



Peter Sutherland Sr. Generating Station New Post Creek Project



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President's Message

Wayne Ross, President

Watchay TTN Membership

It has been several months since the last Newsletter was issued. Work on the NPC Project has been steadily progressing throughout the winter. More information is in the Construction Update.

The TTN Annual General Meeting was held in October. CRP had a booth set up to share information with membership about the Project. Thank you to all the people who stopped to talk and ask questions on the Project. A giveaway draw was held for an iPad and an iPod. The winners were Paul Archibald Sr. and Aurora Archibald. A bus tour of the New Post Creek Project Site for interested TTN members was arranged and well attended.

We are very proud of the TTN members who are working on this project, as employees or contractors, and we have highlighted a few in this newsletter. CRP has another Director on our Board. I wish to welcome Waylon Iserhoff, a TTN member, who officially joined the Board in late October 2015. His qualifications, knowledge and experience in the financial field is a welcome addition to the CRP Board.

We have had six CRP Board Meetings since the last newsletter. In October 2015 I did a joint presentation with OPG on the New Post Creek Project at the (OWA) Ontario Waterpower Association conference in Niagara –on-the-Lake. CRP has been a member of this association for the past few years.

At our CRP Board of Director's Meeting in March, all the outstanding agreements required for the Partnership (Shareholders Agreement updates, the CRP Services Agreement, and OPG PM Services Agreement) were approved and signed. Our CRP Personnel Policy, Financial Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy were amended with minor updates and approved.

Our application to the (OFA) Ontario Finance Authority for the (ALGP) Aboriginal Loan Guarantee Program was submitted and we are continuing to work on obtaining this financing for our equity contribution. Our financial advisor,



Chief Hardisty of Moose Cree First Nation joined Chief Dwight Sutherland and the Council of Taykwa Tagamou Nation on a visit to the project site in January with members of the Coral Rapids Power Board of Directors and Project Team.

New Board Member for Coral Rapids Power

Waylon Iserhoff is a member of Taykwa Tagamou Nation (TTN) and since March 2015 has been employed as the Business Development Officer for TTN. Waylon provides support to the Chief & Council with its various business interests. Waylon has over 20 years of experience in various finance and accounting roles with the Hudson Bay Company, Loblaw Companies Limited, Moody's Investor Services, and Deloitte.



Waylon is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and has a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Toronto and a BA from the University of Western Ontario.

As part of the Board of Directors for Coral Rapids Power, Waylon will help to oversee the work on the project and ensure that TTN members benefit from this project and future projects.

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Construction Update



The construction of the Peter Sutherland Sr. Generating Station has continued throughout the winter months, and significant progress has been made on many parts of the project, and new milestones have been reached recently, including the delivery and installation of the first piece of penstock. The penstock will bring water from New Post Creek down to the powerhouse.

The powerhouse sheet piles, which are used to keep water out of the foundation area, have been installed but due to the soil conditions and presence of larger than anticipated rock some could not be installed to their full depth. As a result, more pumps are required to keep the powerhouse work area free of water to allow the construction to proceed. With the additional dewatering, the powerhouse concrete is now being poured and the work is proceeding as expected.

The penstock area and intake canal were excavated during the winter to take advantage of the frozen ground. There were some challenges in preparing the intake canal area as



the slope area was less stable than expected. As a result the excavation is occurring at a slightly shallower slope, which will not affect the project overall. Ditching along the slopes and in front of the powerhouse has been completed in anticipation of excess spring water run-off.

The spillway work area on New Post Creek is now dewatered and concrete work will commence shortly.

The transmission line right-of-way (ROW) on the west

side of the Abitibi River has been cleared, poles erected, and wire strung across the full length. Discussions are currently underway to determine the alignment of the access road for the transmission line switchyard. Several options are being discussed at the Joint Working Group to determine how to best connect the project with Ontera's fiber optic line which runs close to the transmission line.

The head pond area has been cleared and non-merchantable timber is being mulched and spread on the access trails. Some of the wood will be delivered to the TTN reserve as requested once the load restrictions are lifted on the highway.

Top: The intake area on the New Post Creek.

Middle: The powerhouse construction area and the penstock route.

Bottom: The transmission line right-of-way on the western side of the Abitibi River with the poles installed and wires being attached.



Employment and Training Update

Freda Ouellette – CRP Employment and Training Coordinator

I am continuously working on individual training plans and updating files for interested TTN members, if you are interested in potential employment on the New Post Creek Project or elsewhere please contact me by phone, email or stop by my office. The NPC Project is a unionized project and if you belong to a union please keep up with your union dues and out work dues to keep your name in good standing. If you have gained employment or received new training certificates or skills please let me know so we update your information on the ARMS database. I would like to express how important it is that your contact information is up to date – I need to be able to contact you in order to help you secure employment.

