



# Michipicoten First Nation

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Attention Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

**Regarding Hydro One Networks Inc. ("HONI") Reply Argument Filed November 9, 2018, in EB-2017-0182/0194/0364**

I am writing in regard to the above-noted. This Argument **deeply offended me and my community** and represented the worst of cultural stereotypes which have plagued Canada since its inception. These prejudicial stereotypes and the actions which flow from them are what reconciliation is aimed at redressing.

Michipicoten First Nation was the *only intervenor* in this proceeding that HONI suggested lacked the capacity and the leadership to direct its own submissions. On *five* occasions, HONI referenced Michipicoten First Nation's lawyer and her assertions, attempts, and arguments.

As Michipicoten's Chief, my priority is to express the voice of our Nation. June 2018, I filed the Letter of Comment in this proceeding as directed by our People. I continue to pass Michipicoten's message on to HONI. HONI cannot build a new transmission line on our reserve land until it gets a permit for their existing line.

As responsible, transparent and intelligent leaders, we would like the Ontario Energy Board to understand our decision-making process. As community leaders, we make our decisions with our citizens. We have an open-door policy where any of our citizens are invited to join any of our meetings. Together, we make decisions in best interest of our citizens today and those to come over the next seven generations. We cannot and will not be intimidated or bullied by any company wishing to use the resources on our homeland, and our lawyer doesn't make our decisions for us. She professionally explains the law to us based on her 25 years experience as an energy lawyer and a professor. Once we receive professional advice, we meet to decide what to do in the best interest of our Citizens. Then, we direct our lawyer. We are intelligent, strong leaders who know our rights. This seems to be troubling to HONI.

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In August 2017, by Band Council Resolution, we assigned Mr. John Kim Bell, as our agent and plenipotentiary for energy matters. Based on Council's direction, John Kim also provides direction to our lawyer. Mr. Bell is sophisticated, and he has the business savvy to direct this proceeding. Here is a small snapshot of his accomplishments:

- Business advisor to Brookfield Renewable; Glencore; Enbridge and Horizon Legacy
- Symphonic conductor for the Toronto Symphony and New York Philharmonic
- Established and built the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (now Indspire) into Canada's largest Indigenous charity sending thousands of First Nations youth to university
- Officer of the Order of Canada
- Recipient of the Order of Ontario
- The holder of seven honorary doctorates

I must express how insulting and disrespectful it is to have HONI suggest in one breath that they want to have a positive and productive consultation with us. Then in the next breath, HONI suggests that Michipicoten's arguments should be dismissed in their entirety. HONI outlandishly purports that they have "rights" for the existing line, they are not squatters, there is no dispute over it, and everything MFN says is irrelevant to this hearing. Nothing could be further from the truth!

HONI has ignored my letter on record, they have called me a liar, and they said that our lawyer is abusing the process with a collateral agenda. This is an example of the disrespect Indigenous Peoples see time and again from Hydro One. We trust the OEB will see through HONI's arrogant statements. In the spirit of reconciliation, I trust that the OEB will continue to accept Michipicoten's perspective on this matter.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Chief Michipicoten First Nation

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