

Summary of Kebaowek First Nation Key Interests and Concerns with the Alexandra Bridge Replacement Project Initial Project Description

Topic	Project Aspects of Interest/Concern	Specific feedback provided by Kebaowek on this interest/concern	Response to the interest/concern by PSPC and NCC	Status of the Concern
Consultation Engagement with Indigenous Partners	Meaningful Indigenous participation and adequate Crown consultation in environmental assessments for the Alexandra Bridge Replacement Project	<p>October 30, 2020 KFN receives letter request from Alana Jorgensen (PSPC) and Luc Fournier (NCC) requesting how KFN would like to be engaged and consulted.</p> <p>KFN responds November 24, 2020 "We would like to be engaged through a fully resourced Letter of Intent (LOI) that would guide the development of "proponent process agreement(s) modeled after the PSPC-TDQRP project."</p> <p>KFN requests confidentiality agreement be signed by PSPC to share existing KFN agreement templates.</p> <p>AANTC requires mandate and resolution from Chiefs to enter into funding arrangements representing community rights holders in the consultation.</p>	<p><u>PSPC-NCC Response:</u></p> <p>No response from PSPC and NCC between November 24, 2020 and December 15, 2021 where KFN raises the LOI and Process Agreement / Confidentiality Agreement request subject in zoom meeting organized by PSPC and NCC.</p> <p>January 20, 2022 PSPC and NCC provide letter request to KFN for feedback on draft Initial Project Description. KFN responds February 28, 2022 that project consultation must be resourced through outstanding item of LOI to develop Process Agreement.</p> <p>KFN further reminds Proponents that Section 35 rights are held collectively and PSPC and NCC should be consulting with KFN leadership as the elected representative of the rights holding group. Communities must provide band council resolutions if another party is to represent them.</p> <p>PSPC responds by letter March 09, 2022 assuring meeting to be set to discuss confidentiality agreement.</p> <p><u>Where is this topic discussed in the Initial Project Description?</u></p> <p>Section 4.5.</p> <p><u>What changes need to be made where</u></p> <p>Section 4.4.2</p> <p>PSPC can enter into consultation contract and/or contribution agreements with Indigenous communities.</p> <p>Section 4. 5 Procedural Engagement with Indigenous communities and Organizations No mention of KFN's request.</p> <p>Table 4 is incorrect. No mention of KFN's requests.</p> <p>Add the following from February 17, 2021 meeting</p> <p>KFN is concerned with environmental impacts and community's concerned with a history of projects in the Ottawa River watershed that have resulted in disturbances and contamination. KFN wants to see a cumulative effects or regional assessment of the Ottawa River watershed.</p> <p>The First Nation will conduct its own studies.</p> <p>Concerning social impacts emphasis is needed on GBA+ especially recognizing the historic role of Algonquin women as water keepers.</p> <p>Emphasis should also be given to arts and culture seeking creative Anishinaabeg ideas in design and appearance including story telling.</p>	<p><u>Status:</u> Outstanding PSPC and NCC and Kebaowek First Nation have not signed a Letter of Intent towards a Framework agreement for this project.</p>

