

# Appendix H

## Indigenous Communities Consultation

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Nov 1, 2022	Bethany Haalboom	Email	Courtney Jackson	Courney inquired about Archaeological Assessment details	Forward report to Courtney when available	Resolved	Sent Archy report November 24 2022 Left voicemail follow-up with status of assessment and Nov.8 committee meeting follow up November 17, 2022
Nov 24, 2022	Bethany Haalboom	Email	Courtney Jackson	Courtney suggested to set up meeting with Lynn Rosales to coordinate dates and times to present the Project to Aamjiwnaang's Environment Committee, as well as the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment.	Wait until Dec 1 to coordinate with Lynn	Resolved	Meeting set for Jan 17 2022
Jan 17, 2023	Bethany Haalboom, Joe Muraca, Michael Enright, Laura Swyers	Video call	Lynn Rosales	AFN Environment Committee member asked about the number of stacks that are currently at the facility and how many will be added after the upgrade expansion. Their concern was with cumulative effects.	Invenergy to provide number of current and proposed stacks when information is available.	Resolved	Called July 14 to confirm there will be no additional stacks
Apr 13, 2023	Bethany Haalboom	Email	Courtney Jackson	Courtney acknowledged Notice of Update and requested providing a brief presentation to the community.	Invenergy to prepare a presentation to AFN after Air and Noise is completed	Resolved	Courtney confirmed she wanted to wait until the air and noise assessment was completed to have a community meeting; Bethany asked that Courtney let her know what her preferred dates are for a community meeting
Apr 27, 2023	Bethany Haalboom	Email	Courtney Jackson	Asked for St. Clair Energy contact information	Bethany sent Invenergy contact information	Resolved	
Apr 27, 2023	Bethany Haalboom and Laura Swyers	Email	Courtney Jackson	Courtney asked if a community meeting could be held in June	Bethany confirmed that it could and followed up with meeting request for early June on May 5, 2023 because of draft ERR submission on June 15	Resolved	Community meeting scheduled for June 13
Jun 13, 2023	Bethany Haalboom, Joe Muraca, Michael Enright, Bryce Nunley, Avid Banihashemi, Laura Swyers	In-person community meeting	Courtney Jackson/Lynn Rosales	AFN Environment Committee member asked if there is an opportunity to provide additional greenspace around the facility using native plantings provided by the community?	There is a possibility to collaborate during the expansion ERR, however it is likely that plantings will be done in other areas of the community where a larger impact could be made.	Resolved	Follow up during the Expansion ERR
				AFN Environment Committee member asked if local trades and labour will be used during the upgrade construction.	Local trades and labour will be used but will not be curated by Invenergy.	Resolved	

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Nov 18, 2022	Bethany Haalboom	Email	Emily Ferguson	Requested a virtual meeting to learn more about the Project including and overview and: Project timeline Permitting Schedule (incl. EAs, arch assessments, PTTW, etc.) Capacity funding for CKSPFN review	December 5th meeting option accepted	Resolved	
Dec 5, 2022	Bethany Haalboom	Email	Don Richardson	Request for Arch Assessment	Report to be sent	Resolved	Sent December 5, 2022
Dec 5, 2022	Joe Muraca and Bethany Haalboom	Conference Call	Emily Ferguson, Don Richardson, Philip Lee	Interest in project investment and partnership though the First Nation as a dept holder through a loan guarantee program	Mike to follow up with Invenergy about COKSPFN interest in project 1 investment and partnership. Mike will meet with Don and Phil to discuss.	Resolved	Follow up during the Expansion ERR
				Requested to review the ERR and the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report - asked for capacity to fund document review	Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report sent to COKSPFN, Three Fires Group, and Caldwell First Nation copied.	Resolved	
				Requested the estimated value of the projects	Mike to follow up with Invenergy about Project 1 value and inform Philip and Don.	Resolved	Called July 14 2023

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Walpole Island First Nation

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Oct 31, 2022	Bethany	Meeting	Janet Macbeth	Janet has interest in visiting the site	Site visit to be arranged for end of November. Mike to coordinate with other FNs to participate	Resolved	Invitation for December 1st or 2nd site visit sent to Janet on Nov.11 and Nov. 16 with no response to date
	Bethany			Janet would like project materials to review so she can prepare a budget. Will need materials one week ahead of providing a budget	List of Project Materials to be sent to Janet	Resolved	Sent list of materials on November 7
	Bethany			Janet would like a comment response table to be created to document and track issues from Walpole Island First Nation about the Environmental Assessment and responses	Create comment response table	Resolved	
	Bethany			Janet requested map of Project	Bethany will follow up about mapping preferences	Resolved	Map in Engagement Letter received; Janet did not indicate any other map needs at this stage
	Mike Enright - Invenergy			Patrick and Janet requested to further discuss carbon capture or recovery	Schedule meeting with Janet and Patrick. Meeting date to be confirmed with Janet.	Resolved	
	Mike Enright - Invenergy			Janet requested meetings for commercial and community betterment	Mike to provide Janet with date about commercial and community betterment discussion.	Discussions ongoing and to be finalized	

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Nov 4, 2022	Bethany Haalboom	Consultation Portal	Nations Connect	Nations Connect Online Consultation Portal Requirement for archaeological assessment, bio assessment, permit requirements;	Commitment made to provide by December 15 2022	Resolved	Archy report sent Nov 24 2022
Dec 16, 2022	Bethany Haalboom and Mike Enright	Email Letters	Jennifer Mills	Want to receive draft environmental reports for review	Send draft environmental reports when ready	Resolved	Emailed on July 12 to inquire about capacity funding
				Asked for more clarity on the equipment chosen: What rationale for the expansion to not also use a combined turbine system? Is it to achieve a faster dispatch time that's achievable with simple cycle gas plants? What is the tradeoff in efficiency?	Questions shared with Invenergy's lead engineer and will be providing detailed response.	Resolved	Sent formal letter response Feb 13 2023
				Request for meeting to review consultation protocol	Coordinate meeting	Resolved	
Jan 24, 2023	Bethany Haalboom, Joe Muraca, Michael Enright, Laura Swyers	Video Call	Jennifer Mills, Fallon Burch	COTTFN would like to be involved in any environmental field studies moving forward.	Informed COTTFN that there will be no more environmental field studies for the Upgrade. Notify COTTFN if there are any environmental field studies being conducted during the Expansion ERR	Resolved	Sent formal letter response Feb 13 2023 with Meeting Minutes
				COTTFN to be kept informed about post-construction monitoring	Dillon to engage COTTFN throughout Expansion ERR and when post-construction monitoring begins for Expansion to gauge interest in involvement at that stage.	Resolved	Follow up if there is an ERR specific to the Expansion

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Oct 26, 2022	Bethany Haalboom	email	Michelle McCormack and Zack Hamm	requested bio, archaeology assessments and permit requirements for consultation screening portal	Provide requested information	Resolved	Archy report sent November 24, 2022
Nov 17, 2022	Bethany Haalboom	phone call	Michelle McCormack	there may be interest in having archaeological field monitors on site, depending on whether a stage 2 assessment takes place and this could also depend on CFN's review of the Stage 1 report	Archaeology report will be provided as soon as possible for CFN to review	Resolved	
Nov 17, 2022	Bethany Haalboom	email	Michelle McCormack and Zack Hamm	Requested agreements to be filled out and signed for technical review and field monitors	These have been sent to Invenergy for review, though a Stage 2 archaeological assessment was not recommended by TMHC (so archaeological monitors may not be required). CFC can still review the Stage 1 Report.	Resolved	



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**RE: St. Clair Power, L.P. – First Nation Consultation  
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Please advise at your earliest convenience, should you wish to arrange an opportunity to discuss the amendment application. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (519)862-5900 ext. 2224 or by email at [pmccurdy@invenergyllc.com](mailto:pmccurdy@invenergyllc.com)

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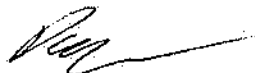
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***St. Clair Energy Centre Expansion Environmental Assessment***

Dear Chief Chris Plain:

The purpose of this letter is to inform Aamjiwnaang that St. Clair Power L.P., and its' affiliate Invenergy AMPCI Thermal Power LLC, (St. Clair Power and Invenergy) are proposing to expand the capacity of the existing St. Clair Energy Centre located in St. Clair Township, Ontario (the "Project"). St. Clair Power and Invenergy will be completing an Environmental Review Report for this Project.

St. Clair Power and Invenergy would like to engage with Aamjiwnaang at this early stage of the Environmental Review process in order to understand:

1. Aamjiwnaang's level of interest in engaging on the proposed St. Clair Energy Centre Expansion project; and,
2. How Aamjiwnaang would like to be engaged on the proposed St. Clair Energy Centre Expansion.

A custom consultation process can be developed with you based on Aamjiwnaang's Consultation Protocol and/or preferences.

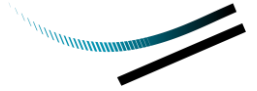
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Please see Attachment 1, which contains a description of the Project's characteristics and its location for your Nation's review.

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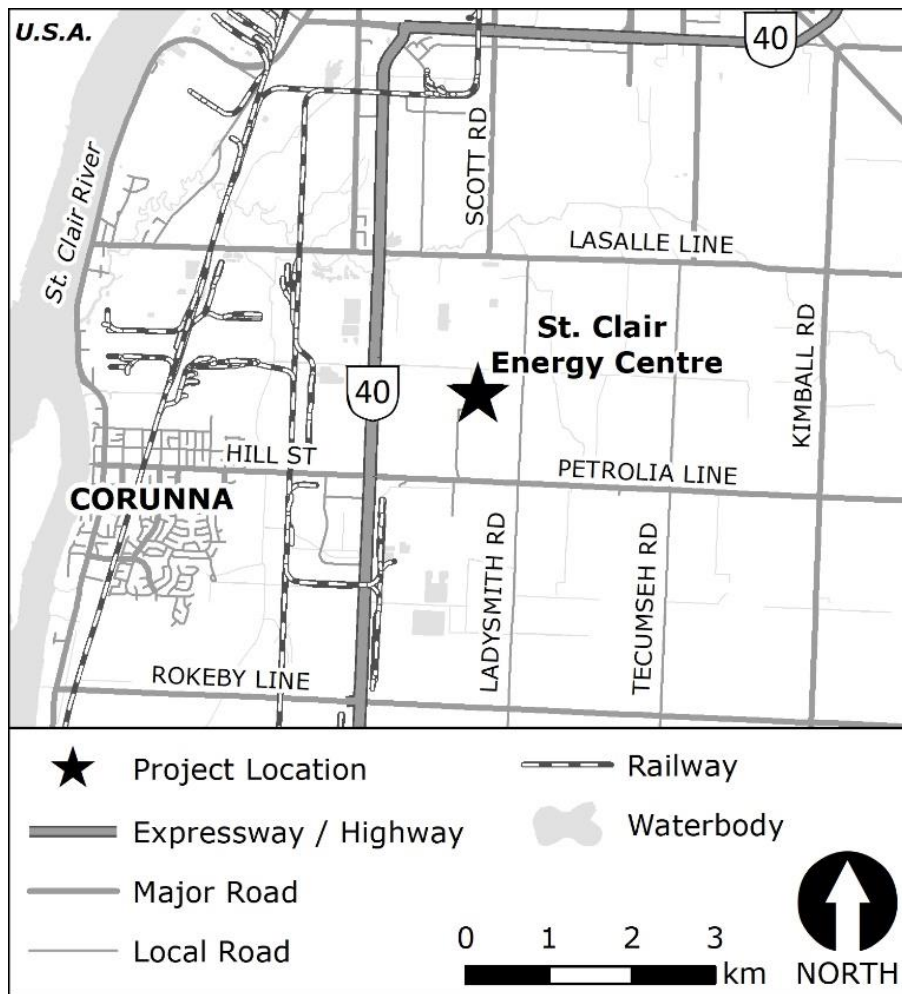
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## 1.0 – Project Summary

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At this time, the proposed expansion to the facility includes the following projects:

- 1: Expanded plant capacity, which involves process improvements and equipment but requires no physical expansion of the plant. This scenario results in approximately an additional 60 megawatts (MW) of generating capacity.
- 2: Addition of a new gas turbine(s), or reciprocating engines, to achieve a total of approximately 100-120 MW of additional capacity. This would require the expansion of the plant footprint and other upgrades to infrastructure.

## **2.0 – Authorizations and Recommendations Required**

An Environmental Review Report for the Project will be prepared for the Project.

The Environmental Review Report will identify the potential authorizations required. St. Clair Power and Invenergy’s preliminary work on the Project has identified the following potential authorizations:

### **Provincial Approvals:**

- Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- St. Clair Region Conservation Authority.

### **Municipal Approvals:**

- St. Clair Township.

### **Other Approvals:**

- Electrical Safety Association
- Technical Standards and Safety Association.

Other authorizations, notifications, permits and/or approvals may be required in addition to those identified above.

## **3.0 – Project Activities**

Planning and design activities for the Project commenced in the second and third quarter of 2022. Pursuant to the Guide, an Environmental Review Report will be prepared and archaeological studies will be completed. Engineered drawings will be produced and shared with First Nations, with the final design issued to local municipalities and other regulators for approval. Once all approvals are obtained final engineered drawings will be prepared for construction. St. Clair Power and Invenergy are planning to submit permits to agencies and are looking towards anticipated approval of the Project in late 2023 and into early 2024.

## **4.0 – Potential Environmental Effects and Mitigation**

The area in which the Project is to be constructed is located in an existing brownfield site, already within the parameters of the energy facility. It is expected that the majority of adverse environmental and/or socio-economic effects will be construction related. Effects on Aboriginal and Treaty rights will be assessed during the Study. The Environmental Review Report will also provide an assessment of potential effects and propose mitigation for the operation of the facility.

Mitigation measures recommended in the Environmental Review Report will be followed in conjunction with Invenergy's approach to best practices. In addition, St. Clair Power and Invenergy will use professional judgement, past experience, industry best practices and any additional feedback received through the consultation and engagement process when constructing the Project.

## **5.0 – Project Benefits**

If successful, the Project will allow St. Clair Power and Invenergy to contribute to the needed increase in power supply called for by the IESO and the Provincial government in advance of the 2025-2026 calendar years.

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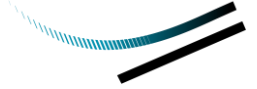
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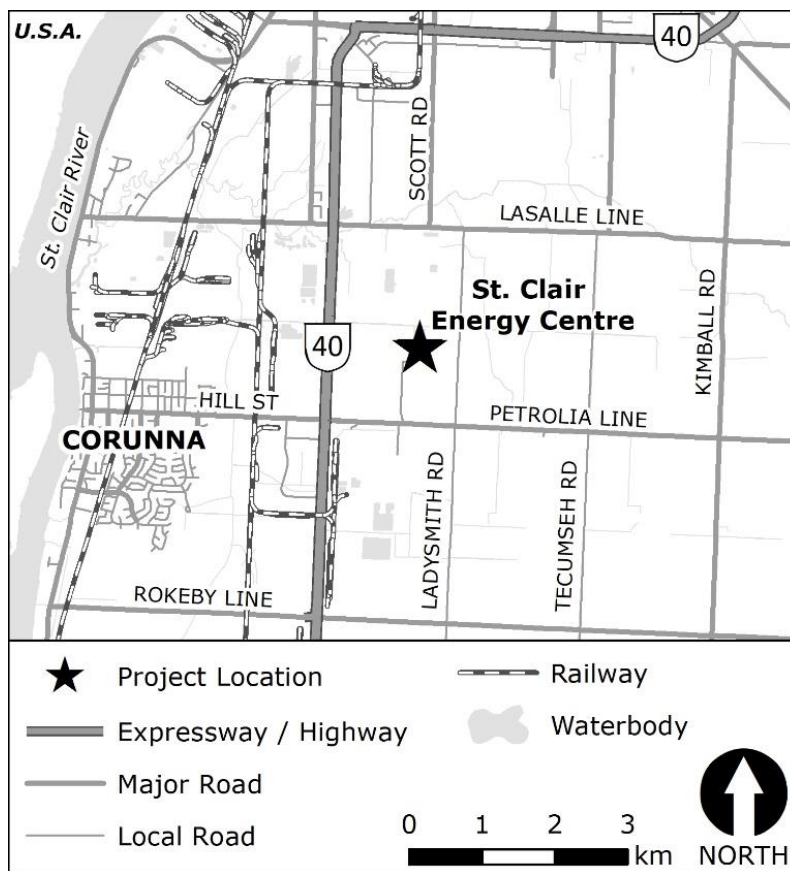
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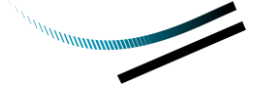
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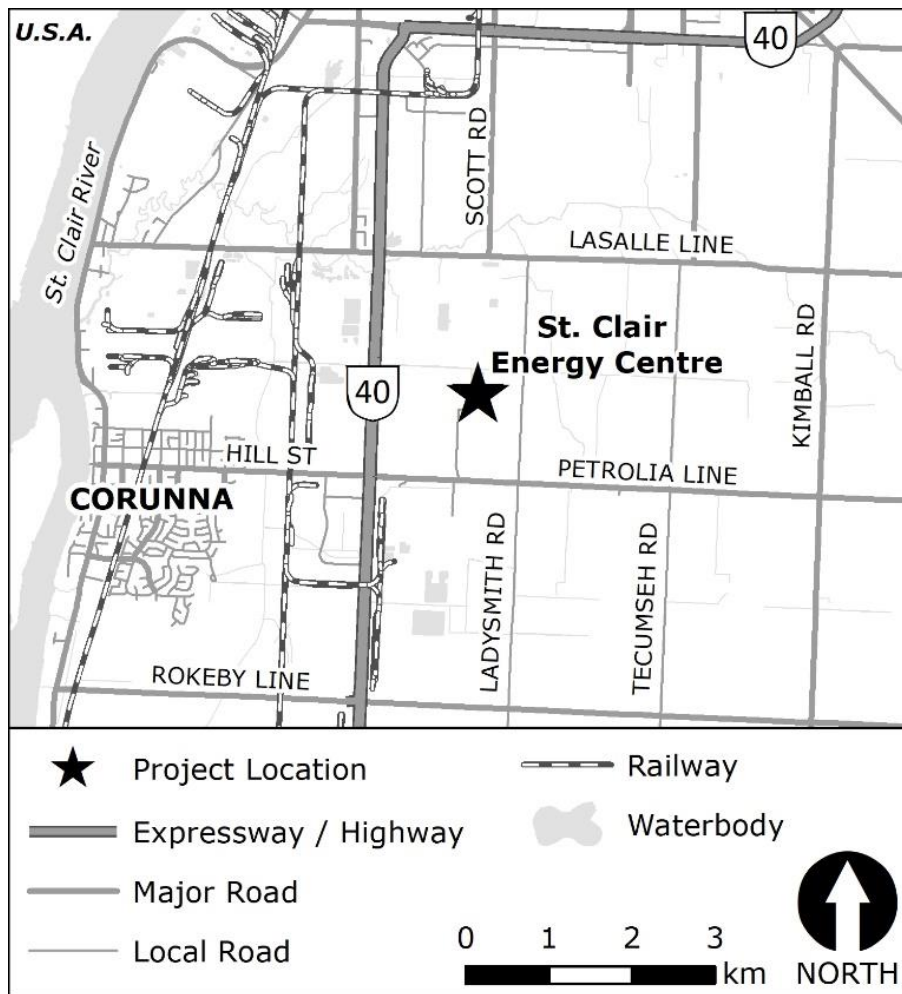
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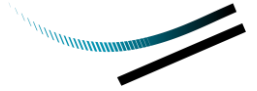
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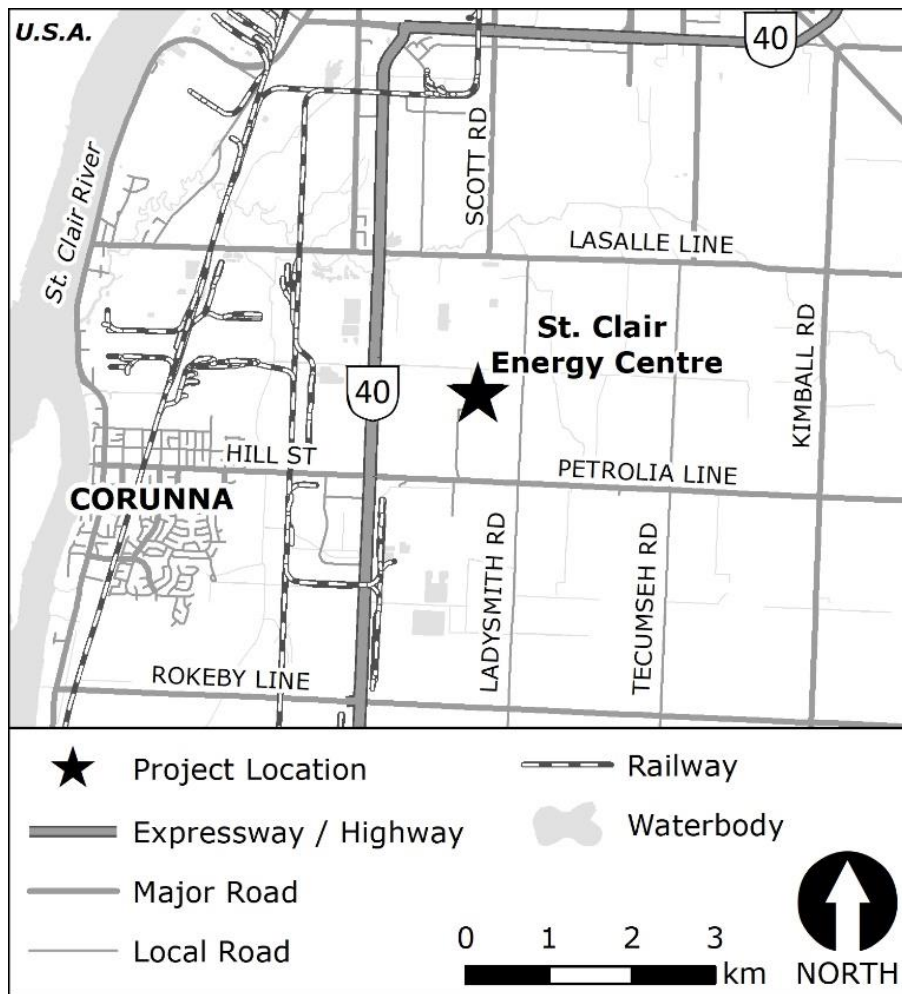
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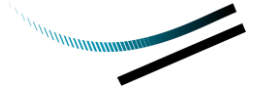
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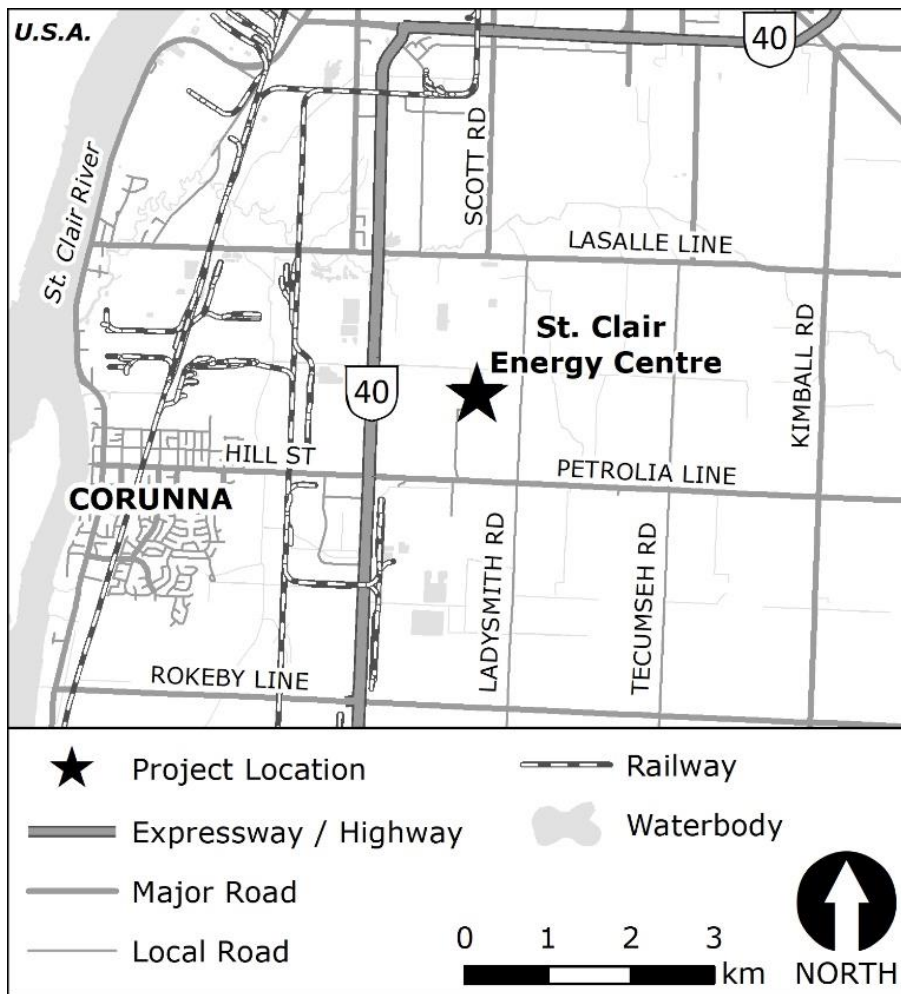
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# Meeting Summary



