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## Public Involvement Program

Public involvement is key for Keeyask's environmental impact assessment activities, which will involve 3 rounds of consultation.

The public involvement process provides opportunities for people to receive information and identify issues and potential effects about the proposed project, so they can be considered while the project is still in the planning stage.

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

- [Keeyask Environmental Impact Assessment Public Involvement Program – Round Three. \(open new window\)](#)
- [Keeyask Generation Project Newsletter – Round Three, April 2013. \(open new window\)](#)
- [Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program – Round Two summary. \(open new window\)](#)
- [Keeyask Environmental Impact Assessment Public Involvement Program – Round Two. \(open new window\)](#)
- [Keeyask Generation Project Newsletter – Round Two, February 2012. \(open new window\)](#)
- [Keeyask Generation Project Public Involvement Program – Round One summary. \(open new window\)](#)
- [Keeyask Environmental Impact Assessment Public Involvement Program – Round One. \(open new window\)](#)
- [Keeyask Generation Project Newsletter – Round One, May 2008. \(open new window\)](#)

### Open Houses and Meetings

The third round of the Keeyask Public Involvement Program is underway. The objective of this third and final round of engagement is to discuss format and content of the Environmental Impact Statement, communicate supplemental information, and document what is heard. The comments and input received in Round 3 will be submitted in a supplemental filing to the Environmental Impact Statement.

Open houses are planned for:

- **Thompson** – Thompson Regional Community Centre  
Thursday, May 16  
4:00-8:00 pm
- **Winnipeg** – Norwood Hotel (112 Marion Street)  
Thursday, May 23  
4:00-8:00 pm

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

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

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[Keeyask Infrastructure and Generating Station Projects](#)

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- [First Nations Partnership](#)
  - [Joint Keeyask Development Agreement](#)
- [Environmental Assessment](#)
  - [Public Involvement Program](#)
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April 4, 2013

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

Dear Ms. Clayton,

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

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

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

In 2008, Round One introduced the Project to communities in northern Manitoba and other potentially interested/affected organizations. During Round Two in 2012, participants were given the opportunity to offer comments and provide input on preliminary results regarding the biophysical and socio-economic effects of the Project and to offer suggestions for minimizing or avoiding potential adverse effects.

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

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

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

For more information about the Keeyask Generation Project, visit the Project website at: [www.keeyask.com](http://www.keeyask.com). 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: James Goymer

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

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

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

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

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



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June 4, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Spiess:

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

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

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

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

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



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

Yours truly,

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

cc: Mr. Lloyd Flett, CAO

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

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

# **KEEYASK GENERATION PROJECT**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

## **APPENDIX 2B**

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM ROUND THREE COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

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## Public Involvement Program Round One Council and Community Meetings

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

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

The following copies of documents are provided in this appendix:

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

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



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April 23, 2013

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

Dear Ms. Clayton,

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

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

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

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

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

In 2008, Round One introduced the Project to communities in northern Manitoba and other potentially interested/affected organizations. During Round Two in 2012, participants were given the opportunity to offer comments and provide input on preliminary results regarding the biophysical and socio-economic effects of the Project and to offer suggestions for minimizing or avoiding potential adverse effects.

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

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

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



# An Invitation to Attend



## Keyask Public Involvement Program: Round Three



Proposed Keyask Generating Station (Artists concept only)

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

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

**Location:** Gillam, Manitoba

**Venue:** Recreation Centre - Blue Room

**Date:** Monday April 29th, 2013

**Time:** 5 pm to 8 pm

For more information on the project, please contact us:

**Email Address**  
Keyask@hydro.mb.ca

**Website Address**  
www.Keeyask.com



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June 14, 2013

Jackie Clayton  
Gillam Community Council  
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Dear Ms. Clayton,

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

This letter is in follow-up to the meeting held on April 29, 2013 in Gillam regarding the proposed Keeyask Generation Project. Enclosed for your review are the draft meeting notes from the above meeting. Please let Harv Sawatzky or myself know by June 28, 2013 or earlier if there are any errors or omissions in the notes. Please contact either of us by phone at (204) 942-0654. Once the meeting notes have been finalized, they will be submitted in a supplemental filing to the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Keeyask Generation Project.

