

**Appendix 2**  
**Presentations to the Technical**  
**Advisory Committee**

## Outline of Appendix 2

Appendix 2 provides copies of the two presentations made to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on consultation and involvement activities associated with the Wuskwatim Generation and Transmission Projects. The first presentation reports on the status of these activities as of June 25, 2002, including activities and results from Round One and Round Two of public consultation and involvement. The second presentation reports on the status of these activities as of February 6, 2003, including activities and results from Round Three of consultation and involvement.

Note: [Table B.1](#) presented during the June 25, 2002 meeting with the TAC and [Table B.1](#) presented during the February 6, 2003 meeting with the TAC reference meetings held with the Tataskweyak Cree Nation. These meetings are not considered to be Round One, Two or Three PIP meetings. Please see note inserted in each table for the purpose of this EIS.

**1. Presentation**  
**Technical Advisory Committee**  
**June 25, 2002**

Wuskwatim Generating Station  
and Associated Transmission Facilities



# Public Involvement Plan

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Status and Plans @ June 25, 2002



# Integrated Public Involvement Plan

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- Section 4 of both Guidelines documents, prepared by PAT, ask for a Public Involvement Plan (PIP)
- This is integrated Public Involvement Plan for Wuskwatim Generation and Transmission Projects
- Joint planning by Manitoba Hydro and NCN has included design of PIP
- Significant public involvement with NCN since 1999/2000; beginning fall 2001, public involvement beyond NCN



# Public Involvement Objectives

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  - Choice of low head design for facility with less environmental impact
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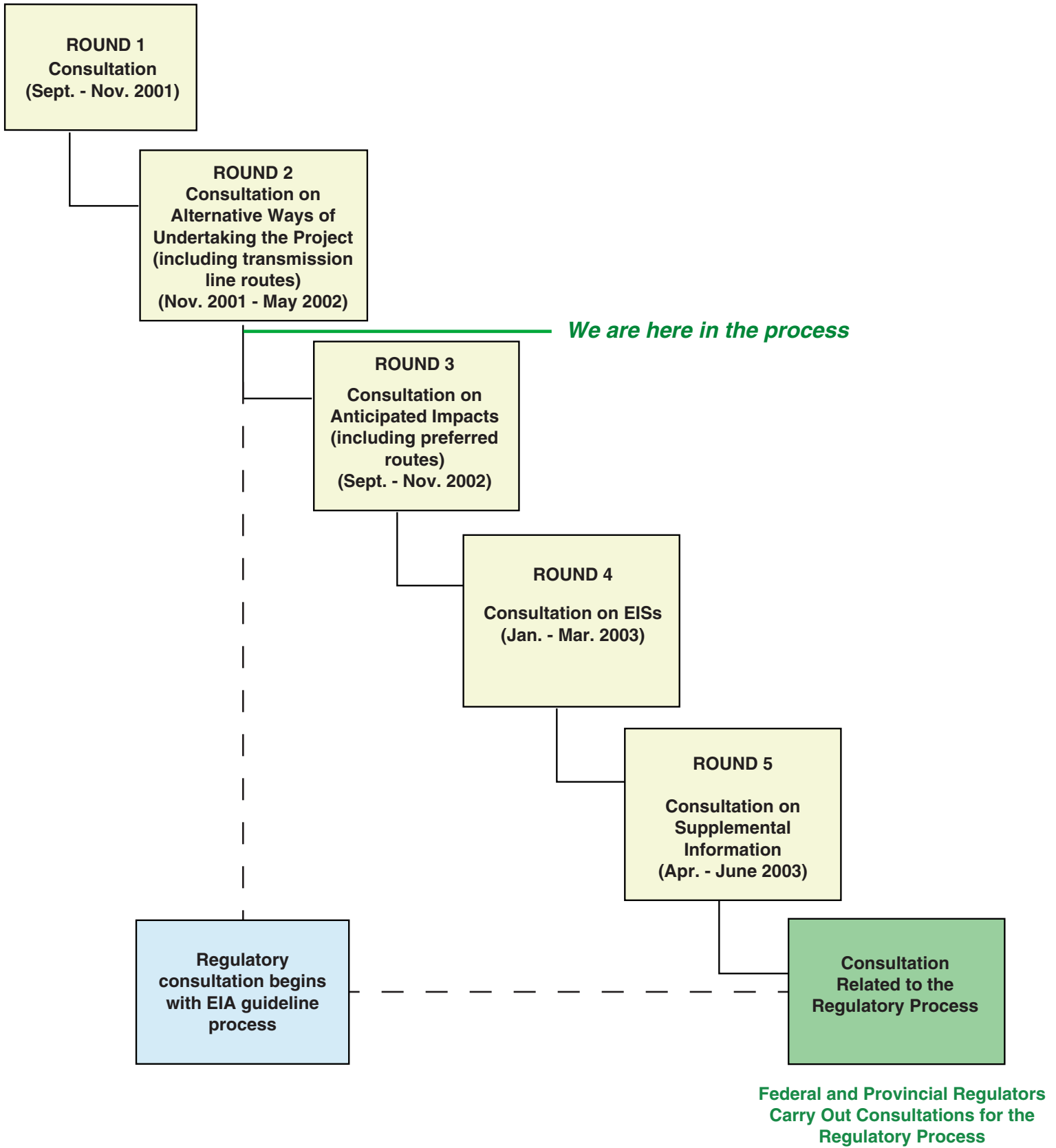


