

MONTHLY CONSULTATION NEWSLETTER: TOBIQUE FIRST NATION



COMMUNITY EVENTS

This Issue

On July 6, 2016 at 6 pm (Community Building), TransCanada will be in the community to present a general overview of the proposed Energy East Pipeline project, which will include topics such as: general project facts, emergency response and the proposed Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) at the Tobique River.

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Supper will be provided and door prizes will be given away.



On July 17, 2016 at 1 pm there will be a Nation meeting in Kingsclear (Wulastukw Elementary School) regarding the future of the Mactaquac Dam.

The gathering will consist of:

- BBQ and presentation by NB Power regarding Mactaquac
- Speech by Chief Atwin regarding Kingsclear's position toward the 4 options
- Discussion of legal options with Dominique Nouvet

Travel will be provided to members wishing to come. Please RSVP with Deana Sappier (deana.sappier@tobiquefirstnation.ca or 273-5544) or Doreen Paul-Sappier (Doreen.m.paul69@gmail.com) by July 13th.



THE PROPOSED SISSON PROJECT —UPDATE

The federal government has not yet decided on the Sisson project (the project needs both federal and provincial approvals to go forward—the provincial approval was given in December 2015, subject to 40 conditions). The federal decision may come as early as August, but potentially in the fall. The Maliseet Chiefs have requested that Canada not to make its decision until they complete their accommodation discussions with New Brunswick. The Maliseet Chiefs continue to discuss with New Brunswick, potential measures to accommodate the impacts of the Sisson Mine on Maliseet treaty and Aboriginal rights in the event that the mine proceeds.

Accommodation measures include: a training and employment strategy, a mining accident/malfunction compensation fund, revenue-sharing on mine profits and the protection of other lands in Maliseet Territory from future development. If a package of accommodation measures is developed, it will be presented to Tobique members at a community meeting and Council will be seeking your feedback.

For this project, there is no federal legislation on a timeline for the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to make a decision. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) is currently preparing documents related to the project for the Minister. CEAA has previously stated that the mine will have significant impacts to the Maliseet if it proceeds (Sisson Project Comprehensive Study Report, April 2016).



MOUNT CARLETON PROVINCIAL PARK — BRIDGE REPAIR TENDERS

In late 2015, Tourism, Heritage and Culture commissioned an environmental review (available on our website and more info in April 2016 newsletter) to identify the potential impacts associated with:

- The replacement of two dilapidated bridges (Moose Brook and Bathurst Lake),
- Replacement of another collapsed bridge,
- Cutting of a new 900 m trail for snowmobiles,
- Restoration of former fire tower road,
- Building of two grooming machines, and
- An additional fuelling station at the base of the park.

On June 28, 2016, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure released the tender for Bathurst Lake bridge. The tender for Moose Lake bridge is expected to be released the week of July 4, 2016.

THE PROPOSED ENERGY EAST PROJECT —UPDATE

On May 31, 2016, a community meeting with MSES (our scientists), was held at the school, where discussions outlined the potential Energy East Pipeline (EEP) impact on the environment and its basics. They also explained the regulatory process, including the fact that EEP's consolidated application to the National Energy Board (NEB) was nearly 40,000 pages (12 boxes to ship!).

On June 16, 2016, the NEB deemed TransCanada's application as complete, which triggers the 21 month review process. In mid-July, the NEB will release a Hearing Order.

Starting August 2016 and going until December 2016, the NEB will offer Panel Sessions in communities along the pipeline route to allow intervenors (Tobique has intervenor status) to make a short statement and ask high-level questions. There will also be expanded public engagement activities carried out by a team of NEB members who will report relevant findings to the Panel.

Canada also has to conduct an assessment of upstream greenhouse gas emissions.

The NEB Panel must submit a report recommending whether or not the pipeline should go ahead by March 16, 2018.

A timeline can be found at: <http://www.one-neb.gc.ca/one-neb/mirpp/nrevst/index-eng.html>



On June 13, 2016, Peter Armitage (TLU expert), Jamie Gorman (community co-researcher) and Jason Hall (historian) presented on the Traditional Land Use (TLU) information collected for the proposed EEP project. This included validation of the Maliseet TLU map, where over 12,600 points were mapped as resource sites (hunting sites, fishing sites, medicine sites, cultural sites, camp sites, etc). The TLU study was completed with the 5 other Maliseet communities in NB and gave an impressive picture of traditional use of land. Jason Hall was tasked with combining historical documents with the oral history captured in the interviews. He focused on the colonial footprint, land access issues, issues associated with the Ganong line and the effect of dams, etc., on our ability to use the land.

Energy East/TransCanada are presenting a general overview of the project on July 6, 2016 at the community building (see Page 1 for more details).

MACTAQUAC DAM

As the end of life for Mactaquac Dam is approaching, NB Power is looking at the following 4 options:

- (1) Repowering the station with a new powerhouse, spillway and maintaining the existing earthen dam.
- (2) Maintaining the earthen dam structure to retain the headpond and replace existing concrete spillways, but no power generation.
- (3) River restoration
- (4) Life Achievement (new option) - continued operations beyond 2030; would require mechanical and electrical equipment in the station to be replaced due to age and wear. Requires ongoing work and investment.

The Maliseet communities are welcome to a Nation meeting to be held in Kingsclear on July 17, 2016 to discuss the project (see Page 1 for more details).

Currently, the Maliseet are completing a Traditional Land Use study for Mactaquac. Interviews in Tobique are being completed by Jamie Gorman. The report is expected to be completed by September 2016.

NB Power will be making a decision by the end of 2016 on the 4 Options.

PROPOSED SCOTIAN BASIN PROJECT

British Petroleum (BP) Canada Energy Group is proposing to carry out exploration drilling off the shore of Nova Scotia (see picture for location). The company is looking for hydrocarbon resources in the area and has already completed seismic testing.

The project has triggered an environmental assessment by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA). As Tobique has commercial fisheries in the larger regional study area (Grand Manan), we will be providing comments on the project.

BP has recently submitted their Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to CEAA, which is now undergoing a checklist review. We expect the EIS to be available the week of July 4, 2016.

More information about the project is available on our website.



For more information on the proposed projects please visit the website:
<http://www.tobiquefirstnation.ca/communityEngagement.html>

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