

# Resource Development Newsletter

**Kingsclear First Nation**

## Environmental and Regulatory Process

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The Government of Canada is currently working on reviewing the environmental and regulatory processes. Below are the topics they will be currently visiting in the next four months.

- Review of the Environmental Assessment process
- National Energy Broad Modernization
- Review of changes of the Fisheries Act
- Review of the Navigation Protections Act

These four topics come with

capacity funding to First Nations. There will be a 4 member expert panel to undertake the review of the federal environmental assessment processes. This is part of Government to build relationships between the indigenous groups and Government (nation-to-nation). Kingsclear will be applying for the funding on behalf of all six Maliseet communities.

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## Sisson Brook Proposed Mine Update

The federal Government still has not given an approval or not for the Sisson Mine Project (this project needs both the federal and provincial approval to go forward- the province of New Brunswick has given its approval in December 2015 with 40 conditions). The federal decision will likely come in September 2016. The Maliseet chiefs continue to discuss with New Brunswick on potential measures to accommodate the impacts of the Sisson Mine on Maliseet Treaty and Aboriginal rights in

the event that the mine proceeds.

Accommodation measures include: a training and employment strategy, a mining accident/malfunction compensation fund, revenue sharing on mine profits and the protection of other lands in Maliseet Territory from future development. If a package of accommodation measures is developed, it will be presented to Kingsclear members at a community meeting and council will be seeking feedback.



# NB Power: Mactaquac Dam Project

## Mactaquac Traditional Land Use Study (TLUS)

The Traditional Land Use Study interviews were completed on August , 2016. Kingsclear had its verification meeting on Tuesday August 30, 2016 and had a total of ten people attend. Natasha Sacobie is Kingsclear Co-researcher and the Project Manager for the Mactaquac Traditional Land Use Study.

## Engagement Survey: Community Views

Kingsclear consultation department initiated community engagement to better understand where Kingsclear members

understand and feel about the Mactaquac Dam project. We hired an outreach team to contact and reach out to community members. Our outreach team: Keyaira Gruben, Benjamin Solomon, Darren Saulis, Summer Saulis and Rebecca Sirois.

We had a total of 164 participants fill out the questionnaire. We held a meeting to discuss our findings from the questionnaires on Monday August 29, 2016.

We did ten draws for participation for \$25 visa giftcards. The winners are: Shane Tomah, Shania Atwin, Savannah Polchies, Jason Polchies Jr., Cathy Wilson,

Conrad Sacobie, Freda Berube, Alberta Sacobie, Frank Sabattis, and Terrilee Polchies.

A report will be produced from the findings on the survey and presented to Chief and Council.

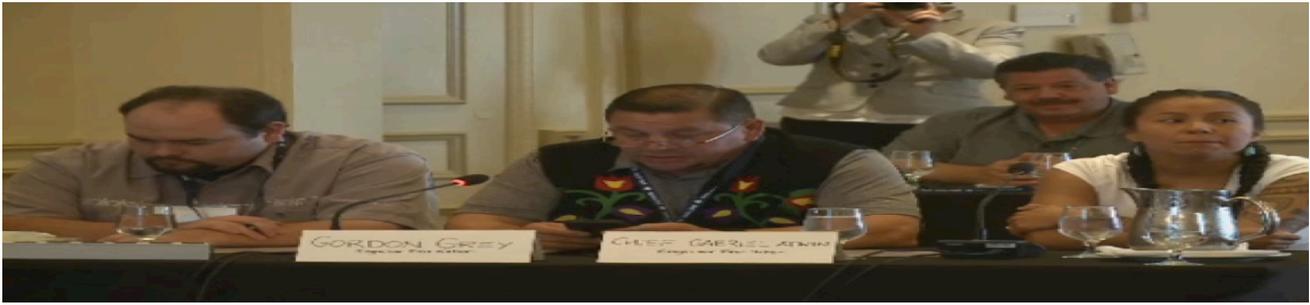
We would like to thank everyone who provided your feedback on this questionnaire. Please know that your input is valued and needed during this process.

If any community members want to add feedback on the Mactaquac Dam Project, please contact Sydney Paul at [sydneypaul@kingsclear.ca](mailto:sydneypaul@kingsclear.ca) or 506-478-0136.

Question 1: from the engagement Survey, is the list of Pros and Cons of each option. Please note that these are only a portion and do not capture the entirety of the surveys.

