

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, SO 1998, c. 15 (Sched B), as amended (the **Act**) and the *Municipal Franchises Act* (the **MFA**), RSO 1990, c. M.55, as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by the Corporation of the Town of Marathon under section 8 of the MFA for an order or orders granting Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to the Corporation for the construction of works in the Town of Marathon, Township of Manitouwadge, Township of Schreiber, Township of Terrace Bay, and Municipality of Wawa;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by the Corporation of the Town of Marathon under section 90 of the Act for an order or order granting leave to construct natural gas distribution pipelines and ancillary facilities to serve the Town of Marathon, Township of Manitouwadge, Township of Schreiber, Township of Terrace Bay, and Municipality of Wawa;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by the Corporation of the Town of Marathon under section 97 of the Act for an order or orders approving the form of easement agreements;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by the Corporation of the Town of Marathon for an order or orders for a gas supply plan to serve the Town of Marathon, Township of Manitouwadge, Township of Schreiber, Township of Terrace Bay, and Municipality of Wawa;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by the Corporation of the Town of Marathon for an order or orders pre-approving the cost consequences associated with a long-term upstream liquefied natural gas contract to serve the Town of Marathon, Township of Manitouwadge, Township of Schreiber, Township of Terrace Bay, and Municipality of Wawa.

**CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**Corporation of the Town of Marathon (“Marathon”)**

**Response to Interrogatories  
of  
Anwaatin Inc. (“Anwaatin”)**

**November 26, 2019**

### **Foreword to Marathon's Response**

Marathon's responses to all of Anwaatin's interrogatories herein reflect the limited scope of Anwaatin's participation in this proceeding as set out in the Ontario Energy Board's (the "Board") Procedural Order No. 2 dated October 30, 2019, namely: the impacts on communities that Anwaatin directly represents (Aroland First Nation, Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek Nation, and Ginoogaming First Nation, together, the "**Anwaatin First Nations**"), and to the issues that are within the scope of the applications currently before the OEB, with a particular focus on items that are directly related to impacts of the North Shore distribution development.

**Question: Anwaatin.1**

Reference: 

- Exhibit A, Tab 10, Schedule 1, Attachment 1
- Environmental Reports, Appendix E

Preamble: Assessment of alternatives is a core principle of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, RSO 1990, c. E.18 and most environmental assessment processes applicable to pipelines and pipeline project approvals.

Alternatives assessment in Canada generally includes (i) evaluating impacts on Indigenous rights and interests and (ii) assessing impacts of construction and operation on environmental and cultural heritage features, prior to determining a preferred alternative.

- (a) Please provide all evidence that the Municipalities and/or their consultant(s) considered and developed — and the results of any and all — assessments of alternatives, including, but not limited to, (i) evaluating impacts on Indigenous rights and interests, (ii) assessing impacts of route evaluation and selection, construction, and operation on environmental and cultural heritage features, and (iii) assessing impacts on the potential future expansion of service to other communities — First Nations and other municipalities.

### **Response**

- (a) Stantec Consulting Ltd. ("**Stantec**") undertook environmental studies on behalf of each Municipality to determine the preferred location of the Project, having regard to Indigenous rights and interests, environmental, cultural heritage features and socio-economic factors, and to recommend mitigation and protection measures applicable to the construction and operation of the Project. The studies were also undertaken to meet the requirements of relevant federal and provincial environmental guidelines and regulations.

The environmental study and alternatives assessment proceeded in three phases:

- Phase 1: The route evaluation and selection process.
- Phase 2: The identification of a preliminary preferred route and preferred LNG storage depot site location.

- Phase 3: Confirmation of the route and LNG storage depot and preparation of the environmental reports ("**ERs**").

The environmental study commenced with the notification of Indigenous communities and the Métis Nation of Ontario, including, but not limited to, the communities listed on the Ministry's letter to Marathon dated May 21, 2019 (the "**Duty to Consult Letter**"), and as further described in Appendix B1 of the ER of each Municipality. Both Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek Nation and Ginoogaming First Nation were notified in this regard. Correspondence sent to Indigenous communities requested information on impacts that the Project may have on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights and measures for mitigating those impacts. The Municipalities and their consultants considered and took into account the matters described in this question as set out in the ERs that are incorporated by reference in the application at Exhibit A, Tab 10, Schedule A, Attachments 1a-1e.