# Initial Public Involvement Activities with NCN

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- Community-based public involvement with NCN members, via:
  - Open houses
  - Community meetings and workshops
  - Future Development newsletters
  - Staff of full-time Community Consultants

# Public Consultation Stages for the Wuskwatim Generating Station and Associated Transmission Facilities



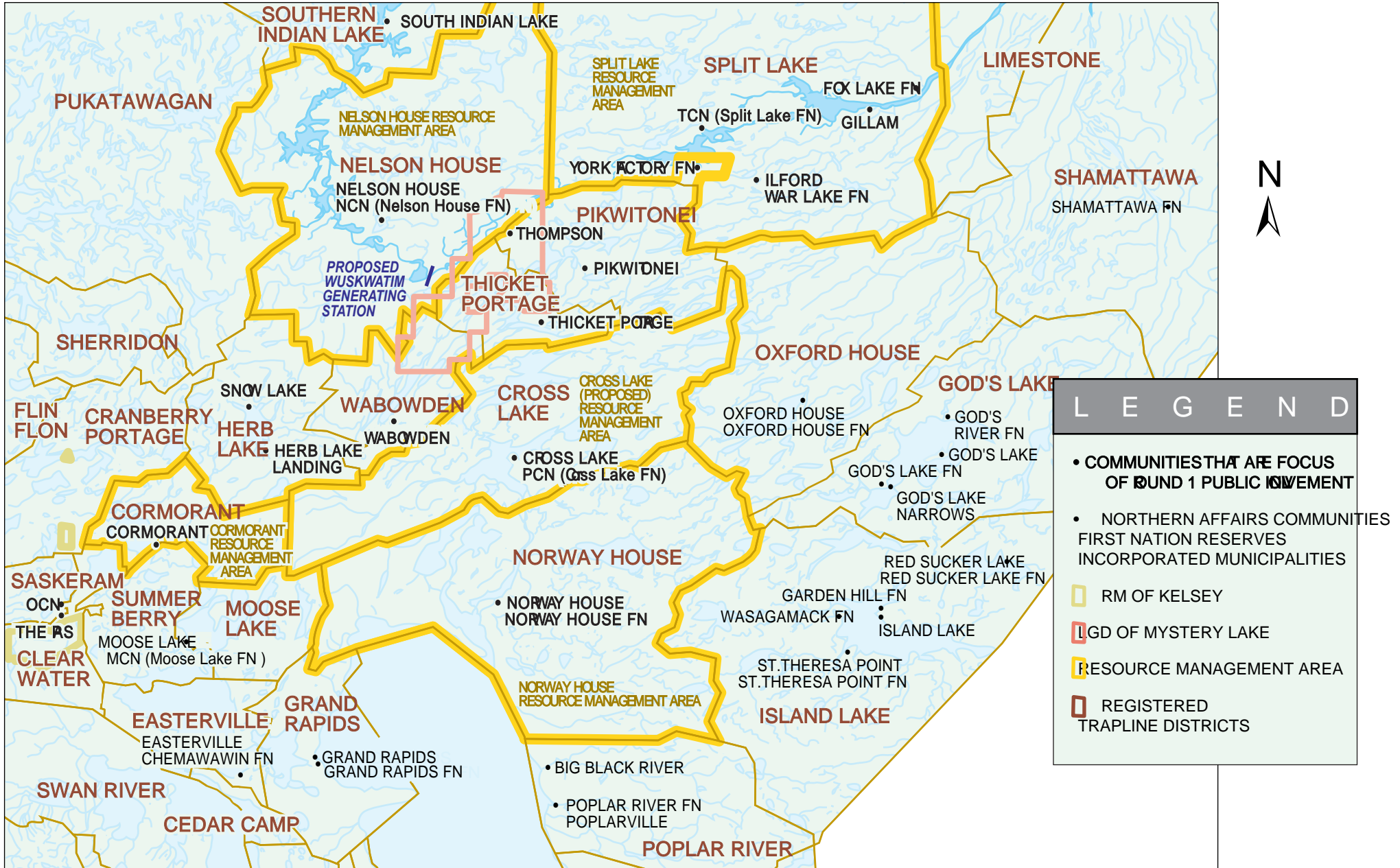


## Affected and Other Publics

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- Public Involvement Plan focuses on two broad groups:
- Potentially affected publics in the Project Region
- Other interested groups and individuals