**Subject:** St. Clair Energy Centre Environmental Assessment Engagement Meeting with Walpole Island First Nation

**Date:** October 31, 2022

**Location:** Conference Call

**Distribution:** Walpole Island First Nation (Janet Macbeth); Mike Enright; Patrick Beatty; Joe Muraca; Bethany Haalboom

## Attendees

Janet Macbeth	Walpole Island First Nation
Mike Enright	Invenergy
Patrick Beatty	Invenergy
Joe Muraca	Dillon Consulting
Bethany Haalboom	Dillon Consulting

## Notes

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Introductions	
2.	Project Overview (Patrick Beatty) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Project 1 Scenario (35-50 MWs with using existing turbines and application of Advanced Gas Path [AGP]; no requirement for new footprint)</li><li>Project 2 Scenario (90-100 MW with additional turbine[s])</li></ul>	
3.	Project Schedule (Joe Muraca) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>First public open house in early December</li><li>Environmental Review Report submitted (anticipated) August/September 2023</li><li>Permit submission by September/October 2023</li><li>Project approvals by end of 2023/early 2024</li><li>Planned in-service - 2025</li></ul>	
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	<p><b>Discussion:</b> Janet has an interest in visiting the site as it has been 10 years since she has done so.</p>	Site visit to be arranged for Janet

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	<p>Janet asked when materials would be available for Walpole Island First Nation to review? They need to put together a budget to review materials and reports.</p>	<p>List of Project Materials for Walpole Island First Nation to review to be provided so Janet can provide a budget; send list to Janet who will share with Larissa</p>
	<p>Mike asked what timeframes they need to review materials?</p>	
	<p>Janet said that they usually need materials one week ahead of providing a budget.</p>	
	<p>Janet would also like a comment response table to be used to document any issues from Walpole Island First Nation about the Environmental Assessment and proponent responses to them.</p>	<p>Bethany has created a template has been created and will be populated through the engagement process.</p>
	<p>Bethany asked if Janet had a preferred template or structure for this table. Janet responded that they don't, but would like there to be sufficient detail and a full consultation record of complete issues and responses recorded.</p>	
	<p>Janet requested a map of the Project. Joe mentioned that there was one in the Project engagement letter Bethany sent out. Bethany mentioned that if Janet would like a different map with different specifications that could be provided.</p>	<p>Bethany will follow up with Janet about any mapping preferences.</p>
	<p>Janet mentioned that there will likely be concerns arising about this being a natural gas project, as it not the push for more renewables that Walpole Island First Nation had anticipated. They're disappointed with the provincial request in that other energy alternatives were not chosen.</p>	
	<p>Patrick said he understood that this would be a disappointment-they were disappointed also. Joe echoed this and stated that the province dictates much of this and he expects more comments about it being a natural gas project to be coming in. Joe asked if Walpole Island First Nation had engaged with the province directly about this. Janet said they did put in some comments and understood that it was a 20 or 25 year cut-off date, until 2040. Patrick mentioned it could be a little longer depending on the project and that the current St. Clair Energy Centre was operating quite efficiently, more so than others. Patrick would be happy to discuss this further. Janet would like to discuss carbon capture or recovery plans in place.</p>	<p>Further discussions about carbon capture or recovery to take place-meeting date to be confirmed with Janet.</p>

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	<p>Janet mentioned that commercial discussions are needed, as are discussions about community betterment, but these can be separate from the environmental discussions. Mike said that he had spoken to James and would reconnect with Janet with a date identified for those discussions.</p>	<p>Mike to provide Janet with date about commercial and community betterment discussion.</p>





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## Fwd: St. Clair Energy Expansion Archaeological Assessment

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**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Thu, Nov 10, 2022 at 8:53 AM

Hi Laura,

This is an update Aamjiwnaang First Nation to requesting to receive the Archaeological Assessment for the St.Clair project when it becomes available. We'll need to put this in the issues and commitments tracking table.

Thanks!  
Bethany

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From: **Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Date: Thu, Nov 3, 2022 at 2:05 PM  
Subject: Re: St. Clair Energy Expansion Archaeological Assessment  
To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>

I will do that, thanks Courtney.

Best,  
Bethany

On Wed, Nov 2, 2022 at 4:00 PM Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca> wrote:

Hi Bethany,

Thank you for you update on the Archaeological Assessment, I'll provide the update to the committee next week. Please forward the report when it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Courtney Jackson

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**From:** Haalboom, Bethany <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 7:08 PM  
**To:** Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
**Subject:** St. Clair Energy Expansion Archaeological Assessment

Hi Courtney,

I just wanted to follow up from my previous email and provide an update on the Archaeological Assessment as part of the Environmental Assessment for the St.Clair Energy Expansion Project. The archaeological study team has recommended only a Stage 1 report for the Assessment as the site was previously disturbed in 2009. If Aamjiwnaang First Nation would like to discuss the archaeological assessment details further with the study team that can be arranged, as could a visit to the Project site to conduct a property inspection. If not, a map based review could be undertaken with the Aamjiwnaang First Nation.

Looking forward to further communications with you.

Best,

Bethany

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## Fwd: St. Clair Project documents and site visit

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**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Thu, Nov 10, 2022 at 8:57 AM

Hi Laura,

This is an update based on two of the meeting actions identified in the meeting summary for Walpole Island First Nation. Needs to be put in the tracking table.

Best,  
Bethany

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Date: Mon, Nov 7, 2022 at 12:05 PM  
Subject: St. Clair Project documents and site visit  
To: Janet Macbeth <janet.macbeth@wifn.org>

Hi Janet,

I hope you had a nice weekend. I wanted to provide you with a list of the St. Clair Project documents for review that will help you put together a work plan:

- Archaeological Site Assessment Report (Stage 1)
- Biological Site Assessment
- Draft Environmental Review Report
- Final Environmental Review Report

There will also be permitting applications that WIFN could review, but we don't know exactly what permits will be required yet.

I also wanted to provide you with an update regarding your interest in a site visit. Mike Enright thinks that a site visit could be planned for the end of November, but we're also going to wait and see if there is interest from other First Nations to participate in that visit. Mike will be in contact with you regarding the plans for that, once we've confirmed who is participating.

Many thanks and as always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you might have.

Best,  
Bethany

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**VIA EMAIL** – chief.plain@aamjiwnaang.ca; cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca

Aamjiwnaang  
978 Tashmoo Avenue  
Sarnia, Ontario  
N7T 7H5

Attention: Dear Chief Chris Plain

***St. Clair Energy Centre Upgrade and Expansion Environmental Assessment Notice of Commencement***

The purpose of this letter is to inform Aamjiwnaang First Nation of the commencement of the environmental assessment for the St. Clair Energy Centre, owned and operated by St. Clair Power L.P., an affiliate of Invenergy. Invenergy is proposing to expand the capacity of the existing facility located in St. Clair Township, Ontario. Invenergy will be completing an Environmental Review Report (ERR) for this Project, which will include an assessment of potential effects and proposed mitigation measures.

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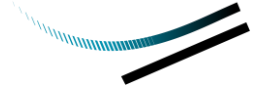
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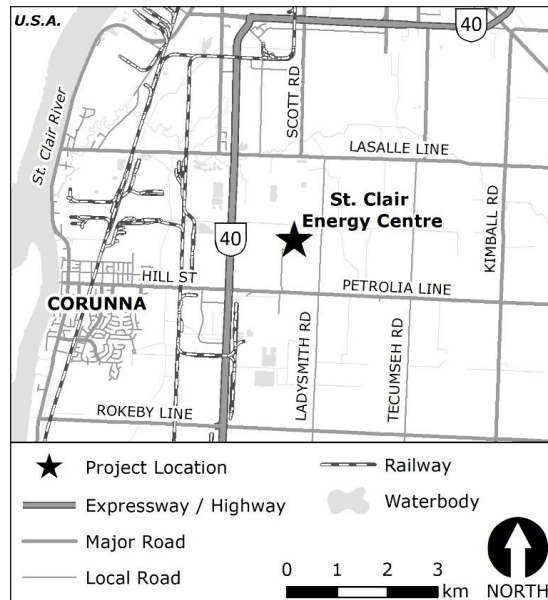
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**VIA EMAIL** – [ecc@caldwellfirstnation.ca](mailto:ecc@caldwellfirstnation.ca); ecc2@caldwellfirstnation.ca

Caldwell First Nation  
14 Orange Street  
Leamington, Ontario  
N8H 1P5

Dear Chief Mary Duckworth,

***Re: St. Clair Energy Centre Upgrade and Expansion Environmental Assessment Notice of Commencement***

The purpose of this letter is to inform Caldwell First Nation of the commencement of the environmental assessment for the St. Clair Energy Centre, owned and operated by St. Clair Power L.P., an affiliate of Invenergy. Invenergy is proposing to expand the capacity of the existing facility located in St. Clair Township, Ontario. Invenergy will be completing an Environmental Review Report (ERR) for this Project, which will include an assessment of potential effects and proposed mitigation measures.

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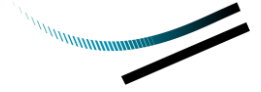
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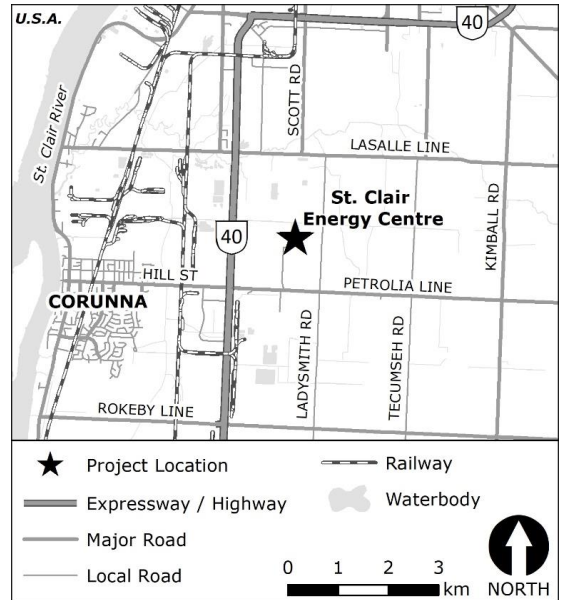
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VIA EMAIL – [jason.henry@kettlepoint.org](mailto:jason.henry@kettlepoint.org); [consultation@kettlepoint.org](mailto:consultation@kettlepoint.org)

Kettle and Stony Point First Nation  
6247 Indian Lane  
Lambton Shores, Ontario  
N0N 1J1

Attention: Chief Henry Jason Michael

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The purpose of this letter is to inform Kettle and Stony Point First Nation of the commencement of the environmental assessment for the St. Clair Energy Centre, owned and operated by St. Clair Power L.P., an affiliate of Invenergy. Invenergy is proposing to expand the capacity of the existing St. Clair Energy Centre located in St. Clair Township, Ontario. Invenergy will be completing an Environmental Review Report (ERR) for this Project, which will include an assessment of potential effects and proposed mitigation measures.

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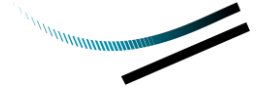
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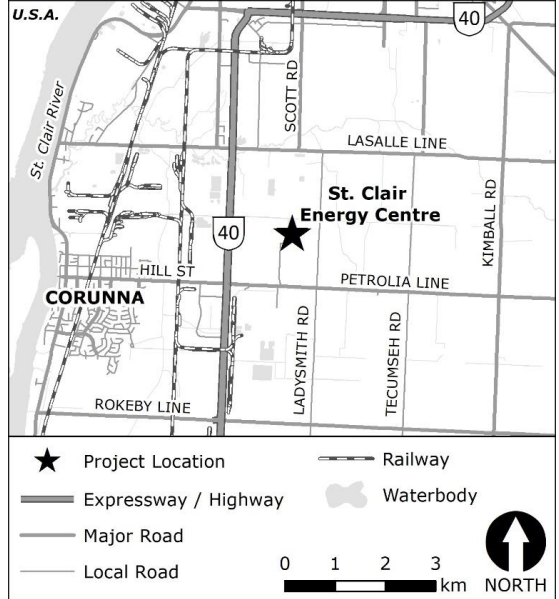
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**VIA NATIONS CONNECT – <https://www.cottfn.com/consultation/>**

Deshkan Ziibiing  
320 Chippewa Road  
Muncey, Ontario  
N0L 1Y0

Attention: Chief Jacqueline French

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The purpose of this letter is to inform Deshkan Ziibiing of the commencement of the environmental assessment for the St. Clair Energy Centre, owned and operated by St. Clair Power L.P., an affiliate of Invenergy. Invenergy is proposing to expand the capacity of the existing St. Clair Energy Centre located in St. Clair Township, Ontario. Invenergy will be completing an Environmental Review Report (ERR) for this Project, which will include an assessment of potential effects and proposed mitigation measures.

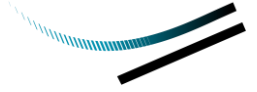
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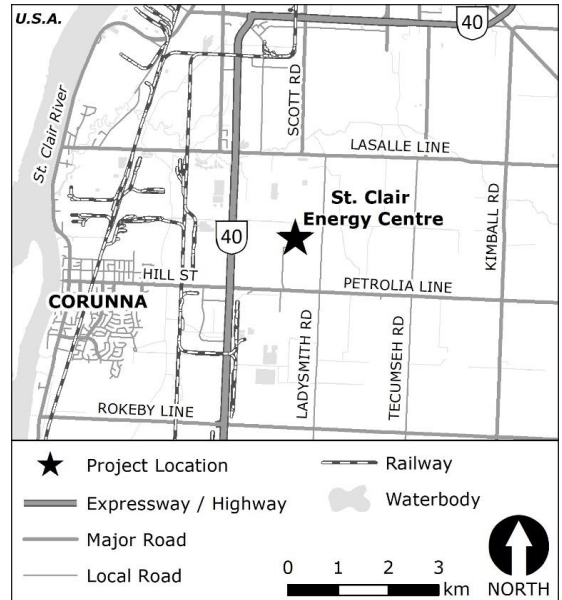
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**VIA EMAIL** – todd.cornelius@oneida.on.ca; environment@oneida.on.ca

Oneida Nation of the Thames  
2212 Elm Avenue  
Southwold, Ontario  
N0L 2G0

Attention: Chief Todd Cornelius

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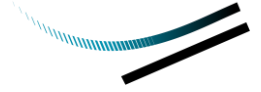
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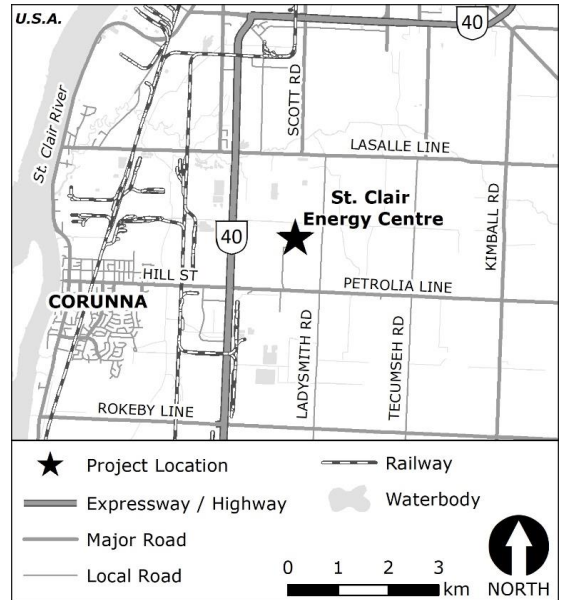
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**VIA EMAIL** – drskoke@wifn.org; janet.macbeth@wifn.org

Walpole Island First Nation  
Bkejewanong Territory  
117 Tahgahoning Road  
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Attention: Chief Dan Miskokomon

***St. Clair Energy Centre Upgrade and Expansion Environmental Assessment Notice of Commencement***

The purpose of this letter is to inform Walpole Island First Nation of the commencement of the environmental assessment for the St. Clair Energy Centre, owned and operated by St. Clair Power L.P., an affiliate of Invenergy. Invenergy is proposing to expand the capacity of the existing facility located in St. Clair Township, Ontario. Invenergy will be completing an Environmental Review Report (ERR) for this Project, which will include an assessment of potential effects and proposed mitigation measures.

Invenergy would also like to invite Walpole Island First Nation to the Virtual Information Session that begins on December 8, 2022. This session is also open to stakeholders and the public, and will include information about the Project as well as provide opportunities for your Nation to provide input on the Project. Invenergy is also open to requests for separate meetings with Walpole Island First Nation, and/or specific requests for information.

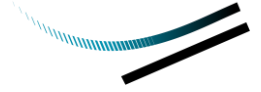
As per the earlier letter of engagement sent to Walpole Island First Nation, a separate, custom consultation process can also be arranged, and based on Walpole Island First Nation's consultation protocol and/or preferences.

Please see Attachment 1, which contains the Notice of Commencement and details regarding the Virtual Information Session.

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Invenenergy looks forward to future engagement with your Nation.

Sincerely,

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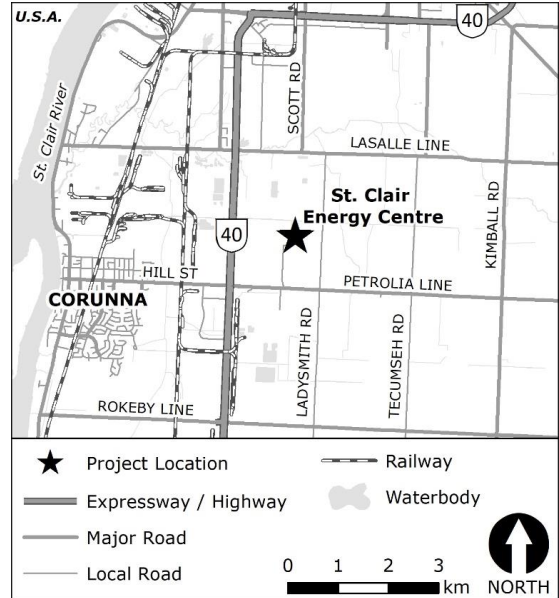
# NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT AND INFORMATION SESSION

## PROJECT COMMENCEMENT & INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE AND EXPANSION OF THE ST. CLAIR ENERGY CENTRE – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

### THE PROJECT

Invenergy is a leading privately held, global developer and operator of sustainable energy solutions. With electricity demands in Southern Ontario anticipating to grow significantly over the next several years, St. Clair Energy Centre, owned and operated by St. Clair Power, L.P., an affiliate of Invenergy, is proposing to expand the nameplate capacity of the existing facility located in St. Clair Township, Ontario. At this time, the proposed expansion to the facility will include the following projects:

- 1: (Upgrade) Increase plant capacity through process improvements and equipment upgrades. Requiring no physical expansion of the plant, this scenario results in approximately an additional 60 megawatts (MW) of generating capacity.
- 2: (Expansion) Addition of a new gas turbine(s), or reciprocating engines, to achieve a total of approximately 100-120 MW of additional capacity. This would require the expansion of the plant footprint and other upgrades to infrastructure.



### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The *Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects* (the “Guide”) issued by the Ontario Government pursuant to the *Environmental Assessment Act* ensures that an Environmental Review Report (ERR) will be prepared and will identify the potential authorizations required. The ERR will also provide an assessment of potential effects and propose mitigation measures for the construction and operation of the facility.

### INVITATION TO INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES, STAKEHOLDERS, AND THE PUBLIC

Indigenous engagement and stakeholder and public consultation is a key component of this study. We are hosting a Virtual Information Session for Indigenous communities, stakeholders, and the public to provide you with an opportunity to review the project and provide input that will be considered in the preparation of the ERR. The information will be posted online beginning **December 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 and be available for a period of two weeks ending December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022.** The website will also have tools available to provide comments. If you cannot access the Information Session and are interested in participating, please contact a project representative using the information provided below. The session will also be recorded for viewing once it is complete.

### PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Joe Muraca, EA Project Manager, Dillon Consulting Limited  
Michael Enright, Manager, Renewable Development, Invenergy

*When and Where:*

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**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Fri, Nov 25, 2022 at 9:36 AM

Hi Laura,

Can you please update the tracking table with the engagement details (based on the email trail) with Aamjiwnaang First Nation?

Also, please update the tracking table to show that the Archaeological Assessment Report has been sent to:  
Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
Caldwell First Nation  
Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (Deshkan Zibiing)

Thanks so much and please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Bethany

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Date: Fri, Nov 25, 2022 at 9:31 AM  
Subject: Re: Notice of Commencement\_St. Clair Environmental Assessment  
To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Cathleen O'Brien <cobrien@aamjiwnaang.ca>, Lynn Rosales <lrosales@aamjiwnaang.ca>

Dear Courtney,

Thank you so much for your response to our earlier engagement request letter, as well as the Virtual Information Centre notice-I also hope we get some good turn out and discussions!

I will wait then to hear from Lynn after December 1st regarding dates and times to present the Project to Aamjiwnaang's Environment Committee, as well as the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment. The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report is now ready and is attached to this email. TMHC conducted the assessment, and Matthew Beaudoin is the best person to contact regarding an Archaeological Monitor site visit: [mbeaudoin@tmhc.ca](mailto:mbeaudoin@tmhc.ca)

We would look forward to a visit with your community to discuss the Project through a Community Information Meeting, but will wait to plan this once the meeting with the Environment Committee has been set.

All my best,  
Bethany

On Thu, Nov 24, 2022 at 3:52 PM Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Bethany,

Thank you for your email and attached letter. I will forward the information to the next available Environment Committee for their review. I'm unsure if anyone is available to attend for the Virtual Information Centre scheduled on December 8<sup>th</sup>, but I hope you have a great turn out with some good discussions.

I've attached Aamjiwnaang's response letter with the recommendations from the Environment Committee that was held on November 8, 2022. The committee recommended a presentation on the proposed expansion and the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. I will forward the report to our committee when it becomes available for their review. I cc'd my coworker Lynn Rosales to this email, she is out of the office until December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, but she will be able to assist you with upcoming Environment Committee meeting dates/time that are available. The committee meetings are held virtually and during the evening starting at 5:30.

The committee also recommended a Community Information Meeting for Aamjiwnaang First Nation. Typically, the meeting is held in person and in Aamjiwnaang's territory to accommodate our community members. We can start planning for this after a date is selected to meet the Environment Committee.

Also, can you please provide the best contact information for Archaeological Monitor site visit? I will forward it to TriTribal (Wanda Maness) and she will coordinate a date/time with whomever.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email or phone.

Sincerely,

Courtney Jackson

## ***Courtney Jackson***

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**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 12:47 PM

**To:** Courtney Jackson <[cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca](mailto:cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca)>

**Subject:** Notice of Commencement\_St. Clair Environmental Assessment

Dear Courtney,

Please find attached a letter addressed to Chief Plain regarding the Notice of Commencement for the Environmental Assessment of the upgrade and expansion to the St.Clair Energy Centre. Also attached is an invitation to a Virtual Information Centre starting on December 8th.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you might have about this Project. Please also note that the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report will be sent to you this week, likely (pending internal review).

Sincerely,

Bethany Haalboom

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Mon, Jan 16, 2023 at 9:07 AM

To: Lynn Rosales <lrosales@aamjiwnaang.ca>

Cc: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>, Cathleen O'Brien <cobrien@aamjiwnaang.ca>, "Enright, Mike" <MEnright@invenergy.com>, Joe Muraca <gmuraca@dillon.ca>, Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Hi Lynn and happy new year!

We haven't received a zoom invite yet for our meeting with the Aamjiwnaang Environment Committee tomorrow evening from 6:15-6:45pm. Could you provide that to myself as well as the following people from Dillon and Invenergy (copied in the email):

Mike Enright (Invenergy)  
Joe Muraca (Dillon Consulting)  
Bethany Haalboom (Dillon Consulting)  
Laura Swyers (Dillon Consulting)

Miigwech/Thank you!  
Bethany

On Wed, Dec 7, 2022 at 2:50 PM Lynn Rosales <lrosales@aamjiwnaang.ca> wrote:

Aanii / Hi Bethany,

Please accept this email as a confirmation for your attendance at the Environment Committee meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>, for the 6:15-6:45 time slot. I will generate a Zoom link and forward in the new year as we approach the meeting date.

Miigwech / Thank You and have a great day!!