Training to date has been the Heavy Equipment Training Program at OETIO, Construction Development Skills LUINA 607, Environmental Technician and Monitor Workshop, Working at Heights, Health and Safety Awareness 4 Steps, First Aid, CPR, and WHMIS. These are important skills that will make you more employable for future opportunities. With the assistance from Apatisawin Training Unit we were able to enhance some of these skills that are required to be employed at NPC Project.

Some of the TTN members that I have been working with and have taken the training listed above have taken different career paths such as employment opportunities at Detour Gold and the Yellow Falls Project. With the working experience gained from the NPC Project, TTN members were able to transition their skills to other employment opportunities.

CRP has been mandated by Chief and Council to maintain the TTN Business Registry, if you have any updated information about your business or have a business to register please call, email or stop by the office at Apatisawin Building, Room 31.

CRP is committed to be at NPC Site on Tuesdays to meet with TTN members and Thursday afternoons CRP arranges a TTN community visit. If anyone has any questions about the project and/or training and employment opportunities, please come and see us.

If you have any questions about training, employment and contracting, please call, email or stop by the office at Apatisawin Building.

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The first piece of the penstock for the project arrived on April 13, 2016.

President's Message continued

George Cholakis from Access Capital, is quite confident the financial deal will be completed this fall.

I also attended the PSS GS Inc Board of Directors meetings held in Timmins on August 24, 2015 and in Toronto on March 31st.

As a reminder CRP has been sending a monthly update on the project to all TTN membership. Freda and I have been going to the TTN Band office on a weekly basis, usually Thursday afternoons from 2:00pm -4:30pm, for anyone who has questions or concerns on the project. We also go weekly to the Project Site on Tuesdays to meet and talk with any TTN employees.

Freda and I are always available to meet with TTN membership to give a project update, answer any questions and discuss any concerns.

It is exciting to see the construction progress and to have so many TTN members & contractors employed. It pleases me greatly to know that TTN owns this Project and that it will benefit TTN for many generations. I am very grateful to be a part of it.

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**Don Ross
Labourer**

“Knowing we are finally benefiting from our traditional land after Treaty #9 was signed August 21st, 1905, by building this hydroelectric project, and I’m taking part in it”

TTN Contractors to date

Kitchen Supply – **Tina Gagnon**/Aramark
 Catering & Housekeeping – **Tina Gagnon**/Aramark
 Aggregate – Rock from LMRP – **Linda Job**/Lachance
 Aggregate Supply – Shot Rock – **Island Falls**/Villeneuve
 Aggregate Supply – Crushed Material – **Island Falls**/Villeneuve
 Concrete Supply – **Alex Archibald**/Miller Group
 Freight – **Alex Archibald**/OK Tire
 Trash Hauling/Disposal – **Island Falls**/Sinai Suckers
 Port-a-Potty/Sucker Truck – **Island Falls**/Sinai Suckers
 Clearing Site – **Linda Job**/First Nation Timber
 Road Construction – **Linda Job**/First Nation Timber
 Fuel Supply – **Walter Gagnon**/Pepco
 Powerhouse Building – **Nisto Migiziwuk**/CGV Builders
 Transmission Line – **New Post Creek Constructors**/Powertel
 Miscellaneous Metals – **Linda Job**/Acier JP

**Ethel Sutherland
Kitchen Staff**

“I like knowing I am doing something for my community, we own this – and it is named after my Father-in-Law”



TTN Members Employed on the Project

(member to date, in no particular order)

Charlene Echum
 Peter Sutherland
 Alex Archibald
 Nancy Gagnon
 Nathaniel Sutherland
 Ralph Linklater
 Zachary Archibald
 Jeffrey Hardisty
 Theron Sutherland
 Jason Whiskeychan
 Theodore Sutherland
 Ryan Prevost
 Kelly Archibald
 James Archibald
 Jesse Archibald
 Lawrence Archibald
 Michael Archibald
 Paul Archibald Jr
 Raun Crawford
 John Hunter
 Thomas Kioke
 Kyle Matthews

Donald Ross
 Paul Archibald Sr.
 Christopher Skead
 Centennial Archibald
 Charles Archibald
 Devon Archibald
 Francis Archibald
 Blane Chakasim
 Ryan Cheezo
 Clinton Crawford
 Keith Etherington
 Brady Iserhoff
 Kevin Prevost
 Kevin Ross
 Kevin Sutherland
 Pauline Gagon
 Ethel Sutherland
 Dorothy Whiskeychan
 Irene Moore
 Lindsay Ross
 Tina Gagon
 Jennifer Kioke
 Cheryl Etherington



**Nathaniel Sutherland
Intern – Civil Engineering**

“I enjoyed my internship and the experience of seeing the construction work up close and personal”

**Alexander Archibald
Environmental Coordinator**

“This important partnership between CRP & OPG will provide TTN with a long-term investment opportunity. We need to do whatever it takes to succeed as a team”