# COMMUNITIES HIGHLIGHTED IN ROUND ONE OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN



**LEGEND**

- COMMUNITIES THAT ARE FOCUS OF ROUND 1 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
- NORTHERN AFFAIRS COMMUNITIES FIRST NATION RESERVES INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITIES
- RM OF KELSEY
- LGD OF MYSTERY LAKE
- RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AREA
- REGISTERED TRAPLINE DISTRICTS



# Public Involvement Methods

Publics	Methods
Northern communities and individuals	Meetings with elected officials; community meetings/workshops; open houses; newsletters; website; contacts
Interest groups – northern region	Meetings/workshops; invitations to relevant events in their vicinity; newsletters; website; contacts
Interest groups – Winnipeg or Province	Meetings/workshops; newsletters; website; contacts
Public-at-large	Newsletters; website; contacts
Government – regional offices and head offices	Invited to relevant events in their vicinity; newsletters; website; contacts; continued TAC contacts



# Advertising Methods to Date

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- In-community advertising of meetings and open houses (posters, personal contacts, local access radio)
- Print advertising in regional newspapers
- Joint letters of invitation from NCC and Manitoba Hydro



# Tracking of Issues and Follow-up

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- Concerns and issues raised by members of the public are tracked, assessed and formally responded to, once information is available
- Follow-up from community meetings:
  - Draft meeting notes are produced and distributed for review and comment after each community meeting; communities are later contacted to ensure the notes accurately convey proceedings
  - Questions and issues raised during or after meetings are documented and tracked for follow-up





# Where We Are Today

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- Preparing for **Round Three**
- **Round One:** 10 meetings held involving 18 communities; 4 other communities received newsletters
- **Round Two:** 6 meetings and 4 Open Houses held involving 13 Communities; pre-Round Two meetings held in 6 communities and with 14 northern interest groups; 7 other communities received newsletters
- Newsletters from both rounds distributed to ENGO's and interested members of the public

**ROUND ONE AND TWO ACTIVITIES TO DATE RE:  
POTENTIALLY AFFECTED COMMUNITIES  
AND OTHER INTERESTS**

@ June 25, 2002

COMMUNITY OR INTERESTS <sup>1</sup>	NEWSLETTERS	MEETING	
		Round One (Elected Officials)	Round Two (Communities)
<b>GENERATION STATION PROJECT – Potentially Affected Communities in Project Region</b>			
<b>Within 45 km – Transmission Project also</b>			
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation	Through NCN's joint planning activities with Manitoba Hydro and the Environmental Study Team, there has been substantial communication with members via open houses, meetings, local access broadcasts and other means		
Nelson House (NA)	X	X	X
LGD of Mystery Lake	X	X	Open House
City of Thompson	X	X	Open House
<b>Other within 80 km</b>			
Wabowden (NA)	X	X	X
Thicket Portage (NA)	X	X	X
Pikwitonei (NA)	X	X	X
<b>Other upstream and downstream</b>			
South Indian Lake (NA and through NCN)		X	-
Town of Gillam	X	X	N/R
Tataskweyak Cree Nation*		X	Unable yet to arrange community meeting
York Factory First Nation	X	X	N/R
Fox Lake First Nation	X	X	Career Symposium
War Lake First Nation	X	X	X
Ilford (NA)	X	N/R	N/R
<b>Other Nelson River</b>			
Pimicikamak Cree Nation	X	N/R	N/R
Norway House Cree Nation	X	X	N/R
Cross Lake (NA)	X	N/R	N/R
Norway House (NA)	X	N/R	N/R
<b>TRANSMISSION PROJECT ONLY – Potentially Affected Communities in Project Region</b>			
Town of The Pas	X	X	Pre-round Two & Open House
RM of Kelsey	X	X	Pre-round Two & Open House
Opaskwayak Cree Nation	X	X	Pre-round Two & Open House
Town of Snow Lake	X	X	Pre-round Two & Open House
Herb Lake Landing (NA)	X	X	Pre-round Two
Cormorant (NA)	X	X	Pre-round Two & Open House
<b>OTHER INTERESTS</b>			
<b>Northern</b>			
Moose Lake First Nation	Newsletter package, and response to questions, being prepared	-	-

\* For the EIS, this meeting is not considered to be a formal Round One PIP meeting.

