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Re: Comments on the Draft Initial Project Description – Alexandra Bridge Replacement Project

Dear Mr. Maahs,

This report is submitted by the Algonquin First Nation of Kebaowek in response to the Initial Project Description of the Alexandra Bridge Designated Project (IPD) released by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) on March 24, 2022.

Please find our comments on the document attached for your review and development into the Summary of Issues. Kebaowek First Nation recommends a full environmental assessment be undertaken for this project.

Kebaowek First Nation along with the Algonquin Anishinaabeg Nation asserts and exercise authority, jurisdiction and stewardship over the Ottawa River watershed and lands threatened by the proposed project. We do not consent to the Algonquin's of Ontario involvement in the project assessment. We along with Wolf Lake First Nation and Temiskaming First Nation have raised these concerns with Minister Gilbeault in a letter sent March 24, 2022 and are awaiting his response.

Related Kebaowek has both verbally and in writing on numerous occasions requested that the Impact Assessment Act 2019 (IAA) responds immediately to the realities of our Algonquin jurisdiction being acknowledged within the law at section 114 (1) (c) and any assessments on Algonquin lands. As your government and Agency contemplate measures to implement section

114 (1) (c) via the development of a policy discussion paper we remain convinced this could be more immediately and simply achieved by Nation to Nation Cooperation Agreements on a per project basis.

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<Original signed by>

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