Please note that as the distribution system proposed for each Municipality will be installed, for the most part, in previously disturbed municipal road allowances, assessment and evaluation of route alternatives was not a focus of the ERs.

**Question: Anwaatin.2**

- Reference:
- Exhibit A, Tab 10, Schedule 1
  - Exhibit A, Tab 4, Schedule 5
  - Environmental Reports, Appendix E

Preamble: Indigenous governments commonly provide proponents of infrastructure and resource development projects with principles and procedures for conducting consultation and accommodation, and similar guidance for archaeological assessment processes on their traditional territories.

- (a) Please provide all information on or related to the Municipalities' consideration and implementation of any such principles and procedures.

**Response**

- (a) Stantec, on behalf of the applicant Municipalities, designed and employed procedures with regards to the duty to consult and accommodate, including as described in the Board's *Environmental Guidelines for Hydrocarbon Pipelines and Facilities in Ontario*, 7th Edition (2016) (the "**Environmental Guidelines**"), in conjunction with relevant government ministries, and through the consultation experience of Stantec, which has included the consideration of such principles and procedures.

The objectives of such consultation involve:

- The identification of interested and potentially affected parties early in the process;
- Informing and educating interested parties about the nature of the Project, potential impacts, proposed mitigation measures and how to participate in the consultation program in a clear, concise, relevant and timely manner;
- Providing a forum for the identification of issues;
- Identifying how input will be used in the planning stages of the Project;
- Summarizing issues for resolution and resolve as many issues as feasible;
- Revising the program to meet the needs of those being consulted, as feasible; and
- Developing a framework for ongoing communication during the construction and operation phase of the Project.

The implementation of these procedures is further detailed in Sections 3.2-3.6 of each Municipality's ER.

**Question: Anwaatin.3**

Reference: 

- Environmental Reports, Section 3.5.6
- Environmental Reports, Appendix E

Preamble: The Environmental Reports note that the Project team will engage Red Sky Metis Independent Nation (RSMN) when the Stage 2 AA is scheduled.

- (a) Please provide a detailed update on the Municipalities' engagement with affected or potentially affected Indigenous communities.
- (b) Please outline the proposed timeline for completion of the various stages of environmental/archaeological assessment related to the project.

**Responses**

- (a) See the response to Anwaatin-4(a).
- (b) The subsequent stages of environmental/archaeological assessment related to the Project are contingent on the scheduling of the detailed design for the Project, which has not been scheduled but is expected to occur later in 2020.

**Question:**     **Anwaatin.4**

Reference:     • Environmental Reports, Section 3.5.6

Preamble:     The Environmental Reports note:

“No refinements to the Project or recommended mitigation or protective measures were necessary as a result of Indigenous input. Additional comments received and a summary of how they are addressed will be provided by the Project team in the LTC application to the OEB.”

- (a) Does the application include any additional comments from Indigenous communities and a summary of how they are addressed?
- (b) Have the Municipalities provided any additional comments received from Indigenous communities or a summary of how they are addressed in the Application. If so, please provide a summary. If not, please explain.

**Responses**

- (a)-(b) With respect to additional comments concerning the Anwaatin First Nations, see **Attachment A** hereto.

The Municipalities remain committed to consultation efforts and will consider and address additional comments that are received.

**Question: Anwaatin.5**

Reference: • Exhibit A, Tab 4, Schedules 3 and 4

Preamble: The majority of First Nations in Ontario do not have access to natural gas, and many First Nations are interested in accessing natural gas for energy cost savings and low-emission heating. The *Access to Natural Gas Act, 2018*, SO 2018, c 15 (Bill 32) provides a framework for regulations to deliver rate protection for consumers or prescribed classes of consumers with respect to costs incurred by natural gas distributors in making a qualifying investment for the purpose of providing access to a natural gas distribution system to those consumers by reducing the rates that would otherwise apply in accordance with the prescribed rules.