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		Round One (Elected Officials)	Round Two (Communities)
Snow Lake SnoDrifters	X	-	X
Snow Lake Resource Officer	X	-	X
Norway House Cree Nation Resource Officer	X	-	-
Diamond Willow Inn Lodge, Snow Lake	X	-	X
Wilderness Outfitters	X	-	X
Cormorant Resource Management Board	X	-	X
New Britannia Mine – TVX Gold Inc.	X	-	X
Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting	X	-	X
INCO Ltd.	X	-	X
Hudson Bay Railway	X	-	X
Snow Lake Fur Council	X	-	X
Snow Lake Resource Enhancement Group	X	-	X
Wekusko Lodge	X	-	X
Integrated Resource Management Team, The Pas	X	-	X
City of Thompson, Public Works	X	-	X
Thompson Chamber of Commerce	X	Meeting targeted for September 2002	
<b>Other</b>			
Manitoba Eco-Network Inc.	X	-	-
Boreal Forest Network	X	-	-
Canadian Nature Federation	X	-	-
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society	X	-	-
Consumers for Responsible Energy	X	-	-
ECO-MAFIA	X	-	-
Fort Whyte Center	X	-	-
Institute of Urban Studies	X	-	-
International Institute for Sustainable Development	X	-	-
Manitoba Naturalists Society	X	-	-
Manitoba Ozone Protection Industry Association	X	-	-
Mennonite Central Committee	X	-	-
Project Peacemakers	X	-	-
Resource Conservation Manitoba	X	-	-
The International Coalition	X	-	-
Time to Respect Earth's Ecosystems	X	-	-
University of Manitoba Environmental Science Program	X	-	-

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# What Has Been Heard To Date

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- Interest in employment and training benefits
  - Questions re: timing, nature and availability of training programs
  - Questions re: types, distribution and preference policy for employment opportunities
  - Need for early training emphasized
  - Concern that lessons from previous projects be integrated into procedure and planning
- Interest in other economic spin-offs (i.e., contracting opportunities)



# What Has Been Heard To Date (cont'd.)

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- Concerns re: changes in water regime
  - Downstream (e.g. water quality and water level changes, changes and decline in fish populations, flooding and loss of livelihood)
  - Upstream (i.e., further flooding effects on South Indian Lake)
  - In other locations (e.g., effects on other watersheds)
  - Concern that Project will alter the operation of the Churchill River Diversion
  - Questions re: form and availability of compensation to those negatively impacted



# What Has Been Heard To Date (cont'd.)

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- Questions re: necessity and purpose of associated transmission lines
- Comments/questions/concerns raised re: separate, Hydro-related matters
- Questions re: nature and content of environmental studies



# What Has Been Heard To Date (cont'd)

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- Concern that the decision to proceed has already been made (e.g. Nelson House NA)
- Congratulations to Manitoba Hydro and NCN on working toward partnership (e.g. Pikwitonei)
- Requests for, and invitations to bring, further information to communities (e.g. Wabowden, Thicket Portage, War Lake and Pikwitonei)



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# Public Involvement Plan – Next Steps

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- Finalize and submit Public Involvement Plan document – targeted for July 2002
- Initiation of Round Three consultations (mid-Sept. 2002)
  - Production and distribution of a third newsletter
  - Logistics for community meetings
  - Arrange meetings/workshops with interested ENGOs
- Expand existing web page to include:
  - Finalized Public Involvement Plan
  - Presentations used in community meetings
  - List of meetings and activities

**2. Presentation**  
**Technical Advisory Committee**  
**February 6, 2003**

Wuskwatim Generation and Transmission Projects



# Public Involvement Plan

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Status and Plans @ February 6, 2003



