



New Post Creek Project News

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New Employment and Training Coordinator

Coral Rapids Power (CRP) is pleased to announce the arrival of Freda Ouellette as the newest member of the CRP team. Freda Ouellette joins Coral Rapids Power as the Employment & Training Coordinator, a position designed to help Taykwa Tagamou Nation (TTN) members develop and use their skills in order to obtain employment in the TTN area. Freda will also be responsible for locating and monitoring employment opportunities that may arise, and to seek TTN individuals to fill or train for available or upcoming positions.

Freda spent her early years at Kapuskasing District High School. While at the school, Freda developed an appreciation for the business world through courses including Small Business Bookkeeping and Advanced Computer Software Applications. Much of her experience was gained through Supervisor and Coordinator positions with the Mamowedow Local of Smooth Rock Falls, part of the larger Ontario Native Women's Association. The organization focused on providing employment, housing, and health & wellness services, as well as leadership training for community outreach. Freda also has experience working in the natural resources sector with Island Falls Forestry. Freda is well aware of the challenges facing Northern communities and the need for employment and training to take advantage of the new opportunities that are coming to the North.



Freda Ouellette

Freda has many suggestions for potential job seekers that are interested in employment. She will help to identify websites and workshops that can be used, and will identify employment and training opportunities that might arise in the future. Freda can also help job seekers to develop contacts with community advisors, economic officers, and other individuals to help community members gain access to new opportunities.

Freda believes that building a good working relationship between the Taykwa Tagamou Nation and potential employers

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Key Project Updates

Water Gauge

The new water gauge continues to provide important data to the project. It has been operational since August 29th, 2009 and was installed approximately 4 km upstream of New Post Falls on the right bank of New Post Creek. The purpose of the water gauge is to gather accurate flow data which will be used to determine the amount of water available for power generation and also influence the design of the generating facility. Currently, the gauge is providing information on "raw water levels." Information from the new gauge will ultimately be used to define a "flow curve" that will show both water levels and flows in real time. Determining accurate flow data is an important factor that influences project economics.

Geotechnical and Geophysical Field Asssments

The preliminary geotechnical investigation program for the proposed New Post Creek Generating Station was completed in the Fall of 2009. The goal of the investigation program was to assess the overall feasibility of the potential site layout and project configuration from a geotechnical perspective. This included identifying the depth of bedrock at several points on the site and checking the type of soil found at various depths. The results of the geotechnical investigation will be used to support the preliminary design and the project costs for the New Post Creek project.

These studies have provided the project team with valuable information on soil conditions in the area of the intake, the

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Congratulations!

Coral Rapids Power wishes all the recent TTN Grade 12 graduates best wishes and good luck in all of your future studies or careers!

penstock (the pipe that conveys water), and the proposed powerhouse. Results to date indicate that it is technically feasible to build on the dense sand/soil located in the vicinity of the proposed powerhouse.

Fisheries Spawning and Habitat Assessment:

Although the formal Environmental Assessment has not yet started, typically these assessments require at least two years of fisheries baseline work. This includes spring and fall spawning studies as well as habitat assessments. The spring spawning species of interest are walleye and sturgeon, while the fall spawning species is whitefish. To date, we have completed the spring 2009 and 2010 walleye spawning studies, the 2009 whitefish spawning studies and the summer 2009 habitat studies. In addition, through discussions with the Ministry of Natural Resources, sturgeon spawning was assessed in 2010. Results to date indicate that walleye and sturgeon are spawning in the vicinity downstream of the falls on New Post Creek. Whitefish spawning has not been observed to date. Key areas of interest for all studies are the proposed intake area, areas upstream and downstream of the proposed intake on New Post Creek, the proposed tailrace area on the Abitibi River, and the section of New Post Creek from the base of the falls to the Abitibi River.



Photo of Kevin Ross and Jim Read measuring a sturgeon caught at the mouth of New Post Creek during the sturgeon spawning assessment.

Logo Update

In 2009 a contest was held to select the logo for the Peter Sutherland Sr. Generating Station. After pouring over the entries, the logo designed by Caleb Iserhoff was selected as the winner.

Caleb is a 13 year old student at Cochrane Public School who enjoys drawing in his spare time. Caleb enjoys a number of other activities such as playing basketball, soccer, and spending time on the computer. It is no surprise that when he grows up, he wants to be an Art Designer. It appears he is well on his way. Congratulations Caleb!



The New Logo



Peter Archibald presenting an award to logo contest winner, 13 year old Caleb Iserhoff.

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is essential for bringing benefits to the community. One of the main ways that TTN members can make an impact is through the completion of the Needs Assessment surveys. Freda will make the surveys available and create a database that will indicate what skills TTN community members and businesses have, what training members need, and to help find employment and contract opportunities. These surveys provide an easy way for employers to look to TTN members to provide services for their projects. This is a first step towards bring employment opportunities to the community.

Freda enjoys her new position because of her surroundings in the TTN community and the satisfaction that she receives from helping others. By taking advantage of training and employment opportunities early, Freda hopes that in the long run TTN will build a better future for all of its members.

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