

Aboriginal Matters Summary

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The Aboriginal Engagement Program for the Project is guided by TransCanada's *Aboriginal Relations Policy* and TransCanada's corporate values of safety, integrity, responsibility and collaboration. This policy has been previously submitted to the Board.

Project Location

The Project will be located entirely in the Province of Ontario on TransCanada-owned land. The Project does not cross any lands that are defined as a reserve, or that have been designated as reserve, under the *Indian Act*.

Identification of Aboriginal Communities for Engagement

TransCanada identified Aboriginal communities that may be potentially affected by or interested in the Project through a combination of desktop research and TransCanada's own operating experience, including other past projects in the region and an established network of contacts with Aboriginal communities in the Project area.

Notwithstanding the Project's limited size, scope, and the nature of the affected lands (previously disturbed and on TransCanada-owned land), TransCanada identified one Aboriginal organization as being potentially affected by or interested in the Project.

The Algonquins of Ontario includes 10 Algonquin communities in the Ottawa River watershed: the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation and the communities of Antoine, Bancroft, Bonnechere, Greater Golden Lake, Mattawa/North Bay, Ottawa, Shabot Obaadjiwan, Snimikobi, and Whitney and area.

The Algonquins of Ontario have concluded an agreement with the governments of Canada and Ontario on consultation. This agreement sets out how the governments of Canada and Ontario will consult the Algonquins of Ontario on proposed activities or projects in the claim territory while negotiations among the parties are ongoing. This consultation process is coordinated by the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office.

Engagement with the Algonquins of Ontario, undertaken through the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office, is detailed below.

Community Engagement

On January 13, 2017, TransCanada provided an information package, via Xpresspost, to the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office and included the following Project information:

- Introductory letter
- Project Fact Sheet (which provided information regarding the Project location, mapping, Project overview, construction schedule, potential environmental and socio-economic effects, information about TransCanada's safety practices and emergency response, how

comments can be raised, description of TransCanada's dispute resolution process, information about the NEB and its review process, and contact information for the NEB and Project team)

- NEB Brochure: *Information for Proposed Pipeline or Power Line Projects That Do Not Involve a Hearing*
- TransCanada brochure: *Stakeholder Relations Commitment Statement*
- TransCanada brochure: *Aboriginal Relations Policy*
- TransCanada brochure: *We Operate with Respect to Our Stakeholders*

The information package indicated TransCanada's intention to file an application to the NEB for approval in the first quarter of 2017.

On January 17, 2017, TransCanada sent an email to the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office and provided an electronic copy of the January 13, 2017 information package.

To date, no Project-related issues or concerns have been raised by the Algonquins of Ontario.

Section 58 Application Notice

Once the Project application has been filed with the NEB, TransCanada will notify the Algonquins of Ontario of the filing, including information about how to access the application. This notification will take place within 72 hours of the filing date.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC ISSUES AND CONCERNS

TransCanada confirms that it has engaged with the potentially affected First Nation organization that it identified, and at this time, is not aware of any Project-specific concerns.

TransCanada's engagement with the Algonquins of Ontario is ongoing. TransCanada remains available to respond to the Algonquins of Ontario if any issues or concerns arise about the Project.

Future Engagement and Follow-up

For the regulatory approval and construction phases of the Project, TransCanada will follow its Aboriginal Engagement Process, including information sharing.

During the operations phase, TransCanada will continue to engage the Algonquins of Ontario through TransCanada's Public Awareness Program.