# Integrated Public Involvement Plan

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- Integrated Public Involvement Plan for Wuskwatim Generation and Transmission Projects submitted to the TAC on **August 19, 2002**.
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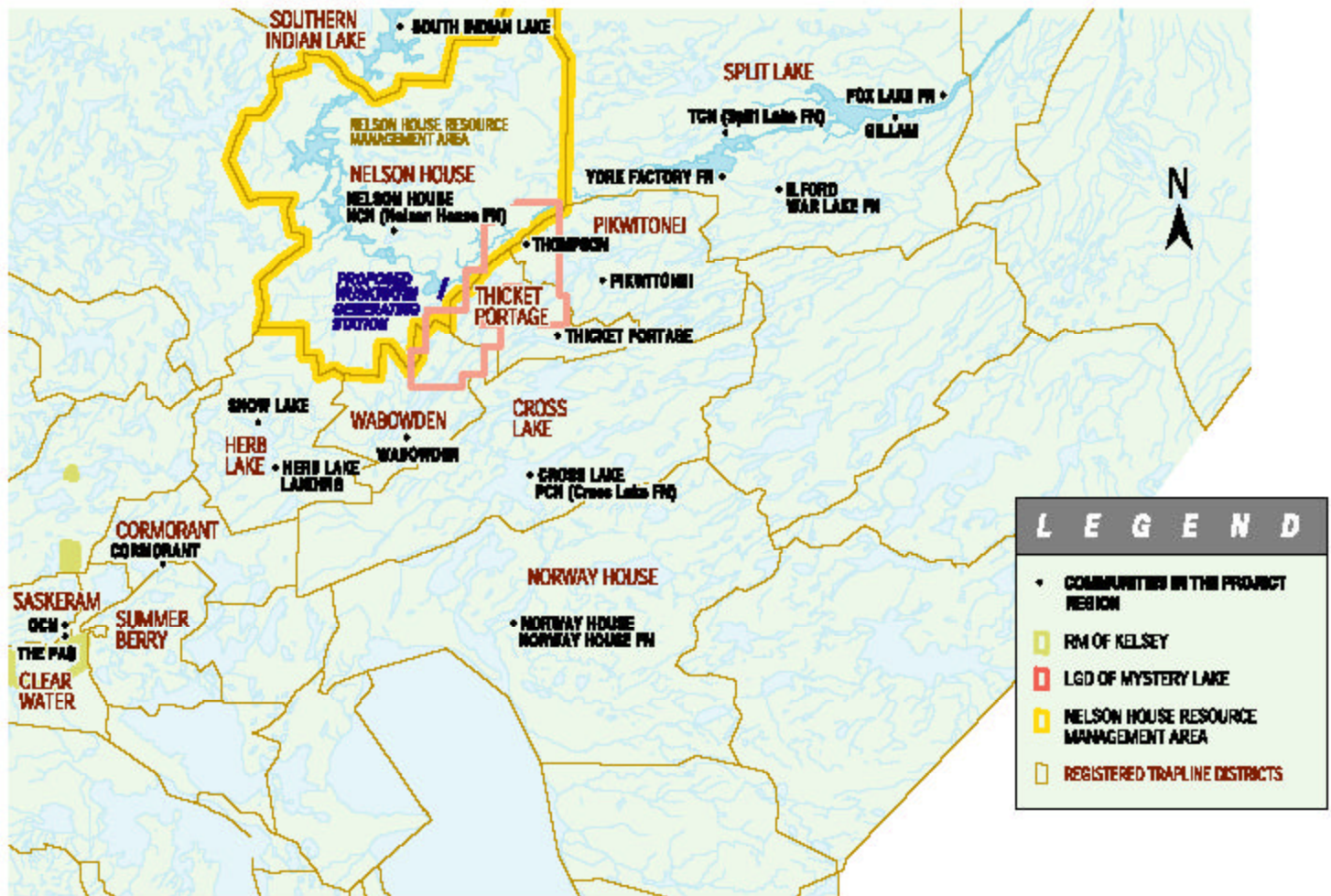


# Public Involvement Activities With Affected and Other Publics

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- Beginning in the Fall of 2001, Public Involvement Activities were extended beyond NCN. Public Involvement Plan focuses on two broad groups:
  - Potentially affected publics in the Project Region
  - Other interested groups and individuals