Lynn Rosales  
Environment Worker  
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**From:** Haalboom, Bethany <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022 11:35 AM  
**To:** Lynn Rosales <lrosales@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
**Cc:** Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>; Cathleen O'Brien <cobrien@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Notice of Commencement\_St. Clair Environmental Assessment

Dear Lynn,

I am doing well and I hope you and your team are also!

Thanks very much for reaching out to help us plan a date/time for a meeting with Aamjiwnaang First Nation's Environment Committee.

We would like to request January 17th from 6:15-6:45pm.

Joe Muraca and I from Dillon Consulting will be joining virtually, but Mike Enright from Invenergy said that he may be able to join in person. When would you need to have confirmation of whether Mike Enright would be joining in person?

Thank you also for the very clear guidance regarding the presentation-it's very helpful! Will you be following up with the virtual invitation?

Best,

Bethany

On Tue, Dec 6, 2022 at 3:15 PM Lynn Rosales <lrosales@aamjiwnaang.ca> wrote:

Boozhoo / Hello Bethany,

I trust this message finds you well and that you are enjoying your day!

I wanted to reach out and provide some information for your planned engagement with the Aamjiwnaang Environment Committee.

We are currently booking into January for the committee, the following dates are being presented for your consideration:

1. Tuesday, January 17, 2023
2. Tuesday, January 24, 2023

3. Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Presentation times are:

1. 5:40 – 6:10 pm
2. 6:15 – 6:45 pm
3. 6:50 – 7:20 pm

I have attached a copy of the Environment Committee Presentation Guidelines to assist with your proposed engagement. Please note that we have recently moved to in-person meetings but still offer virtual participation, we would need to work out the details through the confirmation process.

Miigwech/Thank You and I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully

Lynn Rosales

Environment Worker

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**Subject:** Re: Notice of Commencement\_St. Clair Environmental Assessment

Dear Courtney,

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**Lynn Rosales** <lrosales@aamjiwnaang.ca> Mon, Jan 16, 2023 at 1:49 PM  
To: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Cc: "Enright, Mike" <MEnright@invenergy.com>, Joe Muraca <gmuraca@dillon.ca>, Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Hi Bethany,

Please find Zoom meeting link below.

Aamjiwnaang Environment is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Aamjiwnaang Environment's Zoom Meeting

Time: Jan 17, 2023 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82953786166?pwd=QmhidzJlb1Q1SmVGNWNuOUE4SWJaUT09>

Meeting ID: 829 5378 6166

Passcode: 525322

Miigwech/Thank you

Lynn Rosales

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Cc: "Enright, Mike" <MEnright@invenergy.com>, Joe Muraca <gmuraca@dillon.ca>, Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Thanks, Lynn. Just confirming that our time slot has been moved to 5:30 pm? Or do we join only at 6:15 pm when we were originally scheduled?

Any clarification would be appreciated-thank you!

Bethany

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**Lynn Rosales** <lrosales@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
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You are confirmed for 6:15 pm, you will be let in at the appropriate time. We have others who attend virtually during the meeting and I only generate one zoom meeting link per meeting.

Thanks

Lynn

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Thanks very much, Lynn.

Best,  
Bethany

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Swyers, Laura <lswyers@dillon.ca>

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**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Tue, Jan 10, 2023 at 11:11 AM

Hi Laura,

I hope you had a nice holiday!

Could you please insert the issues and responses for Chippewas of the Thames First Nation into our engagement record for St. Clair Energy Expansion? I've also attached the letter they included to us for context.

Many thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Bethany

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From: **Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Date: Tue, Jan 10, 2023 at 11:07 AM  
Subject: St. Clair Energy Expansion Environmental Assessment  
To: <consultation@cottfn.com>

Dear Jennifer,

I'm just following up regarding your email in mid-December concerning the St.Clair Energy Expansion Project Environmental Assessment.

First, your invoice has been shared with Dillon and Invenergy and I will follow up in terms of payment processing (our project manager just got back from vacation).

Your question about the equipment being used for expansion has been shared with Invenergy' lead engineer, and they will be providing me with a detailed response. In short, however, the simple cycle is necessary for fast starts and is cheaper than a combined cycle. It also adheres to what the IESO is asking for in the RFP.

We would be happy to meet to discuss this with you further, and also to discuss your consultation protocol. If you could provide me with a few dates and times that would work for you to meet, as well as your preferred virtual meeting platform (e.g. Zoom, Teams, etc.) that would be much appreciated.

Many thanks,  
Bethany Haalboom

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St. Clair Energy Expansion Environmental Assessment

**FN Consultation ID:**

225016

**Consulting Org Contact:**

Bethany Haalboom

**Consulting Organization:**

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**Date Received:**

Friday, November 4, 2022

December 16, 2022

Dear: Bethany Haalboom

We have received information concerning St. Clair Energy Expansion Environmental Assessment, dated November 4, 2022. The proposed project is located within the Big Bear Creek Additions to Reserve (ATR) land selection area, as well as COTTFN Traditional Territory.

After screening this project, we have identified it to be of moderate concern. Please keep us informed as the Environmental Assessment process proceeds. We request to review draft versions of environmental reports.

We understand that a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment is not required given the existing disturbance at the site.

We would appreciate more clarity on the equipment chosen for the expansion. From the virtual open house, I understand that the existing facility is a combined turbine system, but the expansion will not use steam. What is the rationale for the expansion to not also use a combined turbine system? Is it to achieve a faster dispatch time that's achievable with simple cycle gas plants? What is the tradeoff in efficiency? Please feel free to respond via email or we can set up a call in January 2023.

We look forward to continuing this open line of communication. To implement meaningful consultation, COTTFN has developed its own protocols - a document and a process that will guide positive working relationships. We would be happy to meet with you to review COTTFN's Consultation Protocols. As per 'Appendix D' of the Wiindmaagewin, please find attached invoice #0256. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further clarification of this letter.

Sincerely,

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Original Signed

Jennifer Mills

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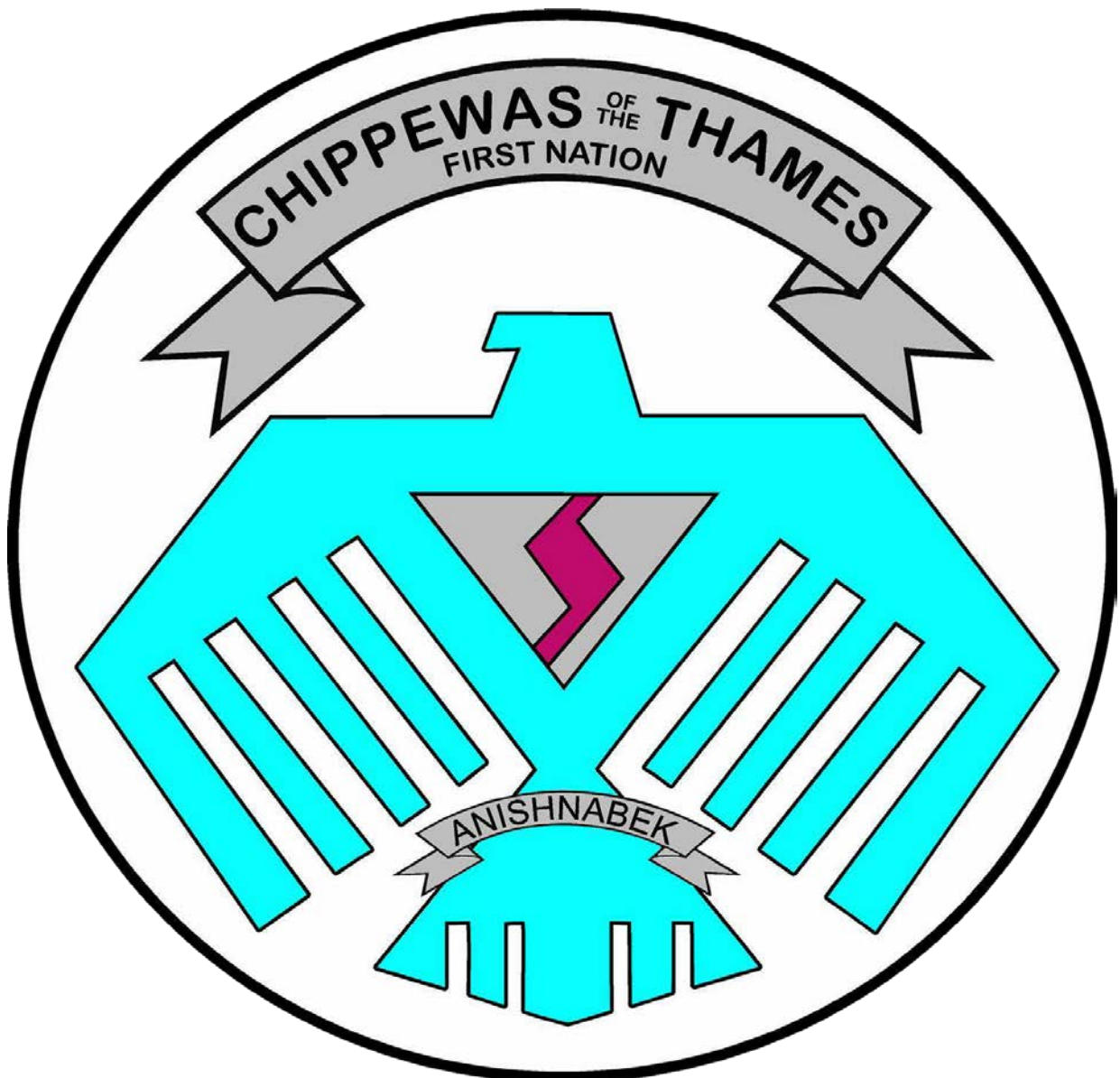
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## 1. Introduction and purpose

The watersheds of southwestern Ontario have been the home of Anishinaabe people for millennia. Widespread archaeological evidence of the “Western Basin Late Woodland Tradition” confirms our traditional oral history teachers’ accounts of this lengthy Anishinaabe dwelling in our territory of Waawayaatanong, or “Round Lake.” This region is known as the third stopping place of the Water Drum on its sacred journey to Madeline Island, centuries before the era of colonization. We have continued to dwell here despite the disruptions stemming from conflicts with other Anishinaabe nations also dwelling near the Great Lakes, from the wars between various settler powers between 1757 and 1815, and from the imposition of Britain’s, then the United States’, and Canada’s colonial rule.

Deshkan Ziibiing edbendaagzijig, “those that belong to Antler River” (The Chippewas of the Thames First Nation) comprise one of the traditional Anishinaabe nations governing the territory of Waawayaatanong, collectively known now as the Waawayaatanong Anishnaabeg Southwest Treaty Council. As a governing body, Deshkan Ziibiing has lengthy experience in developing relations with other communities interested in the lands and waters of Waawayaatanong, as early French explorers recognized, and as our historic treaty-making with Britain demonstrates.

The purpose of this protocol is to ensure that our relationships with other communities develop in the future in ways that are fully respectful of the breadth of Deshkan Ziibiing’s responsibilities to these watersheds, and ways that are protective of the full range of our rights. This protocol shall serve to guide governments and third parties interested in pursuing healthy and mutually beneficial relationships with Deshkan Ziibiing.

## 2. Statement of reserved rights

The rights that Deshkan Ziibiing exercises in relation to our ancestral lands, treaty lands, reserve lands, and Addition to Reserve lands, are inherent, grounded most basically in the Creator’s gift of lands, waters, and way of life to ndodeminaanig, “our clans.” These rights are embodied in our historical and ongoing occupation of our territory, and in our practice of self-determination as a people. Our rights as a self-determining people are also recognized within, although they are certainly not created by, the formation of several treaties, the terms of constitutional documents, and international conventions, including Article three of the Jay Treaty (1794). Our historic treaty partner, Britain, recognized these rights, as seen within the joint context of the Royal Proclamation of 1763 and the Treaty of Niagara, 1764; and within the subsequent treaties formed between 1790 and 1827. Our traditional understanding of these treaties with Britain indicates that they in no way eliminate our own rightful control of, and enduring ability to benefit from, the lands and waters within our territory. Section 35(1) of *Canada’s Constitution Act, 1982*, also clearly recognizes these rights, as do the expressions of international customary law elaborated within the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007)*. This present protocol neither contains nor implies anything that subtracts or derogates from the fullest understanding of the range of rights found within those legal instruments, or within our traditional and customary law.

### 3. Territory

Traditional Anishinaabe territory in southwestern Ontario north of the Thames River includes the 2.78 million acres marked on the treaty maps concerning the Longwoods (1822) and Huron (1827) tracts. In addition, south of the Thames River, traditional territory also includes the lands addressed in the McKee Treaty (1790), the London Township Treaty (1796), and the Sombra Township Treaty (1796). Deshkan Zibiing is party with other Anishinaabe nations to several of these treaties, but is the sole Anishinaabe party to the Longwoods Treaty.

As recognized in these treaties, the ancestral lands of Deshkan Zibiing thus include all the lands and waters between Lake Huron to the north and Lake Erie to the south, and stretching eastward from the eastern banks of the St. Clair and Detroit rivers to the Mississaugas of New Credit 1792 treaty lands, a line running northwards from Point Bruce on the Erie shore, to Point Clark on the Huron shore (see Appendix A for map). In addition, Deshkan Zibiing territory extended into what are now the American states of Michigan and Ohio. Historically, we managed portions of our territory in common with other Anishinaabe nations, and at times in partnership with the Haudenosaunee. Nevertheless, the lands bordering the northern bank of the Thames River have been solely in the stewardship and possession of Deshkan Zibiing since before the treaty era.

Upper Canada's settlement and development from the early nineteenth century certainly transformed much of this land from its pre-treaty state. Nevertheless, we who are Deshkan Zibiing edbendaagzijig continue to hold our lands, and to assert over the full extent of our treaty lands and traditional territory our historic commitment to the protection of the watersheds of the Thames River, Bear Creek, and the Au Sable River, and to the Erie and Huron lakeshores. For the purposes of this protocol, we regard all of our ancestral lands as part of our consultation territory. As well, our understanding from our elders, an understanding we share with many other Anishinaabe nations, is that our treaties did not "surrender" our lands, despite what Britain and Canada have presumed. As part of our ongoing commitment to these watersheds, the citizens of Deshkan Zibiing are currently engaged in aboriginal title research concerning the bed of the Thames River.

### 4. Community profile

As a community, Deshkan Zibiing has always welcomed and incorporated people from other nations. Our families have always shared a common world around the Great Lakes with the families of the Pottawatomis and the Odawas. Delawares and Oneidas were welcomed here between 1791 and 1840, and allowed to create their own communities on land adjacent to and within our homeland. At various times, other Haudenosaunee, Shawnees, Huron/Wendats, as well as Anglo or French traders and settlers marrying our people, have all been incorporated into our society. Today, our population is approximately 2,800 people, with 1,000 residing here at Deshkan Zibiing.

Institutions operating within our homeland territory today include a school system with an elected board; a midewigaan (mide lodge), a sundance lodge; the Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre and the Nimkee Nupigawagan Healing Centre; several businesses,

including retail, service and engineering consulting firms; the Chippewa Development Corporation, the Big Bear Creek Trust, and the Thunderbird Trust; as well as police and fire services, government offices, and two churches.

## 5. Historical Relationships

Deshkan Ziiibiing has long engaged with other nations, in both war and peace. Prior to European movement into the Great Lakes region, conflict with various Iroquoian-speaking peoples in southern Ontario was also balanced with periods of peace. The creation of the fur trade, however, led to increased warfare with the Haudenosaunee – the Iroquois Confederacy, and to various protective alliances with the Hurons/Wendats, and with other Anishinaabe peoples. Deshkan Ziiibiing allied with France in its war with Britain in the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century. Our warriors also fought with Pontiac to protect lands west of the Alleghenies after France withdrew from the Americas. Deshkan Ziiibiing later allied with Britain in war against the revolutionary American colonies, and then again in the War of 1812 against American expansion into the Great Lakes region. Our ancestors fought during that war with Tecumseh, the great Shawnee leader and advocate for Anishinaabe independence, in order to protect our lands. His descendants are among our citizens today. Following Britain’s retreat in 1815, our warriors were the sole defenders of Upper Canada from American incursions. As allies of Britain during the 20<sup>th</sup> century, our young men also fought and died in two world wars.

Deshkan Ziiibiing’s relationships with other nations have generally been pursued through the creation of treaty partnerships. The oldest of our partnerships, more recently called the Three Fires Confederacy, is one grounded in shared language and joint protection with the Odawa and Potawatomi nations. Gdoonaaganinaan “Our Dish” – formed with the Haudenosaunee; and the Treaty of Montreal – formed with the French and over thirty Anishinaabe nations; ended decades of war and competition over the fur trade, in 1701. These partnerships establishing the foundations of peace were all grounded in mutual respect, and a shared understanding that legal alliances between distinct political communities are created and maintained through ceremony, through appeals to the Creator to attest the sincerity of promises, and through an exchange of wampum belts. Our treaty alliances were most basically a mutual extension of our kinship loyalties and responsibilities, as our gimaag indicated by attaching their doodem symbols to the Longwoods Treaty, and to many others. This extension of kinship to create social and political bonds remains as significant for us today as it was for our ancestors during the tumultuous years of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The great Treaty of Niagara (1764) emerged from this long practice, and is the template for all subsequent treaties between Britain and the Chippewas of the Thames. Its Two Row Wampum, a belt the Haudenosaunee first used with the Dutch in 1613, provides a fuller account of the sort of relationship of equals established between Britain and Chippewas of the Thames than appears in the written texts of the Royal Proclamation (1763), the post-War of 1812 treaties, or within any legislation embodying Canada’s unilateral presumption of colonial rule over us.

Deshkan Ziiibiing made all of its treaties with Britain, and none with Canada, as our elders have emphasized. The legal certainty that Canada has derived from those treaties is weaker than it might be had it undertaken to achieve a common understanding with our people. Apart from

our gimaag having inscribed their doodem symbols on parchment and paper, the treaty texts, and most other documents pertaining to the formation of our treaties, are only available in English. The documentary record contains very little to indicate the fullness of our ancestors' understandings of the treaty process, or of the shameful nature of the post-War of 1812 relationship with Britain, and subsequently with Canada.

Britain's withdrawal from the Ohio valley, and gradual abandonment of its Anishinaabe allies to the colonial administration of Canada, has had a lasting effect on the people of Deshkan Ziiibiing. Colonial rule presumed the 'surrender' of well over 90% of our traditional territory. Efforts to 'civilize' our people, through Canada's unilateral imposition of the Indian Act (1876), confinement through the imposition of the 'Indian Pass' system, harsh policing of our harvesting and hunting practices, and not least, the creation of a residential school on our homeland (Mt. Elgin Industrial Institute, 1851-1946), certainly took a toll on our well-being, and constrained our control and use of our lands and waters. However, throughout the hundred and fifty years of Canada's assertions of sovereignty over our lands and nation, our people have remained insistent on our continued inherent rights. In 2013, Deshkan Ziiibiing resolved a Specific Land Claim dispute with Canada, over its taking of the Big Bear Creek lands in the 1830s. In 2015 the Supreme Court of Canada agreed to consider our objections to the failure of consultation surrounding Enbridge's reversal of flow for Line 9. As the city of London expands, and as the province undertakes a variety of energy development projects, Deshkan Ziiibiing remains intent on protecting our traditional territory. Our vision for the engagement formalized in this protocol remains that of Tecumseh, our treaty chiefs, and the Two Row Wampum. First, we are committed to self-determination regarding the preservation and restoration of our Anishinaabe jurisdiction and heritage. Second, we are committed to the formation of fair partnerships focused on the wise and respectful use of our traditional lands and waters.

## **6. Principles of intersocietal governance and communication**

Our engagement with other communities stems from our recognition of several principles, which derive from our Creator's gifts to us of life and land, and from our Creator having placed us within a world full of relationships with others. Our responsibility to maintain these relationships, in accord with principles derived from our creation story, is central to our continued wellbeing as a people. These principles animated our ancestors in their treaty partnerships historically, and they remain alive today in our dealings with federal, provincial, and municipal bodies. They indicate our fundamental orientation towards all matters of discussion and consultation concerning our rights and responsibilities. They function in addition to, although not in conflict with, the well known principles that Canada's courts have constructed from the common law regarding "the duty to consult and where necessary accommodate" (Haida Nation 2004). The courts have had a difficult time explaining how common law principles serve the task of reconciliation between settlers and Anishinaabe peoples, for they leave parties at odds, and mandate an inherently adversarial process. Our principles, however, grounded in our creation story, do provide a basis for fruitful and healthy intersocietal development, governance, and communication.

### a. Principles of governance

(1) Gdinawendimi: “We are all related.” A basic truth of our creation story is that we are related to everything that shares the world with us. Our original Anishinaabe doodem ancestors: Ajijaak “Crane,” Waabizhesh “Marten,” Bneshiinh “Bird,” Wawashkesh “Deer,” Maang “Loon,” Giigoonh “Fish,” Mko “Bear;” all demonstrate that we humans are related to, that is, are family with, beings who are other than human. That our ancestors shaped our treaties with Britain by inscribing many of those same doodemag on treaty texts indicates that they extended the web of kinship relations to include settlers. We expect that all consultation and discussion with governments and third parties will focus on how the proposed project will foster this relatedness.

(2) Mno-bmaadiziwin: “The good life.” We understand that the Creator placed us within our world’s web of spiritual and bio-physical relationships in order for life to flourish, for all to enjoy the world. Life flourishes when we base our relationships on the gifts of the Seven Grandfathers: Nbwaakaawin “wisdom,” Zaagidiwin “love,” chi “respect,” Aakde’ewin – or Zoongide’ewin “bravery,” Gwakwaadiziwin “honesty,” Dbaadendiziwin “humility,” Debwewin “truth.” We expect that all proposals from and discussions with governments and third parties will demonstrate how the proposed project enhances the good life for all our relations.

(3) Naaknigewin: “Law”. This measure for our decisions and determinations is the gift of the Creator. We expect that all consultation and discussion with governments and third parties will aim to respect and embody law as the measure for our decisions provided by the Creator.

(4) Anishinaabe dbendizawin: “Anishinaabe independence,” or “self-determination.” Some of our elders overcame their repressive years spent within the local residential school, and were able to play crucial roles in entrenching the recognition of our rights into sec. 35(1) of Canada’s Constitution Act, 1982. Their personal struggles have taught us that we were created to live as an independent people, and are therefore able to ally with, but not to become subject to, other independent peoples. Many British treaty negotiators failed to understand this. Canada’s unilateral imposition of regulations on our people, and its presumptuous administration of our lands, stems from its own consistent failure to understand this. Nevertheless, we have seen in some settler leaders, such as Sir William Johnson and his work at Niagara in 1764, the enduring possibility that our peoples might finally create a relationship of equality. William Johnson’s Two Row Wampum embodies this alliance of equals, each party free to follow its own way without interference, but each also attentive to the wellbeing of the other. We expect that all proposals from governments will respect this most basic tenet of the Two Row Wampum.

### b. Principles of communication

(1) Zgaswediwin: “To smoke together.” This word combines two sorts of acts into one. When Anishinaabeg met in council, they began with the ceremony of smoking. In our stories, Nanabush provided our ancestors with the pipe of peace in order to help us foster the path of goodwill and reconciliation towards earth, plants, animals, and our fellow humans. Asemaa, “tobacco,” carries our thoughts and prayers to the Creator, and demonstrates our desire to speak the truth, and to build relationships that reflect gratitude in our dependence on the natural order, law, or policing naaknigewin. We expect that all consultation and communication regarding project proposals

reflects the willingness of governments and third parties to place their thoughts and words in the same context.

(2) Ginoondiwin: “talk to each other.” As our elders have said, and as many accounts of Anishinaabe councils have indicated, our practice has been to reach decisions in common, after full and satisfying discussion addressing the concerns of all involved. As Mississauga historian and chief Peter Jones (1802-56) noted in his rendering of a council meeting during the 1850s, the practice of addressing the concerns of all greatly reduced the number of “warm discussions.” We expect federal, provincial and municipal governments to engage with us in consultation that is animated by their need to satisfy our concerns, and not by the needs of third parties, or by deadlines imposed outside of those we might mutually agree to within our processes of consultation. In addition, we expect that when governments attempt to justify project proposals likely to infringe upon our rights and responsibilities, that we will be the party that determines the adequacy of the justification.

(3) Gii-nenmaasiinaawaan: “they didn’t let them”. Anishinaabe participants in treaty talks with settler governments fully expected to be able to consent to or dissent from the proposed matter at hand, as the available written record in Anishinaabemowin makes clear. Our consent to proposals that might affect our rights and responsibilities to our lands, waters and wellbeing is basic to our status as a people possessing dibendizawin, or self- determination. In all matters of consultation and communication, we expect federal, provincial and municipal governments to honour this customary principle of international law, embodied also in article 32(2) of The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007), and finally adopted by Canada in 2016.

