potential plan to build a dam at Birthday Rapids.
- Concern was expressed about perceived competition over skilled tradespersons between inter-Provincial projects.
- Participants were concerned around the monetary resources associated with the impact assessments and Public Involvement Programs for hydro developments.
- Questions were asked about the Bipole III Project.
- A participant felt that Manitoba Hydro needs to focus on alternative energy production sources such as gas, wind or solar.
- Concern was expressed about the economic feasibility of the proposed and planned Manitoba Hydro projects.

KEEYASK GENERATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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APPENDIX 2E PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND THREE MEETINGS WITH ORGANIZATIONS

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Public Involvement Program Round Three Meetings with Organizations

Table 2E-1: Round Three Meetings with Organizations

Date	Event	Location
5/17/2013	Northern Association of Community Councils	Canad Inns Hotel, (Polo Park) Winnipeg
5/22/2013	Keewatin Tribal Council	KTC Thompson Office
5/17/2013	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak	MKO Office, Thompson

The following copies of documents are provided in this appendix:

- Copy confirmation of meeting letter;
- Copy of draft meeting notes letter;
- Copy of final meeting notes letter; and
- Copy of the Round Two summary sheets and final meeting notes from meetings with organizations:
 - Northern Association of Community Councils Round Two summary sheets;
 - Northern Association of Community Councils meeting notes;
 - Keewatin Tribal Council Round Two summary sheets;
 - Keewatin Tribal Council meeting notes;
 - Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Round Two summary sheets; and
 - Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak meeting notes.



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May 16, 2013

Ms. Paulette LeDrew
Keewatin Tribal Council (KTC)
Executive Assistant
23 Nickel Road
Thompson, MB, R8N 0Y4

Dear Ms. LeDrew,

**RE: CONFIRMATION OF MEETING WITH ORGANIZATION REGARDING THE
PROPOSED KEYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT**

We are pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the proposed Keeyask Generation Project (the Project) with your elected officials. 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 **May 22nd, 2013** at **2:00 pm** to discuss the proposed Project with interested members of the organization.

As indicated in the notification letter, the Partnership is proposing to develop the Keeyask Generation Project on the Nelson River in northern Manitoba. The Partnership includes four limited partners and one general partner. The four limited partners are Manitoba Hydro and companies representing the Cree Nation Partners (Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation), York Factory First Nation and Fox Lake Cree Nation.

The Partnership has undertaken an Environmental Impact Assessment to identify potential effects of the Project in order to avoid and mitigate adverse effects and to enhance project benefits. The results of the assessment are documented in the Projects' Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A key element of the assessment for the Project is the Public Involvement Program (PIP) involving three rounds of engagement. The purpose of the PIP is to provide the public, particularly those who may be potentially affected by or are interested in the Project, with opportunities to receive information about the proposed project and provide input on its potential issues and effects.

In 2008, Round One introduced the Project to communities in northern Manitoba and other potentially interested/affected organizations. During Round Two in 2012, participants were 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.

The Partnership is currently planning the third and final round of engagement. The objective is to discuss format and content of the EIS, discuss how input received to date influenced the Project assessment, and communicate supplemental information. The meeting would consist of a presentation followed by a discussion.

This last round of PIP activities will be documented and submitted in a supplemental filing to the EIS.

If you have any questions or comments about the meeting, please feel free to contact Harv Sawatzky at InterGroup Consultants at (204) 942-0654. Additional information about the Keeyask Generation Project is available at the Project website at www.keeyask.com.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours truly,

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June 19, 2013

Ms. Paulette LeDrew
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Dear Ms. LeDrew,

RE: Draft meeting notes from the May 22, 2013 meeting with Keewatin Tribal Council regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project

This letter is in follow-up to the meeting held on May 22, 2013 in Thompson, Manitoba 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 July 4, 2013 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 submitted in a supplemental filing to the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project.

Additional information about the Keeyask Generation Project is available at the Project website at: www.keeyask.com.

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

Yours truly,

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Christina Blouw
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July 4, 2013

Ms. Paulette LeDrew
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Executive Assistant
23 Nickel Road
Thompson, MB, R8N 0Y4

Dear Ms. LeDrew,

RE: Final notes from the May 22, 2013 meeting with the Keewatin Tribal Council regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project

Please find enclosed the final notes from the meeting held on May 22, 2013 in Thompson regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project, including copies for distribution to the Executive Director and members. These notes reflect comments that were received during the review process, and will be included in a supplemental filing to the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project.

If you have any questions or comments about the Public Involvement Program, please do not hesitate to call Harv Sawatzky at InterGroup Consultants at (204) 942-0654. Additional information about the Keeyask Generation Project, please visit the Project website at: www.keeyask.com.

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

Yours truly,

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Christina Blouw
INTERGROUP CONSULTANTS



Northern Association of Community Councils Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC)

Winnipeg Office, March 15, 2012; 1:00 – 2:30 pm

In Attendance:

Reg Meade (President)

Mallory Fleming (Executive Director)

Helgi Einarsson (Eastern Chair)

Anne Lacquette (Western Chair)

Glen Flett (Northern Chair)

Wil DeWit (MH)

Harv Sawatzky (IG)

Christina Blouw (IG)

Key perspectives and issues indentified by the NACC members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to council members. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(March 15, 2012; 1:00 – 2:30 pm)

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.
 - Response: 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.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A representative wanted more information regarding where the mercury levels are expected to be highest.	Northern Association of Community Councils Leadership Meeting	EIS 6.4.7.1 and 8.2.2
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A request was made for more information about lake sturgeon in relation to the Species at Risk Act.	Northern Association of Community Councils Leadership Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.3, 7.5.1.1 and 7.5.1.2
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A concern was raised regarding the capacity of Department of Oceans and Fisheries Canada to enforce a harvesting ban along the entire Nelson River should lake sturgeon be listed under Species at Risk Act.	Northern Association of Community Councils Leadership Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.3, 7.5.1.1 and 7.5.1.2
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	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.	Northern Association of Community Councils Leadership Meeting	EIS 2.4.3, 4.3.3.2, 6.6.2, 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.2 and 8.2.6
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	A participant felt that the colour selection for the employment graph in the Round Two newsletter should be changed.	Northern Association of Community Councils Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.4

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	The Northern Association of Community Councils invited the Keeyask PIP team to present the proposed Keeyask Generation Project at the Northern Association of Community Councils Annual General Meeting on August 14-16, 2012 in Winnipeg.	Northern Association of Community Councils Leadership Meeting	EIS 3.5.3
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Concern was expressed about whether or not the hiring preference process will still follow the Burntwood-Nelson Agreement.	Northern Association of Community Councils Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	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 specialty 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.	Northern Association of Community Councils Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1, 6.6.4.2, 6.6.5.1 and 8.2.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	It was suggested that an employment liaison position should be created to help address potential employment issues.	Northern Association of Community Councils Leadership Meeting	EIS 6.6.3.1 and 6.6.5.1
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	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.	Northern Association of Community Councils Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.5.2.3, 6.6.5.3, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.1, 6.6.6.3, 6.6.7, 7.6, 8.2.4 and 8.2.5

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	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).	Northern Association of Community Councils Leadership Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.4, 6.5.8.1, 7.5.2.1 and 7.5.2.3



**Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask
Generation Project:**

**Meeting with Northern Association of
Community Councils**

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: May 17, 2013; 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: **Winnipeg, Manitoba**
Canada Inns - Polo Park, Ambassador Room L

In Attendance:

Reg Meade	NACC President
Helgi Einarsson	NACC
Barbara Marcyniuk	NACC
Eric Olson	NACC
Harold Fleming	NACC
Larry Chartrand	NACC
Glen Flett	NACC
Freda Parenteau	NACC
Frances McIvor	NACC
Anne Lacquette	NACC
Mallory Fleming	NACC Executive Director
Monica Wiest	Manitoba Hydro
John Osler	InterGroup Consultants
Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS;
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what is heard.

