



## 5. ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION

### 5.1 Aboriginal Consultation

**Appendix B** provides copies of all original correspondence with Aboriginal communities. Communications with Aboriginal communities began in April 2007, with the initiation of the proposed wind farm. On October 5, 2010, under the REA, the MOE provided the Director's List of Aboriginal communities to contact for the project. The following communities were identified on the Director's List:

- Beausoleil Chippewas of Christian Island
- Chippewas of Georgian Island First Nation
- Chippewas of Mnjikaning First Nation
- Saugeen Ojibway First Nation
- Saugeen First Nation
- Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
- Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
- Great Lakes Métis Council
- Métis Nation of Ontario.

On October 21, 2010, Dillon contacted the MOE as they were concerned that not all Aboriginal Communities that may have an interest in the project were included in the Director's List. On November 15, 2010, the MOE sent email notification adding the following Aboriginal communities to the Director's List:

- The Haldimand Tract and the Six Nations of the Grand River (Rights).

The above noted correspondence with the Ministry of the Environment can be found in **Appendix C**.

**Section 3.3** outlines all notifications that were sent the Aboriginal communities, including letters requesting

Based on these notifications, contact was made with the following communities as described below: Saugeen Ojibway First Nation, the Six Nations of the Grand River, the Great Lakes Métis Council and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council.



### 5.1.1 Saugeen Ojibway Nation

The following provides a summary of the engagement activities that have occurred with the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON). Copies of key correspondence are contained in **Appendix C**.

- In response to project notification sent to SON, 401 Energy Ltd, Farm Owned Power (Melancthon) received a letter from SON (dated, August 31, 2010) indicating a desire to be engaged
- Through email correspondence, 401 Energy attempted to arrange an initial meeting with SON in late 2010/early 2011
- In response to contact made with SON in August 2011, and project correspondence sent to SON in September 2011, DWP received a letter from SON (dated, September 22, 2011) confirming their interest in the project particularly with respect to natural heritage and cultural heritage considerations
- DWP (through Dillon Consulting) then followed-up with SON in mid-October providing an update on the status of the project and on-going field work
- A letter of agreement was sent by SON to DWP on October 28, 2011, with a cost estimate for the monitoring of the archaeological Stage 2 surveys. DWP provided acceptance of the terms/cost quote
- On October 31, 2011, SON monitors began participating in the archaeology Stage 2 survey work that was being conducted for the project
- In early November 2011, arrangements were made with SON to send monitors for the natural heritage survey work. An in-field meeting date was set for November 14, 2011, but SON cancelled the meeting indicating that they first needed to develop a protocol
- On November 28, 2011, DWP sent a letter to SON welcoming their participation in the project
- Further correspondence with SON in late 2011, indicated that SON was working on a new engagement strategy for renewable projects. Correspondence continued with SON in December 2011, regarding the establishment of an agreement between SON and DWP. DWP received correspondence from SON on December 23, 2011, that SON was working on a new agreement
- In early 2012, attempts were made (through email correspondence and phone calls) to schedule a meeting with SON to review the project and their continued interest in it
- On June 7, 2012, a technical meeting was held with SON at the SON Environmental Office near Wiarton. Attending the meeting was Joselyn Keeshig of SON and the natural heritage and cultural resource technical experts for DWP and SON. The focus of the



meeting was on the technical review of the draft REA documents to be undertaken by SON. A draft technical assessment work scope and cost proposal was provided to DWP

- On July 9, 2012, DWP received a letter and estimate for a technical assessment
- Hard copies of the Natural Heritage Reporting was sent to SON in July 2012
- A retainer cheque for the technical assessment was provided to SON on July 21, 2012
- On August 2, 2012, SON monitors began the monitoring of the stage 2 archaeological survey work for the 230 kV private easement area.

The engagement of SON is expected to continue into fall 2012. DWP expects to receive from SON written results of their technical review and then if deemed necessary, begin discussions on an impact benefits agreement.

### 5.1.2 Six Nations of the Grand River

The previous project developer (401 Energy Ltd) met in November 2010 with the Community's Director of Economic Development (Mr. Matt Jamieson). No specific concerns were expressed about the project at that time. On May 14, 2012, DWP (through Dillon Consulting) received an email from Joanne Thomas of Six Nations of the Grand River (Six Nations) requesting a meeting to further discuss the project. We understand that the email was in follow-up to previous correspondence sent to Six Nations regarding the project. A response email was sent to Six Nations on May 24, 2012 indicating that DWP would be pleased to meet. A meeting was held on June 13, 2012 with various representatives of Six Nations including Joanne Thomas (Land and Resources), Phil Monture and Lonny Bomberry. Six Nations provided to DWP an overview of their treaty rights including written materials. DWP provided an overview of the DWF project. Six Nations indicated possible interesting in having economic involvement in the project. The key follow-up action from the meeting was for SON to have their Director of Economic Development meet with DWP. On June 20, 2012, DWP sent an email to Joanne Thomas and Lonny Bomberry (Six Nations Lands and Resources) to follow-up on a possible meeting with their economic development representative. A response has not been received.

DWP continues to follow-up with Six Nations to confirm their interest in the project. A follow-up letter has been sent (August 9, 2012) that includes the offer to come to their community for further presentations and discussions.



### **5.1.3 Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council**

In follow-up to contact being made with Six Nations of the Grand River, DWP sent a letter to the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Council (HCC) on May 30, 2012. A response was not received. An email address for Ms. Hazel Hill, Interim Director of the Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI) was provided by the MOE on July 11, 2012. A follow-up email was then received from Ms. Hazel Hill indicating they had not received previous correspondence and would provide a response. DWP followed up with a letter being sent to Ms. Hill's attention on July 12, 2012, offering to meeting with HDI to present the project. A response from HDI has not been received to date.

DWP continues to follow-up with HCC/HDI to confirm their interest in the project. A follow-up letter was sent on August 9, 2012, which includes the offer to come to their community for further presentations and discussions.

### **5.1.4 Métis Nation of Ontario – Georgian Bay Traditional Territory Consultation Committee**

In follow-up to submitted DWF project notices, DWP received an email from Mr. Alden Barty of the MNO on October 5, 2011. A meeting was requested to learn more about the project. DWP agreed to cover costs for attendance of Métis representatives as per October 24, 2011, email correspondence. A meeting was held on November 7, 2011, at the Georgian Bay Métis Council Office in Midland. Representatives indicated interest in project related natural heritage and cultural heritage considerations. Meeting minutes were sent, no comments were received. A follow-up email was sent to Mr. Alden Berry on February 2, 2012, requesting how the MNO would like to participate further in the project. No response was received from MNO on sent notices on the availability of draft REA documentation for review.

DWP continues to follow-up with MNO to confirm their interest in the project. A follow-up letter was been sent on August 9, 2012, which includes the offer to come to their community for further presentations and discussions.