

# Achimowin

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## Pothole Rock – The Vision of Our Artists

From left: Julian Wastesicoot, Martin Nicholas, and Mark Guiboche.

A particular formation of rock – called a “pothole rock” – was found while excavating at Keeyask. When conditions are just right, debris swirls and wears out a hole in the rock. Recovered by BBE and moved to the Main Camp, the shapes and form

of the rock inspired Keeyask artists Mark Guiboche, Martin Nicholas, and Julian Wastesicoot.

“As for working with other artists, I was so blessed to work with them,” said Mark. “I have always worked by myself - I always wanted to work with other artists and the timing was right.”

As for the choice of images, “All the images were meant to be there. Us artists were on the same page. The images of the hole, the goose, eagle, loon, and the rock looked like a bison. Those are natural images on the rock.”

Martin said, “The Eagle – when I looked at the rock – is one of our seven spirit animals which represents Love. To me, we are all here to love and respect each other. The water brings life to all, the sturgeon is a beautiful fish that spawned here, seagulls are adaptable and resourceful, the name, Gull Rapids, is this area where the seagulls come to nest in great populations.”

“I was honoured to be part of this great painting with my fellow artists, and for the workers that are to enjoy it for times to come.”



# Year in Review

Keeyask had a good 2019 – not without its challenges – but we accomplished so much that we can look back on with pride.

We were presented with the challenge of advancing our project goal of watering up and turning on our first generating unit for October 2020. Meeting this meant pulling together to finish significant parts of our build; intake gates are installed and commissioned; tailrace concrete is complete; dams and dykes are complete; turbine & generator installation is progressing well in all of our seven units; and two spillway rollways completed with two more partially completed. This is something everyone at Keeyask should be proud of. It is rare that a project of this magnitude makes the transition to success that we have over the last three years.

And we are doing this while working together better. Grievances, Harassment & Discrimination, and Workplace Violence complaints decreased significantly in 2019.

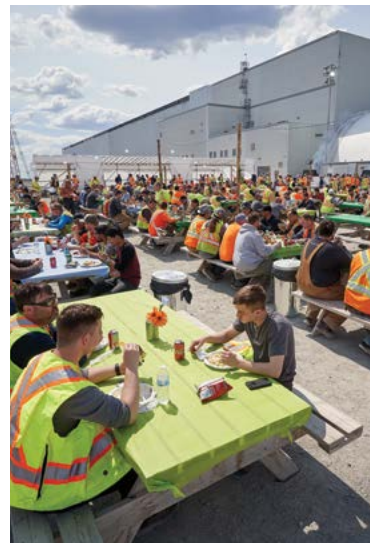


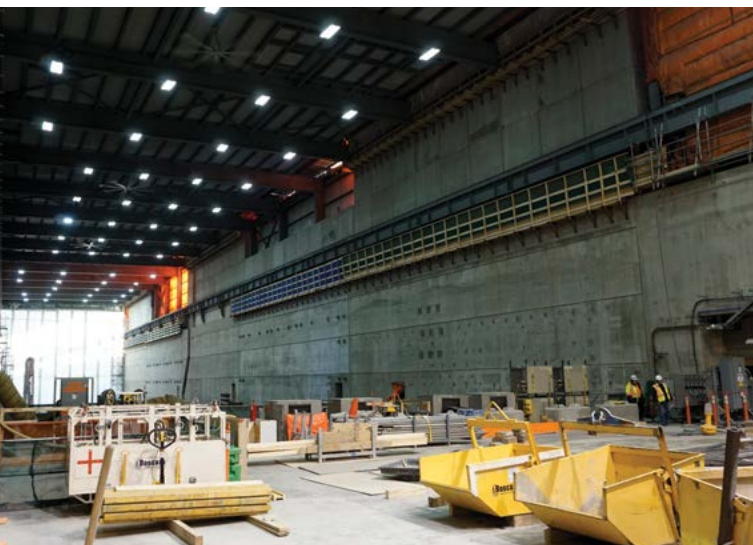
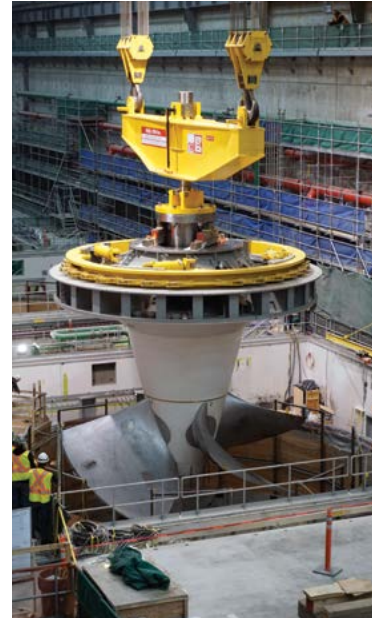
Open communication with KCN Site Reps and Manitoba Hydro Liaison staff contributed to a greater understanding of the issues people face on site. The response to the renewed Respect campaign and the work of the Harassment & Discrimination Task Force had a positive impact in reducing issues of racism and harassment. Diversity & Inclusion informational posters shared reminders about inclusiveness and diversity.