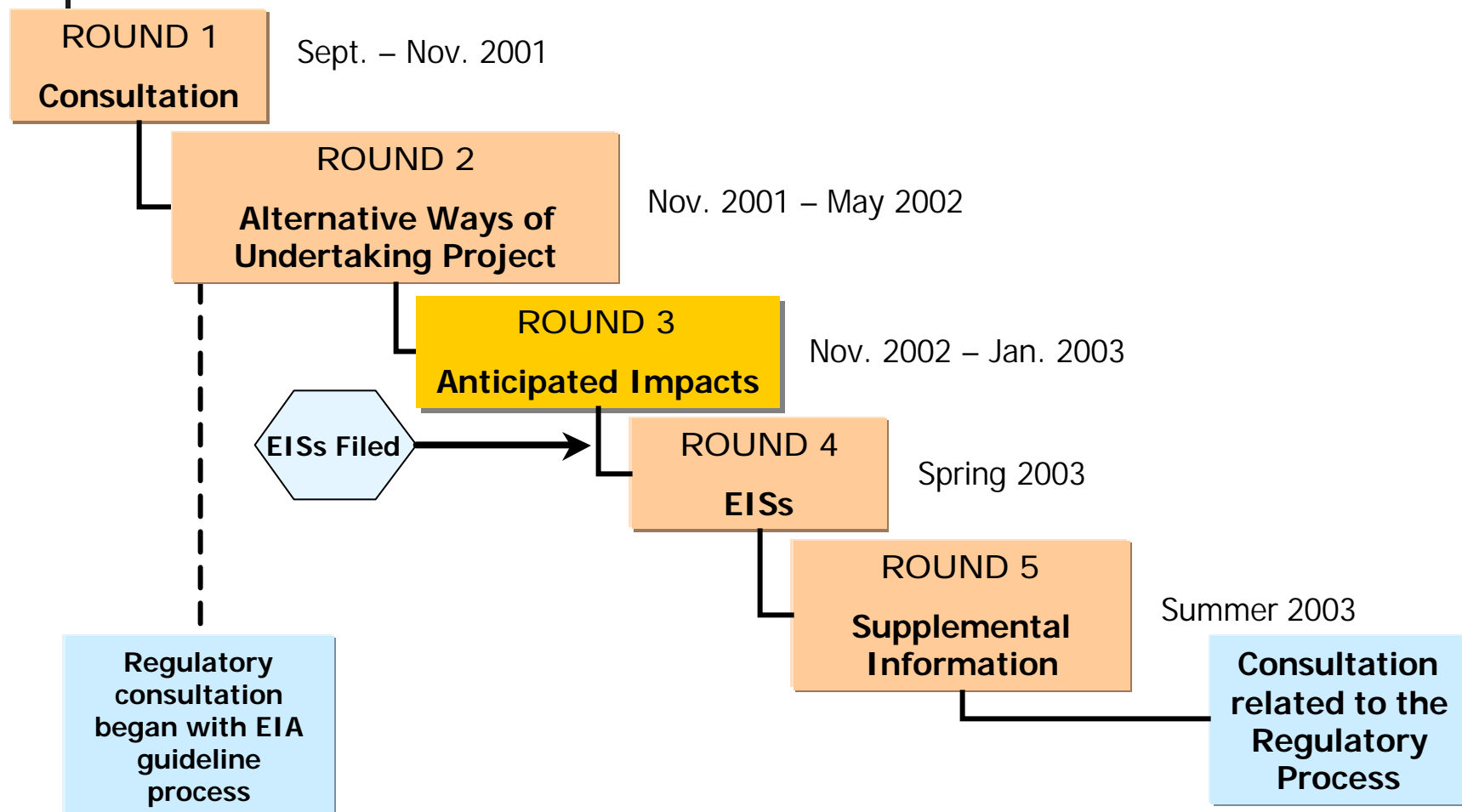
# Communities in the Project Region



The Project Region (shown above) is a broad area defined for the purposes of the Public Involvement Plan (PIP). It includes communities and individuals who could potentially be affected by the Projects.

*Inclusion in this region does not necessarily mean that effects will occur as a result of the Projects.*

# Public Involvement Activities With Affected and Other Publics





# Public Involvement Methods

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Interest groups – Winnipeg or Province	Forum for Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations; newsletters; website; contacts
Public-at-large	Public Open House; newsletters; website; contacts
Government – regional offices and head offices	Invited to relevant events in their vicinity; newsletters; website; contacts; continued TAC contacts



# Advertising Methods to Date

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- In-community advertising of meetings and Open Houses (posters, personal contacts, local access radio)
- Print advertising in regional newspapers
- Press Releases and Media Briefing
- Wuskwatim Web Page
- Joint letters of invitation from NCN and Manitoba Hydro



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# Where We Are Today

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- Currently completing **Round Three** of Public Involvement. Round Three activities completed to date include:
  - 7 meetings and 4 public Open Houses in the Project Region involving 13 communities
  - 3 meetings with other northern interests
  - 5 other communities in the Project Region received newsletters
  - Forum for Environmental and other Non-Governmental Organizations held in Winnipeg on January 28, 2003
  - Public Open House held in Winnipeg on January 29, 2003



