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***Six Nations Future Begins Community Engagement for Niagara
Reinforcement Line Project***

SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER, ON – October 18, 2017 – Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of the Energy (ENERGY), and Hydro One, have brought forth a solution to see the Niagara Reinforcement Line (NRL) completed in exchange for long-term value for the Six Nations Community. A 60-day engagement period began on October 16th with a kick off event being held tomorrow, October 19th from 6-8PM, at the new Gathering Place by the Grand Event Centre. Community members wishing to comment on the project, are able to do so in person or in writing at any one of ten engagement sessions, or they can fill out an online comment card at www.snfuture.ca by December 15th.

The NRL, whose final connection point is located along the Highway 6 bypass in Caledonia, has sat incomplete and idle for over 10 years. In 2013, Six Nations Elected Council (SNEC) and SNGRDC began engaging in high level exploratory talks with the Province to arrive at a solution that would be beneficial for all parties, however nothing substantial was achieved at that time. These talks progressed in August 2016 when SNGRDC proposed a three-phase bundled solution to ENERGY and Hydro One. The three phases will Energize, Acquire and Optimize Six Nations' energy portfolio.

- 1) *Energize*: Hydro One is committed to offering a contract opportunity to SNGRDC's joint venture with the Aecon Group –A6N Utilities (A6N), to complete the remaining NRL transmission work.
- 2) *Acquire*: Equity Ownership in the Line - SNGRDC will purchase 25% ownership in the line for approx. \$13 million which will be financed using an Aboriginal Loan Guarantee from the province of Ontario.
- 3) *Optimize*: In addition, ENERGY will grant a Renewable Energy capacity set-aside to Six Nations of the Grand River, to be used by SNGRDC on behalf of Six Nations, for up to 300 megawatts of new projects within the region, if further renewable generation is needed in the future.

Community members are encouraged to attend an engagement session to learn more. Informational mailers and comment cards have been sent out to every household on Six Nations with a list of engagement dates. For more information visit www.snfuture.com

Quotes

“This project will create local employment opportunities while generating long-term economic benefits for our community,” said Chief Ava Hill, Six Nations Elected Council.

“Hydro One is committed to working with Six Nations to move this project forward under the principles of open communication and cooperation,” said Derek Chum, Vice President, Indigenous Relations at Hydro One. “This project will not only strengthen the working relationship between Hydro One and Six Nations, but will also provide long-term economic benefits for the community.”



“Our government supports Indigenous participation in the energy sector and remains committed to ensure these opportunities continue, including partnerships on major transmission line projects such as the Niagara Reinforcement Project” said Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy

“The 300 mega-watt set aside will allow our community to take a lead role in the construction and management of new renewable energy projects in this region,” said Matt Jamieson, President/CEO of SNGRDC. “SNGRDC is always looking to find new and inventive ways to invest in renewable energy to bring economic benefits to the people of Six Nations. SNGRDC believes investing in renewable energy means investing in the future and our generations yet to come.”

About Six Nations Future

Six Nations Futures is a community engagement tool utilized by Six Nations Consultation and Accommodation Process Team and SNGRDC to seek community insights on development projects happening in and around the Six Nations territory. The website and community engagement process has been designed to educate the Six Nations community about the financial, economic, and environmental impact associated with development projects, and provides a community wide mechanism to gather feedback that will help guide current and future projects. Community members can visit the website to get more information about past and current projects, and to review community engagement reports.

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About Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation:

Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) manages the Six Nations' economic interests in 14 renewable energy projects and numerous economic development opportunities, in and around the Six Nations territory. SNGRDC's current green energy portfolio is capable of producing nearly 900 MW of renewable energy through its direct or indirect involvement in seven wind, six solar and one hydroelectric project(s). SNGRDC is located on the Six Nations Reserve and directly employs over 140 people through Nation Enterprise or the administration of Economic Interests projects.



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