



New Post Creek Project News

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President's Message

Wayne Ross, President

This is the 10th newsletter for the New Post Creek Project. Since our last newsletter in Fall 2012 the project has achieved several milestones, most notably the Ministerial Directive to the OPA to negotiate a Hydro Electric Supply Agreement (HESA) revenue agreement with CRP/OPG. The work to achieve this Directive was started late last year and through several meetings with the Minister of Energy (MOE) and the MOE staff, the project team was successful. The Minister of Energy, Mr Bob Chiarelli and OPG's President Tom Mitchell met with TTN Chief and Council on August 6th for a signing ceremony at TTN's Apatisawin Complex in Cochrane to celebrate this huge milestone. This is one of the most significant developments for the New Post Creek project and brings us to some of the final stages before project construction.

The final rounds of open houses for the Environmental Assessment were completed in late 2012. The EA reports were reviewed by the project team and are now in the hands of the regulators for final review. More information is included in the Environmental Report section of the newsletter.

The park deregulation process is also nearing completion. In short, the Parks EA is done, and the Policy Decision Notice was posted on April 15, 2013. The MNR Crown Land Use Policy Atlas has been amended to allow the change to the boundary of the park. The change to the Little Abitibi Provincial Park means that the park actually increases in size, and the new lands that were added to the park were chosen with input from TTN.

An introductory meeting with the Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) was held in July to initiate discussions that will help to secure TTN's equity financing for the New Post Creek Project. The discussion focused on the availability of the Aboriginal Loan Guarantee Program (ALGP) and the process to obtain the loan guarantee. The OFA is very much aware of the New Post Creek Project; there appears to be support for the Project and a favorable response is anticipated, although there is a significant amount of work remaining to be done on this part of the project.

The procurement stage of the project is underway. An advertisement was placed on August 8th for the Request for Pre-Qualification for the New Post Creek Project. TTN Chief and Council approved the New Post Creek Project Employment and Contracting Strategy document along with the criteria for TTN Joint Ventures. The TTN Business Development Unit of Derek Archibald and Francis Archibald have been working diligently with the various TTN owned businesses to ensure they are prepared for the contracting phase of the project. The



TTN Chief and Council with OPG President and the Minister of Energy after the Directive was issued. From L-R: OPG President Tom Mitchell, Councillors Bruce Archibald, Tina Gagnon, and Peter Archibald, Chief Linda Job, and Minister of Energy Bob Chiarelli.

need to have all TTN members who are interested in working on the project registered in the database is vital to the contracting phase of the project. If you are not registered please see the TTN Business Development Unit or see Freda Ouellette at her office in the Apatisawin Complex in Cochrane.

The last few months have been very busy, and these recent announcements are the result of several years of work. There is still work to be done, but we continue to get closer and closer to achieving this project.

Employment and Training Update

Freda Ouellette, Employment and Training Coordinator

Whachey, it's been three years since I've been employed with Coral Rapids Power. Since that time there has been a lot of growth in training and employment amongst our community members.

In addition to promoting training and employment opportunities for all TTN members, my work has included attending meetings regarding the New Post Creek and Lower Mattagami projects. Furthermore I have been working and collaborating with the other employment and training coordinators and Apatisawin Employment and Training Unit on training and employment.

We are getting close to the end of the Definition Phase for NPC Project and are getting ready to head into Construction Phase. This means contractors will soon be looking for trained or experienced employees on this project. If you need training

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Environmental Assessment Update

The CRP/OPG team, including our environmental consultants, SENES Consultants Limited, and our owners' engineer, KGS Group, participated in several community meetings and open houses at the end of November and early December 2012. The project team met with TTN community members on the Reserve as well as in Moosonee to present the findings from the fieldwork and studies conducted for the Environmental Assessment (EA). The team identified the potential environmental effects of the project as well as the ways in which these impacts would be mitigated and managed. The studies show that impacts are expected to be minor, localized, and temporary. Feedback was received from community members who attended. Similar meetings were held in Moose Factory for the Moose Cree First Nation and in Cochrane and Smooth Rock Falls for the public. The vast majority of individuals who attended the meetings indicated their strong support for the Project and for TTN.

Following these meetings, the Environmental Assessment report was drafted and circulated to government agencies for their review and comment. Their comments are now being reviewed and the reports are being revised accordingly. The Project team continues to work with the regulators to ensure the EA process is completed in an orderly manner.

The next step is to issue the Notice of Completion, which is expected in early Fall of 2013. At this time, all reports will be made available for review on the TTN Reserve, in Moosonee, Moose Factory, Smooth Rock Falls, and Cochrane. This public review period lasts for 30 days during which the EA team can answer questions that arise and consider public comments and concerns. After this period, a Statement of Completion can then be filed at which point the EA will be complete. There will be additional permits and approvals required during the remainder of the project development process, however the EA is the main component of the permitting and approvals for this project during Definition Phase.

Employment and Training Update continued

or experience we can help you to meet those requirements.

I have been collecting the Business Registries from TTN Corporations and privately owned Businesses and working with our Business Unit. If you have interest in the bidding process on any contracts please contact the TTN Business Unit.

If you haven't done so please come into the office and see me to either enter your information into the database and/ or to update your resume, cover letter and certifications and if you have any questions on the New Post Creek Project.

Engineering Update

KGS Group, our engineering consultant, has been completing site field work. Building on the field work from previous years, the engineering team obtained additional water samples this spring to assess the amount of sediment in New Post Creek during high flow periods. The results will be used to confirm the design requirements of the station equipment and sediment control measures. The samples have been sent to laboratories and preliminary results indicate that the sediment content of New Post Creek is lower than expected.

The preliminary requirements for dam safety and public safety around the site have been drafted. Safety is a key component for all hydroelectric facilities in Ontario, for the environment, workers, and the public.

Most of the work over the last few months has been preparing detailed technical specifications and drawings for the station equipment, site layout, and dam construction. These drawings and documents have been reviewed by CRP/OPG and will be used to communicate the design requirements to potential bidders during the upcoming procurement activities.

Finally, KGS has been providing technical support to the project team to complete the Environmental Assessment report and has provided support in discussions with the TTN community and government agencies.

Commercial Agreements Update

In late June, the Minister of Energy issued a Directive to the Ontario Power Authority to negotiate an agreement to procure the electricity from the proposed New Post Creek project. This directive is an important milestone and triggers the start-up of a number of key project activities, including the procurement phase. The text of the Directive is included below:

Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) and its First Nation partner, the Taykwa Tagamou Nation, have entered into a reciprocal and partnership agreement for a proposed New Post Creek hydroelectric generating station. The OPA shall enter into negotiations commencing in summer 2013 for a power purchase agreement to procure electricity from the proposed New Post Creek hydroelectric generating station. With a capacity of approximately 25 MW, this LTEP-referenced project is being proposed by OPG and the Taykwa Tagamou Nation for construction on New Post Creek near its outlet to the Abitibi River. Any agreement resulting from these negotiations shall be on financial terms that recognize the benefits associated with Aboriginal participation in hydroelectric generation projects. The agreement shall also reflect the risk structure of the Hydro Electric Supply Agreements, as negotiated between the OPA and OPG, for hydro-electric power projects such as the Upper Mattagami project.

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