- (a) What impacts will the Municipalities' project have on the provision of natural gas to Indigenous reserve communities and off-reserve members in the region?
- (b) What impacts will the Municipalities' project have on the cost of natural gas to Indigenous reserve communities and off-reserve members in the region?
- (c) What impacts will the Municipalities' project have on the electrical distribution and transmission systems in the local region, given that natural gas for heating will displace electricity for heating?
- (d) What impacts will the Municipalities' project have on have on opportunities for applications of renewables and distributed energy resources (DERs) in the region?

**Responses**

- (a) The reserve communities of the Anwaatin First Nations are not within the areas to be served by the Project. Off-reserve members that live or have businesses within the Project area will have the potential to access natural gas services from the proposed utility in the same manner as all other residents and businesses.
- (b) If the Project were to be extended to areas beyond the five (5) Municipalities in order to serve certain Indigenous reserve communities, residents in these communities would have access to an energy source, the cost of which would be materially less than existing sources of energy. See the responses to SEC-13(a)-(d) and OEB Staff-10(c).
- (c) As described in Exhibit A, Tab 4, Schedule 3, given that forecast conversion rates from electricity to natural gas among residential, commercial, institutional and industrial customers are consistently among the lowest for all fuel types in the region, it is not anticipated that the Project will have a material impact on the electrical distribution and transmission systems in the local region.
- (d) There is potential for renewable natural gas ("**RNG**") as an alternative supply source for the natural gas distribution system. At this time, the Municipalities have not done a feasibility analysis to collect, treat and compress the RNG into the natural gas distribution

system. However, the Municipalities will investigate potential RNG sources within their respective communities to determine if any of these sources are feasible prior to the next 5-year comprehensive natural gas plan update and will report any feasible supplies in the annual plan updates.

**Question: Anwaatin.6**

- Reference:
- Exhibit A, Tab 12, Schedule 1
  - Environmental Reports, Section 3 and Appendix B5

(a) Please describe and provide evidence for how the Municipalities determined, interpreted, and applied:

- (i) their procedural requirements;
- (ii) the Crown's procedural requirements; and
- (iii) the Ontario Energy Board's procedural requirements;

in assisting the Crown in fulfilling its duty to consult and accommodate the First Nations and Métis communities in the region, with all supporting evidence.

**Responses**

- (a) See the response to Anwaatin-8.

**Question:**     **Anwaatin.7**

Reference:     • Exhibit A, Tab 12, Schedule 1

- (a) Have the Municipalities made plans to or considered entering into a franchise agreement (or similar) with any regional Indigenous communities with respect to those communities' treaty rights?

**Response**

- (a) No, not at this time.

**Question: Anwaatin.8**

- Reference:
- Exhibit A, Tab 1, Schedule 2, p. 6
  - Exhibit A, Tab 12, Schedule 1

Preamble: The Municipalities engaged the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (the **Ministry**) to determine if there is a duty to consult requirement triggered by the project (Exhibit A, Tab 1, Schedule 2, p. 6).

- (a) Please describe and provide copies of any and all communications and responses between the Municipalities and the Ministry with respect to the delegated duty to consult and accommodate First Nations and Métis communities.
- (b) Please indicate whether the Ministry has communicated with the Municipalities with respect to whether it is satisfied that Indigenous consultation and accommodation related to the application is sufficient.

**Responses**

- (a) The applicant Municipalities are committed to fostering positive and productive relationships with all Indigenous rights-holders groups, including First Nations and Métis communities. The Municipalities have engaged with First Nations and Métis communities to build an understanding of project-related interests, ensure regulatory requirements are met, mitigate or avoid project impacts, and provide mutually beneficial opportunities.

On March 18 and 19, 2019, Marathon provided a study commencement letter regarding the North Shore Project to the Ministry, Ontario Pipeline Coordinating Committee members, Indigenous groups, and other stakeholders. The letter described the Project and the environmental study process, provided a map of the five Municipalities showing the preferred route and the location of the proposed LNG storage depot, and the details for the information sessions and project contact details. In addition, the letter requested information on planning principles or guidelines that may affect the Project, background environmental and socio-economic information, and other developments proposed in the area. The letter to agencies requested information regarding planning principles or guidelines implemented by the agency that may affect routing, construction, and/or operation of the proposed pipeline. The letter also requested background environmental, socio-economic, and archaeological/cultural heritage information. The letter sent to Indigenous communities requested information on impacts that the Project may have on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights and measures for mitigating those impacts. Generic copies of these letters are attached at Appendix B3 of the ERs.

