



Land Law Proposal: Environmental Permitting And Protection – Henvey Inlet Wind Transmission Line

Draft Land Law

A Draft Land Law entitled "Environmental Permitting And Protection – Henvey Inlet Wind Transmission Line" is attached for tabling.

Statement of purpose

Shawanaga First Nation has negotiated a business arrangement with Henvey Inlet Wind LP to permit them to construct a 230 kV transmission line across our traditional lands and Reserve No. 17. Within the reserve, the transmission line will require a new lease of Shawanaga First Nation Land.

Under the First Nations Land Management Act ("FNLMA"), Shawanaga First Nation is obligated to develop and implement an environmental assessment and protection regime for the transmission line. The draft Environmental Protection and Permitting Land Law ("EPP Land Law") has been prepared to address these obligations.

Benefit to Shawanaga First Nation

The proposed Land Law will provide a framework for Council to evaluate the environmental effects of the transmission line, to decide whether those effects are acceptable, and, if so, to issue a permit for the project which will contain all the necessary mitigation. In addition, the Land Law will provide an inspection and enforcement regime to ensure compliance with the terms of the environmental permit.

Authority to Enact

Council has authority under subsection 13.1(d) of the Land Code to enact Land Laws respecting environmental assessment and protection, with community input. Under subsection 16.3, Council may by resolution declare any matter to be subject to a ratification vote.

Enactment Procedure

Subject to ratification by the eligible voters, the "Environmental Permitting and Protection – Henvey Inlet Wind Transmission Line" Land Law may be enacted in an open Council meeting after tabling and notice to Members.