# ENGO Forum

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- Forum provided an opportunity to:
  - Preview storyboards displayed at Winnipeg Open House
  - Hear a presentation on the Projects
  - Participate in a question and answer period
- In total, 25 individuals participated
- 62 invitations were distributed to Environmental and other Non-Governmental Organizations in the Province, including:
  - All Manitoba Eco-Network member organizations
  - Other organizations identified as potentially having an interest in the subject matter (e.g. Manitoba Council of Women)
  - Environmental participants in Manitoba Hydro's consultations on electrical energy planning



# Winnipeg Public Open House

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- Approximately 115 people signed in at the Winnipeg Public Open House (approximately 15 other people attended, but did not sign-in).
- Display advertisements placed in the Winnipeg Free Press and Winnipeg Sun on January 25th and 28th, 2003.
- Notice of the Open House:
  - Posted on Manitoba Hydro's web site
  - Sent to 22 organizations in the province (e.g. Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, Manitoba Heavy Construction Association)
  - Sent to 3 departments at the University of Winnipeg, and 10 departments at the University of Manitoba.



# Updated Wuskwatim Web Site

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- Wuskwatim Web site updated October, 2002 and January, 2003. New materials posted include:
  - Public Involvement Plan
  - Sample Round One, Two and Three Community Presentations
  - Link to order storyboards re: Round Three Thompson Open House
  - Informational pamphlets distributed at Nelson House
  - Round Three Public Involvement Newsletter
  - CEC Report to Minister re: Public Meetings
  - Provincial Response Document "What You Told Us"
  - Final Guidelines for the Generation and Transmission Projects
  - Scoping Documents for the Generation and Transmission Projects
  - June 25, 2002 presentation to the TAC and meeting notes



## Round One and Round Two Activities

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- **Round One:** 10 meetings held involving 18 communities; 4 other communities received newsletters
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**TABLE B.1**  
**Public Involvement Plan Activities to Date: Rounds One, Two and Three**  
 @ February 6, 2003

COMMUNITY OR INTERESTS <sup>1</sup>	NEWSLETTERS	MEETING		
		Round One (Elected Official)	Round Two (Communities)	Round Three (Communities)
<b>GENERATION STATION PROJECT – Potentially Affected Communities in Project Region</b>				
<b>Within 45 km – Transmission Project also</b>				
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation	Through NCN's joint planning activities with Manitoba Hydro and the Environmental Study Team, there has been substantial communication with members via open houses, meetings, local access broadcasts and other means			
Nelson House (NA)	X	X	X	Invited to Community Forum in Nelson House
LGD of Mystery Lake	X	X	Invited to Open House in Thompson	Invited to Open House in Thompson
City of Thompson	X	X	Open House <sup>4</sup>	Open House <sup>5</sup>
<b>Other within 80 km</b>				
Wabowden (NA)	X	X	X	X
Thicket Portage (NA)	X	X	X	X
Pikwitonei (NA)	X	X	X	X
<b>Other upstream and downstream</b>				
South Indian Lake (NA and through NCN)		X	-	Two community Forums scheduled in December – cancelled by community
Town of Gillam	X	X	Offer to meet and newsletter provided <sup>3</sup>	Waiting to hear if interest in community meeting
Tataskweyak Cree Nation*	X	X	March 12 meeting on concerns – unable yet to arrange community meeting	Meeting with community representatives in Winnipeg; plan follow-up meetings
York Factory First Nation	X	X	Invitation letter and newsletter <sup>3</sup>	X
Fox Lake First Nation	X	X	Career Symposium	Continue to look at possibility of community meeting; Newsletters sent to community
War Lake First Nation	X	X	X	Representatives attended meeting with TCN in Winnipeg; Continue to look at possibility of community meeting

\*Note for EIS: these meetings are not considered formal Round One, Two or Three PIP meetings.

