



KASABONIKA LAKE FIRST NATION

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Ontario Energy Board (OEB)

Re: Support for Wataynikaneyap Power LP's application regarding the disposition of COVID-19-related costs.

Wataynikaneyap Power has successfully constructed 1,742 km of transmission line to connect 16 First Nations to the grid. The majority of the project was accomplished during the unprecedented global pandemic.

Kasabonika Lake First Nation's Chief and Council support Wataynikaneyap Power's application (EB-2026-0180) regarding COVID-19-related costs incurred during the construction of the Wataynikaneyap Power transmission system.

Wataynikaneyap Power LP is majority-owned by First Nations through First Nation LP, a partnership of 24 First Nations that includes Kasabonika Lake First Nation. We recognized the importance of moving forward with construction during the unprecedented global pandemic because of the urgent need for access to reliable, grid-connected electricity in communities still relying on diesel generators.

Kasabonika Lake First Nation was in a very vulnerable situation. Not knowing what COVID-19 was, we required extensive health and safety protocols and mitigation measures to protect our First Nation members, community, project workers, and neighbouring First Nations. We set expectations to protect the health and safety for all. Wataynikaneyap Power and Valard Construction LP worked diligently to minimize these impacts.

Avoiding additional costs wherever possible and ensuring due diligence, while protecting workers and communities, was a requirement. Careful management of project costs was also critical to protecting First Nation ownership and the long-term success of the project.

The application now before the Ontario Energy Board reflects costs that have been carefully assessed and validated. Importantly, we understand that approval of this application will protect the ownership interests of participating First Nations through the funding mechanisms established for the project.

SIGNED BY THE CHIEF MATTHIAS ANDERSON DATED THIS 26TH, DAY IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR 2026 AT THE KASABONIKA LAKE FIRST NATION BAND OFFICE.

Chief Matthias Anderson