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## **SHAWANAGA FIRST NATION**

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 20017

**7 Grandfather**

**Teachings:**

**Humility –**  
**Dbaadendziwin:** *To be  
humble about your  
accomplishments is to  
be strong*

**Bravery -**  
**Aakwa'ode'ewin:** *Let  
nothing stand in the  
way of doing the right  
thing*

**Honesty –**  
**Gwekwaadziwin:**  
*Better to fail with  
honesty than succeed  
by fraud*

**Wisdom –**  
**Nbwaakaawin:** *With  
hard work and  
dedication, will come  
knowledge*

**Truth – Debwewin:** *It  
is always easiest to  
speak the truth*

**Respect –**  
**Mnaadendimowin:**  
*Give it, earn it, and  
receive it*

**Love – Zaagidwin:** *It is  
important to care for  
one another*

From the Chief's Desk

**RE: Henvey Inlet Wind Transmission Line Project**

Ahneen, Membership;

In late August you received a notice package relating to the proposed transmission line. Since that package went out, a great deal of work and negotiation concerning the lease and the compensation package has been completed:

- Shared Value Solutions, the environmental consulting firm we hired to do a peer review of the environmental assessment of the transmission line, have strengthened the mitigation package and have concluded that, with that strengthening, the line is not likely to cause any significant adverse environmental effects in our reserve lands.
- Our Lands Committee, Staff and legal representatives have completed the negotiation and review of the proposed lease and the draft new Land Laws, and have recommended that Shawanaga First Nation should proceed with the project, subject to the ratification vote on the Land Laws and the compensation.
- We are negotiating additional commitments to jobs for our members during the construction of the line.

I and other members of Council have received a number of questions from members concerning the transmission line, some of which indicate there is misinformation circulating in relation to the size and types of poles which will carry the transmission lines, whether there is any real electromagnetic frequency (“EMF”) risk, the details of the compensation proposal and some other aspects of the project.

To assist you in making your voting decision, I am enclosing a list of **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**. Please review the FAQ and don't hesitate to

contact me, any of your elected Councillors, or our Lands Committee on any issue related to the line.

There will also be a Meeting of Members to discuss the project on September 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3 pm in the Recreation Centre; we will have our Land Committee, Councillors and other experts there to respond to any concerns or questions you may have.

**Your support is needed**

Council is in full support of the proposed transmission line lease, the compensation package and the environmental protections that will be put in place to ensure the protection of our lands. None of this can go ahead unless the full Land Laws package which you have received is ratified. I am asking all members, and the eligible voters in particular, to give our First Nation the support it needs to take advantage of this one-time economic opportunity, by voting online at the following URL: <https://onefeather.ca/elections>, by mail before 29 September 2017 or in person at the Council Chambers, Band Administration Office, Village Road, Shawanaga Reserve No. 17 on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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Chief Wayne Pamajewon

## **Frequently Asked Questions & Answers:**

### **1. What compensation will Shawanaga receive if the project moves forward?**

The compensation package negotiated is higher than similar situations elsewhere and it will create a long-term stream of stable income that can be used at your discretion for many decades. It is “own-source” revenue, not Government funding so it can be used for the benefit of our community as we see fit moving forward.

For specific details regarding compensation please contact the Band Administration Office or reference your Notice Package.

### **2. Will living near a new Transmission Line cause issues to my health?**

Ollson Environmental Health Management (OEHM) was retained by Henvey Inlet Wind LLP to provide an overview regarding potential health concerns related to living in proximity to the proposed Henvey Inlet Wind Energy Centre Transmission Line that will cross the Shawanaga First Nation territory.

Based on scientific principles, and the international weight of scientific evidence, Ollson Environmental believes that the proposed Transmission Line is properly sited and will not result in Electromagnetic fields related adverse health effects in the Shawanaga Community.

Shawanaga members will be able to continue to live, hunt and enjoy their land in the same manner as they have for generations.

The full study is available upon request.

### **3. What type of hydro poles are being installed?**

Please see the pictures attached in Figure A, they show the three types of poles that may be used at Shawanaga. The project will NOT use steel lattice poles similar to those used by Hydro One.

### **4. Is there a switching station being built on Shawanaga Reserve Lands?**

No, the only infrastructure to be built will be the Transmission Line and Poles.

### **5. Will we benefit from employment opportunities?**

By the time you receive this letter a Job Fair will have been held at the Shawanaga Recreation Centre on September 14th, 2017 in an effort to fulfill the employment commitments made by the Project during negotiations.

