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## We are Keeyask. We stand for safety.







You may see some familiar faces standing for safety in the new posters, billboards and signage recently posted across Keeyask main camp and construction site.

A new safety campaign featuring Keeyask employees reminds each of us to make safety our number one priority. Messages such as, Keep your worksite clean and safe, and, Stay sharp. Count on each other, provide friendly reminders of ways to work safe for both our own and our co-workers' safety.

Each of us has a responsibility to make Keeyask a safe place to work.

#### Recruiting key trades to maintain a specialized workforce

With the 2019 construction season approaching a successful end, specialized labour is still needed throughout winter.

Work at the construction site is moving from civil (concrete and earthworks) activities that required a large labour force to mechanical and electrical activities that now require a smaller, specialized workforce.

Contractors are looking for certain trades and workers with a minimum number of years of experience, such as a pipefitter with five to 10 years' under their belt.

To attract these key trades, a targeted Facebook advertising campaign is running now through December; and again in January to end of March.

As the 2019 construction comes to a close, the project is also at the start of a permanent ongoing workforce reduction leading up to the completion of all generating units in 2021. Recruiting while ramping-down may seem

contrary, but is necessary to support the specialized labour and experience needed to finish mechanical and electrical systems for commissioning and achieving our in-service date.

You can like and share the recruitment ads via Manitoba Hydro's Facebook page.

To finish remaining work, Keeyask needs experienced:

- Electricians
- Millwrights
- Pipefitters
- Equipment operators





#### ONE TEAM. ONE MISSION.

It takes thousands of workers and many professions to build a project like Keeyask, but it also takes some non-humans. The Raptors program helps keep local Gulls and Terns from nesting in construction areas; nests would bring a halt to work in their area, until the birds would leave the nest. "Duck" the Harris's Hawk – may have an odd job description, but raptors are part of the team and work towards the same goal.

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Kashtyn Dick, Kristen Mayham, and Sean Schlachetka, all members of Tataskweyak Cree Nation; Taneeka Ouskan, member of War Lake First Nation; and Karen Thomas, member of York Factory First Nation, each received bursaries from the Keeyask Worker's Opportunity Fund.

Kashtyn, Kristen, Sean and Karen enrolled in technical training programs at Red River College in their respective areas of automotive, electrician, carpentry and iron work. Taneeka took courses in Sciences and Environmental Studies at the University of Manitoba. Each recipient used their bursary to fund their training and education.

The Keeyask Workers' Opportunity Fund provides opportunities to support education, training, and employment for members of our four Keeyask Cree Nation (KCN) partner communities: Tataskweyak Cree Nation, War Lake First Nation, York Factory First Nation and Fox Lake Cree Nation.

Members can apply for the fund through their community Job Seeker Manager, supervisor, Keeyask Cree Nation (KCN) site representative, or Manitoba Hydro Site Liaison.

#### Kashtyn, Karen, Kristen, Sean and Taneeka awarded Keeyask Worker's Opportunity Fund bursaries

Starting top left clockwise: Taneeka Ouskan and Ryan Ward (Manitoba Hydro); Dave Bowen (Director, Keeyask Project) and Karen Thomas; Kashtyn Dick and Dave Bowen; Sean Schlachetka and Dave Bowen; and Kristen Mayham and Dave Bowen.

# CONSTRUCTION IS MEETING TARGETS AND ADVANCING PROGRESS

Your work has resulted in great strides to meet - and even potentially exceed - the project's 2019 construction goals.

"It is very impressive how the entire Keeyask team continues to advance the work to get our project online as soon as possible," said Dave Bowen (Director, Keeyask Project). "2019 is our last peak year for construction and our team continues to demonstrate a lot of pride in every aspect of our work."

Excellent progress has been made on earthworks and concrete. This moves work into the next phase of construction - installation of specialized mechanical and electrical systems, turbine and generator parts, tie-in to the collector transmission lines and the eventual commissioning of the powerhouse units.

"I'd like to extend a big thanks to the entire team for their focus on steady progress this summer and fall," said Dave. "Completing work ahead of schedule helps lower our forecasted project costs, which is in the interest of the 1.4 million Manitobans we are building Keeyask for.

"The Keeyask Generating Station will create a legacy of clean, reliable energy within our province and every individual involved should take pride in the efforts they contributed."

Visit *Keeyask.com* or Manitoba Hydro's Facebook page to watch, like and share our latest construction update video.







**Year in Review** 



**APRIL 2018 - MARCH 2019** 

### **Check out the Keeyask Project Year in Review 2018-2019 - now online**

The annual Keeyask Year in Review 2018-2019 is now posted on **Keeyask.com**.

The booklet provides full details about the Keeyask Project, including the year at a glance, construction progress, employment and business opportunities, people and the environment, and project financials.

You can also ask for a printed copy at the Support Services Office or through the Site Liaison.

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