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Algonquins of Ontario	<p>Kebaowek First Nation does not accept or acknowledge any claims to any Aboriginal or Treaty Rights made by the Algonquins of Ontario ('AOO') or recognize AOO as an entity entitled to consultation or accommodation in Impact Assessments on Algonquin Anishinaabeg lands.</p> <p>Appendix D Indigenous Engagement Registry</p> <p>Section 4.1 Commitment to Reconciliation</p> <p>Section 4.3.1 In Quebec Section 4.3.2 in Ontario</p>	<p>Kebaowek First Nation, Wolf Lake First Nation, Timiskaming First Nation have sent a letter April 2022 to Minister Guilbeault of ECCC requesting AOO does not participate in Impact Assessment concerning any developments on Algonquin lands and waterways.</p> <p>Kebaowek First Nation takes issue that NCC and PSPC have entered into a project "Relationship Agreement" with an entity not recognized by the Algonquin Nation.</p> <p>At the same time NCC and PSPC have failed to enter into a Process Framework Agreement with Kebaowek First Nation.</p> <p>Engagement with AOO needs to be Reconciled with Algonquin Nation before proponent Relationship. Agreements are in place. The Crown conduct on AOO engagement has an adverse impact on KFN and the Algonquin Nation established or potential Aboriginal or Treaty Rights in the area Reconciling Nation to Nation relations needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Kebaowek First Nation or Algonquin Nation does not divide itself between Ontario and Quebec this needs to be reflected in Indigenous engagement lists.</p>		<p>Chiefs Lance Haymond (KFN), Lisa Robinson (WLFN) and Arden McBride (TFN) have sent letter to Minister Guilbeault March 24, 2022 questioning AOO and Federal Impact Assessments.</p> <p>Requesting IAAC to add this letter to the Alexandra Bridge Project consultation registry.</p>
Project Information	Section 13.4 Proximity to Indigenous Lands	<p>Refers to communities relation to their traditional lands at the Alexandra Bridge located this needs to be reflected 13.4.1. Delete title Indigenous Communities within Quebec this is not a reflection of traditional land use base of the Algonquin Nation.</p> <p>Figure 13-6: Distance of Indigenous Communities to the Project this is not reflective of traditional land use of the Algonquin Nation but rather the Indian Act and reserve lands.</p> <p>Kebaowek community members are not limited to reserve lands.</p> <p>Each community entity must be described for its land use and rights area in relation to the project</p>		

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Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK and customary laws)	Implementation of Section 114 Indigenous Jurisdictional Provisions under IAA (2019)	IAA (2019) needs jurisdictional regulation in place to facilitate more Indigenous led assessment. Request to Minister for project specific Nation to Nation Indigenous Cooperation Agreements		Chiefs Lance Haymond (KFN), Lisa Robinson (WLFN) and Arden McBride (TFN) have sent letter to Minister Guilbeault March 24, 2022 requesting project specific Nation to Nation approvals under Indigenous Jurisdictional Regulatory provisions in IAA(2019)
	Section 14 Biophysical Environment and Potential impacts	TEK needs to have a more established role in studies and mitigation processes  Special TEK emphasis needs to be placed on Species At Risk including desktop screening page 143- no Aboriginal Species at Risk work is cited- contact DFO and Canadian Wildlife Services for AFSAR and add to project description.		
	Section 18 Potential Environmental Impacts on Indigenous Peoples	ESAP engagement was less than ideal in the environmental effects evaluation- no community engagement in fisheries study or navigation until permitting deadline. Term sheet had to be established post permitting to incorporate TEK knowledge study into fisheries offset plan. PSPC needs to focus on community consultation agreements in early engagement.		
	Section 18.1 Proponents Initial Assessment of Impacts on Indigenous Peoples' Changes in the Environment	Needs to reference Indigenous Knowledge study for each subject heading.		
	Section 18.2 Identification of Potential Impacts on the Environment Kebaowek First Nation	The Ottawa River should be identified as a "Valued Component" in the EIS. An assessment of potential impacts of the Alexandra Bridge on Ottawa River aquatic biota in progress. Description of the food chain and food web dynamics as a habitat component as this relates to fish populations, and detailed fish habitat mapping; Aquatic species at risk at site Lake Sturgeon, American Eel, and other valued fish species found in the Ottawa River impoundment issues. Contaminant levels in aquatic and semi-aquatic mammals from upstream nuclear, agriculture etc. Soils survey Sediment survey ;		

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Appendix D Indigenous Engagement	Record 214  The First Nation provided a Non Disclosure Agreement	<p>Cumulative effects of the project in conjunction with existing levels of toxic chemical pollution from nuclear, agricultural etc. Impacts of contaminants on food source integrity of fisheries; Effects of contaminants on aquatic organisms; Peak flows and low flows; Construction phase impacts on the aquatic environment; and Water quality and overflows related to project planned activity.</p> <p>The First Nation provided a confidentiality agreement.</p>		