(4) Chi-dibaakinigewin: a “great judgement,” as in a treaty between nations. Our ancestors spoke solemnly with settler governments in order to reach agreements that would establish mutually beneficial relationships, which by their nature are on-going, and subject to changing needs and circumstances. However, governments have been one-sided in regard to changing needs in relation to our lands, waters and wellbeing. They have seen our agreements as open, but only as justifying their constant erosion of our control over those lands and waters, and of our wellbeing. We expect that governments interested in consultation will temper this apparently endless desire to consume our lands and waters to the ill effect of our own wellbeing. As well, we expect that when governments insist to the contrary on the legal certainty of treaties and agreements, they will demonstrate persuasively to us how that certainty of the treaty encourages the mutually beneficial relationships that treaties are supposed to establish.



### **c. Principles of co-existence and economy**

(1) Gdoonaaganinaan: “Our Dish,” the agreement reached with the Haudenosaunee in 1701, enabled both our peoples to hunt and harvest in mutual safety, and for mutual wellbeing, within our ancestral lands. We expect federal, provincial and municipal governments to demonstrate clearly and persuasively how proposed projects will undertake to secure mutual safety and mutual wellbeing.

(2) Maatookiiwin: “sharing” Our agreements with settler governments concern our sharing of the lands that the Creator has shared with us. There are no Anishinabemowin transcriptions of treaties that use the word *adaawaage*, meaning “to sell.” Similarly, as Akiwenzii, gimaa of the Lac Courte Orielles Ojibwe, said in relation to the 1837 treaty he co-signed with a US delegation seeking Wisconsin lands: “Gaawiin wiin gimiiisinoon, anishaa ida wi’in,” that is, “I do not make a present of this, I merely lend it to you.” Or, in an 1864 petition to U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, several of those same Anishinaabe chiefs said “Gaawin wiin aki nimbagidinamawaasii,” that is, “I do not offer the land.” We expect that governments interested in projects affecting our lands, waters, and wellbeing will demonstrate how the proposed project embodies this same spirit of sharing of what the Creator has provided, and also charged us with protecting.

(3) Gnawenjigewin: “to take care of things.” Our use of the lands and waters of our territory is subject to Anishinaabe principles of stewardship, derived from our creation story, and instilled through the growth of traditional knowledge. We expect that all communication regarding project proposals will demonstrate how projects plan to incorporate Deshkan Ziiibiing participation in the tasks of co-management and governance, as well as employ conservation practices grounded in and consistent with our traditional knowledge.

(4) Niigaan-inaabiwin: “looking ahead”. Decision making that respects the full web of relationships within which the Creator has placed us aims to chart the impacts of our choices as far as possible into the future, in order to minimize the destructiveness of those choices. We expect that all government decisions and project proposals with potential to affect our lands, waters, air, health and wellbeing will demonstrate as concretely as possible the long-term implications of the proposal for Deshkan Ziiibiing. We expect that they will also concretely demonstrate the steps to be taken to ensure that they will uphold Deshkan Ziiibiing’s responsibilities to protect the web of relationships constituting our traditional territory.

## **7. Consultation process and requirements**

### **a. Aims of consultation**

Appropriate consultation between Deshkan Ziiibiing edbendaagzijig and federal, provincial and municipal authorities serves several purposes. At its heart, appropriate consultation is a dialogue between communities, a mutual engagement, rather than a mere notification of an external party’s intention. Our being fully informed about projects and decisions that may affect our nation protects our full range of rights and responsibilities, as recognized within

traditional Anishinaabe law, in Canada's Constitution, within the jurisprudence of Canada's courts, and in customary international law. It "burnishes the Covenant Chain," by fostering the treaty relationship that should, but does not yet, exist between our people and Canada. In addition to protecting our range of rights, appropriate accommodation also promotes and deepens the path of reconciliation that will ensure a healthier future for both settler and Anishinaabe communities. Appropriate consultation encourages the development of projects that are mutually beneficial to all parties, and it ensures that projects have wide legitimacy both within Deshkan Ziiibiing, and also within the larger network of Anishinaabe nations at home around the Great Lakes.

#### **b. Responsibilities of all parties**

(1) All parties engaged in consultation activities have responsibilities in common. Among these are the responsibilities to participate in good faith, and to treat each other with respect, transparency, and honesty. In addition, Deshkan Ziiibiing recognizes that each party has its own unique responsibilities to ensure that the outcome of consultation is a fair, respectful and mutually beneficial understanding of the matter under discussion. Our Anishinaabe understanding of our treaty relationships as the extension of family networks and the attribution of kinship terms encourages us to respect the range of responsibilities borne by parties to consultation.

(2) Crown responsibilities: Deshkan Ziiibiing expects that federal, provincial, and municipal governments will consistently embody the Crown's self-proclaimed obligations towards First Nations. These obligations include a) its fiduciary duties, b) its unyielding motivation to uphold the honour of the Crown, and c) its ongoing commitment to pursue reconciliation with First Nations. Deshkan Ziiibiing edbendaagzijig expect that all inquiries and proposals submitted by the Crown for our consideration, and all government actions undertaken during the course of consultation, are capable of upholding the highest standards of justification on the basis of these three obligations.

Specific Crown responsibilities include timely, effective, and engaged oversight and coordination of all consultation processes and activities involving Deshkan Ziiibiing, and consistent with the honour of the Crown. Competent oversight and coordination requires the Crown to "trigger" the consultation process, that is, as soon as it becomes aware of, or contemplates, activities and proposals that may affect us. Such oversight should include regular updates and dialogues on all consultation processes under way with Deshkan Ziiibiing, and on all Crown determinations of limits to consultation. Oversight also includes due diligence to insure that a project's range, depth, and timeframe of consultation activities are consistent with, and adequate to, Deshkan Ziiibiing's own expressed needs. Crown responsibility also includes timely and adequate provision of funding necessary for Deshkan Ziiibiing to participate in consultation. As well, Crown responsibility includes forthright commitment to the timely and effective accommodation of Deshkan Ziiibiing's full range of rights. In addition, Crown responsibility extends to its earnest incorporation of Deshkan Ziiibiing's partnership into the planning and decision-making process related to the project, as these affect Deshkan Ziiibiing lands, waters, air, health, and wellbeing.

Third party responsibilities: Deshkan Ziiibiing acknowledges that third party entities may be delegated certain procedural aspects of the Crown's duty to consult with us, when they pursue commercial or developmental interests in accessing our lands and waters, or potentially affecting our air, health, and well-being. We expect that third parties are responsible for providing full, accurate, and up-to-date information about their projects. Such information should be provided as it becomes available, and should not be subject to explicit requests from Deshkan Ziiibiing staff. We also expect that that a project proponent seeking to enter into a relationship with us will actively work to accommodate our concerns, and to view its responsibility to accommodate in a positive manner. To that end, we expect that proponents will be conscientious in adjusting their timelines in order to allow for Deshkan Ziiibiing's full participation in any necessary consultation activities. We expect that project proponents will acknowledge their responsibility to consider alternative approaches with us, when implementing their proposal conflicts with our aboriginal and treaty rights, and our ability to protect our lands, waters, air, health, and wellbeing. We expect that proponents will also commit to explore with Deshkan Ziiibiing opportunities to share meaningfully in the range of benefits that might result from implementation of their project.

Should consultation need to proceed past the initial stage, we expect project proponents to provide us with the following written acknowledgements:

- a) a statement fully acknowledging our inherent and treaty rights, and our responsibilities to our territory, as they relate to the project,
- b) a statement indicating that the proponent will share this acknowledgement of our rights and responsibilities in all subsequent communication about the project with shareholders, the public, government departments, lenders, and others,
- c) a statement instructing the proponent's subcontractors that they also function within the same framework of Deshkan Ziiibiing rights and responsibilities,
- d) a statement disclosing all judgments made against the proponent in all jurisdictions, the involvement of all silent partners, and all agreements made with other First Nations, American Indian tribes, and Anishinaabe communities globally, and
- e) a statement acknowledging that work on the project will only follow the full process of consultation and determination of accommodation.

(4) Deshkan Ziiibiing responsibilities: These are, first of all, those that our elders have conveyed from the Creator regarding our obligations to protect the land and waters of our traditional territory. Our responsibilities to our contemporary partners in consultation are similar to those we undertook together with our historic partner in treaty. They include our commitment to uphold the terms of this protocol, as well as of any subsequent agreements arising in regard to consultation and accommodation. We acknowledge the responsibility of staff to provide accurate, sufficient, and timely government or proponent information to Chief and Council, and to Deshkan Ziiibiing edbendaagzijig, in order to ensure that our people engage in full discussion and informed decision making regarding proposed projects. We acknowledge our responsibility to explain to governments and proponents, clearly and fully, any concern, distrust, or discomfort

that we have with a project proposal, to state our rights clearly and forthrightly, and to offer suggestions about how proponents and governments might resolve our concerns in good faith.

**c. Contact procedures**

(1) All proposals for activities with potential to affect Deshkan Zibiing lands, waters, air, health, and wellbeing must be submitted to the office of the Chief, at the earliest possible moment in the development of a project idea. Such proposed activities include projects directly impacting Deshkan Zibiing lands, waters and air, as well as those concerning implementation of, or modifications to, regulations and statutes with potential to affect our lands, waters, air, health, and wellbeing. Upon receipt, proposals will be delegated to the proper Deshkan Zibiing staff for initial processing.

(2) Submission of proposals describing government or third party projects is necessarily part of the government-to-government relationship conducted between Deshkan Zibiing and appropriate federal, provincial and municipal authorities. Accordingly, all commercial and industrial proposals with potential to affect Deshkan Zibiing lands, waters, air, health, and wellbeing must be submitted through the relevant government office. All inquiries and initial proposals should be sent via regular mail to:

Chief  
 Deshkan Zibiing/Chippewas of the Thames First Nation  
 320 Chippewa Road  
 Muncey, Ontario NOL1Y0  
 Canada

Copy to:  
 Director Lands and  
 Environment  
 Deshkan Zibiing/Chippewas of the Thames First Nation  
 77 Anishinaabeg Road  
 Muncey, Ontario NOL1Y0  
 Canada

(3) All inquiries and initial proposals should contain brief, plain language descriptions of projects, including as necessary:

- a) copies of all project proponent communication with Crown departments regarding the delegation of consultation activities and procedures,
- b) accurate contact information for senior, decision-capable, Crown staff members, as well as for senior level project proponents, when appropriate,
- c) early disclosure of all potential project segmentation or staging scenarios,
- d) precise indications of affected landscape boundaries,
- e) estimated forms of all impacts and risks – including climate change impacts, and all

impacts on biodiversity, air quality, and watershed integrity,

d) explication of potential benefits to Deshkan Ziibiing,

e) preferred timeframes for all aspects of project implementation,

f) estimated time span for effects stemming from life of the project,

g) complete catalogs, with content descriptions, of all relevant studies, mappings, reports, memos, permit applications, motions, and other documents regarding the project proposal,

h) explanation of how the proposal embodies a partner relationship between Deshkan Ziibiing and federal, provincial, and municipal governments,

i) up-to-date measures of corporate social responsibility, such as ISO26000-2010, or B Corp certification.

#### **d. Deshkan Ziibiing processing of inquiries and proposals**

1) Designated Deshkan Ziibiing staff will post through regular mail a first response to inquiries and initial proposals, within two weeks of their receipt. First responses will indicate the timeframe necessary for any subsequent Deshkan Ziibiing follow-up to the initial inquiry or proposal, and will include a reasonable target date for beginning subsequent communication.

2) Deshkan Ziibiing determines its participation in consultation on the basis of two variables. First, it assesses projects on a scale of a) *minimal* impact, b) *moderate* impact, and c) *extensive* impact. Examples of minimal impact projects include road repair and resurfacing, and replacement of existing structures. Examples of extensive impact projects include nuclear energy waste storage facilities, alternative energy developments, oil and gas pipelines or facilities, and landfills.

#### **A. Minimal impact consultation**

1. Information about a proposed project is received by Chief, and forwarded to the Director of Lands and Environment and the Consultation Coordinator,
2. The Consultation Coordinator screens the proposal, logs details, and scans the entire package into a database,
3. The Consultation Coordinator prepares a response, and forwards it to the appropriate party (government department or third party proponent). Typically, the response indicates that Deshkan Ziibiing has no concerns, and requests continued updates about the proposal, should details change. Consultation service fees apply.

#### **B. Moderate impact consultation**

1. Information about a proposed project is received by Chief, and forwarded to the Director of Lands & Environment, and the Consultation Coordinator,
2. The Consultation Coordinator screens the proposal, logs details and scans entire package into database,
3. The Consultation Coordinator adds to the log of projects submitted monthly to the

Environment Committee. Time sensitive responses will be emailed to the Environment Committee, with recommendations and comments for quicker response. The Coordinator prepares a response, and posts it to the appropriate party.

Response 1: Deshkan Ziibiing requests consultation. The appropriate party will be invited to meet with the Lands & Environment department, and may be asked to provide capacity: requests for jobs, job training or a formal request for Capacity Funding Agreement.

Response 2: Deshkan Ziibiing requests additional information in order to determine the extent of concern.

Consultation service fees apply.

### **C. Extensive impact consultation**

1. The process is similar to that of medium impact consultation,
2. With the completion of a necessary Capacity Funding Agreement, and where appropriate, such additional agreements as memoranda of understanding, or community benefit agreements.
3. As well as with the necessary addition of a Deshkan Ziibiing-determined community engagement process, and community ratification.

Second, in addition to the impact scale for required consultation, Deshkan Ziibiing distinguishes between two levels of the scope to consultation. *Landscape level* consultation concerns the evaluation of specific impacts on our lands, waters, air, health, and well-being. *Strategic level* consultation insures more broadly that Deshkan Ziibiing is fully engaged in all federal, provincial and municipal policy formation, planning, implementation, and evaluation, that may affect our traditional territory, immediate homelands, health, and well-being, both at present and in the future.

#### **e. Deshkan Ziibiing-determined provision of required information**

Deshkan Ziibiing expects governments and delegated third parties to provide all relevant information, as Deshkan Ziibiing Lands and Environment staff, or Chief and Council might determine is necessary, in order to complete Deshkan Ziibiing's careful evaluation of the impact of the project.

#### **f. Government to government engagement**

Although Deshkan Ziibiing may choose to participate in public reviews, studies, and assessments of projects mandated or offered by the Crown to stakeholders in the public sphere, Deshkan Ziibiing is committed to the proposition that it is *not* a stakeholder. The Crown's duty to consult and where necessary accommodate Deshkan Ziibiing requires a separate process on those occasions when we indicate the necessity of consultation. Such consultation, grounded in fiduciary obligations and government willingness to uphold the honour of the Crown, cannot be subsumed.

For those projects and proposals that have a direct impact on Deshkan Ziibiing, we expect that authorities will respect our role and input in providing any necessary terms of reference, or in determining the scope of any necessary review, and in recommending knowledgeable

individuals to serve on reviewing panels and coordinating committees.

Deshkan Ziibiing also expects that its longstanding relationship of alliance with the Crown means that government to government affairs at the minimum must be worked out together in joint dialogue. Accordingly, we expect that the Crown will determine together with us in order to weigh whether it might be appropriate in a given situation to delegate its consultation obligations to a third party.

#### **g. Project-specific work plans**

The extent of a project's impact may require us to produce a work plan detailing the steps necessary in order to successfully complete the consultation process. Such a work plan may be developed in conjunction with the relevant government department and the project proponent. Should a work plan need joint development, Deshkan Ziibiing will provide the other consultation parties with a suitable draft, generally within 30 days following our initial contact. Although specific projects may require additional components, in general, plans will include as necessary the following sorts of components:

1. Realistic timeframe,
2. Budget (either cumulative or phase-specific, depending upon the nature of the project),
3. Catalog of information required from each party,
4. List of experts for any necessary review of the project – including legal review, and to undertake any additional studies necessary for Deshkan Ziibiing's informed assessment of the project,
5. List of necessary research projects,
6. Appropriate settings for gathering input from elders,
7. List of proposed meetings between parties, with details of time, place, goals and attendees,
8. Internal consultation steps necessary to incorporate voices of Deshkan Ziibiing edbendaagzijig,
9. Work plan monitoring procedures,
10. Review and evaluation of information,
11. Community decision and notification letter to Crown and proponent,
12. Drafting of any relevant memoranda or agreements.

Work plans may need to be revised as consultation proceeds, and should be done in agreement with all parties. Should government departments and project proponents object to Deshkan Ziibiing's work plan requirements, and only in the aftermath of good faith efforts to reach an

agreement, the parties may turn to a neutral mediator in order to successfully complete an adequate work plan.

#### **h. Elders, traditional knowledge, and confidentiality**

As necessary, Deshkan Ziiibiing will indicate the specific ways in which traditional knowledge should inform our assessment of a project proposal's fit within the parameters of the Deshkan Ziiibiing rights and responsibilities laid out above. To that end, staff will develop provisions for insuring that elders play an appropriate role in assessing the project.

Given that much traditional knowledge refers to matters that are sensitive to members of families, or that might only be transmittable within appropriate relational contexts between individuals, we expect that government departments and project proponents will fully respect our judicious determinations of confidentiality, in regards to the gathering of information from elders and other recognized knowledge keepers.

#### **i. Processes for Deshkan Ziiibiing internal consultation**

Deshkan Ziiibiing's practice of governance reflects a long history of community-based decision making, one preceding the development of democratic governments by centuries. Depending upon the matter for consultation, government departments and project proponents will need to embrace our approach to internal consultation, and be willing to work with the processes necessary for Deshkan Ziiibiing edbendaagzijig to determine their level of trust and support for the project.

#### **j. Conditions for providing consent**

Decisions regarding a project may be achieved in two ways. Those projects seen to have little impact on Deshkan Ziiibiing lands, air, waters, health and wellbeing may be evaluated completely through the efforts of administrative staff, select committees of council, or of council and chief.

Those projects with significant potential to impact Deshkan Ziiibiing lands, air, waters, health and wellbeing, will require the scrutiny of the community as whole. Our traditions of governance charge our leaders with gathering and articulating the voices of the community as a whole. Thus, projects raising significant concerns for Deshkan Ziiibiing edbendaagzijig will need to be accepted by the community in order for Chief and Council to speak in favour of them.

#### **k. Ongoing needs for consultation**

Deshkan Ziiibiing expects that consultation on specific matters will likely vary in terms of its duration. Consultation partners may not need to continue discussion past a particular point in the life of a project. However, we expect to be able to determine when we need to continue consultation throughout the life of a project, or even afterwards – for instance, if decommissioning or cumulative effects raise continuing or additional concerns regarding our lands, air, waters, health and wellbeing.

Government or proponent changes to a project, such as its timeline, design, or implementation,



are not unilateral matters. We expect that we will continue the consultation relationship through such reconfigurations.

As well, consultation may need to continue in conjunction with the development of any co-management procedures.

## **8. Capacity requirements:**

Project proponents may see their specific enterprises as unique and urgent efforts. For Deshkan Ziibiing, however, the reality is that our administrative offices receive many proposals, notifications, overviews, and pressing correspondence, on a daily basis. The office of Treaty, Lands and Environment is quite small, with staff workloads consistently focused on a variety of pressing tasks. Unlike other departments of Deshkan Ziibiing governance, Treaty, Lands and Environment's work is self-funded. Consequently, Deshkan Ziibiing requires a range of capacity funding in order to ensure that proposals are adequately, efficiently, and fairly considered within the consultation process.

### **a. Consultation Service Fees**

A complete breakdown of consultation service fees for the varying levels of project impact is attached (refer to Appendix D).

The extent of any ongoing processing fees will depend upon the nature of the investment of time and staff necessary for Deshkan Ziibiing to reach an informed and thorough assessment of the project's implications for our lands, waters, air, health, and wellbeing. We would expect to determine these fees, when significant, in conjunction with government administrators and project proponents. We would also expect that such determination would focus on the matter of insuring Deshkan Ziibiing's ability to fully engage in the consultation matter at hand.

### **b. Deshkan Ziibiing's participation in research**

Depending upon the nature of the project, Deshkan Ziibiing may find that its ability to make a full and informed decision about the proposed project's fit within the framework of principles outlined above requires the conduct of additional research. To the extent that proponents and government departments directly engage in research related to Deshkan Ziibiing, we expect that we will be involved in determining the purpose and scope of the research, the participants in the research, and their roles, and the extent to which the research will involve the work of Deshkan Ziibiing community members, and/or staff. Study methods may include but are not limited to:

- Agricultural Assessment
- Air Quality Assessment
- Cultural Heritage Assessment
- Archeology Assessment
- Ecology Assessment
- Groundwater/Surface Water Assessment
- Land Use Planning Forecast Assessment
- Noise/Vibration Assessment
- Social Assessment
- Traffic Assessment

- Visual/Landscape Assessment

We expect that any resulting staffing needs will be appropriately met by agreement with the Crown and the proponent.

**c. Deshkan Ziibiing-initiated research**

In addition to research organized in service of the proponent's project, it may also be necessary for Deshkan Ziibiing to initiate its own research projects in order to reach a successful determination about the project. Examples of such research needs include questions about the cumulative effects of a project; or assessments of cultural and archeological, biodiversity, endangered species habitat, or water quality impacts; or traditional land use and occupancy studies where the project is not suited to assessing in the light of existing studies; or competent and thorough assessments of the extent of community support, when a project appears to be especially contentious. We expect that the capacity to engage in such research will be supported by agreement with the Crown and the proponent.

**d. Travel and/or hosting expenses**

Depending upon the project, it may be necessary for staff, elders, or others, to travel to a project site, or to host meetings or gatherings with those who have historical knowledge and family memories significant to collect, in order to increase Deshkan Ziibiing's ability to provide a thorough assessment of a project. We expect that governments and proponents will bear these costs.

**e. Honoraria for elders**

Our long-standing practice is to acknowledge our dependence upon the wisdom and knowledge of our elders, a dependence that extends to those outside our community who also wish to draw upon their wisdom and knowledge. Such acknowledgment is appropriately made in terms of money and gifts. We expect governments and proponents to provide these costs, which can be determined in conjunction with staff.

**f. Distribution of print materials**

Depending upon the nature of the project, staff may need to circulate significant amounts of print materials to Deshkan Ziibiing edbendaagzijig. We expect governments and proponents to provide these costs, as well.

**9. Accommodation, mitigation, and compensation plans**

Projects with potential to affect our lands, waters, health, and wellbeing cannot proceed without our determining in advance with governments and proponents exactly how they intend to mitigate any impacts, accommodate the depth and extent of our concerns, and compensate any envisioned losses or harms to our lands, waters, air, health and wellbeing. In general, the protection of our inherent and treaty rights, and the respect for our obligations to preserve the lands and waters of Deshkan Ziibiing, are matters to resolve prior to any discussion of potential benefits that might be created through implementation of the project.

The following are non-exhaustive examples of provisions and separate instruments to work out, as necessary, in the process of consultation, in order for Deshkan Ziibiing edbendaagzijig to

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COTTFN Consultation Protocol

embrace the legitimacy of a project:

1. conclusion of any resulting memoranda of understanding, terms of reference, or impact benefit agreements
2. formation of equity and partnership agreements
3. configuration of rents and royalties
4. determination of the extent and composition of intellectual property
5. securing of training, employment, and education opportunities for Deshkan Ziibiing edbendaagzijig within the lifespan of the project
6. development of any necessary co-management structure
7. evidence of serious incorporation of Deshkan Ziibiing concerns into the drafting and subsequent ratification or authorization of all legislation and regulations affecting our lands, air, waters, health and wellbeing

Deshkan Ziibiing expects that the Crown in fulfillment of its fiduciary duty and its diligent regard to uphold the honour of Crown, will assist as, and only as, we may request it to, in undertaking all aspects of negotiation or discussion regarding any agreement that we might reach with a project proponent.

In addition, we expect that all agreements regarding matters of accommodation, mitigation, and compensation are in place before work on a project begins, or if such work actually began prior to our learning of the project from the relevant government department, before the work continues any further.

#### **10. Dispute resolution mechanisms**

In the event that governments and third parties are not content with Deshkan Ziibiing's determinations regarding the requirements necessary for our assessing a project, or regarding our conclusion that a particular project does not fit within the framework of rights, responsibilities, and principles elaborated above, we acknowledge that all parties reserve the right to engage in various means of dispute resolution.

- a. Deshkan Ziibiing expects that its expressed and timely intention to pursue dispute resolution will be sufficient for the other parties to place a hold on project development until the dispute is resolved.
- b. Given our historic commitment to resolving disagreements without "warm discussion", the first step in resolving disputes must be honest, good faith discussion in which the Deshkan Ziibiing and the Crown acknowledge that they each have equal decision-making power with the other.
- c. Should agreement between representatives of the parties be unreachable, continuing discussion should take place between such senior-level

decision-makers as Chief, Ministers, deputy ministers, and executives.