The meeting is part of the third and final round in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program (PIP) being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as communities, organizations, and other Aboriginal groups that may be

potentially affected by or interested in the Project. This last round of public involvement activities will be documented and submitted as supplemental information for the regulatory process related to the Project prior to the Clean Environment Commission hearings planned for late 2013.

MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, EA Team representatives, on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership), presented information on the Project, including the format and content of the EIS, how input from Round Two was used in the EIS and purpose of Round Three of the Project PIP. Specifically, the focus of the presentation included information about the Partnership, the proposed Project, the environmental assessment process, the EIS and related supplemental information. In addition, the findings of the environmental assessment regarding the issues that were most prominently raised in Round Two of the PIP were provided. This included information regarding employment and training; lake sturgeon; caribou; flooding, erosion, sedimentation and debris; water quality; and mercury, fish and human health. Each Northern Association of Community Councils (NACC) representative in attendance was provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter, a summary of the Round Two issues raised by NACC representatives, a copy of the EIS Executive Summary and a copy of the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. Extra copies of the newsletter and the Executive Summary were left with the organization for general distribution and a digital copy of the EIS for the organization's use. Throughout and following the presentation:

- Meeting participants asked questions and offered perspectives about the proposed Project, the environmental assessment including format and content of the EIS, how Round Two input was used in the EIS and the PIP; and
- Where appropriate, representatives of the EA Team offered responses.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Project Description

- A question was asked about the capacity of the Keeyask Project.
 - Information regarding Project infrastructure and parameters was provided.

Employment and Training

- Interest in employment opportunities was expressed; a participant asked about employee recruitment timelines.
 - It was indicated that hiring for the Project would not begin until a licence for the Project was received.
- Interest was expressed about potential business opportunities related to the Project.

Aquatics

- Interest was expressed in the Generation Station turbines and how they had been designed to decrease fish mortality.
 - A EA Team member mentioned that the turbines designed for the Keeyask Project incorporated various features to increase the fish survival rate..
- Interest was expressed in potential fish passage options for the Project.
 - A EA Team member indicated that upstream and downstream fish passage will be provided.

Public Involvement Program

- A participant wondered whether the changes in community leadership over the past 5 years had influenced the Public Involvement Program. It was noted that although leadership may have changed over time the topics raised have remained consistent, such as employment.
- A question was asked about the communities involved in the Public Involvement Program. A Environmental Assessment Team representative reviewed the list of communities and other potentially affected or interested groups who were invited to participate in Round Three of the Public Involvement Program.

Other

- There was a discussion about the Wuskwatim Project and concerns related to the hiring process.
- It was indicated that the NACC is primarily interested in receiving information regarding the Bipole III Project and specifically about potential employment opportunities related to that Project as well as the Community Development Initiative.
 - The EA Team representative indicated that they will look into finding a Bipole III contact to follow up with along with Community Development Initiative and Employment contacts.
- The NACC indicated that they appreciated the information the EA Team presented regarding the Keeyask Project. A Participant noted that they would have appreciated similar presentations about the Jenpeg and Grand Rapids projects, when these projects were being considered.
- A participant indicated an interest in seeing funding for the lake sturgeon management board increase.



Keewatin Tribal Council Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Keewatin Tribal Council

Thompson Office, March 13, 2012; 11:00 – 12:00 pm

In Attendance:

Sharon McKay (KTC)

Douglas Kitchekeesick (TCN)

Mark Manzer (MH)

John Osler (IG) (PIP)

Key perspectives and issues identified by the Keewatin Tribal Council (KTC) members during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to council members. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

**KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
(March 13, 2012; 11:00 – 12:00 pm)**

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 Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) has had in the environmental assessment process was welcomed.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Environmental Assessment Issues and Perspectives	A comment was made that the prominent role ATK has had in the environmental assessment process was welcomed.	Keewatin Tribal Council Leadership Meeting	Chapter 2, EIS 1.4, 5.3.2.1, 6.2.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.4.2, 6.4.8, 6.4.9, 6.5.2, 6.5.10, 6.5.8.1, 6.6.2, 6.7.2, 6.7.3.2, 6.8.2, 7.5.2, 8.2.3, 8.2.7, 8.3.1.1 and Appendix 2A
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	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.	Keewatin Tribal Council Leadership Meeting	EIS 2.4.6, 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.5.1 and 8.2.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	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.	Keewatin Tribal Council Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	The Keewatin Tribal Council 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.	Keewatin Tribal Council Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2



Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Keewatin Tribal Council

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: May 22, 2013; 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Location: **Thompson, Manitoba**
Keewatin Tribal Council Office

In Attendance:	Sharon McKay	Chief Executive Director
	Jim Beardy	Member
	Jackie Weenusk	Member
	John Spence	Member
	Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
	Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
	Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, the video *Keeyask: Our Story* was viewed. Then, EA Team representatives, on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership), presented information on the

Project, including the format and content of the EIS, how input from Round Two was used in the EIS and purpose of Round Three of the Project PIP. Specifically, the focus of the presentation included information about the Partnership, the proposed Project, the environmental assessment process, the EIS and related supplemental information. In addition, the findings of the environmental assessment regarding the issues that were most prominently raised in Round Two of the PIP were provided. This included information regarding employment and training; lake sturgeon; caribou; flooding, erosion, sedimentation and debris; water quality; and mercury, fish and human health. Each Keewatin Tribal Council (KTC) representative in attendance was provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter, a summary of the Round Two issues raised by KTC, a copy of the EIS Executive Summary and a copy of the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. Extra copies of the newsletter and the Executive Summary were left with the organization for general distribution and a digital copy of the EIS for the organization's use. Throughout and following the presentation:

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HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Terrestrial:

- A concern was expressed about potential Project effects on traditional medicinal plants.
 - An EA Team representative mentioned that the Keeyask Cree Nations (KCNs) have shared information that has assisted with the Project assessment. In addition, a Traditional Plants Workshop was held to share knowledge with respect to traditional plants.
- A participant would like to know where they can find the information on the Traditional Plants Workshop.
 - It was noted that a summary of the completed Traditional Plants Workshop has been filed as supplemental information to the EIS. This report is available at www.Keeyask.com.

Mercury, Fish and Human Health

- There was a discussion about past research completed on the topic of mercury, fish and human health.
- A question was asked about the actions the Partnership might take if Project monitoring results showed higher mercury levels than predicted.
 - Variations in predicted and actual results through monitoring will be assessed for follow-up actions such as mitigation adjustments and adaptive management

- Proposed mitigation measures related to the topic of mercury were discussed, including the Adverse Effects Agreement Offsetting Programs and the development of a risk-communication strategy.

Regulatory Process:

- There was a discussion about the Clean Environment Commission process.

