



New Post Creek Project News

Newsletter #11

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President's Message

Wachay TTN membership,

Welcome to the 11th New Post Creek Project Newsletter.

As we get closer to the construction date, the anticipation is growing. Several important events have occurred since our last newsletter in the summer of 2013.

First, I would like to welcome a new director to the Coral Rapids Power Board of Directors. Stanley Sutherland joined the board in the fall of 2013, replacing Robert Linklater, who resigned in June 2013. I am quite pleased to have Stanley on the Board. He is a huge supporter of the project and brings a wealth of knowledge of the history and the people of TTN. I would also like to thank Robert Linklater for his years of work on this project. Without his support and efforts, I am not sure we would be so close to construction today.

The Environmental Report and Technical Support Documents were completed in November 2013 and the required public review period was completed earlier this year. This was the next to final part of the Waterpower Class Environmental Assessment. The NPC Project team met with the Moose Cree First Nation to provide them with an opportunity to review the Environmental Assessment document before issuing the Notice of Completion in November. This is in the spirit of our cooperation on waterpower developments.

The Design-Build Front-End Engineering and Design (FEED) Phase Request for Proposals was issued in October. The Project team selected Kiewit as our Design-Build FEED Phase Contractor in January 2014. The process to hire a Design-Build (DB) Contractor for the New Post Creek Project was quite extensive. CRP was involved in all aspects of the DB selection process, including the evaluation of the proponent's proposal. Where CRP did not have the internal resources, we relied on subject matter experts. For example, KGS Group assisted on the Technical and Quality portions, SENES and Gillian MacLeod assisted on the Environmental portions, and Brian Asselin assisted on the Safety portions. The final evaluations were completed and revealed on January 10th. The evaluation for all four proponents were consistent among all the teams. We all agreed Kiewit was the ideal proponent.

A CRP/OPG Kick-off meeting was held with the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) in September, and CRP/OPG made presentations providing an overview of the project and CRP and TTN. In December, we met again with the OPA to discuss issues related to the negotiation of the Hydroelectric Energy Supply Agreement (HESA) and the OPA/CRP/OPG Confidentiality Agreement. The HESA is the revenue mechanism that we are working toward obtaining for our project.

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A picture of the FEED Kick-off / Technical Brainstorming Meeting with CRP, OPG, KGS, & the Kiewit project & engineering team.

Employment and Training Update

Freda Ouellette, Employment and Training Coordinator

As the CRP Employment and Training Coordinator, I am currently building a list of interested individuals for potential employment on the New Post Creek Project. I would like to talk to individuals and particularly any apprentices who would like to sign up to obtain employment on the project. Please stop by my office so we can start on your Personal Training Plan which will identify the employment and training needs that you may require assistance with.

If you are already in a Union please ensure that you keep your name on the "Back To Work" list and keep up with your union dues. If you have successfully obtained any employment and/or training certificates recently please notify one of the Employment and Training Coordinators so we can update your file on the ARMS database.

The TTN Business Registry is on-going, and if you haven't done so yet please register your business with me to ensure that you are included in the identification of work packages that we are currently working on with our contractor, Kiewit. As for the current business registries, please update your information if there are any changes to your business as soon as possible to ensure we have the correct information for you.

I'm available to help TTN individuals and businesses obtain work on the New Post Creek Project in any way I can. I can assist in the creation of a Personal Training Plan, and I can assist with your resume, cover letter, and mock interviews for your future employment goals.

Environmental Assessment Update

The CRP/OPG team expects to conclude discussions with the Ministry of Environment in the early spring 2014 that will allow us to file the Statement of Completion for the New Post Creek Project and mark the formal end of the Environmental Assessment. Once this Statement is filed, the team will start working on developing and finalizing the Monitoring Plan and other site specific environmental management plans. Preparing for permits required during the Front End Engineering and Design (FEED) Phase as well as the Execution Phase is another priority once the EA is completed. The team will be working with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) on the Water Management Plan Amendment and on the various permits noted in the EA documents. Prior to submitting permit applications to the relevant regulators, our team, including the newly hired Design-Build Contractor, will work through the Joint Working Group (JWG) in order to consult with TTN and MCFN to inform them about the various permits and to ensure that they are aware of the permit requirements. We anticipate the need for some additional geotechnical work and water sampling permits during the FEED Phase. It is anticipated that work will commence on the Location Approval under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act (LRIA) in the near future as well. Finally, our EA team is committed to meeting with the community as well as Chief and Council to provide ongoing updates on the environmental work. The first meeting with TTN community during FEED Phase is scheduled for March 19th in Cochrane.

Park Deregulation Update

In April 2013, Ontario Parks successfully completed their Parks Environmental Assessment that allows them to start the process to deregulate a portion of the Little Abitibi Provincial Waterway Park and then to add the replacement lands. Since this time, staff at Ontario Parks and MNR are working to complete various internal processes including a Sustainable Forest Licence Amendment, and ultimately obtaining an Order in Council (OIC) to change the park. Once this happens, and a land use amendment is completed, the lands can be released from the park and become Crown Land and available to be released for the New Post Creek Project.

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Engineering Update

For the last few months, KGS Group, our engineering consultants, had been completing all necessary technical documents and reports required to be included in the Front End Engineering & Design (FEED) Phase Design Build Contractor RFP package. They also provided technical support and input throughout the RFP evaluation process to select Kiewit as the successful Design Build Contractor.

Kiewit is one of the largest construction, mining, and engineering organizations in North America. It has completed a significant amount of work in the power sector in Ontario, and across Canada and the United States.

Since the contractor selection, Kiewit, and their design engineers, have been reviewing the concept design for optimization opportunities. A FEED kick-off/technical brainstorming meeting with Kiewit was held in late February to discuss the technical details of the design. Kiewit is expected to have the concept design finalized by the end of April.

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On January 10th 2014 the project team met with the project's HESA negotiating team, Lynn Wizniak, Clara Greco, and Tom Hett, who represent the Commercial Contracts, Law, and Finance divisions respectively.

New Post Creek is a great project for TTN! The construction phase is important because it provides opportunities for TTN businesses and individuals, and builds capacity for this and other projects. While these are short term benefits, the project will provide a significant and ongoing benefit to TTN for years into the future. This revenue stream will last as long as the station exists, providing TTN with capital to invest in other projects, participation in the energy business, and opportunities to build more capacity in TTN. It is important to be a good partner with OPG on this Project. This will make further development of other sites possible with OPG and other developers. The relationships being formed with government agencies, including the Ministries of Natural Resources, Environment, Energy, and Ontario Parks, and the Ontario Power Authority, the surrounding communities, engineers, contractors, sub-contractors, and suppliers will benefit TTN in all resource developments into the future.

The Moose Cree First Nation has also been a big supporter of our project. They have been very accommodating to CRP's requests. We can use this Project as a stepping-stone to developing good working relations with them into the future. There is strength in unity and cooperation. What were once long, drawn out, and difficult negotiations will now become easy and satisfying. The concepts of assisting, caring, and looking out for our neighbours that our ancestors practiced as told by my late Grandfather, Peter Sutherland Sr., will return. He said that our Nation would never have survived without this. Keep these benefits in mind as we move forward with this project. - Meegwetch and Thank You!