

Peter Sutherland Sr. Generating Station New Post Creek Project



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Chief Dwight Sutherland and CRP President Wayne Ross at the groundbreaking ceremony.



Part of the OPG, CRP, and KGS Project Team.

President's Message

Wayne Ross, President

Watchay TTN Membership

Construction of the New Post Creek Project has commenced. It is quite exciting to see it being built. Here is a brief outline of what occurred since Newsletter #13 was issued in the spring of 2015.

The negotiations with the IESO for a revenue mechanism for the project was completed and signed by all parties in late May 2015. Six agreements were negotiated and are being finalized these last few months. These include the Limited Partnership, Operations & Maintenance, CRP Service, OPG Project Management, Shareholders, and HESA Compliance Agreements. The Design Build (DBC) contract was signed on March 30th in Toronto. Stan Sutherland, a CRP Board Director accompanied me to this special event. Our partner OPG was very pleased to meet Stan, being a CRP Board Director and the son of Peter Sutherland Sr.

The team has experienced some difficulty getting the permits for the construction stage of the project. The Ministry of Environment & Climate Change was concerned with "Potential Mercury Contamination of Fish within Head Ponds". After much discussion and a few meetings the permits were obtained.

A Ground breaking ceremony was held at the Site on August 27th. Due to it being an active construction site and the requirement to have Personal Protective Equipment, a limited number of guests were invited. TTN Chief and Council attended, along with the CRP Board of Directors, local dignitaries and the media. The unveiling of the Peter Sutherland Sr. Generating Station banner was quite emotional to all in attendance. Charlene Echum, Kiewit's liaison person, conducted several First Nation ceremonies, which were well received.

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Construction and Environment Update

The Construction Stage of the NPC Project is well underway. Here are some highlights of what is occurring at the site.

- The sheet piles for the powerhouse cofferdam have been delivered to site and are being installed. The planned equipment encountered some difficulty installing the sheet piles. so a larger crane and higher energy "King Kong" vibro-hammer is now being used.
- The excavations for the spillway diversion and the preparation for blasting and removal of the remaining diversion rock plug are complete. Blasting of the plug will commence once the approval is received.
- The concrete batch plant has been set up on site and is being commissioned.
- The tower crane has been installed at the intake area and the first mud slabs have been poured. Formwork and rebar are being prepared for the next concrete slab pours.
- A draft Connection Cost Recovery Agreement was received from Hydro One on September 1, 2015.
- Initial comments on the mercury analysis report were received from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and included a request to provide remodeling using MOECC's suggested method (the results were similar to original results).
- Additional information on aboriginal consultation and a mercury Risk Management Plan was submitted to MOECC, which determined that mercury information requirements had been met.
- Approvals were received for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the Sediment Pond, and on August 17 the Permit to Take Water was received for Construction.
- The Department of Fisheries and Oceans issued a Letter of Advice for in-water construction work.



Left: Wayne Ross,
the CRP Board,
and Sue Hartwig.



Above: Wayne receiving a feather from Charlene Echum
Left: Wayne, Freda, and Sue.

Employment and Training

Freda Ouellette

If you are interested in potential employment on the New Post Creek Project or elsewhere in the region please stop by my office as I continue to work on individual training plans and updating files for interested TTN members. The NPC Project is a unionized project and if you belong to a union please keep up with your union dues and out of 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 I can update your information on the ARMS database.

Training offered by us to date has been the heavy equipment training program at OETIO, Construction Development Skills LUINA 607, Working at Heights, Health and Safety Awareness 4 Steps, and WHMIS. These are important skills that will make you more employable for future opportunities.

CRP, OPG, and Kiewit have been organizing monthly TTN Information Circles for the TTN workers employed at site to educate them on the Partnerships Agreement and expectations, identify any issues or concerns they have, or support they require.

Some of the TTN members that I have been working with and who completed training have found employment at Detour Gold and the Yellow Falls Project. CRP is very happy to be part of these TTN members' successes.

CRP has been mandated by Chief and Council to maintain the TTN Business Registry. If you have any updated information about your business or to register, or have any questions about training, employment and contracting please call, email, or visit the office at Apitisawin Building, Room 31.

We hope to see you at our next TTN Community NPC Employment Information Session October 28, 2015 at Apitisawin. - Meegwetch

President's Message continued

The highlight for me was receiving an Eagle feather from my community in recognition for all the work on the Newpost Creek Project. It was quite unexpected and is an honour to be recognized by the community in this fashion.

I am quite pleased with the contracting opportunities for TTN band owned companies and TTN JV's. The contracts have been awarded using the competitive bid process as outlined in the TTN Engagement Plan. TTN members are being employed as per the JV criteria. Several TTN members completed the Heavy Equipment Operating course in Morrisburg this past spring. On August 18th, an Employment, Training and Contracting open house was well attended at Apitisawin. The main concern was the employment opportunities and retention of the TTN members at the site. The contracting nature and size of the project have affected retention of the workers, as have permit delays and weather issues. The Employment & Training Coordinator has been working closely with TTN members, Kiewit and the unions to assist in the employment and retention of TTN members on the project.

As a friendly reminder, a "No Hunting Zone" was recently agreed to for the construction site for the safety of the workers. Your cooperation in adhering to this request is appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact Freda or me if you have any concerns or questions regarding the project.

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Employment Update

As per the Coral Rapids Power mandate to maximize employment, training, and contracting opportunities for TTN members, the following is a snapshot of what has occurred since construction has commenced.

The Project's objectives for TTN members are to:

- Provide fair, effective and transparent processes to maximize employment, training and business opportunities for interested and qualified members and companies;
- Enhance and develop a qualified workforce for construction trades and services; and,
- Establish and maintain effective communication with the community and leadership.

In addition to many TTN members working on site in trade positions, four TTN members are employed full-time in non-trades positions; TTN Liaison, Environmental Coordinator, Quality Lab Technician and HR/Travel Assistant.

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