- d. Should these discussions fail to yield agreement, the parties may call in the services of a neutral mediator, whose costs will be borne by agreement with the Crown and the proponent.
- e. If the dispute between Deshkan Ziibiing and the other parties is a matter of scientific, technical, historical, archeological, or other such knowledge, the parties may rely upon an assessment from a panel of experts, chosen in equal number by the parties, and whose expenses will be provided by agreement with the Crown and the proponent.
- f. Termination of any agreements or processes prior to completion of consultation should be subject to what the Supreme Court has referred to as “the duty of good faith and honest performance” (Bhasin v. Hrynew, 2014).
- g. Deshkan Ziibiing reserves all right to pursue such adjudication as may seem to it necessary, whether within Canada’s courts, or before international bodies, such as the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

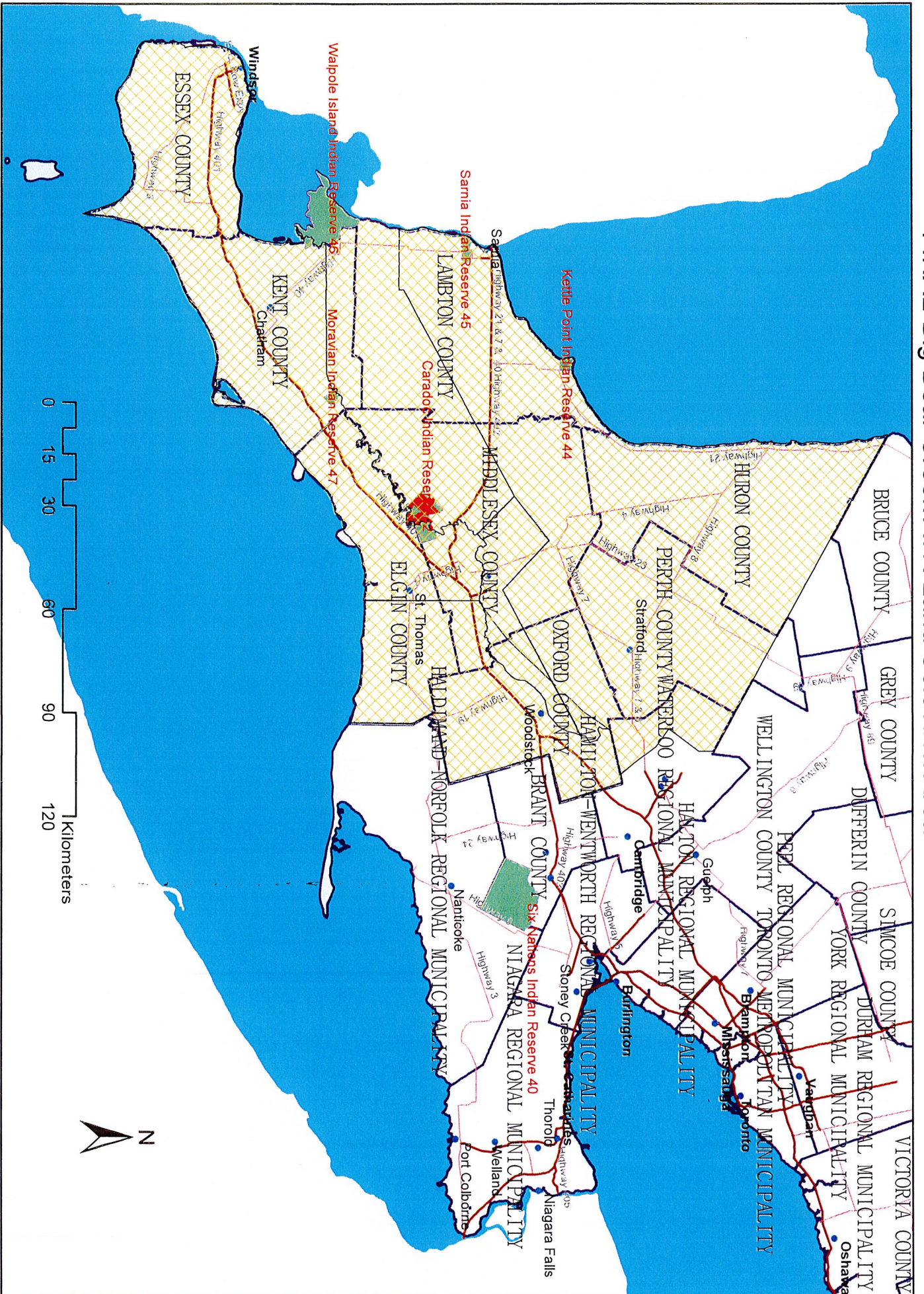
## 11. Appendices

- A. COTTFN Consultation Map
- B. Southwestern Ontario Treaty Map
- C. Consultation Flow Chart
- D. Consultation Service Fees

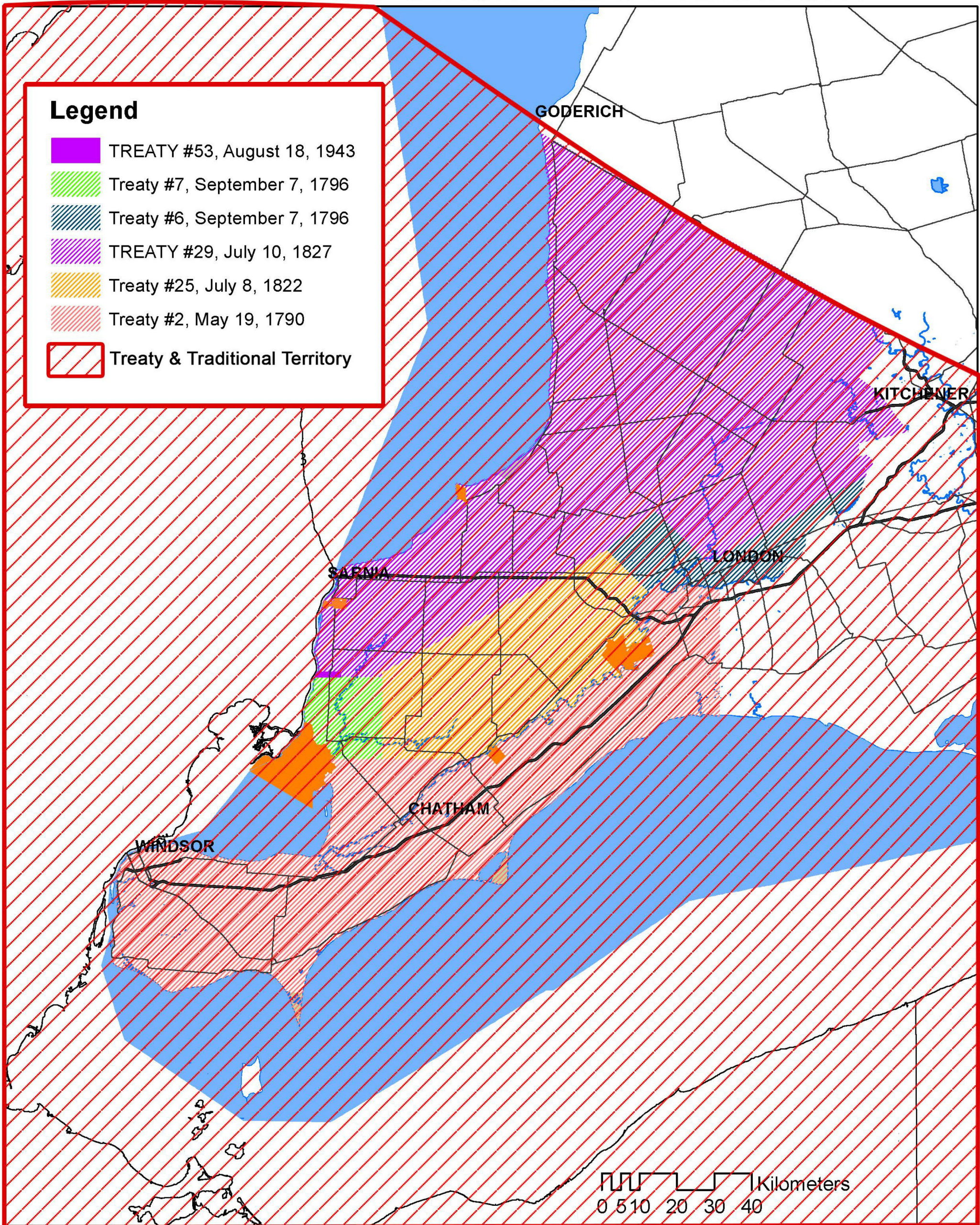
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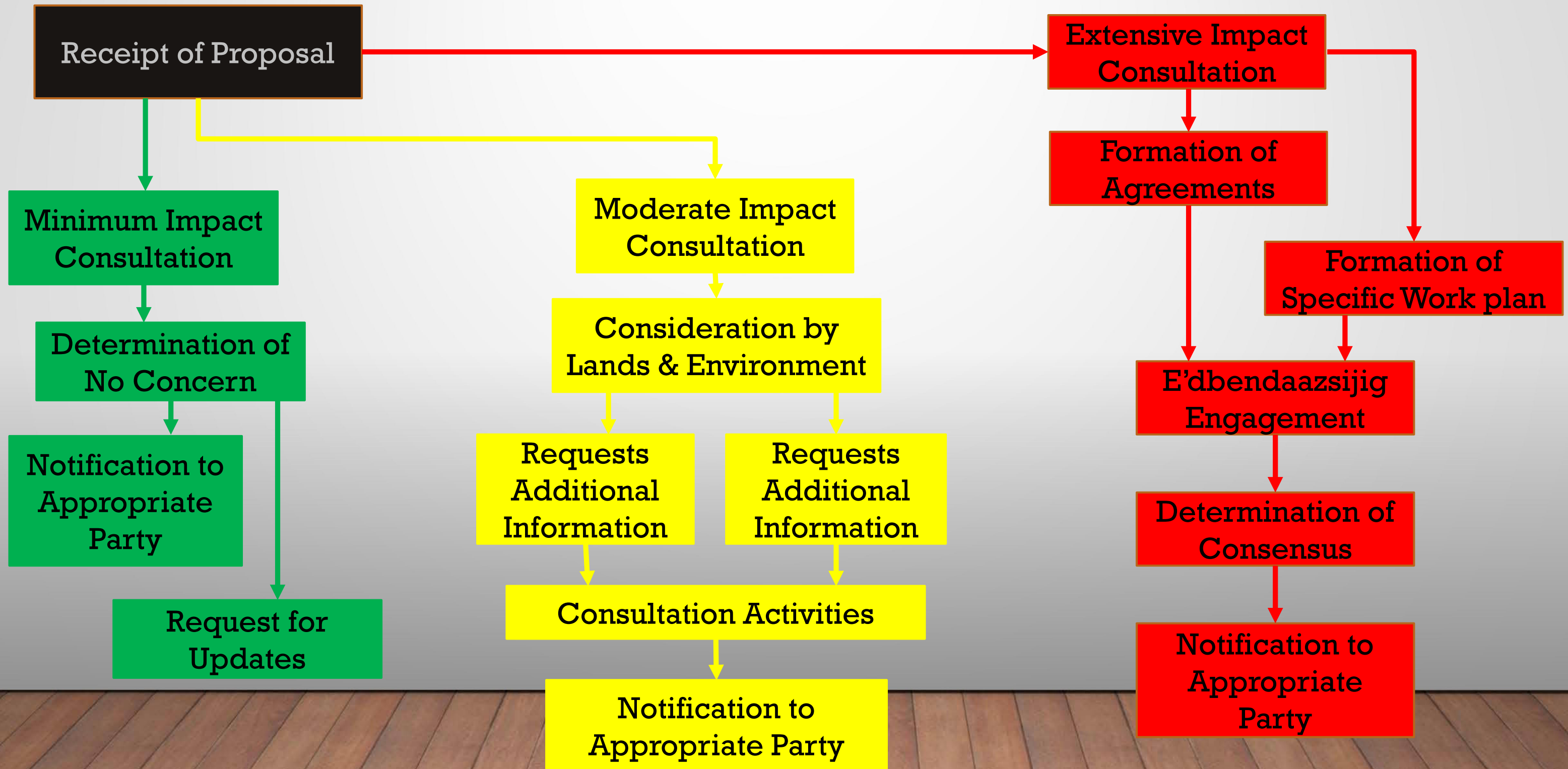
# FINAL-Big Bear Creek ATR Land Selection Area



# SOUTHERN FIRST NATION TREATY TERRITORY



# Deshkan Ziibiing Consultation Flow Chart







## TREATY, LANDS & ENVIRONMENT

### *Capacity Delivery Overview*

#### **CONSULTATION AND ACCOMMODATION**

Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN) has developed a general framework for the First Nation in all aspects of its treaty, lands and environmental issues.<sup>1</sup>

Under this framework, the First Nation is able to provide a response to all incoming correspondence from project proponents under the *Duty to Consult* and Engagement. COTTFN uses an internal process for ranking and identifying both risks and opportunities when project information is received; and incorporates both environmental and *Haida*-spectrum analysis for the First Nation.

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## **COST RECOVERY**

As part of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Administration the Treaties, Lands & Environment department is responsible for carrying out the environmental and land-related priorities of the nation. Our responsibilities extend to the Traditional Territory of our ancestors; the lands that were agreed to be shared through the Treaties between 1790 and 1822; and the lands that our ancestors chose to be reserved for us and future generations.

Our department is primarily funded through own-source revenues, reflecting a prioritization of lands and the environment based not only on our inherent responsibilities, but also influenced by a vision for the future. This vision utilizes both Traditional Knowledge and other environmental sciences.

Relatively recent developments in Canadian Law and policy, specifically the Duty to Consult, has introduced a dramatic increase in activity for our department. When we engage with a project proponent, it is important that the time and effort involved in receiving correspondence and identifying appropriate response levels is not to be underestimated.

COTTFN has developed three levels of response. These are based on the impacts the project may have on our Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. These levels are also based on factors that the COTTFN has identified in accordance with the responsibilities given to us by the Creator, and our responsibilities to future generations.

The following fee schedule reflects estimated compensation for time and resources that our office requires to actively engage with proponents for the Duty to Consult. These estimates do not include additional costs, such as Honorarium for Elders, Legal Fees, Hosting Fees, fees associated with study participation, i.e. Archaeology, Natural Heritage, Ecology, etc. (this is not an exhaustive list)

When such costs arise, they will be communicated prior to billing.

### Colour Coded Ranking of Projects

<b>Definition</b>	<b>Colour</b>
Level 1: Minimal Impact	Costs Associated - Standard
Level 2: Moderate Impact	Costs Associated - Standard
Level 3: Extensive Impact	Costs Associated - Standard

## LEVEL 1-ENGAGEMENT

ENGAGEMENT, CONSULTATION AND ACCOMMODATION					
Level 1					
Project					
Minimal					
Director	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	Projected Cost
	Review, high level response and issuing correspondence; and providing direction to staff on the First Nation response based on broad First Nation concerns.	\$ 550.00			NA
Senior Environment Officer	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	
	Environmental review for impacts to traditional territory and based on First Nation concerns, such as, but not limited to: noise, air, waste, contaminants, discharges, greenhouse gases, permitting required, cumulative effects. Development of Recommendations and support to the COTTFN Environment Committee.		\$ 85.00	4	\$ 340.00
Consultation Coordinator	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	
	Receipt of Information, Risk Identification, Internal Notification of Projects, Entry into Database, Issuing Correspondence, Maintenance of filing system, Library Services. Report production for the COTTFN Environment Committee and administrative support.		\$ 85.00	4	\$ 340.00
Treaty Research	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	
	Identification of project in relation to traditional territory, treaty areas, unceded areas, historical occupation	\$ 450.00			NA
COTTFN Environmental Committee	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	
	Reviews projects that have been submitted by the Treaty, Lands and Environment Department and approves recommendations by staff; and/or provides further direction on the project.	\$ 250.00		1	\$ 250.00
Filing Fee	fee charged to accept a document for processing and filing retention				\$ 125.00
TRAVEL	For proponents' meetings, workshops, open houses, public meetings.			0.525 / km	TBD
				<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	\$ 1055.00
ADMINISTRATION CHARGE 15%	Central Mail, Financial Services: payroll, reimbursement procedures, accounts payable and receivable, production of financial statements, year-end audit. Photocopying, phone and internet service.			15%	\$ 158.25
				<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,213.25</b>

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## LEVEL 2-CONSULTATION

ENGAGEMENT, CONSULTATION AND ACCOMMODATION					
Level 2					
Project					
Moderate					
Director	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	Projected Cost
	Review, high level response and issuing correspondence; and providing direction to staff on the First Nation response based on broad first Nation concerns.	\$ 550.00		1	\$ 550.00
Senior Environment Officer	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	Projected Cost
	Environmental review for impacts to traditional territory and based on First Nation concerns, such as, but not limited to: noise, air, waste, contaminants, discharges, greenhouse gases, permitting required, cumulative effects. Development of Recommendations and support to the COTTFN Environment Committee.		\$ 85.00	6	\$ 510.00
Consultation Coordinator	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	Projected Cost
	Receipt of Information, Risk Identification, Internal Notification of Projects, Entry into Database, Issuing Correspondence, Maintenance of filing system, Library Services. Report production for the COTTFN Environment Committee and administrative support.		\$ 85.00	8	\$ 680.00
Events & Promotions Coordinator	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	Projected Cost
	Development of internal community consultation communication website and social media update, and event planning		\$ 65.00	5	\$ 325.00
Treaty Research	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	Projected Cost
	Identification of project in relation to traditional territory, treaty areas, unceded areas, historical occupation.	\$ 450.00		1	\$ 450.00
COTTFN Environmental Committee	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	Projected Cost
	Reviews projects that have been submitted by the Treaty, Lands and Environment Department and approves recommendations by staff; and/or provides further direction on the project.	\$ 250.00		2	\$ 500.00
COTTFN Band Council	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	Projected Cost
	Reviews projects, deliberates, and provides overall direction to Treaty, Lands & Environment	\$ 350.00		2	\$ 700.00
COTTFN Development Corporation	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	Projected Cost
	The Development Corporation will be responsible for conducting the due diligence required to assess project feasibility, risk and benefit to the community. The information gathered will be presented to the Corporation's Board of Directors to determine the level of contribution and any future involvement based on economic viability and community consensus.	\$ 300.00		1	\$ 300.00
Filing Fee	Fee charged to accept a document for processing and filing retention				\$ 125.00
TRAVEL	For proponents' meetings, workshops, open houses, public meetings.			0.525 / km	TBD
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 4,140.00</b>
ADMINISTRATION CHARGE 15%	Central Mail, Financial Services: payroll, reimbursement procedures, accounts payable and receivable, production of financial statements, year- end audit. Photocopying, phone and internet service.			15%	\$ 621.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>					<b>\$ 4,761.00</b>

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## LEVEL 3- HIGH RIGHTS/HIGH IMPACTS

ENGAGEMENT, CONSULTATION AND ACCOMMODATION					
Level 3					
Negotiations and/or					
Extensive Impact					
Director	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	Projected Cost
	High level response and issuing correspondence; and providing direction to staff on the First Nation response based on broad first Nation concerns.	\$ 550.00		2	\$1,100.00
Senior Environment Officer	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	
	Environmental review for impacts to traditional territory and based on First Nation concerns, such as, but not limited to: noise, air, waste, contaminants, discharges, greenhouse gases, permitting required, cumulative effects. Development of Recommendations and support to the COTTFN Environment Committee.		\$ 85.00	6	\$ 510.00
Consultation Coordinator	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	
	Receipt of Information, Risk Identification, Internal Notification of Projects, Entry into Database, Issuing Correspondence, Maintenance of filing system, Library Services. Report production for the COTTFN Environment Committee and administrative support.		\$ 85.00	10	\$ 850.00
Events & Promotions Coordinator	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	
	Development of internal community consultation communication website and social media update, and event planning		\$ 65.00	5	\$ 325.00
Treaty Research	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	
	Identification of project in relation to traditional territory, treaty areas, unceded areas, historical occupation	\$ 450.00		1	\$ 450.00
COTTFN Environmental Committee	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	
	Reviews projects that have been submitted by the Treaty, Lands and Environment Department and approves recommendations by staff; and/or provides further direction on the project.	\$ 250.00		3	\$ 750.00
COTTFN Band Council	Activity	Daily	Hourly	Units Estimated	Projected Cost
	Reviews projects, deliberates, and provides overall direction to Treaty, Lands & Environment	\$ 350.00		2	\$ 700.00
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TRAVEL	For proponents' meetings, workshops, open houses, public meetings.			0.525 / km	TBD
				<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5, 410.00</b>
ADMINISTRATION CHARGE	Central Mail, Financial Services: payroll, reimbursement procedures, accounts payable and receivable, production of financial statements, year-end audit. Photocopying, phone and internet service.			15%	\$ 811.50
				<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 6, 221.50</b>

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Bill To: Dillon Consulting Ltd.	Phone: (519) 438-6192	Invoice #: 0256
ATTN: Bethany Haalboom		
Address: 130 Dufferin Avenue, Suite 1400	Fax:	Invoice Date: 2022-12-16
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Invoice For: St Clair Energy Expansion EA - Screening & Review

Item #	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Discount	Price
1	Filing Fee	1	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00
3	2 - Consultation Coordinator	2.50	\$ 85.00	-	212.50
					337.50
Make all checks payable to: Chippewas of the Thames First Nation 320 Chippewa Rd. Muncey, ON N0L 1Y0 Attn: Wiindmaagewin					15.00%
					388.13
** Charges comply with the <i>Consultation Service Fees Schedule, Appendix D of the</i> Wiindmaagewin					<b>\$ 388.13</b>

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## St. Clair EA presentation

1 message

**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>

Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 10:16 AM

To: Lynn Rosales <lrosales@aamjiwnaang.ca>

Cc: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>, Cathleen O'Brien <cobrien@aamjiwnaang.ca>, Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Hi Lynn,

Thank you again for inviting us to meet with Aamjiwnaang First Nation's Environment Committee last night-we appreciated the dialogue and questions asked!

Please find the St.Clair Environmental Assessment presentation attached, as requested.

I can also confirm that the draft Archaeological Assessment Report was sent to Courtney on November 24th.

I believe there may also have been some interest in having us attend and present at a community meeting-please let me know if that is still the case and how we might proceed with that.

Miigwech/Many thanks!

Bethany

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## Environment Committee member names?

3 messages

**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Lynn Rosales <lrosales@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 10:48 AM

Hi Lynn,

Apologies for the second email, but could you provide us with a list of names from last night's Environment Committee meeting? We weren't able to catch all the names in our meeting notes and we also want to make sure we're spelling their names correctly.

Many thanks again!  
Bethany

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**Lynn Rosales** <lrosales@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
To: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 11:51 AM

Aanii/Hi,

People in attendance at last evenings meeting:

Cathleen O'brien, Environment Coordinator

Lynn Rosales, Environment Worker

Dennis Plain, Species at Risk Technician

Bonnie Plain, Committee Member

Carolyn Nahmabin, Committee Member

Deb Plain, Committee Member

Janelle Nahmabin, Committee Member/Council Portfolio

Cj Smith-White, Committee Member/Council Portfolio

Charlie Maness, Committee Member/Council Portfolio



Miigwech/Thank You and have a blessed day!!

Lynn Rosales

Environment Worker

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*7-Stages | 7-Teachings | 7- Generations*

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To: Lynn Rosales <lrosales@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 12:27 PM

Miigwech, Lynn!

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# Meeting Minutes



**Subject:** St. Clair Energy Centre Upgrade and Expansion EA Aamjiwnaang First Nation Environment Committee Information Session Presentation

**Date:** January 17, 2023

**Location:** Video Call, via Zoom, 6:25 PM

**Our File:** 22-5016

**Distribution:** Joe Muraca, Michael Enright, Bethany Haalboom, Lynn Rosales

## Attendees

Joe Muraca	Dillon Consulting
Bethany Haalboom	Dillon Consulting
Laura Swyers	Dillon Consulting
Michael Enright	Invenergy
Matthew Beaudoin	TMHC
Cathleen O'Brien	Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Courtney Jackson	Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Lynn Rosales	Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Dennis Plain	Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Bonnie Plain	Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Janelle Nahmabin	Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Deb Plain	Aamjiwnaang First Nation
CJ Smith-White	Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Charles Maness	Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Beze Gray	Aamjiwnaang First Nation

## Notes

Item	Discussion	Action by
2.	The meeting began with a round table introduction of Aamjiwnaang First Nation (AFN) Environment Committee, Dillon Consulting, Invenergy, and TMHC attendees.	
3.	Dillon Consulting, Invenergy, and TMHC presented the information on the boards attached.	
4.	AFN Environment Committee member asked about the number of stacks that are currently at the facility and how many will be added after the upgrade expansion. Their concern was with cumulative effects.	
4.1.	Invenergy explained they did not have the number of stacks currently at the facility nor the number of stacks proposed. Invenergy will share this information with AFN once this information is available on the Air and Noise report that is currently in draft.	Invenergy to provide number of current and proposed stacks when

Item	Discussion	Action by
		information is available.
5.	AFN Environment Committee member asked how the St. Clair Energy Centre is planning on expanding over time and if the entire expansion area identified in the Site Layout Map will be developed.	
5.1.	Invenergy explained that no other thermal development for the site is currently being contemplated. The provincial and federal policy context likely precluding further development of the site was also reviewed with participants. The federal Clean Energy Regulation is likely to require the facility to either shut down in 2036 or abate GHG emissions after this date. In addition, the IESO has released their Pathway to Decarbonization report which advances a moratorium on new natural gas generation facilities beginning in 2027.	
6.	Presentation finished and opened up to comments from AFN Environment Committee.	
6.1.	Dillon asked if AFN had received the Archaeology report.	
6.1.1.	AFN was unsure at the time if they had received the report.	Dillon to confirm that the report was sent.
6.2.	Dillon explained that a more detailed presentation prepared for the Virtual Open House on December 8 2022 <a href="http://www.stclaireenergycentre.com">www.stclaireenergycentre.com</a> .	
7.	Meeting ended at 6:55 PM.	