Other

- A participant mentioned that the video, *Keeyask: Our Story* is very touching.
- A participant wanted to know which is the largest dam on the Nelson River system.
 - A EA Team member indicated that Limestone Generation Station, in the context of megawatts, is currently the largest.
- Interest was expressed in learning more about any international hydroelectric projects that have partnered with Indigenous communities. There was a discussion about the Wuskwatim Project which was the first hydroelectric development project in Manitoba that was completed by a partnership.
- There was a discussion about the Section 35 consultation process which is the responsibility of the Crown and is being undertaken by both the federal and provincial governments.
- A participant requested hard copies of the KCNs Evaluation Reports.
 - Follow-up: Copies of the KCNs Evaluation Reports were sent to the KTC Thompson Office.



Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Round Two PIP Summary

Round Two Public Involvement Program

Meeting with the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership

Winnipeg Office, March 9, 2012; 11:00-3:00pm

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)

Christina Blouw (InterGroup)

Key perspectives and issues identified by the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak (MKO) representatives during Round Two of the Public Involvement Program (PIP) are provided below. This information is drawn from the final meeting notes previously reviewed by and provided to representatives. This information is also available in Appendix 3C of the Public Involvement Supporting Volume of the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is followed by Table 1 showing where issues raised were addressed in the Keeyask EIS.

KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY REPRESENTATIVES

(March 9, 2012; 11:00 –3:00 pm)

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 (AEA) 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.

Table 1: Linking Issues Raised in Round Two to the Environmental Impact Statement

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.3.3.2, 4.5.1.4, 4.5.1.5, 6.4.6.1, 6.4.6.2, 6.4.8, 8.1.3 and 8.2.2
Environmental Assessment Issues and Perspectives	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.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	Chapter 2, EIS 1.4, 5.3.2.1, 6.2.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.4.2, 6.4.8, 6.4.9, 6.5.2, 6.5.10, 6.5.8.1, 6.6.2, 6.7.2, 6.7.3.2, 6.8.2, 7.5.2, 8.2.3, 8.2.7, 8.3.1.1 and Appendix 2A
Environmental Assessment Issues and Perspectives	Questions were raised about the monitoring obligations carried out by the Partnership.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	EIS 8.2
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	Concerns were raised regarding the level of potential flood damage and what would happen if estimates are wrong.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.1, 4.3.1.5, 4.6.5, 6.2.3.2, 6.3.6, and 8.2.1
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	Concerns were raised regarding ice issues and potential ice jamming on Split Lake due to high water levels.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	EIS 6.2.3.2 and 6.3.6.2
Physical Environment Issues and Perspectives	A concern was raised about the greenhouse gas analysis pertaining to flooded peat land.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	EIS 6.3.3, 6.3.12.2 and 8.2.1

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	Questions were asked about the characteristics of the generating station.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.3.1
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A concern was raised that there is no reference point to assess whether or not First Nations hiring is effective.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	EIS 6.6.3.1.1
Project Training, Employment and Business 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.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.3 and 4.6.17.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	It was suggested that any hiring issues should be addressed at the outset of the employment process.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	EIS 2.4.6, 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.5.1 and 8.2.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	It was felt that, while Manitoba Hydro has a mandate to hire First Nations, independent contractors, unless explicitly directed, can behave very differently.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	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. Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak suggested that their organization could act as an intermediary to assist with the First Nations hiring.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1 and 6.6.4.2

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	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.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.4.1, 6.6.4.2, 6.6.5.1 and 8.2.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	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.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.6.17.1, 6.6.1, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.2, 6.6.4.3, 6.6.5.4, 6.6.5.6, 6.6.6.3 and 8.2.4
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	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.	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak Leadership Meeting	EIS 4.5.2.3, 6.6.5.3, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.1, 6.6.6.3, 6.6.7, 7.6, 8.2.4 and 8.2.5



Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

Meeting with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak

Final Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: May 17, 2013; 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Location: **Thompson, Manitoba**
Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) Thompson Office

In Attendance:	Chris Bignell	MKO Acting Director
	Louise Mc Kay	MKO Staff
	Fred Moose	MKO Staff
	Wayne Redhead	York Factory First Nation
	Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
	Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
	Harv Sawatzky	InterGroup Consultants

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS;
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what is heard.

The meeting is part of the third and final round in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program (PIP) being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as communities, organizations, and other Aboriginal groups that may be potentially affected by or interested in the Project. This last round of public involvement activities will be documented and submitted as supplemental information for the regulatory process related to the Project prior to the Clean Environment Commission hearings planned for late 2013.

MEETING PROCESS

Following introductions, EA Team representatives, on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership), presented information on the Project, including the format and content of

the EIS, how input from Round Two was used in the EIS and purpose of Round Three of the Project PIP. Specifically, the focus of the presentation included information about the Partnership, the proposed Project, the environmental assessment process, the EIS and related supplemental information. In addition, the findings of the environmental assessment regarding the issues that were most prominently raised in Round Two of the PIP were provided. This included information regarding employment and training; lake sturgeon; caribou; flooding, erosion, sedimentation and debris; water quality; and mercury, fish and human health. Each MKO representative in attendance was provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter, a summary of the Round Two issues raised by MKO, a copy of the EIS Executive Summary and a copy of the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. Extra copies of the newsletter and the Executive Summary were left with the organization for general distribution and a digital copy of the EIS for the organization's use. Throughout and following the presentation:

- Meeting participants asked questions and offered perspectives about the proposed Project, the environmental assessment including format and content of the EIS, how Round Two input was used in the EIS and the PIP; and
- Where appropriate, representatives of the EA Team offered responses.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership

- Interest was expressed in the revenue sharing, business, and employment opportunities available to the Keeyask Cree Nations (KCNs) as a result of the Keeyask project.
- A MKO participant spoke of the benefit to collaborative processes in promoting cross-cultural understandings.

Environmental Impact Statement

- There was a discussion about the environmental assessment process and how baseline studies are used to assess the future with and without the Project.
- A participant talked about impacts associated with past projects and the need to enhance positive impacts of future projects like Keeyask.

Public Involvement Program

- A participant asked about communities included in the Public Involvement Program. It was explained that communities and organizations affected by and/or interested in the Project are provided the opportunity to participate in the Public Involvement Program.

Employment and Training

- Interest was expressed in the employment strategy for Keeyask and how the Job Referral Service (JRS) will be used. Interest was expressed in the measures that will be in place to retain workers at the Keeyask site such as cultural training, on-site KCNs liaison workers, and an Aboriginal union representative.
- A participant explained that MKO had been working with the Keewatin Tribal Council to gathering the demographic information to promote linkages between available jobs and potential workers.

It was noted that MKO is interested in promoting the JRS within the communities that they represent.

- A participant explained that MKO is planning to implement a client based management system (KETO) and indicated an interest in linking this to the JRS.

Aquatics

- A participant talked about a sucker that he saw on a jackfish he caught just below Long Spruce. A photograph was provided so that the EA Team could follow up with Manitoba Hydro's aquatic specialist.
 - Follow up: Based on the photograph provided, the sucker was identified as a silver lamprey.

Terrestrial

- There was a discussion about potential project impacts on caribou movements. Mitigation measures and monitoring plans related to caribou were discussed.

Socio-economic

- A participant expressed concern about bringing workers to the north who have little understanding about Aboriginal culture. The cultural awareness training to be provided to Project workers was discussed.
- The projected increases in methylmercury and the measures that will be put into place to ensure safe consumption of country foods was discussed.
- Interest was expressed in the types of ceremonies that have and will take place as a result of the Keeyask project.
- There was a discussion about the Heritage Resources Protection Plan and the process to be undertaken if human remains are found as a result of the Keeyask project.