And our successes and achievements are more than just construction milestones. We celebrated 3.5 million hours worked by our KCN Partners, we marked 15 Indigenous spiritual ceremonies, and awarded 7 Keeyask Worker's Opportunity Fund bursaries. The year saw at least 6 Elders' visits, showing we are trying to create a stronger bond with all four communities. The KWEST Training Centre provided just over 130 one-on-one Essential Skills support sessions, approximately 50% were members of the KCN communities. And our reach went out beyond the site, with the Stop Hunger sandwich making event – making sandwiches and lunches for those in need in the North.

We want to express our deepest appreciation to you and your loved ones for making the sacrifice to be part of a Manitoba legacy. Remember what we've accomplished here as a team, and prepare yourselves for a hectic and equally exciting year ahead.

- *Barry Nazar* (Keeyask Construction Manager) and *Dave Little* (Site Support Manager)






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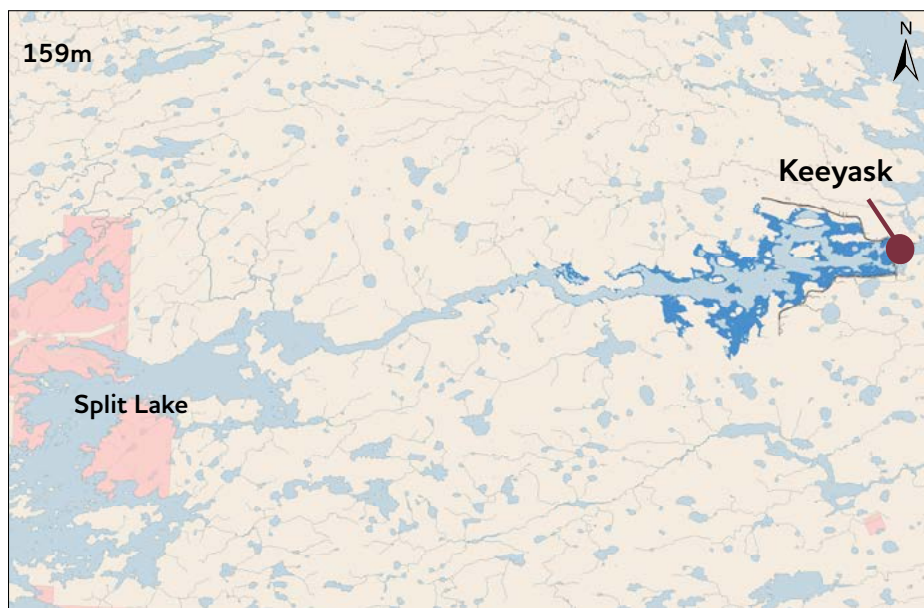
# Little Gull Lake — What is a “Bubbler”



During the Keeyask environmental assessment it was identified that there would be a risk of fish trapped in the Little Gull Lake area dying during the winter due to low oxygen levels in the water. A solar powered system referred to as “bubblers”, that add oxygen into the lake, was installed to protect the fish. The system uses solar

panels, batteries, and air compressors to force air bubbles through the water. The bubblers will be monitored to make sure that they are doing a good job and will be adjusted if necessary, so that fish swimming into Little Gull Lake will survive the winters.

## Water Up and Impoundment



Water Up and impoundment are two milestones that need to happen before the first of the generators at Keeyask starts working. Water Up is the process of transferring water into work areas at the Keeyask site until it matches the current water level of the river at Keeyask. Impoundment is the formation of the reservoir upstream of Keeyask.

A ceremony around impoundment honours the relationship people have with the land and water, and acknowledges changes to the environment and surrounding ancestral lands.

Watch in the Arctic Corridor for panels giving more information around Impoundment.

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