### Errors and/or Omissions

These minutes were prepared by Laura Swyers who should be notified of any errors and/or omissions.



# Proposed Upgrade and Expansion St. Clair Energy Centre Environmental Assessment

Aamjiwnaang First Nation - Information Session Meeting

Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Invenergy**

**DILLON**  
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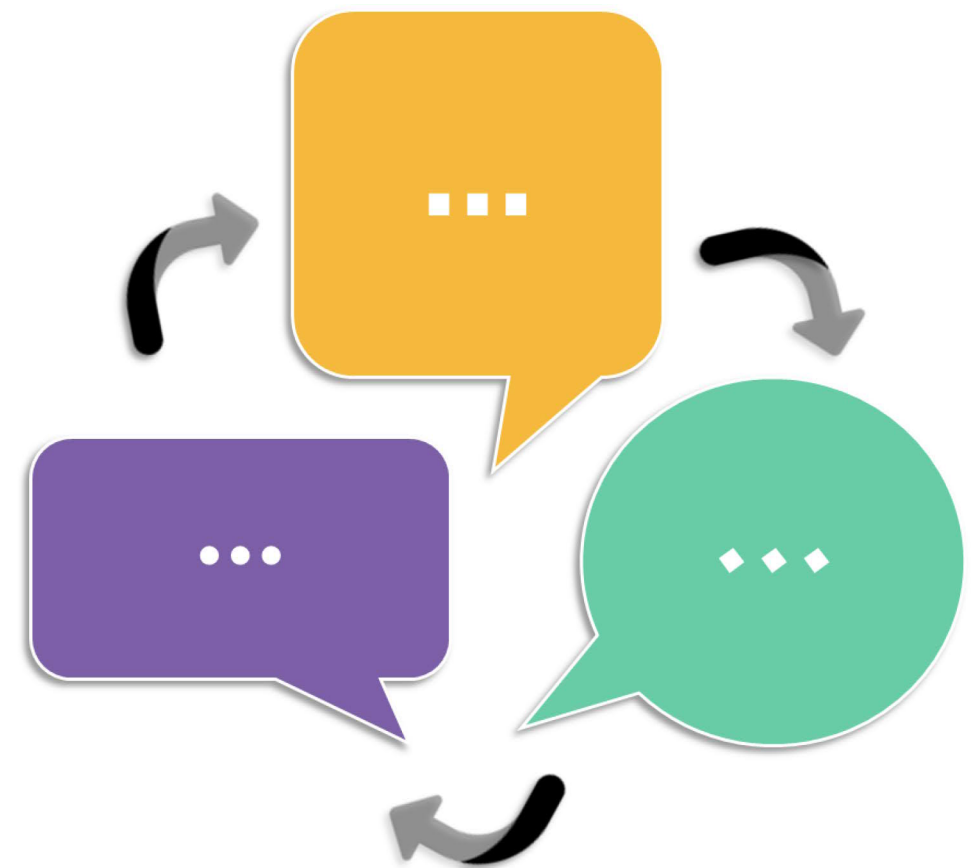
# Land & Water Acknowledgement

We would like to recognize and acknowledge that the land and surrounding water that the St. Clair Energy Centre operates on is the traditional territory of the Anishinabe people of Aamjiwnaang First Nation and the Three Fires confederacy's traditional territory of the Chippewa, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples, referred to collectively as the Anishinaabeg.

We would also like to acknowledge and give thanks to the many other Indigenous nations and communities that reside on this land in the past, present, and future.

# Purpose of the Session











- Provide background information on the Project;
- Review of the Archaeological Assessment report key findings;
- Provide Aamjiwnaang First Nation's Environment Committee an opportunity to participate during the Environmental Assessment process; and
- Provide Aamjiwnaang First Nation's Environment Committee with an opportunity to learn about and share your interests in and concerns about the Project.



# Project Background

- The St. Clair Energy Centre is a 584-megawatt combined-cycle natural gas turbine generation facility.
- St. Clair Energy Centre is proposing modernization upgrades and an expansion of the facility including:
  - Project 1 - Upgrade of St. Clair Energy Centre
    - increasing plant capacity through process improvements and equipment upgrades
    - no physical expansion of the plant footprint
    - adds approximately 60 MWs of generating capacity.
  - Project 2 - Expansion of St. Clair Energy Centre
    - involves the addition of a new gas turbine(s), or reciprocating engines
    - adds approximately 100-120 MWs of additional generating capacity
    - requires expansion of the plant footprint to the east

## SITE LAYOUT AND STUDY AREA

-  Project 1 - Upgrade of Existing St. Clair Energy Centre
-  Project 2 - Expansion of St. Clair Energy Centre
-  Direct Study Area
-  Hydro Line (Connection Lines)
-  Point of Interconnection
-  Aamjiwnaang Administration Band Office
-  Aamjiwnaang First Nation
-  Watercourse / Constructed Drain
-  Water Feature
-  Provincially Significant Wetland

Note: Site features are approximate

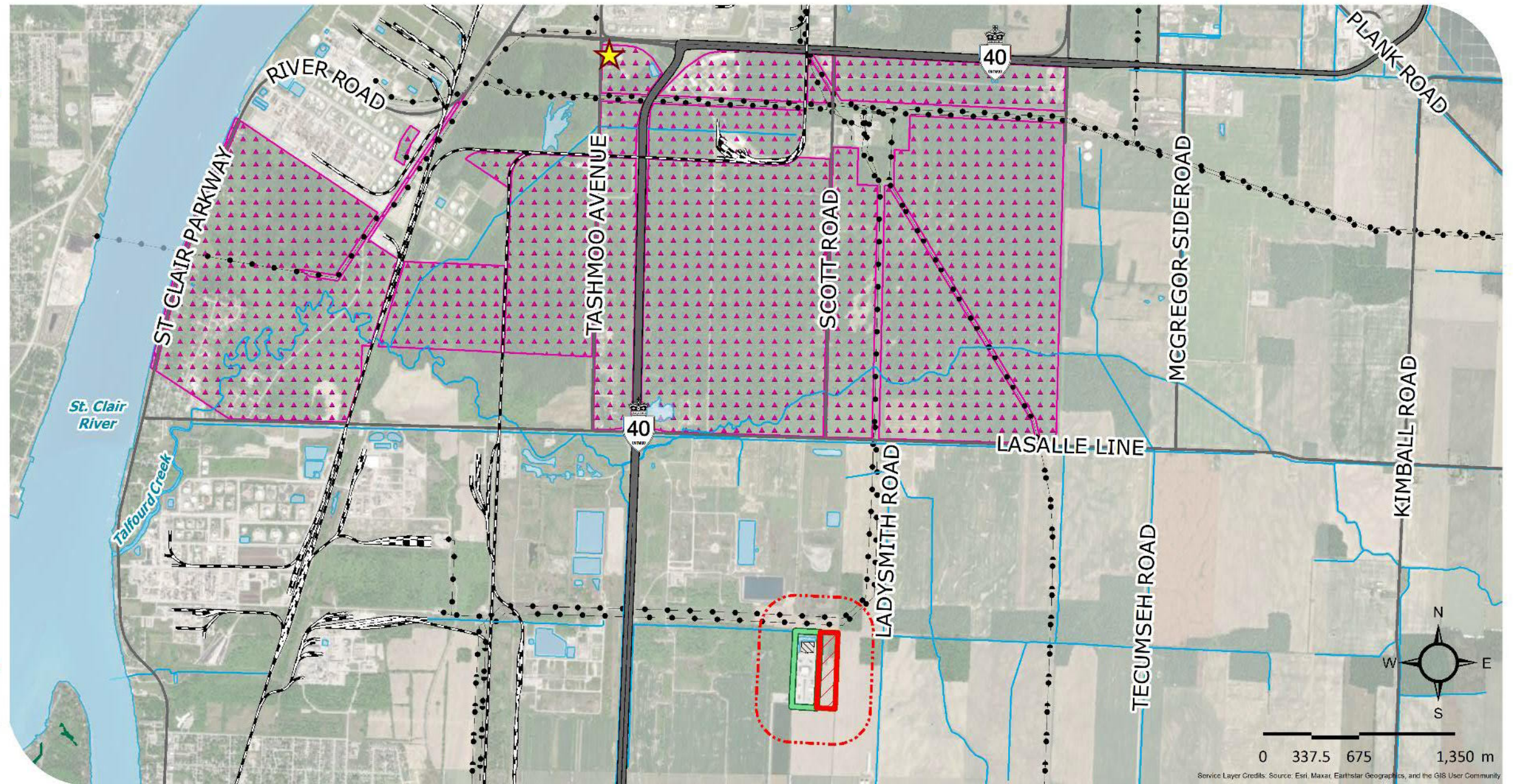
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



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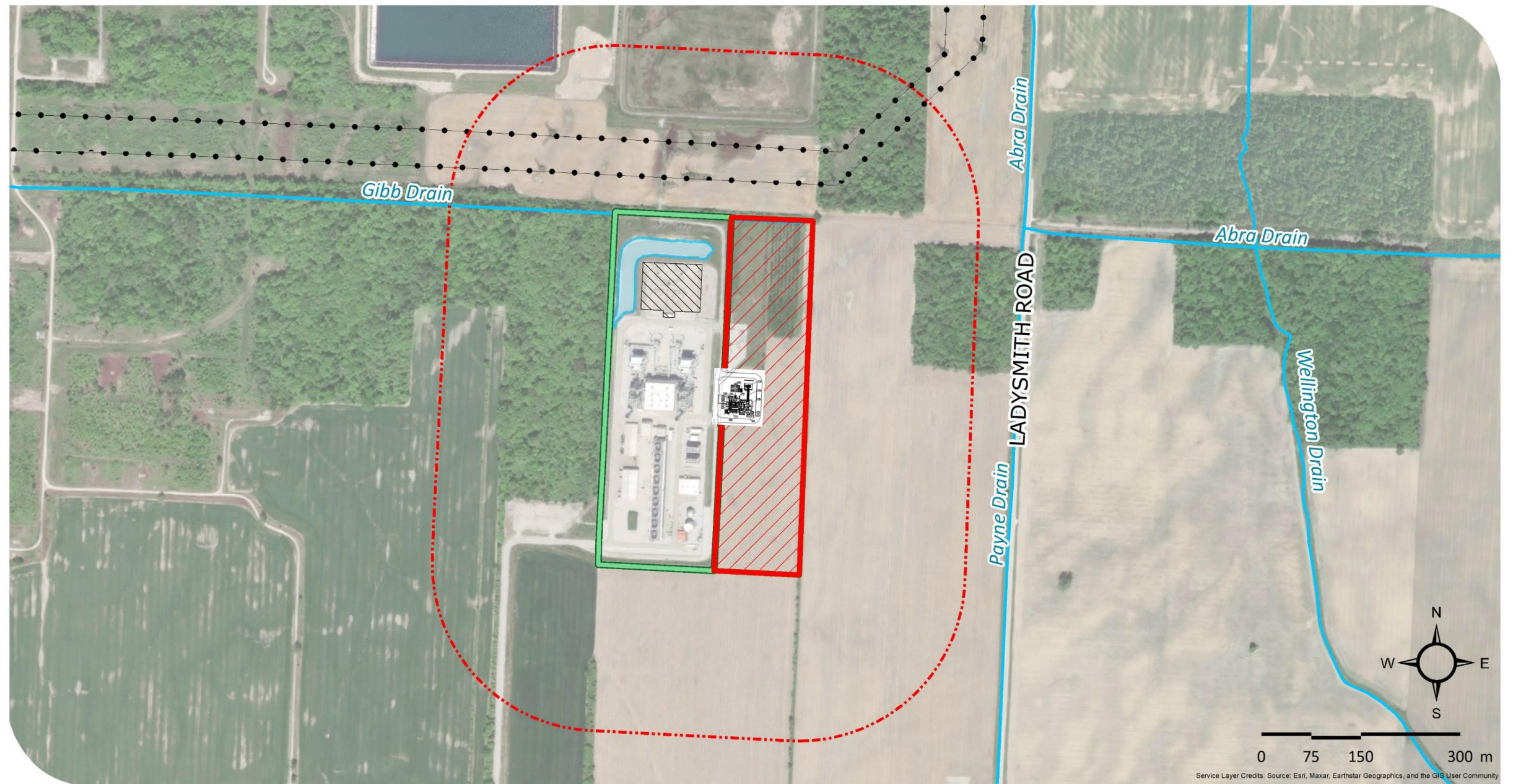
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# Environmental Assessment

- The project is subject to “Electricity Regulation (O.Reg. 116/01) and follows the “*Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects*” under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.
- The assessment will include an analysis of the potential impact on:
  - Air quality and noise;
  - Water and wastewater;
  - Human and ecological health;
  - Vegetation;
  - Wildlife and birds;
  - Soils;
  - Social and economic conditions; and,
  - Natural and cultural heritage.

- Invenergy will carefully consider input and is committed to involving Indigenous Groups
- Invenergy will provide up-to-date information in an open, honest, and respectful manner.
- Invenergy is committed to environmental stewardship and conducts its operations in an environmentally responsible manner.

# Regulatory Framework

- Approval from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is required.
  - requires completion of an Environmental Review Report (ERR).

## Role of the MECP

- Review the ERR, including details of consultation
- Receive comments from interested parties
- Provide a public forum for review of the ERR
- Stakeholder participation in the decision-making process



## Provincial Approvals:

- MECP Environmental Compliance Approvals for air (including noise), water, wastewater
- Potentially - St. Clair Region Conservation Authority

## Municipal Approvals:

- St. Clair Township
- If other authorizations, notifications, permits and/or approvals are required, they will be identified during the Environmental Assessment process.



# Mitigation and Monitoring

- Invenergy is committed to working with Aamjiwnaang First Nation on construction planning, mitigation, and post-construction monitoring.
- Invenergy recognizes that the construction of the upgraded and expanded facility may result in short-term adverse impacts and is committed to applying mitigation measures to reduce these impacts.
- The Environmental Review Report will include a detailed assessment of potential effects and mitigations, where required, as well as commitments to monitoring.

# Cultural Heritage Resources

## Archaeology

- A Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for the Project was completed in November of 2022 and will be submitted to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) for approval.
- A previous archaeological assessment covered the area in 2006 and the area was later disturbed.
- The current Stage 1 study determined that no previously registered archaeological sites are located within 1 km of the Study Area.
- Based on the current evaluation, a previous Stage 1 and 2 completed for existing facility in 2006, and photo-documented disturbance, a Stage 2 assessment is not being recommended.

## Built Heritage and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

- There are no properties within the Study Area that are Listed or Designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.
- There are no cemeteries located in the Study Area.
- The MCM “Criteria for Evaluating Potential Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes” Checklist was completed and concluded that there is no potential for built heritage or cultural heritage landscapes in the Study Area.

## Information and Feedback

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Manager, Renewable Development  
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# Meeting Minutes

**Subject:** St. Clair Energy Centre Upgrade and Expansion EA COTTFN Information Session Meeting

**Date:** January 24, 2023

**Location:** Video Call, via Zoom, 1:00 PM EST

**Our File:** 22-5016

**Distribution:** Joe Muraca, Michael Enright, Bethany Haalboom, Jennifer Mills

## Attendees

Joe Muraca	Dillon Consulting
Bethany Haalboom	Dillon Consulting
Laura Swyers	Dillon Consulting
Michael Enright	Invenergy
Patrick Beatty	Invenergy
Jennifer Mills	COTTFN
Fallon Burch	COTTFN

## Notes

Item	Discussion	Action by
1.	Introductions of Jen Mills, Fallon Burch, Mike Enright, Patrick Beatty, Bethany Haalboom, Laura Swyers, Joe Muraca.	
2.	Presented materials attached.	
3.	Opened to discussions and questions.	
4.	COTTFN inquired about the environmental assessment process and the timeline on remaining components to finish draft report	
4.1.	Dillon estimated that the draft report will be complete sometime in Q3 (July or August). Consideration is being given to submitting a draft for review to the Ministry and stakeholders, subject to schedule needs. The final report is anticipated to be complete in August or September, possibly sooner.	
4.2.	Invenergy mentioned that depending on the outcome of the IESO procurement, one project may be picked up and not the other. This may change the timeline of when the draft and final reports will be complete.	
5.	COTTFN asked what natural environmental field studies are still planned or previously undertaken.	
5.1.	Dillon answered that the remaining site visits are likely for the purpose of air and noise assessment, potentially for water, as well as wastewater assessment. Natural environment and archaeology assessments were previously conducted and no additional studies area required.	
5.1.1.	Should the need for environmental field studies occur, COTTFN would like to be involved in the studies moving forward.	Dillon/Invenergy to notify

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		COTTFN should there be a need to undertake environmental field studies.
5.2.	Dillon asked if COTTFN would have any interest in being involved in post-construction monitoring.	
5.2.1.	COTTFN stated being involved in post-construction monitoring is not a common practice for them but would appreciate being kept informed.	Dillon/Invenergy to inform COTTFN when project progresses to post-construction monitoring.
6.	COTTFN followed up on their December 16 2022 email where they asked why the design for the second project (expansion facility) would be a simple-cycle thermal facility instead of combined-cycle. COTTFN further asked how this decision relates to the IESO and to meet peak demand.	
6.1.	The existing facility was procured for baseload electrical generation requirements, which means it is regularly dispatched to supply energy to the provincial electricity grid for long durations. Based on information available about energy and capacity needs in the future, it was determined the most appropriate technology to respond to future capacity needs was a low cost, fast start facility, that is available to be dispatched during times of peak demand. Such a facility is anticipated to be called upon to produce electricity less often, and for short durations. A simple cycle turbine is best suited for fast starts, operating for short durations, and is lowest cost compared to a combined cycle facility. Invenergy also added that different facility sizes were considered.	
6.2.	COTTFN asked to clarify if IESO could approve one project and not the other, and if it had to do with different procurement streams	
6.2.1.	Invenergy clarified that yes, the IESO has different procurement streams and that the upgrade project is for the same technology stream and the expansion project is for the E-LT1 RFP.	
7.	COTTFN asked when the IESO deadline for award is	
7.1.	Invenergy estimated that Mid-February in Q2 there will be an announcement with respect to the upgrade. A decision on the expansion could be in April.	
8.	COTTFN asked if there were any questions about COTTFN's consultation process.	
8.1.	Invenergy and Dillon acknowledged that they have gone through COTTFN's consultation guidelines, and asked if there are any	



Item	Discussion	Action by
	sections in particular that COTTFN would like Dillon/Invenergy to heed.	
8.1.1.	COTTFN mentioned that they are working on as revision and that one clarification they would like to make is for Dillon to continue using the online submission portal, <i>Nations Connect</i> . COTTFN also highlighted the consultation principles about interrelatedness of all living beings in the nation, which is why their team is so interested in environmental review. COTTFN requests that their team is given enough time to review and discuss within the community.	
8.2.	COTTFN explained that the invoices takes into account the capacity and time it takes for their team to review projects. COTTFN asked if the invoices go out to Dillon.	
8.2.1.	Dillon confirmed that invoices can go out to Dillon.	
8.2.2.	Invenergy asked if COTTFN typically provides estimates for capacity fees for specific reports that COTTFN reviews.	
8.2.3.	COTTFN explained that typically they send an invoice after the review is completed, but can coordinate if an estimate is preferred.	
8.2.4.	Invenergy confirmed that if there is a larger review, they would like to discuss estimates ahead of time. Invenergy clarified that a formal meeting is not needed and a quick phone call is sufficient.	COTTFN to discuss estimates before reviewing large reports.
9.	Dillon asked if Nations Connect is still the best way to submit information going forward.	
9.1.	COTTFN confirmed that they would like Dillon to use Nation Connect so that all information is kept in order in their system.	
10.	Meeting ended at 1:39PM EST.	

### Errors and/or Omissions

These minutes were prepared by Laura Swyers who should be notified of any errors and/or omissions.



April 13, 2023

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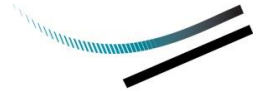
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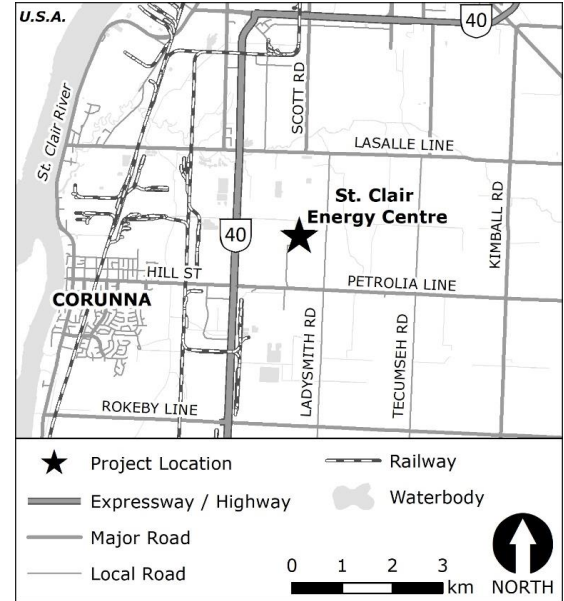
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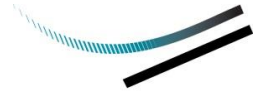
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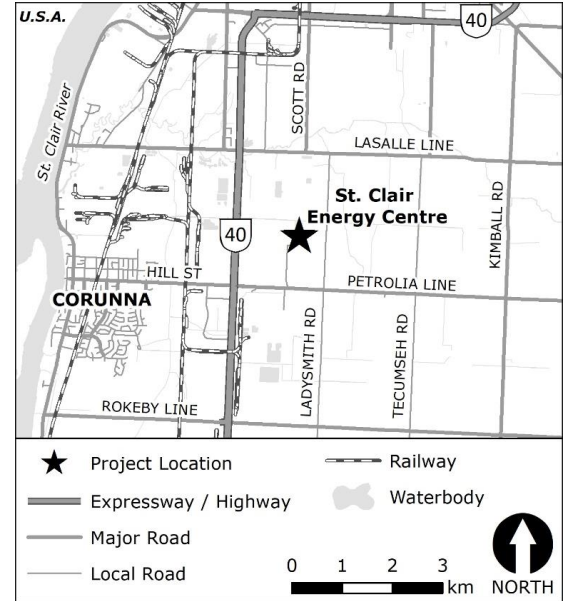
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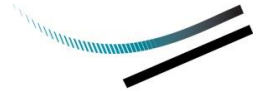
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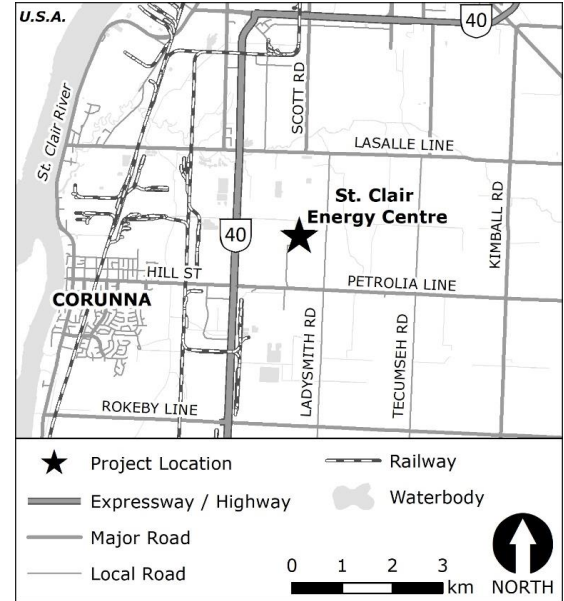
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Deshkan Ziibiing  
320 Chippewa Road  
Muncey, Ontario  
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Attention: Chief Jacqueline French