Resource Use

- Interest was expressed in the KCNs Adverse Effects Agreement offsetting programs that provide access to alternate hunting and gathering areas. It was noted that these agreements are available on the Keeyask.com website.

Other

- A MKO participant asked about Section 35 requirements. It was noted that the responsibility to complete Section 35 consultation rests with the Crown and that the provincial and federal governments have begun this process for the Project.
- A number of the participants spoke about their experience with and perceptions of the Wuskwatim project. It was noted that the lessons learned from Wuskwatim were considered by the Partnership in planning Keeyask.
- A participant recommended Wuskwatim statistics for employment be modified to show the breakdown between long, medium, and short term employment.

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APPENDIX 3 CROSS LAKE FIRST NATION AND PIMICIKAMAK CREE NATION ARTICLE 9 CONSULTATION

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Table 3A-1: List of Meetings Held with the Manitoba Metis Federation in Relation to the Keeyask Project

Date	Location	In Attendance	Purpose of Meeting including discussion topics related to the Keeyask Generation Project
05/16/2013	Place Louis Riel	Phillip Beardy, Elder Chief Daniel Ross, Charles Miller, Rita Monias, Darwin Paupanakis (in part), Sandra Halcrow, Kate Kempton, Dr. Annette Luttermann, Dr. Sydney Garrioch, Iris Allen, Mona Bencharski, Mark Sweeny, John Osler, Bob Adkins, Allison Fenske	<p>Article 9 Consultation Meeting:</p> <p>Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Round Three presentation by Manitoba Hydro, on behalf of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership. The purpose and scope included discussion of format, content of the EIS, how input received to date influenced the Project and to communicate supplemental information since the filing of the EIS with regulators in 2012.</p> <p>Discussion of the Keeyask Land Use Study workplan.</p> <p>Further updates re Keeyask Site Visit.</p> <p>Manitoba Hydro will send letter of confirmation approving creation of workplan. Letter provided by email May 23, 2013</p>
04/25/2013	Place Louis Riel	Phillip Beardy, Elder Chief Daniel Ross, Charles Miller, Rita Monias, Darwin Paupanakis, Sandra Halcrow, Kate Kempton, Dr. Annette Luttermann, Dr. Sydney Garrioch, Iris Allen, Mona Bencharski, Mark Manzer, Mark Sweeny, Priscille Buors, Don MacDonnell, Bob Adkins, Allison Fenske	<p>Article 9 Consultation Meeting:</p> <p>Manitoba Hydro advised that additional information requests had been received by Regulators and the draft response would be sent to Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak Cree Nation) wherein Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak Cree Nation) will have 3 weeks to review and provide comment prior to the Partnership submission of information. Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak Cree Nation) missed the application deadline for funded participation in the CEC hearings and asked for MH support in submitting a late application.</p> <p>Manitoba Hydro requested the opportunity to make a Round Three PIP presentation on behalf of the Partnership.</p> <p>Discussion of updates regarding Keeyask Site Visit</p>

Date	Location	In Attendance	Purpose of Meeting including discussion topics related to the Keeyask Generation Project
03/07/2013	Place Louis Riel	Phillip Beardy, Charles Miller, Rita Monias, Darwin Paupanakis, Sandra Halcrow, Dr. Sydney Garrioch, Mark Manzer , Mark Sweeny, Allison Fenske	<p>Article 9 Consultation Meeting:</p> <p>Discussion of visit to proposed Keeyask Generating Station site</p> <p>Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak Cree Nation) provided an update on possible consultants to assist with the Keeyask Land Use Study workplan.</p> <p>Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak Cree Nation) will submit a revised proposal regarding accommodations for the meeting.</p>
01/17/2013	Place Louis Riel	Phillip Beardy, Charles Miller, Rita Monias, Darwin Paupanakis, Sandra Halcrow, Kate Kempton, Dr. Sydney Garrioch, Iris Allen, Mona Bencharski, Ryan Kustra, Mark Manzer , Mark Sweeny, Priscille Buors, Gaylen Eaton, Bob Adkins, Allison Fenske	<p>Article 9 Consultation Meeting:</p> <p>Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak Cree Nation) advised of delay in Keeyask Land Use Study workplan.</p> <p>Manitoba Hydro advised regulators have requested additional potential resource use information upon review of EIS. Manitoba Hydro will provide information as per Regulator request with respect to Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak Cree Nation) at this time. Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak Cree Nation) was informed they will be provided with the draft submission and provided opportunity to comment prior to submission to Regulators.</p> <p>Proposed Keeyask Site visit was discussed.</p>
12/12/2012	Place Louis Riel	Phillip Beardy, Charles Miller, Rita Monias, Darwin Paupanakis, Sandra Halcrow, Stephanie Kearns, Kate Kempton (by phone), Iris Allen, Mona Bencharski, Ryan Kustra, Mark Manzer , Mark Sweeny, Priscille Buors, Gaylen Eaton, Bob Adkins, Allison Fenske	<p>Article 9 Consultation Meeting:</p> <p>Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak Cree Nation) requested, and was provided an update with respect to the regulatory process around Keeyask.</p> <p>Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak Cree Nation) advised it would be providing comments on the EIS by December 21, 2012.</p> <p>Logistics of Keeyask site visit were discussed.</p> <p>Updates regarding the Keeyask Land Use Study workplan were provided.</p>

Date	Location	In Attendance	Purpose of Meeting including discussion topics related to the Keeyask Generation Project
7/12/2012	Place Louis Riel	Phillip Beardy, Rita Monias, Darwin Paupanakis, Rose Scott, Sandra Halcrow, Sheryl Resenberg, Kate Kempton, Dr. Annette Luttermann, Iris Allen, Mona Bencharski, Mark Sweeny, Allison Fenske	Article 9 Consultation Meeting: Confirmation that Manitoba Hydro is not in a position to provide comment on the proposed workplan as it had only just been received; outstanding reporting information is required before new proposal will be considered.
6/7/2012	Place Louis Riel	Phillip Beardy, Charles Miller, Rita Monias, Darwin Paupanakis, Rose Scott, Sandra Halcrow, Kate Kempton, Dr. Annette Luttermann, Iris Allen, Mona Bencharski, Mark Manzer, Mark Sweeny, Bob Adkins, Allison Fenske	Article 9 Consultation Meeting: Four Councils resolution re land use and occupancy study and Tobias and Associates tabled. Discussion of visit to proposed Keeyask Generating Station site

*This presentation was provided to
Cross Lake First Nation (Pimicikamak
Cree Nation) by email on May 18,
2012 at their request*

**Manitoba Hydro
Lake Sturgeon Programs & Initiatives**

Prepared for Northern Flood
Agreement Article 9 Process
May 2012

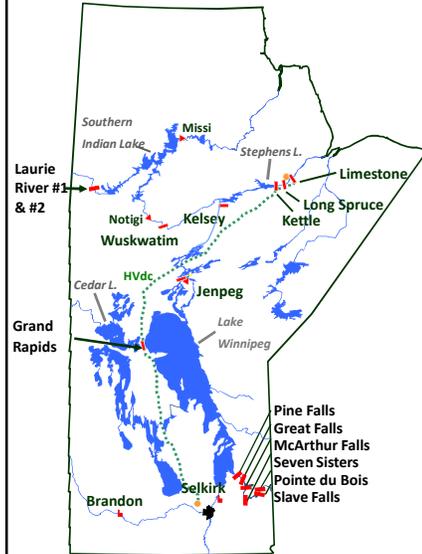
Current Framework for the Management of Lake Sturgeon in Manitoba

- Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship is responsible for the managing fisheries in the province
 - Manitoba Lake Sturgeon Management Strategy (2012)
 - Framework:
 - Province-led programs, cooperative programs, others have taken the lead
 - Province-wide programs and regional initiatives
 - Opportunities for collaboration
- Manitoba Hydro has taken a lead role and/or participates in a number of programs and initiatives

Lake Sturgeon Programs/Initiatives

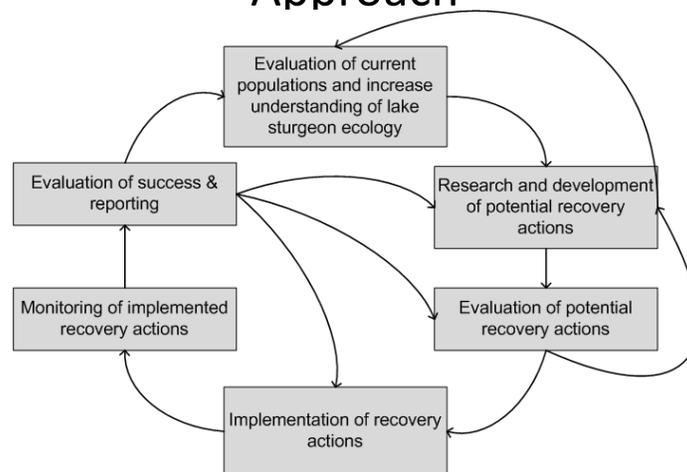
- Several different categories of Lake Sturgeon programs that Manitoba Hydro has initiated and/or participates in:
 - Lake Sturgeon Stewardship & Enhancement Program (province-wide)
 - Lake Sturgeon Stewardship Agreements (regional)
 - Potential Major Projects-significant efforts to protect sturgeon populations
 - Sturgeon Management Boards
 - Research projects on Lake Sturgeon

Lake Sturgeon Stewardship & Enhancement Program (LSSEP)



- Sturgeon present at existing and future development sites
- MH has recognized the importance of protecting and conserving sturgeon
- Objective of LSSEP: maintain & enhance sturgeon populations in areas affected by MH's operations
- Initiatives within the program are consistent with the objectives of the province's *Lake Sturgeon Management Strategy*

LSSEP: Adaptive Management Approach



- Systematically reduces uncertainties
- This approach allows MH to proceed with recovery actions, even if there is some uncertainty
- Prior to implementing recovery actions, need to complete studies to determine the most appropriate/effective measure, and then complete research to determine how to implement the most appropriate measure

LSSEP: Completed studies (1986-present)

- Population inventories
 - Nelson River, Winnipeg River, Saskatchewan River, Churchill River
- Habitat studies
 - Extensive studies on the Nelson and Winnipeg rivers, studies on some reaches of the Saskatchewan and Churchill rivers
- Research & development
 - Spawning habitat enhancement trial at Pointe du Bois, extensive studies on ecology and behaviour of different life stages of Lake Sturgeon, culture methodologies and success, downstream passage of sturgeon, genetic relatedness studies
- Public awareness/education
 - Development of brochures, Lake Sturgeon aquarium, support of education programs

LSSEP: Immediate Future (next 1-3y)

- Complete studies to evaluate/support the potential habitat enhancement/stocking downstream of Kettle GS
 - Juvenile inventory
 - Spawning adult inventory
 - Habitat evaluation
 - Collection of bathymetry & velocity data
 - Development of hydraulic model
 - Examine feasibility of augmentation/manipulation of flow
- Monitor success of spawning habitat enhancement downstream of Pointe du Bois (Winnipeg River)

LSSEP: Immediate Future (1-3 y, cont.)

- Complete population inventory on the Nelson River between Sea Falls and Pipestone Lake to evaluate success of NRSB stocking efforts
- Complete population inventory on the Assiniboine River to evaluate success of past stocking efforts
- Development of sturgeon culture expertise

LSSEP: Near Future (next 4-5 y)

- Activities will depend on success & results of previous studies (adaptive management)
 - Development of spawning enhancement design for immediately downstream of Kettle GS
 - Stock lake sturgeon into the Long Spruce GS reservoir
 - Evaluate locations for future habitat enhancement projects
 - Explore need for seasonal flow modifications on a trial basis
 - Develop greater understanding of larval and juvenile ecology

LSSEP: Long Term (> 5 y)

- Activities will depend on success/results of previous studies (adaptive management)
 - Construct spawning habitat enhancement downstream of Kettle GS and monitor/improve
 - Stock lake sturgeon into the Long Spruce GS reservoir (and other locations as appropriate)
 - Collect necessary information to evaluate/develop future habitat enhancements (if/where appropriate)

Stewardship Agreements Lower Nelson River

- Currently, in final stages of signing a legally binding agreement to conserve and enhance Lake Sturgeon populations on the Lower Nelson River
- Committee members include: Manitoba Hydro, Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership, Tataskweyak Cree Nation, War Lake First Nation, York Factory First Nation, Fox Lake Cree Nation, and Shamattawa First Nation
- Provisions for Manitoba Conservation & Water Stewardship, Fisheries & Oceans and others to participate
- All activities will be consistent with Manitoba's *Lake Sturgeon Management Strategy*

Stewardship Agreements Lower Churchill River

- Will be signing a legally binding agreement to conserve and enhance Lake Sturgeon populations on the Lower Churchill River
- Committee members to date include Manitoba Hydro and Tataskweyak Cree Nation; will also be seeking participation from York Factory First Nation, Opiponapiwin Cree Nation, the Town of Churchill, Manitoba Conservation & Water Stewardship, and Fisheries & Oceans

Stewardship Agreements Future Activities

- Developing a Sturgeon Recovery Plan that sets overall research, monitoring, enhancement measures for the future
- Research and monitoring activities based on science and ATK
- Protection and enhancement projects
- Sharing expertise, resources, capacity
- Public education initiatives
- Consultations-voluntary sturgeon harvest levels for member communities
- Recommending management measures to government
- Communicating with governments, First Nations, and communities about the status of Lake Sturgeon and efforts underway to protect and enhance populations

Potential Major Projects

- The goal of the Keeyask and Conawapa Lake Sturgeon mitigation and compensation packages are to provide habitat for all life history stages both upstream and downstream of the generating stations, as well as assisting in the regional recovery of the species

Potential Major Projects-Keeyask

- Keeyask GS is designed to avoid and minimize impacts on Lake Sturgeon
 - Eg. The selected turbines have high survival rates for fish moving downstream through the powerhouse
- For impacts that cannot be avoided, compensation measures are planned
 - Eg. The powerhouse cannot be relocated from the rapids, so to compensate for lost spawning habitat in Gull Rapids, suitable spawning habitat will be constructed and monitored downstream of the powerhouse to ensure that spawning habitat will persist post project
- Some types of habitat will be monitored and addressed using an adaptive management approach
 - Eg. Ensure suitable habitat for young of the year persists between Birthday Rapids and Keeyask after impoundment (if young of the year habitat is not available post project, then introduce suitable substrate into areas of appropriate velocity and depth and monitor)