On May 21, 2019, Marathon and Stantec received correspondence from the Ministry in response to Marathon's above-noted study commencement letter, by which the Ministry, representing the Crown, delegated the procedural aspects of consultation to the Municipalities (i.e., the "Duty to Consult Letter"). The following First Nation and Métis communities were included in the Duty to Consult:

- Batchewana First Nation;
- Biigtigong Nishnaabeg (Pic River First Nation);
- Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek;
- Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek;
- Garden River First Nation;
- Ginoogaming First Nation;
- Long Lake #58 First Nation;
- Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Superior North Shore Métis Council;
- Michipicoten First Nation;
- Pays Plat First Nation;
- Pic Moberg First Nation;
- Red Rock Indian Band; and
- Red Sky Métis Independent Nation.

On behalf of the Municipalities, Stantec performed community engagement with Indigenous communities, with, but not limited to the First Nation and Métis communities noted in the Duty to Consult Letter, via letters, email, phone calls, and face-to-face meetings with representatives of these Indigenous communities. Through these engagement activities, representatives of the applicant Municipalities have provided an overview of the Project, responded to questions and interests, and reviewed input and concerns expressed by Indigenous communities.

Stantec undertook an environmental study of the construction and operation of the natural gas pipeline, which meets the intent of the Environmental Guidelines. This report was provided to various Indigenous communities, including all identified First Nations and Métis communities included in the Duty to Consult Letter.

The Municipalities will continue to engage with Indigenous communities, including all identified First Nations and Métis communities, in open and transparent dialogue concerning the Project. The Municipalities will continue to offer meaningful opportunities for the exchange of information, responding to inquiries, and hearing and responding to any interests and concerns that may arise, including those related to potential economic and business opportunities.

Copies of correspondence between the Municipalities and the Ministry with respect to the delegated duty to consult are at Appendix B5 of the ERs. See also the responses to Anwaatin-4(a) and OEB Staff-19(a).

- (b) See the response to OEB Staff-20.

**North Shore LNG Project**

**– Project Correspondence by the Municipalities**

REDACTED VERSION

**Indigenous Community Correspondence**

**November 1 – November 22, 2019**

<b>Indigenous Community</b>	<b>Date of Communications</b>	<b>Method of Communication</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Date of Response</b>	<b>Response and Issue Resolution (if applicable)</b>	<b>Attachment</b>
<b>Batchewana First Nation</b>	Tuesday November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Email	The Municipal Project Manager emailed the BFN representative to determine if further information was required, provided updated links to project resources and requested a phone call and meeting date to discuss next steps.	Tuesday November 5 <sup>th</sup>	The Project Manager spoke with the BFN representative on the phone in response to the email and discussed potential meeting dates. BFN informed the Project Manager that he would be back in contact with a meeting date for the end of November/early December in Thunder Bay.	bfn.a
	Thursday November 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Incoming Email	BFN emailed the Municipal Project Manager to confirm a face to face meeting in Thunder Bay on November 26, 2019.	Thursday November 14 <sup>th</sup>	The Project Manager contacted BFN representative by phone and via email to confirm the meeting.	bfn.b
	Friday November 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Email	The Project Manager sent a further email to BFN representatives to	Friday November 15 <sup>th</sup>	BFN responded to confirm the location and date with the Project Manager. A	bfn.c

			finalize the time, list of attendees and location of the meeting.		series of emails were exchanged for final confirmations.	
	Saturday November 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Email	The Project Manager sent an Outlook Calendar invite to the two attending BFN representatives.	Saturday November 16 <sup>th</sup>	The calendar invites were accepted by two BFN representatives.	bfm.d
<b>Garden River First Nation</b>	Monday November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Email	The Project Manager emailed the GR representative to ask if the First Nation had any further information requests on this project.	No response	N/A	grfn.a
<b>Ginoogaming First Nation</b>	Tuesday November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Email	The Project Manager emailed the GFN representative to follow up on the previous request for an introductory meeting with leadership/technical representatives from GFN.	Tuesday November 5 <sup>th</sup>	The Project Manager spoke with the GFN representative on the phone on November 5 <sup>th</sup> in response to the email. GFN informed the Project Manager that he would liaise with First Nation representatives and be in further contact with the Project Manager with a confirmed meeting date for either the 25 <sup>th</sup> or 26 <sup>th</sup> of November.	gfn.a
	Thursday November 21, 2019	Email	The Project Manager contacted GFN to ask if a meeting was still of interest.			gfn.b