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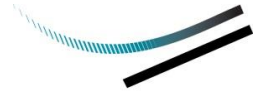
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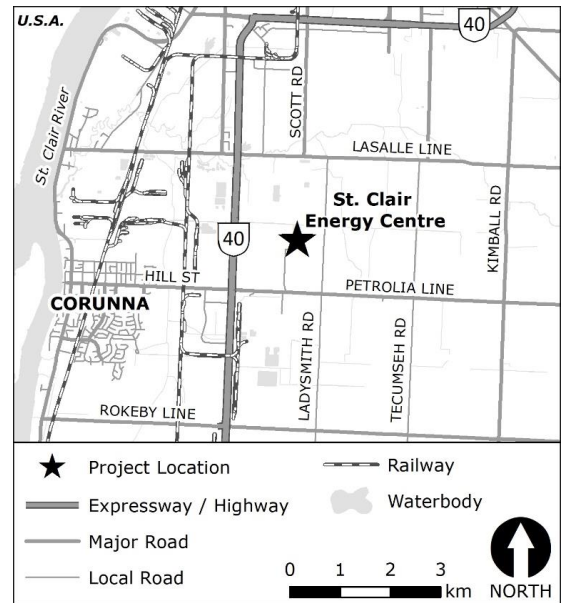
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**VIA EMAIL** – todd.cornelius@oneida.on.ca; environment@oneida.on.ca

Oneida Nation of the Thames  
2212 Elm Avenue  
Southwold, Ontario  
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Attention: Chief Todd Cornelius

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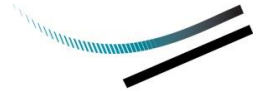
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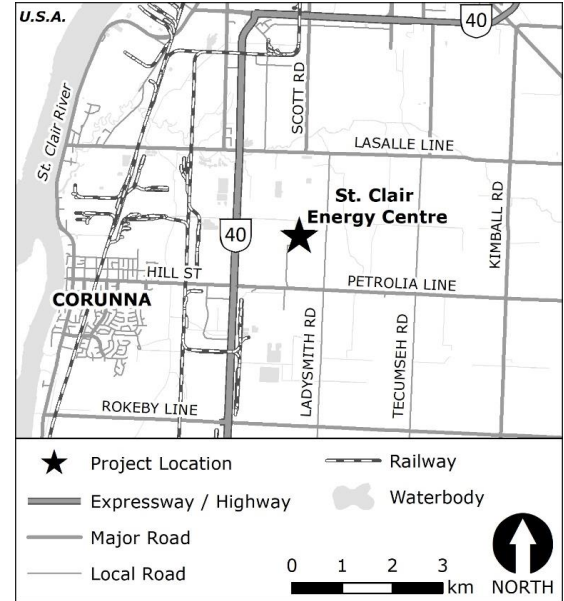
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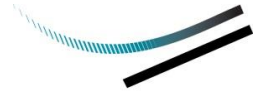
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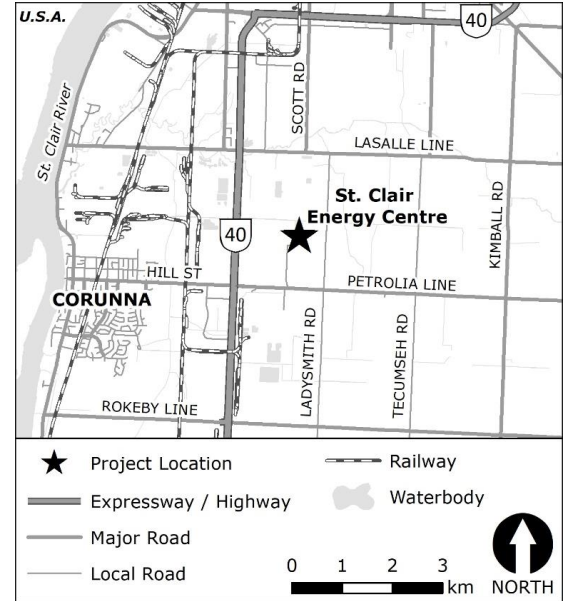
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**Cc:** Laura Swyers  
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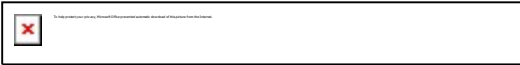


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## St. Clair Energy Expansion Project Update

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**Courtney Jackson** <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
To: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 8:36 AM

Good morning Bethany, we can wait to have a community information meeting after the assessment is completed in May. Can you please provide the contact information for St. Clair Energy?

Thank you,

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Swyers, Laura <lswyers@dillon.ca>

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## St. Clair Energy Expansion Project Update

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**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 9:06 AM

Hi Courtney,

Okay, sounds good. Please keep us posted regarding your preference for dates for the community meeting.

The person to reach out to at St.Clair Energy is Mike Enright:

**Michael Enright** | Manager, Renewable Development | He, Him, His  
**Invenergy** | 67 Mowat Avenue, Suite 335, Toronto, ON M6K 3E3  
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Best,  
Bethany

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## St. Clair Energy Expansion Project Update

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**Courtney Jackson** <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
To: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 9:21 AM

Thank you for providing the contact.

Do you think June is an ideal month for a community meeting? If so, I think we should work on securing a date now. I would like to have about a month of advertising.

Courtney

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**From:** Haalboom, Bethany <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2023 9:06 AM  
**To:** Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
**Cc:** Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: St. Clair Energy Expansion Project Update

Hi Courtney,

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Best,

Bethany

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## St. Clair Energy Expansion Project Update

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To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 9:31 AM

Hi Courtney,

On our end June would be good as we'll have more information available to provide to the community.

We'll take direction from you as to when a good time to meet with the community would be-it would be great to get as much turnout as possible.

Best,  
Bethany

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Swyers, Laura <lswyers@dillon.ca>

## St. Clair June Community Meeting dates

17 messages

**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Fri, May 5, 2023 at 2:17 PM

Hi Courtney,

I'm just following up about the community meeting you requested in June regarding the St. Clair Energy Expansion Project.

Is it possible to have the community meeting in early June? The Environmental Review Report (ERR) for the Project is scheduled to be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks in the middle of June, and we'd like to be able to incorporate additional feedback from the community prior to the submission date.

Please note that Aamjiwnaang will also have the opportunity to review the ERR once it is submitted in the middle of June as part of the standard 30 day review period for all groups and stakeholders. As such, we'd also like to know if Aamjiwnaang would like to request funding for this review? If you could let us know as soon as possible it would be much appreciated.

Thanks very much and please let us know as soon as possible about dates for a community meeting in early June (if feasible), and funding requests for the ERR review.

Best,

Bethany

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To: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Mon, May 8, 2023 at 10:54 AM

Hi Bethany,

I apologize for not responding, I had an family emergency and was away from office all last week.

I just checked availability and Aamjiwnaang Community Centre is available June 13, 2023 from 4-8 pm. Does that work for you?

Courtney

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To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Mon, May 8, 2023 at 12:45 PM

Hi Courtney,

No problem at all-I hope everything is okay now with your family!

Thanks for checking about the availability of the Community Centre. Laura and I will reach out to Joe and Invenergy (Mike Enright) to confirm that date/time works for them. I also wanted to confirm that this would be an in-person meeting i.e. so you would want us to be there in person and not just present virtually?

Thanks!  
Bethany

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**Courtney Jackson** <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
To: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Mon, May 8, 2023 at 12:57 PM

I think we should try for a in-person meeting. but if everyone is not available to attend in-person, perhaps we can arrange it for both. Just a thought.

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**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Mon, May 8, 2023 at 1:23 PM

Thanks, Courtney. I'll pass that along. I agree that an in-person meeting would be better from our end as well.

Best,  
Bethany

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**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Tue, May 9, 2023 at 4:11 PM

Hi again Courtney,

We're still awaiting confirmation from Invenergy that the day/time proposed works for them, but in the meantime we were wondering what format you'd prefer for the community meeting i.e. what works best for community members and the venue.

Would a Q&A drop-in session with printed boards work best, or would a video presentation followed by a Q&A session work best, as examples?

If there's another format that you think we should use please let us know.

Thanks again!  
Bethany

On Mon, May 8, 2023 at 12:58 PM Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca> wrote:

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**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 12:17 PM

Hi Courtney,

I'm just following up to confirm that June 13th from 4-8pm works for Invenergy for the community meeting.

I also wanted to check if the venue for the community meeting has a display where we could provide a short presentation? We could use our own laptop for that, though.

In addition, we could set up 2-3 presentation boards in the room if that sounds good? Do you have easels or would we need to bring those?

Many thanks again!  
Bethany

Do you think a room with a laptop (ours) and a display where we can have the VIS slide deck being shown. In addition, we can have 2-3 boards including a map of the projects and area, the regulatory process, and one more (or two).

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**Courtney Jackson** <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
To: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 12:35 PM

Hi Bethany,

Thank you for getting back to me. The Community Centre has projector onsite but unsure of easels. Also, who would I invoice the cost of meeting, we typically offer food for evening meetings plus cost of venue?

Thank you,

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**Courtney Jackson** <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 12:42 PM



To: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Hi again, are you able to develop and flyer that I can post for our community members?

Thanks

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**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 12:55 PM

Hi Courtney,

Thanks for the information! We will likely have easels we can bring then, but I'll double check.

I'll also check about the invoicing for the venue and food and drinks-I think it will be Invenergy but let me confirm with Joe Muraca, the Dillon Project Manager.

Who should bring the food and refreshments for the meeting, Courtney? Would you provide that then and just send the invoice?

Will there be an opening prayer? If so, should we be providing an honourarium for an Elder to provide an opening prayer, and how much should that honorarium be?

Yes, we can put together a flyer for you:) How far ahead of time should that flyer be ready? Two weeks prior to the meeting?

Thanks!  
Bethany

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**Swyers, Laura** <lswyers@dillon.ca>  
To: Joe Muraca <gmuraca@dillon.ca>  
Cc: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 1:17 PM

Hi Joe,

Do we have easels we can use for the public meeting? The community centre has a projector we can use.

Additionally, we're wondering who should be invoiced for the community centre rental, food, and honorarium (if necessary)?

Thanks,  
Laura



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**Muraca, Joe** <gmuraca@dillon.ca>  
To: "Swyers, Laura" <lswyers@dillon.ca>  
Cc: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 1:21 PM

Yes - we have some in Toronto you can borrow.

Ask them to bill Dillon and we can charge it to Invenergy.

Joe



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To: "Muraca, Joe" <gmuraca@dillon.ca>  
Cc: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 1:38 PM

Thanks Joe!  
Laura



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To: "Muraca, Joe" <gmuraca@dillon.ca>  
Cc: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 2:57 PM

Hi Bethany and Joe,

Invenergy suggested sending out a survey or questionnaire to gather specific questions from the community, especially regarding air and noise concerns. Specifically, we want to ensure we have the right information for air and noise concerns going into the meeting.

This might be good for community members who aren't able to attend the meeting.

If Courtney agrees, I can add a QR code to the flyer with a link to the survey, and share the link if Courtney is inviting via email.

I can also have paper versions if necessary.

Thanks,  
Laura



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To: "Swyers, Laura" <lswyers@dillon.ca>  
Cc: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 3:11 PM

Can you set a call for us tomorrow?

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To: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 4:19 PM

Hi Bethany,

Thanks again for getting back to me.

I can contact a caterer and elder for opening prayer and send Dillon the invoice. I was thinking of the timeframe and I think we should have it from 5-7, meet at the Community Centre for set up after 4pm. please let me know your thoughts.

***For the flyer:***

Location

Maawn Doosh Gumig Community & Youth Centre

[1972 Virgil Avenue, Sarnia, ON N7T-7H5](#)

In the Banquet Room

Dinner is provided

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**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Thu, May 18, 2023 at 8:44 AM

Thanks for this information, Courtney.

I think the 5-7 time frame would work well, with time before and after for set up and take down.

I'm thinking we could structure the 5-7 pm timeslot as the following:

- Elder Prayer
- Dinner
- Project Team Introductions
- Project Presentation
- Q&A/Discussion
- Free time for informal conversations, walk around to look at the poster boards

Let me know what you think.

Also, should we be bringing tobacco for the Elder who provides the prayer, and if so, is there a specific type of tobacco we should bring?

Thanks!  
Bethany

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Swyers, Laura <lswyers@dillon.ca>

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## invoice question

1 message

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**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>

Wed, May 17, 2023 at 3:51 PM

To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>, Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Hi Courtney,

I'm just confirming that you should actually invoice Dillon for the venue and food.

Best,

Bethany

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## St. Clair EA community meeting questions

1 message

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To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Fri, May 19, 2023 at 12:56 PM

Hi Courtney,

I just wanted to follow up with you about a few things prior to the Aamjiwnaang community meeting on June 13th.

1. We'll be sending you a draft of the flyer for the community meeting early next week.
2. Do you know approximately how many community members we might expect to attend the meeting?
3. Invenergy was wondering if they could administer a very short, online survey to community members prior to the meeting? The survey's purpose would be to identify community topics and issues of concern prior to the meeting which could help to better prepare Invenergy and allow them to integrate topics/issues into the presentation and/or reach out to other Project team members/technical specialists for information prior to meeting with the community.

Of course you would review the questions prior to survey delivery.

We could provide a QR code for the survey directly in the flyer as way for community members to access the survey. If there is another preferred method based on other surveys that may have been administered in the community please let us know.

Please let me know what you think about the survey idea, and if it would be appropriate prior to the meeting?

4. Could you confirm if we should be bringing tobacco for the Elder providing the prayer, and if so, what type?
5. For the Elder's honourarium, will you provide that to them and invoice us?

Many thanks and I hope you have a great weekend!

Best,  
Bethany

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## St. Clair flyer

1 message

**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Wed, May 24, 2023 at 1:34 PM

Hi Courtney,

We've put together a flyer for the community meeting on the St. Clair Project on June 13th. Please let us know if you'd like us to change anything. We've also included the agenda in the flyer-let us know if you think the agenda make sense for the community meeting timing (including dinner).

Best,  
Bethany

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## June 13th Community Meeting\_St. Clair Project

5 messages

**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Mon, May 29, 2023 at 5:26 PM

Hi Courtney,

I hope you had a nice weekend!

I just wanted to confirm the agenda for the June 13th St.Clair Project community meeting.

We are proposing:

- 5:00-5:45: Elder Prayer and Dinner
- 5:45-6:15: St. Clair Project Presentation
- 6:15-7:00: Q&A, Discussion

Present from our team would be:

Invernergy:

- Mike Enright (Manager, Renewable Development)
- Bryce Nunley (Director Thermal Asset Management)

Dillon:

- Joe Muraca (Project Manager, Dillon Consulting)
- Avid Baniheshemi (public consultation specialist)
- Laura Swyers (community engagement specialist)

I apologize as I actually won't be able to make it to this meeting, but Laura and Avid are well positioned to support the meeting in-person.

I am also confirming that our team would be present to participate in the community dinner, if that is acceptable.

Thanks very much and I look forward to hearing from you!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,  
Bethany

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Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Tue, May 30, 2023 at 9:26 AM



Hi Bethany,

I apologize for not responding to the previous email regarding the flyer. The flyer looks great. And thank you for providing the names of everyone attending.

I will contact a caterer and plan for 50. It's usually the number we use but always hope for more attendees.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you,

Courtney Jackson

## **Courtney Jackson**

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To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Tue, May 30, 2023 at 9:38 AM

Hi Courtney,

Great-thanks so much for this information! And no problem about the delay-I'm sure you're very busy.

I think the other questions I had were:

- Should we bring tobacco for the Elder providing the prayer, and if so, is there a specific type of tobacco we should bring?
- Will you provide the honourarium to the Elder directly, and then invoice Dillon for it? Or should we be providing an honourarium in cash and giving that directly to the Elder?
- Besides yourself, are there other Aamjiwnaang community staff members attending?
- Will Chief and Council members be attending?

Many thanks!

Bethany

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To: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Tue, May 30, 2023 at 10:07 AM

- It's not necessary to provide tobacco for opening prayer (more based on one's preference) but I will offer tobacco when I ask for opening prayer prior to event. Tobacco can be gift to elder in a tobacco tie (made in cotton cloth) or purchase ceremonial tobacco (online or indigenous craft shop might carry it) or loose tobacco.
- I will provide honorarium and then invoice Dillon with all cost after event. (if you feel more comfortable to provide cash then that is fine as well).
- A few colleagues in the Environment Department and Environment Committee may attend (not confirmed yet)
- The information will be shared to Chief and Council. If Chief & Council is unable to attend, our Environment Committee has two Councilors and they most likely will attend.

I hope that helps. If you would like to give me a call to explain in more details, please call my cell (519)402-0045. My office phone is not working.

Courtney

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**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Tue, May 30, 2023 at 11:13 AM

Thanks for this information, Courtney. Invoicing Dillon for the honorarium would work best for us.

Everyone is looking forward to the meeting on our end.

Best,  
Bethany

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Swyers, Laura <lswyers@dillon.ca>

## St. Clair Community meeting

5 messages

**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Wed, Jun 7, 2023 at 3:30 PM

Hi Courtney,

I'm just confirming that our team will be arriving at Aamjiwnaang First Nation for the community meeting next Tuesday, June 13th at 4 pm to set up. Avid and Laura will be arriving at the Maawn Doosh Gumig Community and Youth Centre first.

Will you be there to meet them or should they call you when they arrive? I will also provide them with your number in case there are any delays or problems with traffic, etc.

We do have a presentation being drafted and I wanted to confirm that there will be audio visual set up available e.g. a screen (we'll be bringing our own laptop).

Finally, please let us know if there are any specific issues or concerns that community members may have that we should try and be aware of and address through our presentation.

Many thanks again-everyone on our end is looking forward to meeting the community.

Best,  
Bethany

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Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>, Lynn Rosales <lrosales@aamjiwnaang.ca>

Wed, Jun 7, 2023 at 4:06 PM

Hi Bethany,

Thank you for your email. Unfortunately, I will not be there, my son has an appointment that evening and was not able to change it. My coworker Lynn Rosales confirmed attendance in my absence. I have added her to this email. I'm hoping I can make some of the meeting next week. I will be available throughout the day if needed.

The Banquet room is equipped with a screen, and the device will need a USB port on your laptop to connect with the screen.

It's hard to say what types of comments/concerns the members would have. But if you can provide the presentation, I briefly review it to see if any generalized comments/concerns may be raised.

Please let me know if there is any thing else.

Thank you,

Courtney

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Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 10:17 AM

Hi Courtney,

Thanks for your update, and sorry to hear you won't be able to make it, but our team looks forward to working with Lynn at the community meeting.

Lynn-is there a phone number we should try and reach you at if needed? Courtney, I'll share your number with Laura and Avid in case they need to reach you during the day.

I think the team is still revising the presentation but I've reached out to ask them if they could share it with you ahead of time-I'm sure your feedback would be very helpful.

Best,  
Bethany

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**Lynn Rosales** <lrosales@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
To: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>, Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 9:59 AM

Aanii/Hi Bethany,

I can be reached at the office number listed below anytime M-F 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Miigwech/Thank You and have a great day!!

Lynn Rosales

Environment Worker

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Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 12:25 PM

Hi Lynn,

Wonderful, thanks so much for sharing your number, Lynn!

As mentioned, our team looks forward to meeting you in person and Laura, an Environmental Planner (copied here) will be there and she's great (I won't be able to make it either, unfortunately).

We're also running a bit behind on the presentation as we're waiting on material for the air quality part of the presentation, so it sounds like it won't be fully drafted until some time on Monday. I was hoping we could share it with Courtney (or yourself) for review, but there likely won't be enough time. My apologies on that front. We're definitely looking forward to feedback and questions from yourself and community members on Tuesday evening, and please reach out if there's anything else we should know/prepare for with the meeting. My understanding is that tobacco will have already been offered to the Elder providing the prayer when the prayer was requested, so it is not expected that we bring tobacco, but please let me know if this is incorrect.

All my best,  
Bethany

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Swyers, Laura <lswyers@dillon.ca>

## St. Clair Project Presentation

1 message

**Haalboom, Bethany** <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>

Tue, Jun 20, 2023 at 1:10 PM

To: Courtney Jackson <cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca>, Lynn Rosales <lrosales@aamjiwnaang.ca>

Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Dear Lynn and Courtney,

Thank you so much for inviting the Invenergy and Dillon to visit Aamjiwnaang First Nation last week to discuss the St.Clair Energy Expansion Project with community members-the team really enjoyed the experience. Again, my apologies that I could not be there as well.

I'm attaching a copy of the presentation as a PDF for your records, and as something for you to share with community members who were not present in-person. If there is any feedback they would like to share with us, or if they have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to pass those along.

All my best,

Bethany

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# Timeline



- **October 2022**  
Initiation of Environmental Assessment Process
- **December 2022**  
Open House
- **December 2022**  
Proposal for Upgrade Submitted to Independent Electricity System Operator

- **January 2023**  
Prepare Draft Environmental Review Report
- **June 2023**  
Submission of Environmental Review Report to Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
- **July 2023**  
End of 30 day review period
- **July 2023**  
Permit Submission to MECP

- **October 2023**  
Anticipated Approval of Permits from MECP

- **March 2025**  
Construction Begins



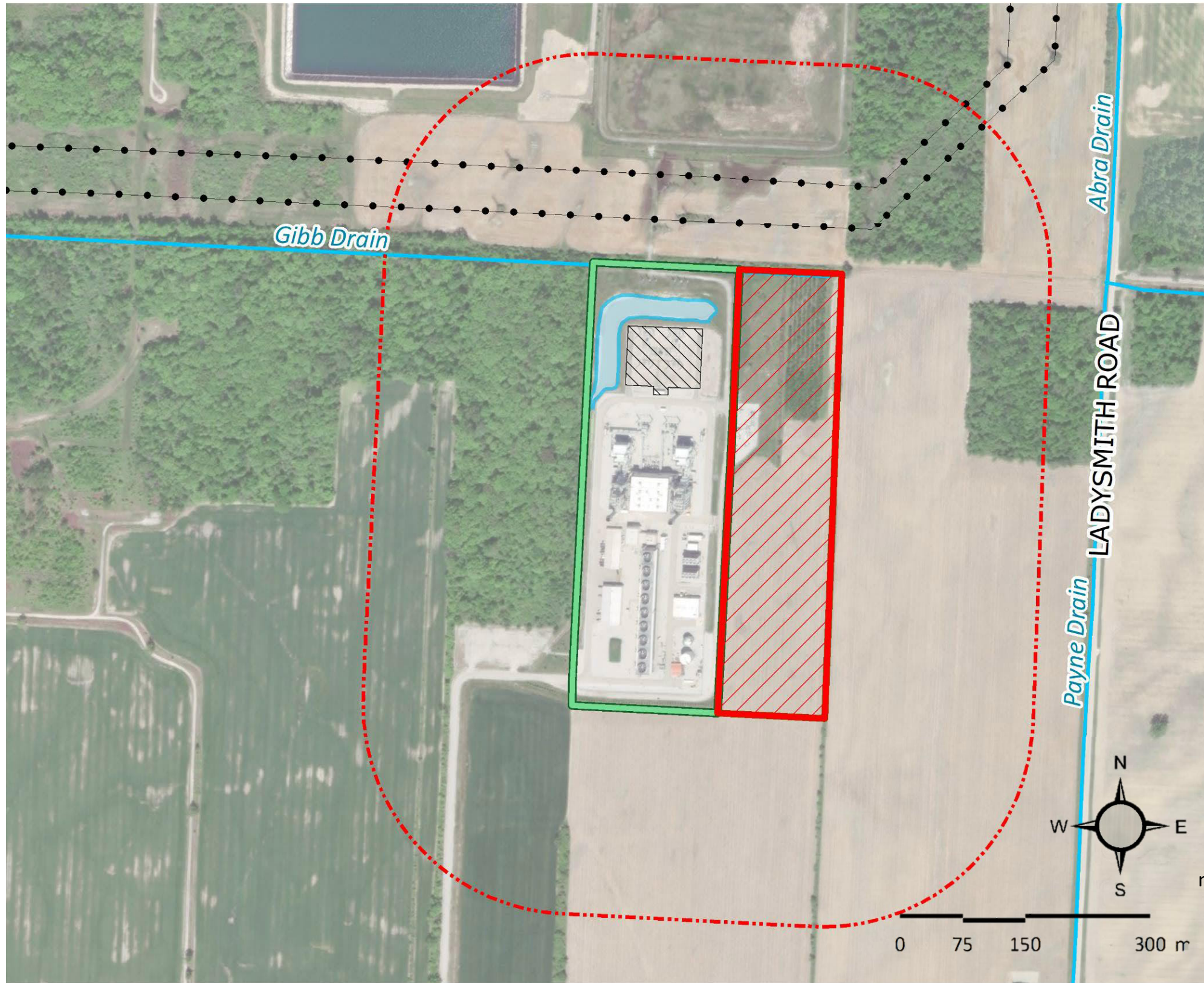
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



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# Proposed Upgrade of the St. Clair Energy Centre Environmental Assessment

Aamjiwnaang First Nation – Community Meeting

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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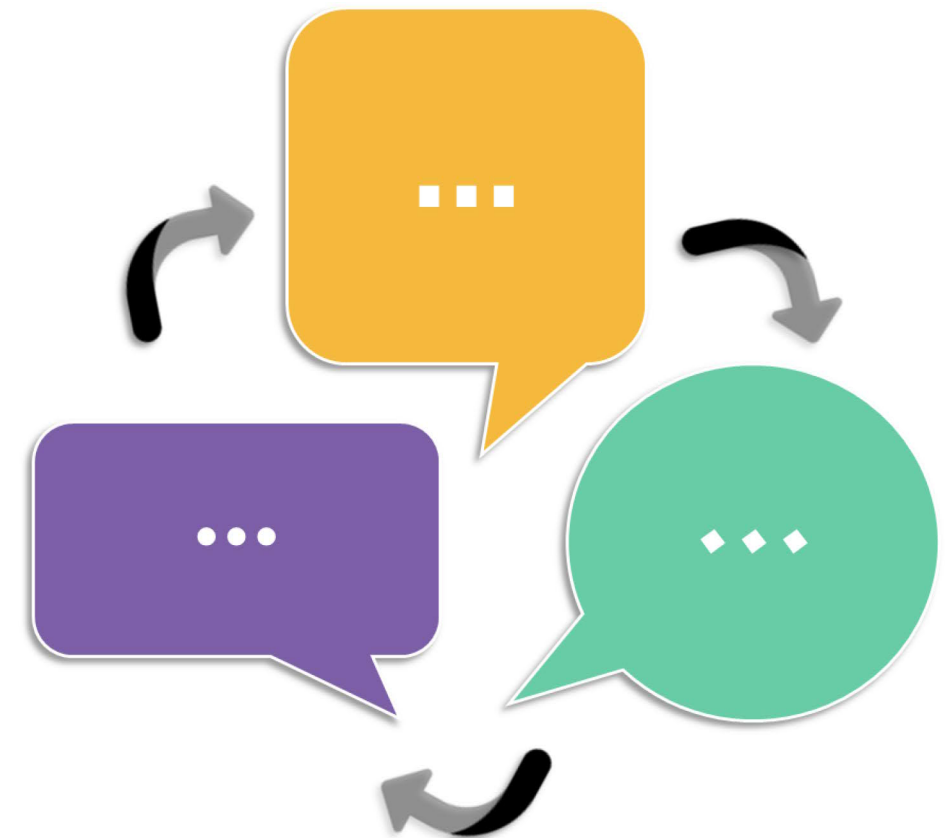
# Land & Water Acknowledgement

We would like to recognize and acknowledge that the land and surrounding water that the St. Clair Energy Centre operates on is the traditional territory of the Anishinabe people of Aamjiwnaang First Nation and the Three Fires confederacy's traditional territory of the Chippewa, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples, referred to collectively as the Anishinaabeg.