Additional information about the Keeyask Generation Project is available at the Project website at: [www.keeyask.com](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  
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June 25, 2013

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

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

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

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



## Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

### Meeting with Gillam Mayor and Council

#### Final Meeting Notes

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

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

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

#### PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

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

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

## MEETING PROCESS

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

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

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

## HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

### Physical Environment & Project Description:

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

### Traffic and Safety:

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

**Emergency Services:**

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

**Human Health:**

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

**Regulatory Review Process:**

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

**Other:**

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

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

Questions about the Public Registry should be directed to:

Bruce Webb, P. Eng.  
Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship  
Environmental Approvals  
Water Development & Control Assessment Officer  
Phone No.: (204) 945-7021  
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## Community of Gillam Round Two PIP Summary

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### **Round Two Public Involvement Program**

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

##### **In Attendance:**

Jim Goymer (Mayor)

Curtis Belfour (Deputy Mayor)

Jackie Clayton (CAO)

Debbie Crozier (ACAO)

Rita Spence (FLCN)

Nick Barnes (MH)

Marc St. Laurent (MH)

John Osler (IG)

Dale Giesbrecht (IG)

#### **Gillam Community Information Session**

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

##### **In Attendance:**

Nick Barnes (MH)

Marc St. Laurent (MH)

Mark Manzer (MH)

Cam Barth (NSC)

Friederike Schneider-Vieira (NSC)

Don MacDonell (NSC)

Rob Berger (WRCS)

John Osler (IG)

Dale Giesbrecht (IG)

6 local people attended

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



**KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS****(March 6, 2012; 3:00 – 4:30 pm)****Traffic and Safety:**

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

**Employment and Training:**

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

**Flooding:**

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

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

**Other:**

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

**KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**(March 6, 2012; 5:00 – 8:00 pm)**

**Other**

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

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

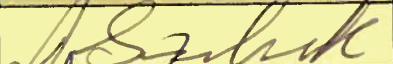

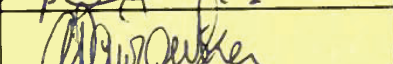
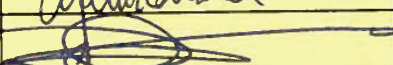



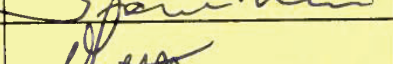
Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Socio-Economic Issues and Perspectives	A participant suggested that cell phone dead zones between Thompson and Gillam should be eliminated by adding additional towers. This would provide those traveling the road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

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

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

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

**April 29, 2013 @ 5:00 pm**

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Roman Lisak		Manitoba Hydro
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Vern Laing		M.H.
L. Laing	L. LAING	
Ayslinn Beardy	Ayslinn Beardy	
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## Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

### Gillam Community Information Session

### Final Meeting Notes

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

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

**In Attendance:**

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

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

#### PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

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

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

#### MEETING PROCESS

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



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

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

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS**

### **Project Description**

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

### **Employment and Training**

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

### **Regulatory Review Process**

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

### **Caribou**

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

### **Sturgeon**

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

### **Mercury and Human Health**

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

### **Heritage**

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

**Other**

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



## Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

### Meeting with Incorporated Community of Cross Lake Mayor and Council

#### Final Meeting Notes

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

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

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

#### PURPOSE OF MEETING

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

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

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

## MEETING PROCESS

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

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

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

## HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS

### Employment and Training

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

### Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership

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

**Project Description**

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

**Heritage Resources**

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

**Other**

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



## Community of Cross Lake Round Two PIP Summary

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### **Round Two Public Involvement Program**

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

##### **In Attendance:**

Darlene Beck (CAO)

Cameron McLeod (Councillor)

Keith Settee (Councillor)

Noelle Halcrow (Councillor)

Wil DeWit (MH)

Harv Sawatzky (IG)

Dale Giesbrecht (IG)

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

## KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(March 7, 2012; 1:00 – 2:30 pm)

### Employment and Training:

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

### Flooding:

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

### Other:

- A councillor questioned why Cross Lake is included in the PIP process if predictions show that there would be no physical effects for the community.
  - It was explained that Cross Lake is part of the BNA and receives a degree of preference in the hiring process and there is a requirement for consultation with the First Nation.
- A member wanted to know why construction began on a project if the licensing had not been processed yet.