	Pros	Cons
Option 1: Rebuild and repower	100 years of renewable power generation Supports economy/job creation	Dam as barrier to most fish species
Option 2: Retain the head pond	Retains head-pond and associated recreational area	No power generation Dam as barrier to most fish species
Option 3: Restore the river	Restoration of natural river Possible return of Salmon and other species	No power generation Shortest term of construction No guarantees fish will return
Option 4: Life Achievement	Additional 35 years of power generation	Dam as a barrier to most fish species Passing the buck

# TransCanada: Energy East Proposed Pipeline



NEB (National Energy Board) panel hearings in New Brunswick: The Six Maliseet communities are all registered as Intervener status in the National Energy Board Process on TransCanada Energy East Propose pipeline. This project will be going through a 21 month panel review where stakeholders, proponents, indigenous groups and specialists. This will be the time to express their opinions, concerns and or benefits on the proposed project.

Kingsclear, along with the five Maliseet communities presented in Fredericton on August 16, 2016 at the Crown Plaza to the NEB panel. Each Maliseet community presented on the topic: SMFN marine environment, MMFN history and culture, KFN traditional waters, OFN fish and fish habitat, TFN socio-economic concerns, and WFN duty to consult.

NEB Panel hearings in Quebec: While in Quebec's leg of the

regional panel hearings, the NEB faced legal and moral scrutiny. 2 of the 3 panel members were asked to step down after it became known that they were meeting with ex-premier Jean Charest while he was under the payroll of TransCanada. This was prior to the onset of the recent panel hearings and becomes problematic as no minutes of the meetings were made available. Speculations of tampering has surfaced despite the NEB maintaining that the meetings were only to learn how to engage with the province. This unrest has become so pointed that the panel hearings in Montreal have been postponed. It shouldn't be surprising that Montreal has become the focal point of contention for Energy East as Montreal's mayor Denis Corderre has been a vocal antagonist against Energy East from the outset.

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Our community outreach team started going door to door on September 1, and attempting to contact off-reserve members via phone, facebook and email to give information and receive input on TransCanada's proposed Energy East Pipeline (EEP) project. If you know off-reserve members that would like to offer their opinions on EEP, contact myself (info below), or Darren Saulis as he will be our off-reserve outreach worker.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this consultation or about the project, contact Gordon Grey, at the band hall during regular operating hours (Mon-Thurs 9am-4:30pm) via, phone (363-3028 ext 162), email [greywag@hotmail.com](mailto:greywag@hotmail.com)

## Energy East: Traditional Land Use Study

The Maliseet Traditional Use (TU) Study is nearing completion. Six Maliseet First Nations are conducting the Study to provide information that will help with the environmental assessment of the proposed Energy East pipeline project, part of which would run through Maliseet territory in New Brunswick if approved by the Government of Canada. TU studies document land use activities such as hunting, fishing, collecting food and medicine plants, where people stayed over night on the land, the locations of sacred sites, and

other places of great cultural or historic importance to the First Nations people. A great deal of TU information is recorded on maps during interviews with experienced land users.

Altogether, 239 people were interviewed from all six communities. Kingsclear conducted 59 of those interviews. A "final" draft of the TU Study report (with maps) is currently being prepared and will be submitted at the end of September 2016.

Once the study report is completed, six Maliseet communities own the TU Study information. Our Co-

Researcher on our Traditional Land Use Study is Natasha Sacobie.



(Photo by: Patrick Polchies)

# Mount Carleton Update: Archaeological work

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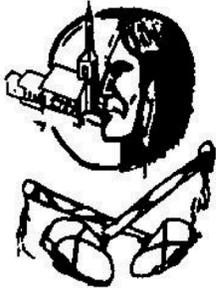


Figure 1 – Aerial Photo of Moose Brook Crossing with Crew during Excavations on August 24, 2016.

## Mt. Carleton Update

Tourism, Heritage and Culture (THC) announced that it would register an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) with the Department of Environmental Local Government on the proposed Snowmobile grooming hub. The bridgework will continue as it is considered a public safety issue. Roy Consulting will be conducting the EIA.

The screening process to for the bridgework located at Bathurst Lake and Moose Brook along with a 900m trail for significant areas for spiritual/burial wrapped up on August 19, 2016 where 30 Maliseet were briefing

asked a couple questions of the specified area. Please note that this is not a Traditional Land Use Study but a screening tool.

The archeological component of the planned work at the planned bridge crossings situated at Bathurst Lake North (CiDq-2) and Moose Brook South (CiDq-3) located within Mount Carleton Provincial Park where archaeological sites were identified by staff archaeologists last year. The archeological started on August 16, 2016. There will be professional archeologists and field monitors to oversee the arch work.