	Friday November 22, 2019	Email-Incoming	The GFN representative informed the Project Manager that the First Nation representatives are no longer available on November 25 <sup>th</sup> or 26 <sup>th</sup> . GFN indicated that they would try to confirm a meeting for December 11 <sup>th</sup> or 12 <sup>th</sup> instead.	Friday November 22	The Project Manager from the Municipalities confirmed their availability for the proposed dates of December 11 <sup>th</sup> or 12 <sup>th</sup> . Confirmation of date and time was requested as well as meeting participants.	gfn.ca
<b>Michipicoten First Nation</b>	Monday, November 11, 2019	Email	The Project Manager contacted the Lands and Resources Manager and the Executive Officer to ask if there were any follow up questions or additional information needs related to the ER and the review materials provided by Neal Zago at Colliers Project Leaders.	Tuesday November 12 <sup>th</sup>	MFN informed the Project Manager by email that a discussion had taken place between MFN and ENDM about acquiring funding to undertake an independent environmental review of the project.	mfn.a
	Wednesday November 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Email	The Project Manager contacted MFN to request more information about the request for an independent ER review. The Project Manager offered the technical advisory services of the	No response	N/A	mfn.b

			Municipalities' peer review consultants at Colliers Project Leaders to support MFN. The Project Manager offered to set up an introductory meeting with the technical consultant and a discussion to explore options to assist the First Nation.			
<b>Pays Plat First Nation</b>	Tuesday, November 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Email	The Project Manager emailed Pays Plat representative to inquire if there was still interest in holding an open house and/or leadership meeting about the Project in the community.	No response	N/A	ppfn.a
<b>Pic Moberg First Nation</b>	November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Email	The Project Manager sent a follow up email to the lands and resources representative in Pic Moberg to determine if there was interest in setting a new meeting date with the community leadership and technical teams.	No response	N/A	pmfn.a

**From:** [stephanie@firedogpr.com](mailto:stephanie@firedogpr.com)  
**To:** "[dansayers@batchewana.ca](mailto:dansayers@batchewana.ca)"; Danny Sayers Jr.  
**Cc:** "[Daryl Skworchinski](#)"; "[Zago, Neal](#)"  
**Subject:** Meeting regarding Northshore LNG Project  
**Date:** November 5, 2019 10:40:00 AM

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Good morning Dan,

I hope you are well.

Firstly let me introduce myself. I am the Project Coordinator for the proposed North Shore LNG Project. As you are aware through the information you received previously from Stantec on this project, the Municipalities of Manitouwadge, Marathon, Schreiber, Terrace Bay and Wawa (the Municipalities) are proposing to construct gas storage facilities (above ground storage tanks and associated vaporization systems), as well as local gas distribution systems (gas mains and service pipes) in each of the five municipalities of the North Shore.

In follow up to the previous correspondence you have received from Stantec, I would like to ensure that you have received all of the information you are seeking on this project and am including several links below to our project website as well as the OEB application and Environmental Reports.

1. Project website: <https://northshorenaturalgas.com/>
2. Environmental Reports: <https://northshorenaturalgas.com/environmental-reports/>
3. Project application: <https://northshorenaturalgas.com/2019/09/16/marathon-application-update-2019-08-15/>

Most importantly, I would very much like to arrange and coordinate a meeting with your First Nation to be able to answer any questions you may have on the project. I am happy to arrange a phone call to discuss the opportunity and planning of a face-to-face meeting.

Please let me know how you wish to proceed with next steps.

Regards  
Stephanie Ash  
President & CEO

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**From:** [wayne@abnetwork.ca](mailto:wayne@abnetwork.ca)  
**To:** [Stephanie@firedogpr.com](mailto:Stephanie@firedogpr.com); [Dan Sayers](#)  
**Subject:** Re:  
**Date:** November 14, 2019 4:26:40 PM

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Good afternoon:

How is 12:00 - 2:00 PM?