#### **Commitments under negotiation with the Project include:**

- Shawanaga members will receive a guaranteed allocation for individuals to be offered positions as monitors for the Project.
- The Project agrees to information sharing and incorporating traditional knowledge into construction practices.
- HIWLP will agree to cause its Major Contractors to ensure that qualified First Nation sub-contractors have an opportunity to bid for work.
- Shawanaga First Nation Businesses will receive priority access to contracting opportunities when they are price-competitive.

- Liquidated damages may be paid to the Shawanaga First Nation in the event no Shawanaga First Nation Business is awarded a contract.

In addition, it is worth mentioning that Henvey Inlet First Nation has also made prior commitments to “not” build a highway service centre on any of Henvey Inlet’s existing Reserve Lands to compete with Shawanaga’s new proposed highway service centre.

**6. Would a new transmission line interfere with my traditional rights?**

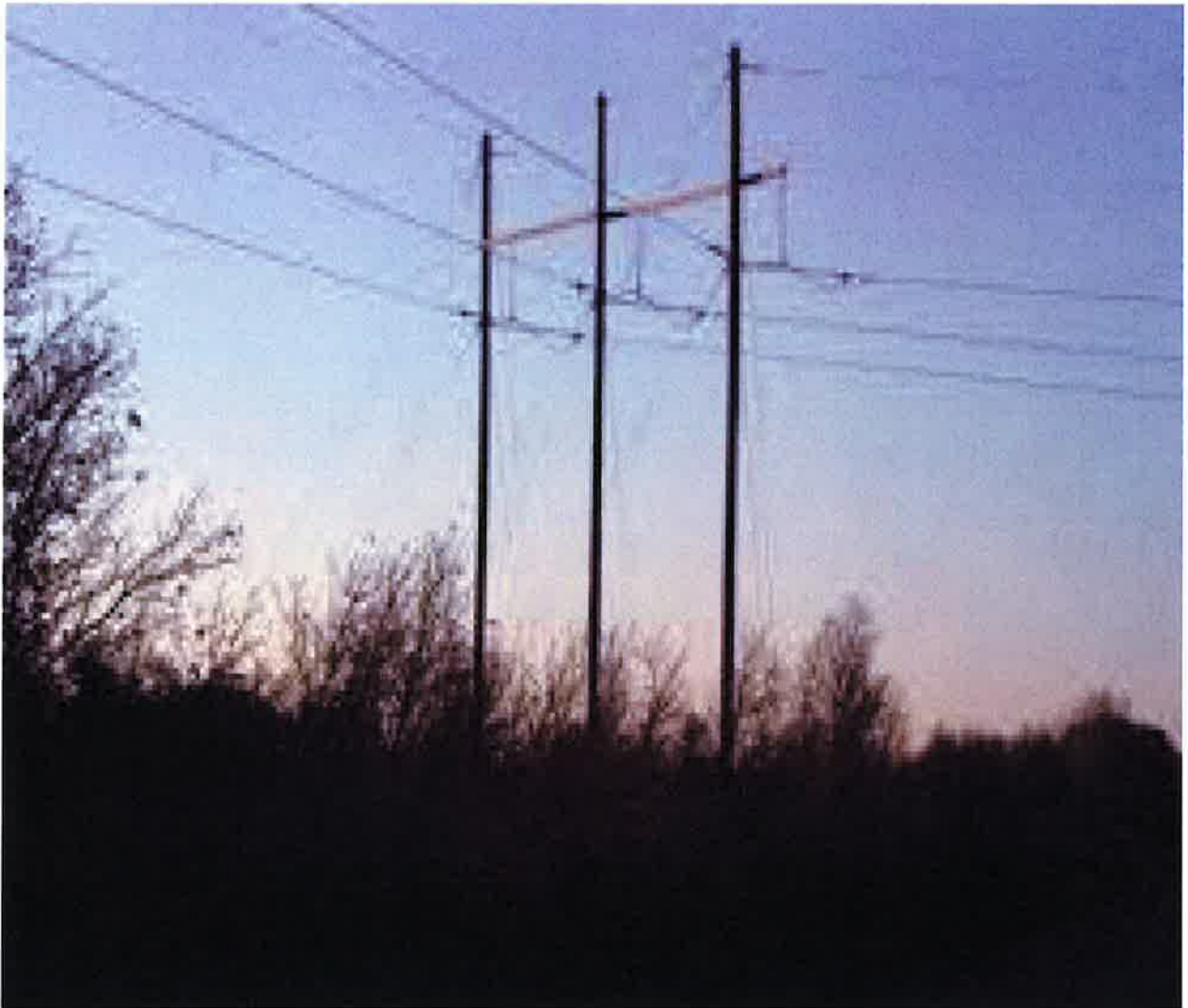
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**Figure A – Typical H-Pole Appearance**

**a) 2 Pole – H Design**



b) 3 Pole – H Design



c) Monopole Design