Potential Major Projects-Conawapa

- Measures to avoid and minimize impacts on Lake Sturgeon will be similar to those specified for Keeyask
- Currently, undertaking preliminary investigations into mitigation/compensation measures

Sturgeon Management Boards Nelson River Sturgeon Board

- Established in 1992 for a 10 year term, to fulfill sturgeon related claim under the NFA; since 2002, the Board has been funded directly by Manitoba Hydro and Manitoba
- Area of interest is the Nelson River upstream from the Kelsey GS
- Membership includes: Cross Lake First Nation, Norway House Cree Nation, Wabowden, Thicket Portage, Pikwitonei, Split Lake Cree First Nation, York Factory First Nation, Manitoba Conservation & Water Stewardship (non-voting), Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs (non-voting), Manitoba Hydro (non-voting)

Sturgeon Management Boards Nelson River Sturgeon Board

- Programs are designed to address:
 - Decline in sturgeon stocks
 - Subsistence and cultural needs
- Activities include:
 - Lake Sturgeon stocking
 - Annual spawn collection at Landing River, reared Lake Sturgeon are stocked at Sea Falls on the Nelson River
 - Population monitoring
 - Public education
 - Aquariums in schools program, community meetings, representatives on the board sharing information with community members

Sturgeon Management Boards Saskatchewan River Sturgeon Management Board

- Formed in 1998
- Representatives from both SK & MB from
 - First Nations (Cumberland House CN and Opaskwayak CN)
 - Fishers (from Cumberland House and Opaskwayak)
 - Provincial agencies (Sask Env, Sask Watershed Authority, Manitoba Conservation & Water Stewardship)
 - Federal agencies (Fisheries & Oceans)
 - Utilities (SaskPower & Manitoba Hydro)
- Role of SRSMB: To advise on sturgeon management for the Saskatchewan River between E.B. Campbell dam and Grand Rapids dam

Sturgeon Management Boards Saskatchewan River Sturgeon Management Board

- Activities include:
 - Population monitoring in SK & MB
 - Stocking
 - Harvest surveys
 - Public education
 - Development of brochures, website, community meetings

Lake Sturgeon Research Projects

- Manitoba Hydro has funded many independent academic research projects on Lake Sturgeon
- In recent years:
 - Ecology and behaviour of different life stages of Lake Sturgeon
 - Lake Sturgeon movement and downstream passage
 - Determining the relatedness of sturgeon populations in Manitoba using genetics
 - Evaluating success of stocking programs
- Currently (all multi-year projects):
 - Disease research to address concerns from diseased sturgeon observed at Grand Rapids Hatchery; relevant to future stocking
 - Long and short term effects of using hormones to induce spawning to address difficulties in collecting spawn from depressed populations (to support future potential stocking programs)
 - Development of an effective tagging technique for juvenile sturgeon (relevant for evaluating/managing future stocking programs)

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MANITOBA METIS FEDERATION ENGAGEMENT

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Table 4A-1: List of Meetings Held with the Manitoba Metis Federation in Relation to the Keeyask Generation Project

Date	Location	In Attendance	Purpose of Meeting
6/18/2013	Manitoba Hydro	Marci Riel, Jessica Saunders, Vicky Cole, Mark Manzer	To finalize the MMF Keeyask Generation Project Workplan.
5/8/2013	Manitoba Hydro	Marci Riel, Jessica Saunders, Vicky Cole, James Matthewson, Mark Manzer	Refinement and clarification of scope related to specific components of the MMF Keeyask Generation Project Workplan.
4/5/2013	Manitoba Hydro	Marci Riel, Brad McAllister, Deirdre Zebrowski, Vicky Cole, James Matthewson, Mark Manzer	Review the draft MMF Keeyask Generation Project Workplan and discussion of Workplan issues/concerns.
3/15/2013	Manitoba Hydro	Marci Riel, Ken Boyko, Brad McAllister, Deirdre Zebrowski, Vicky Cole, James Matthewson, Mark Manzer	Review the draft MMF Keeyask Generation Project Workplan and discussion of Workplan issues/concerns.
3/01/2013	Manitoba Hydro	Marci Riel, Deirdre Zebrowski, Vicky Cole, James Matthewson, Mark Manzer	Review the draft MMF Keeyask Generation Project Workplan and discussion of Workplan issues/concerns.
1/17/2013	MMF Office	Marci Riel, George Desmarais, Vicky Cole, Deirdre Zebrowski, Brenda Froese, Shannon Johnson, Theresa Danyluk	Working session to discuss the high-level working relationship between MMF/Manitoba Hydro and implications to all hydroelectric projects, including the Keeyask Generation Project.

Date	Location	In Attendance	Purpose of Meeting
10/09/2012	MMF Office	Ken Boyko, Blake Russell, Vicky Cole, Mark Manzer	Review Consultant applicants to jointly confirm shortlist and discuss scope of workplan for consultants to undertake the MMF Keeyask Generation Project Workplan.
8/30/2012	MMF Office	Jason Madden, George Desmarais, Marci Riel, Bob Bettner, Vicky Cole, Deirdre Zebrowski, Mark Manzer	Continued engagement on Keeyask to draft an agreed-to plan for moving forward and the MMF initial short-list of consultants for the MMF Keeyask Generation Project Workplan.
6/14/2012	Conference Call	Will Gooden, George Desmarais, Marci Riel, Vicky Cole, Deirdre Zebrowski, Mark Manzer	Continued engagement on the MMF Keeyask Generation Project Workplan to discuss workplan scope; proposed process for soliciting consultant proposals and roles/responsibilities in a three-party agreement.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document is submitted as an addendum to the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement: Public Involvement Supplemental Report. The purpose of this addendum is to describe the public involvement activity carried out by the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership) with O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation (OPCN) as part of Round Three of the Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program (PIP). This information is being submitted as an addendum because the date of the OPCN community information session was subsequent to the completion of Round Three of the PIP and therefore did not allow for the information to be included in the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement: Public Involvement Supplemental Report. The following items are included in this addendum:

1. Description of the OPCN community information session;
2. Copy of the OPCN notification letter;
3. Copy of the poster to advertise the July 10, 2013 information session;
4. Copy of the community information session sign in sheets;
5. Copy of the final community information session notes; and
6. Issues concordance table for OPCN community information session.

As with each round of public involvement, the Partnership continues to welcome the opportunity to meet with interested communities, organizations and/or members of the public to discuss the Keeyask Generation Project.

2.0 MEETING WITH O-PIPON-NA-PIWIN CREE NATION

The purposes of Round Three of the Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program were to:

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how input received to date influenced the environmental assessment of the Project;
- Communicate supplemental information available since the filing of the EIS with regulators in July 2012; and
- Document what was heard from participants.

A notification package was sent on April 9, 2013 to the leadership of OPCN to notify of the upcoming PIP Round Three. The notification package consisted of an introductory letter and several copies of the Round Three newsletter, the EIS Executive Summary and a copy of the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership) followed up with community contacts to determine interest in participating in PIP Round Three.

On June 12, 2013 the OPCN leadership requested a community information session in South Indian Lake with the Partnership to discuss the Project. After further discussion, a community information session with OPCN was set for July 10, 2013 in South Indian Lake. On June 14, 2013, copies of the PIP Round One, Round Two and Round Three newsletters, the Executive Summary of the EIS and the video *Keeyask: Our Story* were provided to the community in advance of the community information session. On July 3, 2013, public notices (posters) were sent to community contacts in advance of community information sessions to provide notice within the community.