We would also like to acknowledge and give thanks to the many other Indigenous nations and communities that reside on this land in the past, present, and future.

# Purpose of the Session

- Provide background information on the Project;
- Review of the Air and Noise report key findings;
- Provide Aamjiwnaang First Nation Community members an opportunity to participate during the Environmental Assessment process, to learn about the project, and share your interests and concerns.



# Notice of Project Update

A Notice of Project Update was sent to Aamjiwnaang First Nation on **April 11, 2023** detailing the changes made to the project timeline and generating capacity.

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## NOTICE OF PROJECT UPDATE

PROJECT UPDATE FOR THE PROPOSED UPGRADE AND EXPANSION OF THE ST. CLAIR ENERGY CENTRE – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



### THE PROJECT

Invenergy is a leading privately held, global developer and operator of sustainable energy solutions. With electricity demands in Southern Ontario anticipated to grow significantly over the next several years, St. Clair Energy Centre, owned and operated by St. Clair Power, L.P., an affiliate of Invenergy, is proposing to expand the nameplate capacity of the existing facility located in St. Clair Township, Ontario. At this time, the proposed expansion to the facility will include the following projects:

1: (Upgrade) Increase plant capacity through process improvements and equipment upgrades. Requiring no physical expansion of the plant, this scenario results in approximately an additional 70 megawatts (MW) of generating capacity.

2: (Expansion) Addition of a new gas turbine(s), or reciprocating engines, to achieve a total of approximately 100-120 MW of additional capacity. This would require the expansion of the plant footprint and other upgrades to infrastructure.



### PROJECT UPDATE

Invenergy has submitted two separate proposals to the Independent System Electricity Operator (IESO) for the upgrade and expansion of the St. Clair Energy Centre: Same Technology Upgrade Solicitation for Project 1 (Submission completed in December 2022) and Expedited- Long Term 1 (E-LT1) Request for Proposal (RFP) for Project 2 (Submission completed in February 2023). Based on changes to IESO's initial procurement schedule and provided that no project awards have been issued to date, Invenergy has decided to proceed with Project 1 (Upgrade) at this time, to continue to progress the project in order to remain in line with adhering to the IESO's stated timeline for same technology upgrade facilities to be operational. Except for a change in additional generating capacity from 60 MW to 70 MW, no other changes to Project 1 are anticipated at this time and the information presented for Project 1 in late 2022 remains the same. A decision on whether to proceed with Project 2 (Expansion) will occur at a later date once the E-LT1 process concludes sometime in Quarter 2, 2023.

### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects (the "Guide") issued by the Ontario Government pursuant to the Environmental Assessment Act ensures that an Environmental Review Report (ERR) will be prepared for Project 1 and will identify the potential authorizations required. The ERR will also provide an assessment of potential effects and propose mitigation measures for the construction and operation of the facility.

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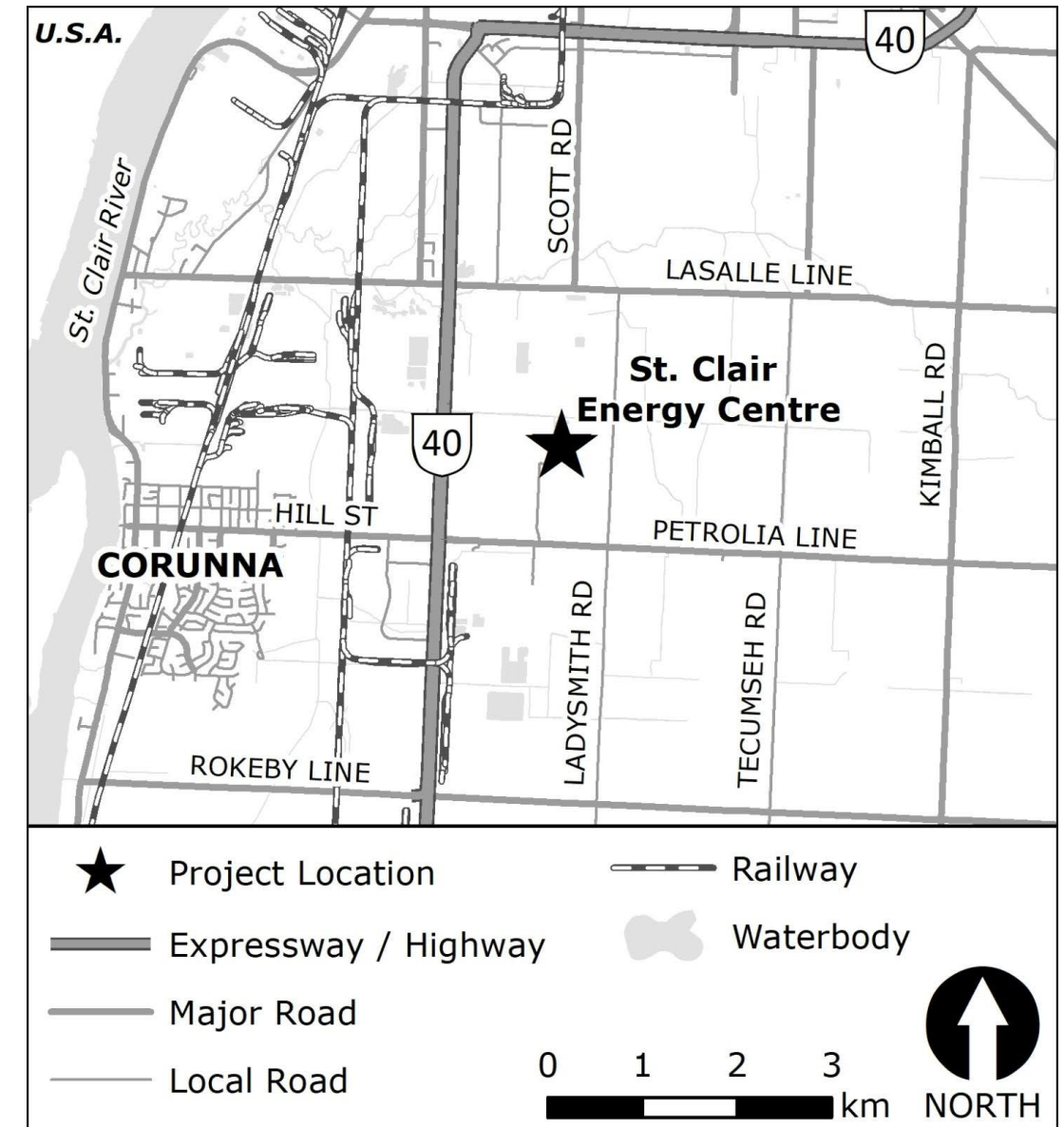
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# Project Background

- The St. Clair Energy Centre is a 584-megawatt combined-cycle natural gas turbine generation facility located in St. Clair Township, Ontario, and began operations in 2009.
- Power generated from the facility is transmitted through the provincial power transmission network (electrical grid) to end users such as homes and businesses.
- To help meet the provinces growing need for reliable and efficient electricity, Invenergy, is proposing equipment improvements to the facility that will result in an incremental addition to the contract capacity of approximately 70 megawatts (MW).



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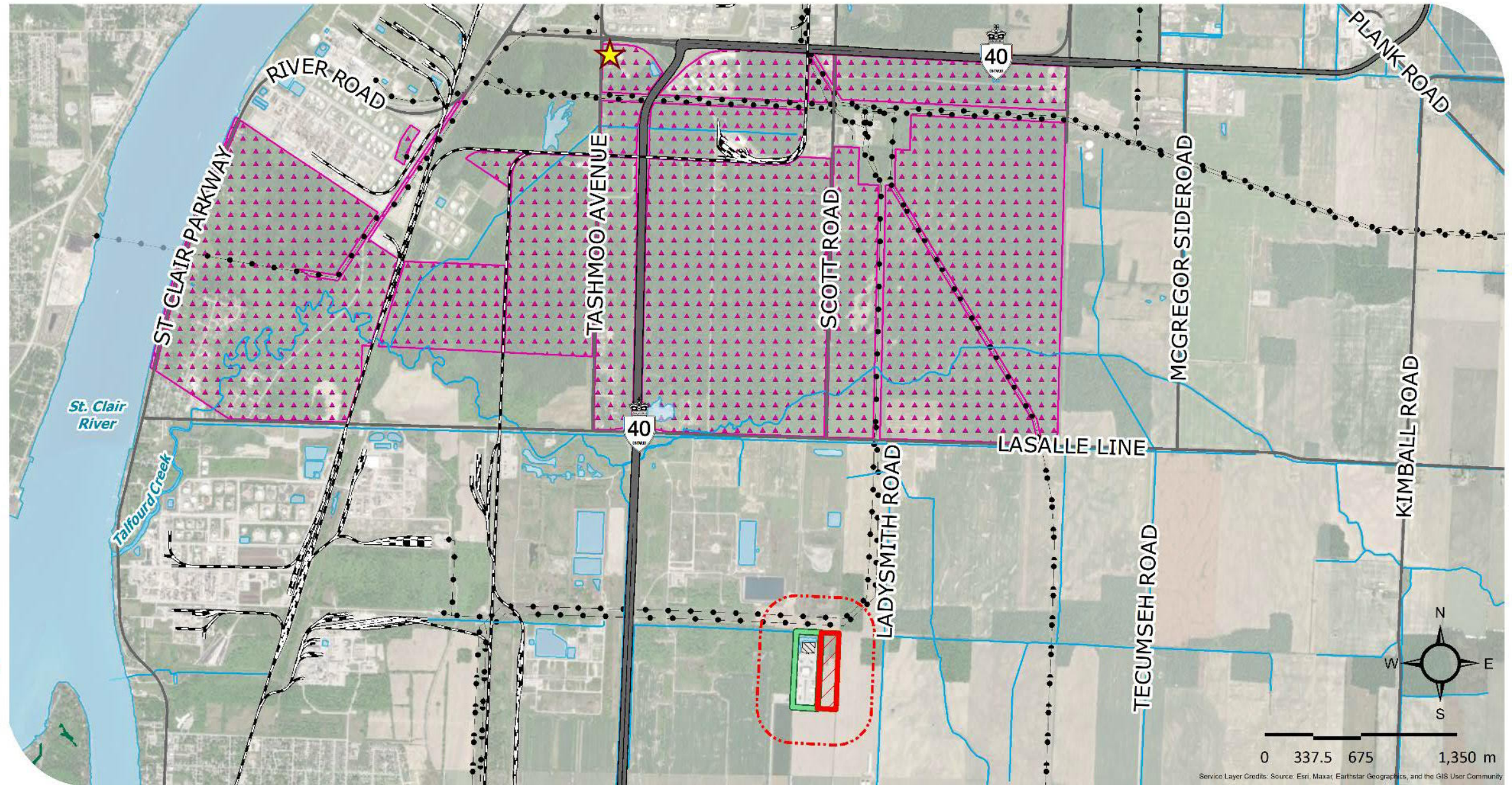
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



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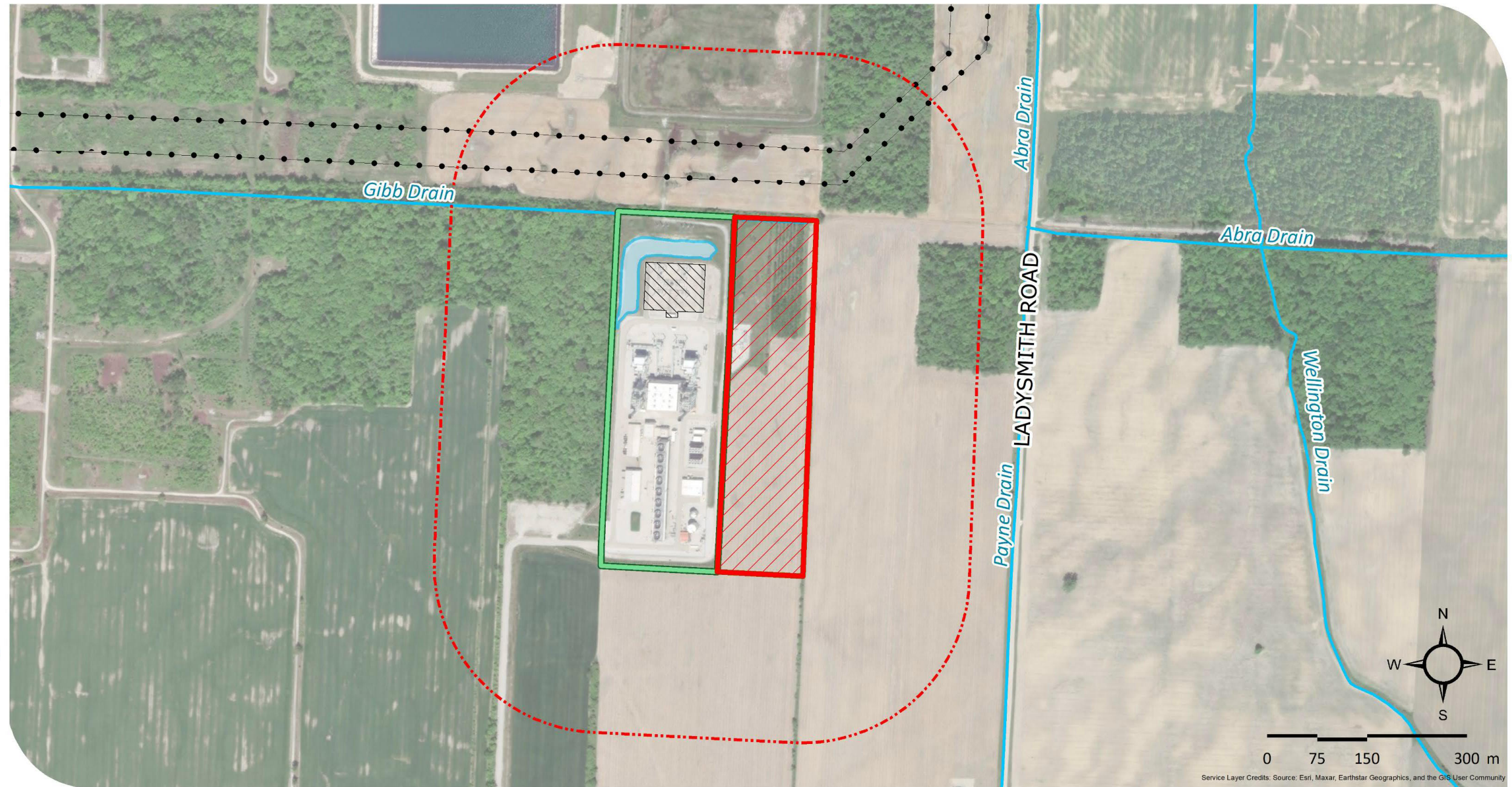
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# Why Natural Gas?

- Replacing coal, diesel, and fuel oils with clean-burning natural gas greatly reduces harmful air emissions such as nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter and reduces emissions of greenhouse gases which are responsible for climate change.
- As a flexible, fast-response energy source, natural gas plays an important role within the broader energy transition by supporting the power grid's ability to manage increasing amounts of renewable generation.
- The goal of the proposed upgrade is to provide dispatchable (quick starting) base-load natural gas power generation as per the Independent Electricity System Operator's request.
- The proposed upgrade occurs at an existing facility and will not require a new greenfield installation. The existing facility would continue to only use clean natural gas.

# Cultural Heritage Resources

## Archaeology

- A Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for the Project was completed in November of 2022 and was accepted by the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM).
- The Stage 1 study determined that no previously registered archaeological sites are located within 1 km of the Study Area. The property inspection determined that there is no archaeological potential.
- Based on the current evaluation, a previous Stage 1 and 2 completed for existing facility in 2006, and previous disturbance, a Stage 2 assessment is not being recommended.

## Built Heritage and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

- There are no properties within the Study Area that are Listed or Designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.
- There are no cemeteries located in the Study Area.
- The MCM “Criteria for Evaluating Potential Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes” Checklist was completed and concluded that there is no potential for built heritage or cultural heritage landscapes in the Study Area.

# Permits and Approvals

- Upon completion of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and ERR, a Notice of Completion will be filed with the Ontario MECP.
- Permits will also be obtained from various agencies in the form of operating permits to ensure that the facility is operating according to legislated requirements.
- Environmental Compliance Approval for Air (including Noise) and Industrial Sewage is required and will be obtained from the Ontario MECP. These permits will be submitted as amendments to existing facility approvals.

# Air Baseline and Potential Impacts

- A baseline air quality assessment was completed for the proposed facility.
- Air dispersion modelling has been prepared to determine the predicted impact of the proposed Upgrade. The modelling assessment is in the process of being finalized, and the results will be used to inform a strategy regarding mitigation management.
- The modelling was prepared following MECP's guidelines and accounted for the worst-case emissions scenario from the facility.
- The results of this assessment shows that with the exception of BaPs and benzene, all compounds were well below the MECP criteria in the study area.
- To put things in perspective, the air emissions profile associated with the combustion of natural gas at the facility would be similar to that generated from gas-fired home furnaces.
- The Facility is equipped with a Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEM) to ensure that it always operates within the approved limits set by the MECP.



# Noise Baseline and Potential Impacts

- A baseline noise assessment, consisting of qualitative and quantitative evaluation of the existing noise environment was undertaken. This included a noise propagation modelling exercise incorporating all dominant sources, onsite buildings/structures, and a worst-case operating scenario, resulting in maximum noise emissions from the facility.
- The modelling was completed using the MECP-approved noise model [based on ISO9613].
- The assessment included long-term ambient noise monitoring at the nearest receptors (i.e., residential dwellings).
- As confirmed by the manufacturer of the gas turbine, GE, the proposed Upgrade is isolated only to the optimization of the existing systems and does not involve the addition of new noise sources to the facility.
- The results confirmed that the ambient noise environment in the study area is impacted by industrial activities and road traffic.
- The facility (including the proposed Upgrade) remains in compliance with the applicable noise limits at the nearby receptors.

# Mitigation and Monitoring

- Invenergy is committed to working with Aamjiwnaang First Nation
- Invenergy is committed to applying proven Best-Management-Practices (BMPs) to mitigate any potential impacts from the Upgrade project.
- The Environmental Review Report will include a detailed assessment of potential effects and BMPs, where required, to minimize impact.

# Project Timeline



Proposed Upgrade of the St. Clair Energy Centre – Environmental Assessment

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# Proposed Upgrade of the St. Clair Energy Centre Environmental Assessment

## Aamjiwnaang First Nation – Community Meeting

June 13, 2023

<b>Name</b> (Please Print First and Last)	<b>Signature</b>
Christine Rogers	
Chris Yorke	
Bonnie Plain	Bonnie Plain
Gabby Solinas	
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## Fwd: St. Clair Environmental Review Report

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**Jennifer Mills** <jmills@cottfn.com>  
To: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Thu, Jul 13, 2023 at 2:27 PM

Ok thanks. There will be two of us reviewing it. I would estimate 15 hours per person and our current rate is \$200/hr, so that would \$6000 plus 15% admin fee = \$6900.

May be less time – depends on how much focus we need to give to the appendices.

Do you need this in a more formal quote?

Jen

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**From:** Haalboom, Bethany <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 2:12 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Mills <jmills@cottfn.com>  
**Cc:** Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: St. Clair Environmental Review Report

Hi Jennifer,

Okay, thanks for letting me know. The document is estimated to be 100 pages long with 500 pages of appendices.

Best,

Bethany

On Thu, Jul 13, 2023 at 1:27 PM Jennifer Mills <jmills@cottfn.com> wrote:

Hi Bethany

I think at this point we would be doing the review in house. In order to give an estimate, can you tell me the length of the document?

Thanks

Jen

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**From:** Haalboom, Bethany <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023 4:34 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Mills <jmills@cottfn.com>  
**Subject:** St. Clair Environmental Review Report

Dear Jennifer,

I just wanted to update you regarding the St Clair Energy Project review materials. The Environmental Review Report will be available for a 30-day review period within the next month and we will ensure to let you know when that report becomes available for review.

If you are interested in receiving capacity funding to review the Environmental Report could you please let us know at your earliest convenience? We understand that the project is considered 'moderate' with regard to the potential impacts and that there is review funding identified within the COTTFN Consultation Protocol for these types of projects. We would appreciate it if you could confirm the funding amount.

Best,

Bethany

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To: Jennifer Mills <jmills@cottfn.com>  
Cc: Laura Swyers <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Fri, Jul 14, 2023 at 9:36 AM

Hi Jennifer,

Thanks for your estimate. At this time, we do not require a formal quote.

We'll be sending a notice in the upcoming week when the document is ready for review and where it will be available.

Upon completion of your review, if you could send us an invoice for your services that would be great.

Thanks so much!

Bethany.

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Swyers, Laura <lswyers@dillon.ca>

## Proposed Upgrade of the St. Clair Energy Centre ERR - Follow Up

1 message

**Swyers, Laura** <lswyers@dillon.ca>

Fri, Jul 14, 2023 at 11:48 AM

To: cjackson@aamjiwnaang.ca

Cc: "Haalboom, Bethany" <bhaalboom@dillon.ca>

Bcc: Avid Banihashemi <abanishemi@dillon.ca>

Good morning Courtney,

I wanted to inform you that I have recently left a message with Zach at the Aamjiwnaang Band Office regarding an action item that our team wanted to confirm as resolved.

On January 17, a question regarding the number of stacks that would be added as part of the proposed Upgrades to the St. Clair Energy Centre was asked. We wanted to confirm that there will be no change in the number of stacks as part of the Upgrade (currently there are 2 stacks at the Facility). The number of potential additional stacks for the proposed facility Expansion is unknown at this time. A separate Environmental Review Report for the facility Expansion will be completed and the project team will continue consultation with your community as part of that project.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out to me via email or by calling me at 519.438.1288 ext. 1022.

Kind regards,  
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## Discussion with Don Richardson (Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point)

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Avid,

I spoke with Don Richardson on Friday July 14, 2023 letting him know that there was not a potential partnership opportunity on the St. Clair Energy Centre project. He understood and stated that was clear from our earlier conversation. I also stated that we would release the value of the upgrade project (Project 1) on an as and when required basis. Don understood this position.

Thanks

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