- In reference to the Keeyask access road, this was assessed as a separate project and received a license to commence construction.
- A councillor talked about how Cross Lake residents are still seeing a lot of fluctuations in Cross Lake despite advisories from Manitoba Hydro and the flooding is still doing a lot of damage.



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

Issue	Question or Comment	Stakeholder/ Source	Where to Find Information on Issues Raised
Issues and Perspectives about the Public Involvement Process	A councillor questioned why Cross Lake is included in the PIP process if predictions show that there would be no physical effects for the community.	Cross Lake N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 3.4 and PI SV Appendix 4
Project Planning Issues and Perspectives	Concern was expressed that adding a new dam will change the way Lake Winnipeg is regulated, causing increased impacts on Cross Lake, which is already heavily affected due to Lake Winnipeg Regulation. A question was raised as to whether Cross Lake First Nation would have a claim about any effects from the Keeyask Project.	Cross Lake N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.1, 4.7 and 6.2.2.3
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A councillor stated that training should be started immediately so that potential workers are prepared for when construction starts. Who is providing training now?	Cross Lake N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 2.4.6, 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.3.1 and 8.2.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	It is difficult for First Nations Members to learn trades in Thompson because there is a shortage of housing, putting Cross Lake residents at a disadvantage. Concern was expressed about how to get the young people working. There also needs to be a focus on retaining workers.	Cross Lake N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 2.4.6, 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.3.1 and 8.2.4
Project Training, Employment and Business Issues and Perspectives	A concern was expressed about what was felt to be an unfair employment and training process for First Nations at Wuskwatim and that preference was given to out of province and union workers. There was a fear that this would be repeated in the Keeyask Project. The employment process for Keeyask needs to substantially improve upon the process used for Wuskwatim.	Cross Lake N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 2.4.6, 4.6.17.1, 6.2.3.5, 6.6.3.1, 6.6.5.1 and 8.2.4
Regulatory Issues and Perspectives	A councillor wanted to know why construction began on a project if the licensing had not been processed yet.	Cross Lake N.A. Mayor and Council Meeting	EIS 4.3.2.11



## Community of Pikwitonei Round Two PIP Summary

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### **Round Two Public Involvement Program**

#### **Meeting with the Pikwitonei Community Leadership Recreation Centre, March 8, 2012; 4:30 – 5:00 pm**

##### **In Attendance:**

L. Hanson (Mayor)

Christine Campbell (Councillor)

Samantha Cordell (Councillor)

Wil DeWit (MH)

Harv Sawatzky (IG)

Dale Giesbrecht (IG)

#### **Pikwitonei Community Information Session**

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

##### **In Attendance:**

Wil DeWit (MH)

Harv Sawatzky (IG)

Dale Giesbrecht (IG)

15 local people attended

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

## **KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**(March 8, 2012; 4:30 – 5:00 pm)**

### **Flooding:**

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

### **Sturgeon and Fish:**

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

## **KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

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

### **Employment and Training:**

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

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

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

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

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INFORMATION SESSION  
PROPOSED KEYASK GENERATING STATION PROJECT  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
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**May 8, 2013 @ 11:00 am**

Name (Print)	Signature	Affiliation
Mike Haws	MHaws	School
Lands Mercredi	Lands Mercredi	
DUSTIN mercredi	DUSTIN mercredi	
Faith Dick	Faith Dick	
Ruby Taylor	Ruby Taylor	
Margaret Moose	Margaret Moose	Pik School
Christina Brightnose	Christina Brightnose	Pik School
HOWARD L Pagee	Howard L Pagee	
Kevin Dick	Kevin Dick	
Christy C		
Lacey J. D		
Sierra		
Amber Flett		
Breeann Pagee		
Kayleigh		



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**May 8, 2013 @ 11:00 am**

<b>Name (Print)</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Wayne Laibmann	Wayne Laibmann	Pik. Council
Martha Chartrand		Pik.



## Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

### Pikwitonei Community Information Session

#### Final Meeting Notes

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

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

**In Attendance:**

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

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

#### PURPOSE OF MEETING

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



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

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

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS**

### **Environmental Assessment Process**

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

### **Employment**

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

### **Regulatory Review Process**

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

### **Other:**

- Interest was expressed in the Conawapa Project.



## Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

### Meeting with Leaf Rapids Mayor and Council

#### Final Meeting Notes

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

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

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

#### PURPOSE OF MEETING

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 Leaf Rapids leadership representative in attendance was provided a copy of the Round Three PIP newsletter, a summary of the Round Two issues raised by Leaf Rapids representatives, a copy of the EIS Executive Summary and a copy of the video *Keeyask: Our Story*. Extra copies of the newsletter and the Executive Summary were left with the organization for general distribution and a digital copy of the EIS for the organization's use. Throughout and following the presentation:

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

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**

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

### **Aquatics**

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

### **Employment and Training**

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

### **Monitoring**

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

### **Other**

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



## Community of Leaf Rapids Round Two PIP Summary

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### **Round Two Public Involvement Program**

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

##### **In Attendance:**

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

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

#### **Leaf Rapids Community Information Session**

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

##### **In Attendance:**

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

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

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

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

**Employment and Training:**

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

**Other**

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

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

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

**Physical Environment:**

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

**Aquatics:**

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

**Other:**

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

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

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



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

**May 8, 2013 @ 6:00 pm**

Name (Print)	Signature	Affiliation
Ashley O	<i>Ashley O</i>	Leaf Rapids
Becky Johnston	<i>Becky Johnston</i>	Leaf Rapids
Liz B	<i>Liz B</i>	Leaf Rapids
William S	William	Leaf Rapids
Kelsey O	Kelsey Oman	Leaf Rapids
Gregory O	Gregory Oman	Leaf Rapids
Trishy Colomb	Trishy	Leaf Rapids
Standie Oman	Standie	" "
Wikki Oman	<i>Wikki Oman</i>	" Reversant "
John R John	<i>John R John</i>	leaf Rapids
Rose Bissett	<i>Rose Bissett</i>	



## Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

### Leaf Rapids Community Information Session

#### Final Meeting Notes

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

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

**In Attendance:**

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

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

#### PURPOSE OF MEETING

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#### MEETING PROCESS

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

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

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

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS**

### **Employment and Training**

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

### **Environmental Impact Assessment**

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

### **Other**

- Interest was expressed in the Conawapa Generation Project.



## Round Three PIP - Proposed Keeyask Generation Project:

### Meeting with Churchill Leadership

### Final Meeting Notes

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

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

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

#### PURPOSE OF MEETING

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- Communicate supplemental information; and
- To document what is heard

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

#### MEETING PROCESS

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

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

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

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION SHARED BY PARTICIPANTS**

### **Environmental Effects**

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

### **Public Involvement Program**

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

### **Employment and Training**

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

### **Regulatory Process**

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

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

**Other**

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



## Community of Churchill Round Two PIP Summary

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### **Round Two Public Involvement Program**

#### **Meeting with the Churchill Community Leadership**

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

##### **In Attendance:**

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

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

#### **Churchill Community Information Session**

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

##### **In Attendance:**

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

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

## KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(March 1, 2012; 12:00 – 2:00 pm)

### Project impacts and perspectives:

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



**KEY PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS****(March 1, 2012; 5:00 – 7:00 pm)****Project impacts and perspectives:**

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

**Other:**

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

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

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

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