On July 10, 2013 a community information session was held in South Indian Lake with members of OPCN leadership and community members. In total, twenty-six attendees signed-in at the session. An additional three attendees chose not to sign-in. During the community information session, participants were guided through a series of information panels designed to provide information about the Project. In addition, the video *Keeyask: Our Story* was shown on loop throughout the event. Copies of the Round Three newsletters, the Executive Summary of the EIS and a DVD with the video *Keeyask: Our Story* were also provided. Participants were encouraged to ask questions and share perspectives about the Project and numerous discussions took place between participants and the PIP Team. Finalized community information session notes were shared with OPCN leadership on August 23, 2013 and are included in this addendum.



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April 9, 2013

Chief Jack Dysart
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 Chief
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Dear Chief Dysart,

**RE: PROPOSED KEEYASK GENERATION PROJECT
 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM: ROUND THREE**

The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership (the Partnership) is proposing to develop the Keeyask Generation Project (the Project), a 695-megawatt hydroelectric generating station at Gull Rapids on the lower Nelson River immediately upstream of Stephens Lake in northern Manitoba. The Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership includes four limited partners and one general partner. The four limited partners are Manitoba Hydro and companies representing the Cree Nation Partners (Tataskweyak Cree Nation and War Lake First Nation), York Factory First Nation and Fox Lake Cree Nation.

The Partnership has undertaken an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to identify potential effects of the Project in order to avoid and mitigate adverse effects and to enhance project benefits. The results of the assessment are documented in the Projects' Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A key element of the EIA for the Project is the Public Involvement Program (PIP) involving three rounds of engagement. The purpose of the PIP is to provide the public, particularly those who may be potentially affected by or are interested in the Project, with opportunities to receive information about the proposed project and provide input on its potential issues and effects.

In 2008, Round One introduced the Project to communities in northern Manitoba and other potentially interested/affected organizations. During Round Two in 2012, participants were 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.

The Partnership is currently planning the third and final round of engagement. The objective is to discuss format and content of the EIS, communicate supplemental information and document what was heard.

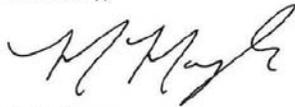
This letter includes copies of the Round Three newsletter, the Executive Summary of the

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Environmental Impact Statement and a copy of the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. As a representative of O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation, we will be contacting you in the near future to inquire whether there is interest in organizing a meeting in South Indian Lake to further discuss this material. In addition, Public Open Houses will be held in Winnipeg and Thompson. Please see www.keeyask.com for up to date event information including time and location. Round Three of the PIP is scheduled to occur between April 22 and May 31, 2013.

For more information about the Keeyask Generation Project, visit the Project website at: www.keeyask.com. If you have any questions about the public involvement process, please do not hesitate to contact Harv Sawatzky at InterGroup Consultants at (204) 942-0654.

Yours truly,



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Manitoba Hydro

cc: Mike Dumas
Esther Dysart

An Invitation to Attend



Keeyask Public Involvement Program: Round Three



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 Three of the Public Involvement Program has been planned to discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement, how input received to date influenced the Project assessment, and communicate supplemental information since the filing of the Environmental Impact Statement with Regulators in 2012.

Location:	O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation, South Indian Lake
Venue:	Community Hall
Date:	Wednesday, July 10th, 2013
Time:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

For more information on the project, please contact us:

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**O-PIPON-NA-PIWIN CREE NATION
COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION
PROPOSED KEYYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM
ROUND THREE**

July 10, 2013 @ 1:00 PM

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July 10, 2013 @ 1:00 PM

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Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation (OPCN) Community Information Session

Draft Meeting Notes

Date of Meeting: July 10, 2013; 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: **South Indian Lake, Manitoba Community Hall**

In Attendance from EA Team:	Mark Manzer	Manitoba Hydro
	Karin Johansson	Manitoba Hydro
	Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

In Attendance from Community: See sign-in-sheet

PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

- Discuss the format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS);
- Discuss how the Round Two input was used in the EIS;
- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what is heard.

The meeting is part of the third and final round in the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program (PIP) being held with communities in the Churchill-Burntwood-Nelson area as well as communities, organizations, and other Aboriginal groups that may be potentially affected by or interested in the Project. This last round of public involvement activities will be documented and submitted as supplemental information for the regulatory process related to the Project prior to the Clean Environment Commission hearings planned for late 2013.

MEETING PROCESS

The community information session was held at the O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation Community Hall. Those who attended the information session were encouraged to sign-in, review storyboards and speak to members of the EA team about any perspectives/issues they might have about the Project. Attendees were provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter a copy of the EIS Executive Summary and a copy of the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. Copies of the newsletter, the Executive Summary and a digital copy of the EIS were left with the O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation leadership for the community's use. The video, *Keeyask: Our Story* was shown and questions about the Project were answered. If questions were raised that could not be addressed at the session they were recorded by an EA team member, forwarded to the appropriate person to respond to the information request, and followed up as required. Twenty-six attendees signed-in at the session. An additional three attendees chose not to sign-in.

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 a verbatim transcription of what was said.

HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

Project Description

- Dialogue on the potential implications of Keeyask operation on existing agreement with OPCN.
- Dialogue on the re-routing and improvements to PR 280 as a result of the Project.
- A participant wanted more information about the Project description. Additional information was provided using the PIP materials.
- Interest expressed about the economic feasibility of the Project.
- Interest expressed about the amount of money the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership has spent on planning the Keeyask Project.

Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership

- A participant suggested that OPCN should be included in the Partnership because the Project is down stream of South Indian Lake.
- Interest expressed about the Keeyask Partnership community approval process.
- Interest in the economics of the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership agreement.

Environmental Impact Statement

- Dialogue on the level of certainty of the environmental assessment results.
- Interest expressed in the types of Adverse Effects Agreement offsetting programs available to the KCNs.
- Discussions took place about sustainability of the Keeyask Generation Project.
- Some participants questioned the need for the Keeyask Generation Project.

Public Involvement Program

- A participant wanted to know if the KCNs participated in the PIP. They would have liked to have seen representatives from all the partners at the OPCN Information Session.
- Questions were asked about the Public Involvement Program.

Aquatic

- Interest expressed about Keeyask Generation Project system effects and possible affects the aquatic environment of South Indian Lake.
- A participant expressed interest about potential Project effects on fish including lake sturgeon. There was a discussion about the aquatic mitigation measures included in the Environmental Impact Statement.
- Interest expressed about Project effects on water quality and how this will be managed. The proposed mitigation measures were discussed.
- A participant expressed interest about potential erosion due to the Project; the potential increase in debris and sedimentation; and related mitigation measures included in the Environmental Impact Statement.

Terrestrial

- A participant expressed interest about potential Project effects on caribou.
- Interest was expressed about the potential loss of wildlife habitat.

Socio-economic

- Attendees shared perspectives on concerns regarding potential mercury and human health impacts.
- A participant expressed interest in long-term Project benefits to First Nations.
- There was interest in discussing the proposed socio-economic monitoring plan.

Employment and Training

- Interest expressed in employment opportunities with the Keeyask Project. Information was shared about the Job Referral Service.
- Interest expressed in business opportunities and the hiring process.
- A participant raised a concern about out of province contractors and employers receiving benefits from the Project.

