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Upcoming Meetings

Maliseet Consultation and Unity Meeting will be taking place on **March 15 & 16 2017** in Fredericton, NB at the Delta Hotel.

Energy East is coming to town, **March 23rd** Trans Canada is introducing their objections to our submissions regarding Traditional Land Use, Landscape effects, and technical problems with their environmental assessments. It will be hosted at **KFN's culture room 6pm.**

Call for Community Engagement Committee (CEC) members

If any community members are interested in being apart of the CEC, please send your name and number to Sydney Paul at 363-3028 or sydneypaul@kingsclear.ca

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Government of New Brunswick: Shellfish Strategy

Currently the Province of NB has an aquaculture (artificially grown) fishery of oysters nearing 20 million oysters per year. This has been on the rise. In the last 5 years there has been an approximate growth of 25%. The RDCCs have recently met with the province and they intend to increase this industry by 10% per year for 5 years. This is to take place on the east coast of NB (ex. Miramichi

area). Currently the land use for this area of industry is 2700 hectares. With a yearly increase of 10% that would be over 4000 hectares, however, the province assures us that this 10% increase does not necessarily mean a strict increase in land use. Rather, the increase may come in the form of increased capacity on existing farms. They assure us that they will not over extend the resource, and that they adhere to best practices for

the aquaculture. Science concerning this industry points toward it being lucrative and actually beneficial in general to the waters health. Being filter feeders, the more oysters in the water the better; they help filter effects of nutrient loading, and if toxins are present because of their large numbers they dilute the concentration of them. We are in talks to see what opportunities are available closer to home, in the Bay of Fundy.

Catalyst 20/20 Program

The catalyst 20/20 program is an indigenous initiative made to support growth in the green energy sector. Over the course of the Program's three, week-long On-Site sessions, Catalysts (participants) will gain the knowledge, tools, and resources they need to lead clean energy initiatives in their communities.

Catalysts will leave the Program not only with an understanding of how to realize clean energy projects but how they can maximize the community benefits that come with these initiatives. The three week long sessions are to take place in New Brunswick (May), Alberta (June) and Quebec (July). The details surrounding these sessions have yet to be released. **Priority will go to candidates who can attend these sessions, those with some experience in the green energy sector, and those with support from their band or clean energy proponent.**

While the costs of the program are \$20,000 NB Power and the

Department of Energy and Resources Development (DERD) are footing the bill for each of the 2 successful candidates in NB (one Maliseet and one Mi'kmaq). This amount covers all associated costs for travel and board during the three weeks of workshops, as well as offers the participant access to the Indigenous Clean Energy (ICE) Network.

The curriculum for the Program covers five Energy Skill Areas that are essential to maximizing community benefits from clean energy projects. Through a variety of exercises and activities, Catalysts will explore topics such as establishing businesses, project reporting, creating community trusts, and much more. The Energy Skill Areas are:

- Community engagement and communications
- Employment creation and skills enhancements
- "Smart" investment and community legacy
- Economic development and

- business planning, and
- Project financing and equity capital

Applications for the 2017 Program are now being accepted, and will remain open until the application deadline date of April 7, 2017. **Early application is strongly encouraged.** The application form can be found at:

<http://indigenoucleanenergy.com/2020-catalysts-program/prospective-participants/application-form/>.

For further information visit the Catalyst 2020 website at <http://indigenoucleanenergy.com/2020-catalysts-program/> or for any questions concerning the role of NB Power and the Department of Energy and Resource you can contact MaryAnn.Mann@gnb.ca. Any questions regarding band support or help in the application process contact Gordon Grey at the band hall during regular hours or via email at greywag@hotmail.com.

Energy East Project (EEP): NEB and Crown Consultation

EEP is a proposed 3500km project that runs through Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. Approximately 2000km of it is a re-purposing of a natural gas pipeline. The remainder is new build pipeline. It will ship 1.1 million barrels of oil, approximately 160 million liters of oil per day. It's end objective is roughly 1/3 domestic use and 2/3 global markets. It will ship to these markets via Saint John, nearly tripling the tanker traffic in the Bay of Fundy. In our home province of NB the Maliseet nation has recently submitted our technical objections to Trans Canada's environmental and socio-economic application, we also filed our Traditional Land Use and Regional Landscape Analysis. Starting in March we will be meeting with them to see which points they find objectionable in our reviews and perhaps start building mitigation priorities for the Maliseet. The

community meeting will be March 23rd, 6:00 pm at the culture room.

The NEB has recently reconvened, although they have yet to sign off on a schedule as they are voiding all decisions made from the last group assigned to the file (this includes the decision that the application was complete). This would mean that we are looking at minimum of a re-start of the countdown to the NEB recommendation (15-18 months).

We also recently have begun the process of Crown Consultation which we are assured will be factored into the governor-in-council's decision to accept or reject the project after a 3-6 month review following the NEB recommendation. We have filed our comments on Crown consultation, and our 2 major concerns consist of:

- 1) the province's bias. Premier Brian Gallant has been a major source of support for the project. He also has previous political connections with the new head of the NEB panel Don Ferguson
- 2) the issue of non-consequence. We are concerned that no matter our stance that our position is not taken seriously by the government. Often they do not seem to legitimize their position sufficiently. Our position is often environmental in nature, and theirs appears to represent economy over anything

Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station

License Renewal

New Brunswick Power Corporation (NB Power) owns and is licensed to operate the Point Lepreau Generating Station, located approximately 40 km west of Saint John, New Brunswick and on the shores of the Bay of Fundy. NB Power also operates a nuclear waste management facility at the station. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) has full-time staff onsite who perform inspections to evaluate operations and to verify compliance with regulatory requirements and license conditions.

<http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/reactors/power-plants/nuclear-facilities/point-lepreau-nuclear-generating-station/index.cfm>

Do you harvest resources like moose, fish, seafood, fiddleheads, berries, or sweet grass near the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station?

Do you camp, have trails, hold ceremonies, or know of other special places near the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station?

Do you have concerns about how the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station impacts your traditional land and resource use?

Do you have concerns about contamination of traditional resources as a result of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station?

If so please contact Ave Dersch at 780-700-4465 or ave.dersch@moccasinflower.ca to share your concerns.

These concerns will be documented in a submission by the Maliseet to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission regarding the renewal of the license for NB Power's Point Lepreau Nuclear Generating Station.

We need your comments by March 10, 2017 because the Maliseet need to communicate any concerns with Point Lepreau by March 27, 2017.