Danny ....

Regards, W.

On Thu, 14 Nov 2019 09:12:45 -0500, Stephanie Ash <[Stephanie@firedogpr.com](mailto:Stephanie@firedogpr.com)> wrote:

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Thank you for your response and we look forward to meeting your community representatives.

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Cc: Wayne Greer <wayne@abnetwork.ca>, Ronda <rlasage@batchewana.ca>  
Subject:

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Sounds good to me.

Danny

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**Start:** November 26, 2019 12:00:00 PM  
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**Cc:** ["Daryl Skworchinski"](#); ["Zago, Neal"](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting re: North Shore LNG Project  
**Date:** November 5, 2019 11:15:00 AM

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Good morning Conrad,

I hope you are well.

I wanted to follow up on your correspondence with Jennifer Mills from Stantec related to the North Shore LNG Project.

I am the Project Coordinator for the proposed North Shore LNG Project and I wanted to connect with you personally on behalf of the Municipalities to see if we can arrange the introductory meeting with your leadership and technical team that had been discussed.

Please let me know how you wish to proceed and if you would like to set up a call to discuss next steps?

Regards

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**Subject:** North Shore Gas Project - Meeting Follow-Up  
**Date:** November 21, 2019 11:21:00 PM

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Good evening Conrad

I am writing to follow up on our phone conversation earlier regarding a potential meeting at the end of the month with your First Nation regarding the North Shore Gas Project.

Do you have any potential meeting dates in mind yet?

Regards

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**To:** "Conrad Chapais"  
**Subject:** RE: North Shore Gas Project - Meeting Follow-Up  
**Date:** November 22, 2019 12:24:00 PM

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Good afternoon Conrad

That sounds good. Let me know who you would like to attend the meeting from our team? I look forward to hearing a confirmed date and time from you.

Regards

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Hi Stephanie,

next week will not work for Council, I have notified Chief & Council that Dec 12 or 13 we will be meeting with you and your team. I'm trying to fit it in the schedule for those dates.

Thank you.

On Thu, Nov 21, 2019 at 11:22 PM <[stephanie@firedogpr.com](mailto:stephanie@firedogpr.com)> wrote:

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Good evening Candace

I hope you are well.

I wanted to follow up on your correspondence with Jennifer Mills from Stantec related to the North Shore LNG Project.

I am the Project Coordinator for the proposed North Shore LNG Project and I wanted to connect with you personally on behalf of the Municipalities to see if we can provide you with any further information on this project.

Please let me know and if you would like to set up a call to talk in person.

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See you tomorrow,

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Good evening Aaron and Jessica,

Thank you for your email.

My apologies but I had understood from our meeting in September that you were satisfied with the Municipalities making our third party peer review consultants available to you (consultants who did **not** conduct the reviews and studies for the application but who provided us with a peer review of the work) to support you to review the application and provide comments. I am happy to set up an introductory meeting with you at your convenience.

Please let me know if you wish to explore this option.

Regards

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Good morning Jesse,

I hope you are well.

Firstly let me introduce myself. I am the Project Coordinator for the proposed North Shore LNG Project. As you are aware through the information you received previously from Jennifer Mills at Stantec, the Municipalities of Manitouwadge, Marathon, Schreiber, Terrace Bay and Wawa (the Municipalities) are proposing to construct gas storage facilities (above ground storage tanks and associated vaporization systems), as well as local gas distribution systems (gas mains and service pipes) in each of the five municipalities of the North Shore.

In follow up to the previous correspondence, I would like to see if we can confirm a new date for our meeting with your community leadership and technical teams. We want to be able to answer any questions you may have on the proposed project. I am happy to arrange a phone call to discuss the opportunity and the planning of a face-to-face meeting.

Please let me know how you wish to proceed with next steps.

Kind regards  
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Good evening Mary

I hope you are well.

We met this summer at Stantec regarding the proposed North Shore LNG Project. I am working for the five Municipalities of Marathon, Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Wawa and Manitouwadge.

In follow up to the previous correspondence you had with Jennifer Mills, I would like to see if you would still like us to come to your First Nation for a presentation? If so, can you let me know some potential dates? I am happy to arrange a phone call to discuss the opportunity and the planning at your convenience.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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