Heritage

- Interest expressed about potential Project impacts on Heritage Resources.
- The preliminary Heritage Resource Protection Plan and the heritage pre-construction assessment were discussed.

Monitoring

- Dialogue about the role of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee.
- A participant asked questions about KCNs Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge monitoring.

Regulatory Review Process

- A participant shared perspectives on opportunities for public input in the regulatory review process.

Other

- There was a discussion about past compensation for high water levels on the Churchill River.
- A participant discussed climate change and the effect drought may have on South Indian Lake.
- Comments provided about the value of diversifying power generation in Manitoba.
- A participant felt that Manitoba Hydro should be promoting demand side management instead of building new hydro dams.
- There was dialogue about the NFAT purpose and process.
- Participants shared comments about effects associated with past Hydro development.
- There was a discussion about the monitoring results from the Wuskwatim Project.
- Interest in learning about Manitoba Hydro's management structure on issues related to OPCN.
- Interest in OPCN engagement in ongoing Hydro activities.
- A participant expressed concerns about hydroelectric development leading to an increase in green house gasses.
- A participant mentioned that it would be appropriate to keep local resource users informed about water level fluctuations on the Churchill River.
- Information was shared on employment experiences with the Wuskwatim Project.
- A participant expressed interest regarding the employment process at the Wuskwatim Project.

Table 2-1: Issues Concordance from Round Three of the Public Involvement Program O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation Community Information Session

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS ¹
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	Dialogue on the potential implications of Keeyask operation on existing agreement with OPCN.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 4.7
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	Dialogue on the re-routing and improvements to PR 280 as a result of the Project.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 4.3.2.6 and 4.7.5
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	A participant wanted more information about the Project description. Additional information was provided using the PIP materials.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS Chapter 4
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	Interest expressed about the economic feasibility of the Project.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 4.2

¹ The EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) consists of a Partnership Video, Keeyask: *Our Story*, an Executive Summary, The Response to EIS Guidelines, The Keeyask Cree Nations Environmental Evaluation Reports, and Supporting Volumes. The references provided here primarily focus on The Response to EIS Guidelines document.

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS ¹
Issues and Perspectives about the Project Description	Interest expressed about the amount of money the Keyeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership has spent on planning the Keyeyask Project.	OPCN Community Information Session	
Partnership Issues and Perspectives	A participant suggested that OPCN should be included in the Partnership because the Project is down stream of South Indian Lake.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 1.1 and Chapter 2
Partnership Issues and Perspectives	Interest expressed about the Keyeyask Partnership community approval process.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 2.4.7, 2.5.4, 2.6.4 and Section 1 in the Executive Summary
Partnership Issues and Perspectives	Interest in the economics of the Keyeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership agreement.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 1.1 and JKDA
Environmental Impact Statement Issues and Perspectives	Dialogue on the level of certainty of the environmental assessment results.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS chapters 6 and 8
Environmental Impact Statement Issues and Perspectives	Interest expressed in the types of Adverse Effects Agreement offsetting programs available to the KCNs.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 4.3.3.1, 4.3.3.2.4, 6.5.8.1.3, 6.6.5.6 and 6.7.2
Environmental Impact Statement Issues and Perspectives	Discussions took place about sustainability of the Keyeyask Generation Project.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS Chapter 9

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS ¹
Environmental Impact Statement Issues and Perspectives	Some participants questioned the need for the Keeyask Generation Project.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 4.2
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	A participant wanted to know if the KCNs participated in the PIP. They would have liked to have seen representatives from all the partners at the OPCN Information Session.	OPCN Community Information Session	
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Program	Questions were asked about the Public Involvement Program.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS Chapter 3
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	Interest expressed about Keeyask Generation Project system effects and possible affects to the aquatic environment of South Indian Lake.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 6.3.6
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant expressed interest about potential Project effects on fish including lake sturgeon. There was a discussion about the aquatic mitigation measures included in the Environmental Impact Statement.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 6.4.6.2, 6.4.8, 6.7.3.1, 8.1.3, Maps 6-24 to 6-27, 6-60-6-63, and Table 8-3

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS ¹
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	Interest expressed about Project effects on water quality and how this will be managed. The proposed mitigation measures were discussed.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 6.2.3.3, 6.2.3.5.4, 6.3.2, 6.4.3.1, , Table 6-19, Map 6-19, Appendix 6B, 8.1.2.3, 8.1.3 and Table 8-3
Aquatic Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant expressed interest about potential erosion due to the Project; the potential increase in debris and sedimentation; and related mitigation measures included in the Environmental Impact Statement.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 6.2.3.2.7, 6.3.7. 6.3.8, 6.3.11, 6.3.12.5, 6.4.3.1, Map 6-50, Map 6-51, 8.1.2.1, 8.1.2.3, and Table 8-1
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	A participant expressed interest about potential Project effects on caribou.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 2.6.4, 6.2.3.4.7, 6.5.8.1, 6.5.10, 7.5.2, 8.2.3, Tables 6-39 and 8-4
Terrestrial Environment Issues and Perspectives	Interest was expressed about the potential loss of wildlife habitat.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 6.4 and 6.5
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	Attendees shared perspectives on concerns regarding potential mercury and human health impacts.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 6.7.3.1.3, 6.7.3.1.4, 8.1.3, Tables 8-3, 8-5 and 8-6
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	A participant expressed interest in long-term Project benefits to First Nations.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 4.6.17, 4.7.7, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.2, 8.2.4 and Table 8-5

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS ¹
Socio-economic Issues and Perspectives	There was interest in discussing the proposed socio-economic monitoring plan.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 8.1.2.3, 8.2.4, Tables 8-5 and 8-6-5
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Interest expressed in employment opportunities with the Keeyask Project. Information was shared about the Job Referral Service.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 4.6.17.1, 4.6.17.4, 6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.3, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.3.3.4, 8.1.3, 8.2.7, Tables 6-11, 6-43, 6-47 and 8.5
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	Interest expressed interest in business opportunities and the hiring process.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 6.2.3.5.2, 6.6.2, 6.6.3, 6.6.3.2, 6.6.3.2.1, 6.6.3.2.2, 6.6.3.2.3, 6.6.3.2.4, 6.6.3.2.5, 6.6.6.1, 8.1.2.3, Tables 6-44, 6-48 and 8-5
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A participant raised a concern about out of province contractors and employers receiving benefits from the Project.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 6.6.3.1.1, 6.6.3.2.1, 8.1.3, 8.2.7 and 8.3.1.1
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	Interest expressed about potential Project impacts on Heritage Resources.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.2, 6.8.4.1, 6.8.4.2, 8.1.2.2, Tables 6-69 and 8-7
Heritage Issues and Perspectives	The preliminary Heritage Resource Protection Plan and the heritage pre-construction assessment were discussed.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 6.8.3.1, 6.8.3.2, 6.8.4.1, 6.8.4.2, 8.1.2.2, Tables 6-69 and 8-7

Issue	Description	Stakeholder/ Source	Reference(s) within the EIS ¹
Cumulative Effects and Monitoring	Dialogue about the role of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 8.2.7 and 8.3.1
Cumulative Effects and Monitoring	A participant asked questions about KCNs Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge monitoring.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 8.2.7, 8.3.1, and 8.3.4
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	A participant shared perspectives on opportunities for public input in the regulatory review process.	OPCN Community Information Session	EIS 1.3



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