


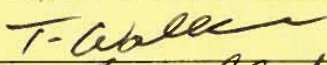
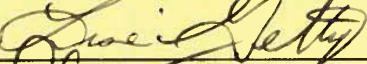


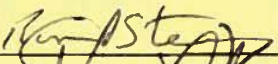




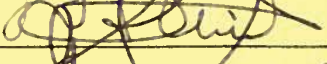

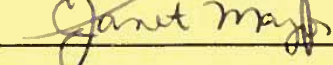


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**OPEN HOUSE**

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

**May 23, 2013 @ 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

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Joseph Harvey		T.C.N
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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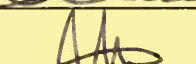
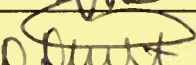
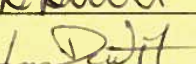
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Dick Stephens	<i>Dick Stephens</i>	Hydro
Shirley Stephens	SHIRLEY STEPHENS	PUBLIC
Chaudette Lambert	CHAUDETTE LAMBERT	Grand Staircase
Jack Jones	<i>Jack Jones</i>	
Brian Kelly	<i>Brian Kelly</i>	Kalwin Management Consulting
Morgan Becket	<i>Morgan Becket</i>	Hydro
Rob Becket	<i>Rob Becket</i>	Public
Amber Flett	<i>Amber Flett</i>	Public
Reil Mound	<i>Reil Mound</i>	PLCN
Ed Kubara	<i>Ed Kubara</i>	—
Elaine Kubara		PUBLIC
JENNIE KUBARA	<i>J. Kubara</i>	—
Teresa Blouw	<i>T. Blouw</i>	"
<i>B. Ryker</i>		

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Name (Print)	Signature	Affiliation
M. DEWAR		Self
A. Brown		Self
N. MACKINTOSH		Citizen
Diane DeWit		
Jemma DeWit		



## Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

### Winnipeg Open House

### Final Meeting Notes

**Date of Meeting:** May 23, 2013; 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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

**In Attendance:**

Councillor Michael Keeper (TCN)	Cree Nations Partners
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
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
Virginia Petch	Northern Lights Heritage
Rob Berger	Wildlife Resource Services
Janet Kinley	InterGroup Consultants
John Osler	InterGroup Consultants
Harv Sawatzky	InterGroup Consultants
Christina Blouw	InterGroup Consultants

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

## PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the Open House 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 Open House 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 Open House was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba at the Norwood Hotel in the Promenade A Banquet Room. Attendees at the open house were encouraged to sign-in and speak to representatives of the environmental assessment (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, and if requested a DVD containing the video *Keeyask: Our Story*, and a digital copy of the EIS if requested. 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, thirty-seven attendees signed-in at the session. Two open house attendees showed up early and signed-in on the Winnipeg workshop sign-in sheet. These two attendees are not listed on the Winnipeg open house sign-in sheet.

The following are highlights of the open house 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**

- 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**

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

## **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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](http://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



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June 19, 2013

Ms. Paulette LeDrew  
Keewatin Tribal Council (KTC)  
Executive Assistant  
23 Nickel Road  
Thompson, MB, R8N 0Y4

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](http://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 LTD.**



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July 4, 2013

Ms. Paulette LeDrew  
Keewatin Tribal Council (KTC)  
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](http://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

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### **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**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Question or Comment</b>	<b>Stakeholder/ Source</b>	<b>Where to Find Information on Issues Raised</b>
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




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

**Meeting with Northern Association of  
Community Councils**

**Final Meeting Notes**

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**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

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### **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**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Question or Comment</b>	<b>Stakeholder/ Source</b>	<b>Where to Find Information on Issues Raised</b>
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**

<b>In Attendance:</b>	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

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. 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:

- 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

### 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](http://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

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### 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**

<b>In Attendance:</b>	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 KCN 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.

# **KEEYASK GENERATION PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

### **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>



<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Purpose of Meeting including discussion topics related to the Keeyask Generation Project</b>
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>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Purpose of Meeting including discussion topics related to the Keeyask Generation Project</b>
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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## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

### **APPENDIX 4 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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Purpose of Meeting</b>
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.



<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Purpose of Meeting</b>
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.

**KEYYASK GENERATION  
PROJECT  
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**ROUND THREE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT  
PROGRAM COMMUNITY INFORMATION  
SESSION WITH  
O-PIPON-NA-PIWIN CREE NATION**

**September 2013**

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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  
O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation  
Chief  
P.O. Box 13  
South Indian Lake, Manitoba R0B 1N0

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.

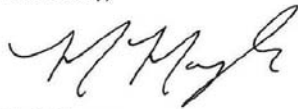
This letter includes copies of the Round Three newsletter, the Executive Summary of the

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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](http://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](http://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: Mike Dumas  
Esther Dysart

# An Invitation to Attend



## Keeyask Public Involvement Program: Round Three



Proposed Keeyask Generating Station (Artists concept only)

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**

Name (Print)	Signature	Affiliation
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William Dyssart	<i>[Signature]</i>	S.I.L.
Lianna Wood	<i>[Signature]</i>	OPEN
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<del>Pamela Sad</del>	<del><i>[Signature]</i></del>	<del>OPEN</del>
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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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**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**

<b>In Attendance from EA Team:</b>	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 <sup>1</sup>
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

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>
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 <sup>1</sup>
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 <sup>1</sup>
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

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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

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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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