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Iford (NA)	X	Invitation letter and newsletter <sup>3</sup>	Invitation letter and newsletter <sup>3</sup>	Invitation letter and newsletter <sup>3</sup>
<b>Other Nelson River</b>				
Pimicikamak Cree Nation	X	Invitation letter and newsletter <sup>3</sup>	Invitation letter and newsletter <sup>3</sup>	Continue to ask for community meeting or meeting with elected officials; Newsletter sent to community
Norway House Cree Nation	X	X	Invitation letter and newsletter <sup>3</sup>	Invitation letter and newsletter <sup>3</sup>
Cross Lake (NA)	X	Invitation letter and newsletter <sup>3</sup>	Invitation letter and newsletter <sup>3</sup>	Invitation letter and newsletter <sup>3</sup>
Norway House (NA)	X	Invitation letter and newsletter <sup>3</sup>	Invitation letter and newsletter <sup>3</sup>	Invitation letter and newsletter <sup>3</sup>
<b>TRANSMISSION PROJECT ONLY – Potentially Affected Communities in Project Region</b>				
Town of The Pas	X	X	Pre-round Two & Open House	Invited to all Round Three Open Houses (Preview session)
RM of Kelsey	X	X	Pre-round Two & Open House	Invited to all Round Three Open Houses (Preview session)
Opayskwayak Cree Nation	X	X	Pre-round Two & Open House	Open House (Preview session)
Town of Snow Lake	X	X	Pre-round Two & Open House	Meeting with Mayor and Council; Open House
Herb Lake Landing (NA)	X	X	Pre-round Two	Offered a meeting, but decided to attend the Round Three Open Houses in Snow Lake and Cormorant
Cormorant (NA)	X	X	Pre-round Two & Open House	Meeting with Mayor and Council; Open House
<b>OTHER INTERESTS</b>				
<b>Northern</b>				
Mosakahiken Cree Nation	X	-	Response to concerns raised at the CEC Hearings	Invited to Round Three Open Houses in Snow Lake, Cormorant and The Pas
Snow Lake SnoDrifters	X	N/R	X	Invited to Open Houses

COMMUNITY OR INTERESTS <sup>1</sup>	NEWSLETTERS	MEETING		
		Round One (Elected Official)	Round Two (Communities)	Round Three (Communities)
Snow Lake Resource Officer	X	N/R	X	Invited to Open Houses
Norway House Cree Nation Resource Officer	X	N/R	N/R	-
OCN Resource Council				Preview at Open House; received Newsletter #3
OCN Fur Council				Meetings and invited to the Open House; received Newsletter #3
Diamond Willow Inn Lodge, Snow Lake	X	N/R	X	Invited to Open Houses
Wilderness Outfitters	X	N/R	X	Invited to Open Houses
Cormorant Resource Management Board	X	N/R	X	Meeting on January 16 <sup>th</sup>
New Britannia Mine – TVX Gold Inc.	X	N/R	X	Invited to Open Houses
Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting	X	N/R	X	Invited to Open Houses
INCO Ltd.	X	N/R	X	Invited to Open Houses
Hudson Bay Railway	X	N/R	X	Invited to Open Houses
Snow Lake Fur Council	X	N/R	X	Invited to Open Houses
Snow Lake Resource Enhancement Group	X	N/R	X	Invited to Open Houses
Wekusko Lodge	X	N/R	X	Invited to Open Houses
Integrated Resource Management Team, The Pas	X	N/R	X	Meeting on January 20 <sup>th</sup>
City of Thompson, Public Works	X	N/R	X	Invited to Open Houses
Thompson Chamber of Commerce	X	-	-	Invited to Thompson Open House

Notes:

1. Does not include individual members of the public
2. NA = Northern Affairs community
3. NR = No meeting requested in response to letter of invitation (newsletter enclosed)
4. Invitation to Round Two Open House in Thompson sent [with Round Two Newsletter] to elected officials in Ilford (NA), Nelson House (NA), Gillam, Pikwitonei, Fox Lake Cree Nation, Tataskweyak Cree Nation, Thicket Portage, Wabowden, War Lake First Nation, York Factory First Nation, South Indian Lake, Norway House First Nation, Cross Lake First Nation, Cross Lake (NA) and Norway House (NA)
5. Invitations to Round Three Open House in Thompson sent [with Round Three Newsletter] to elected officials in Ilford (NA), Nelson House (NA), Gillam, Pikwitonei, Fox Lake Cree Nation, Tataskweyak Cree Nation, Thicket Portage, Wabowden, War Lake First Nation, York Factory First Nation, South Indian Lake, Norway House First Nation, Cross Lake First Nation, Cross Lake (NA) and Norway House (NA)





## What Has Been Heard - Round Three

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- Interest in employment and training benefits
  - Questions re: timing, nature and availability of training programs
  - Questions re: types, distribution and preference policy for employment opportunities
  - Questions re: the BNA
- Interest in other economic spin-offs (e.g., contracting opportunities, Transmission Development Fund)
- Questions re: transmission facilities (e.g. location, cost, need for new lines, power distribution)



## What Has Been Heard - Round Three

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- Questions re: nature and timing of environmental studies (e.g. location of water quality sampling sites)
- Questions and concerns re: water regime
  - Downstream (e.g. water quality and water level changes, erosion, mercury, changes and decline in fish populations, fish habitat, flooding and loss of livelihood)
    - Similar questions were asked about Wuskwatim Lake and other upstream areas
  - In other locations (e.g., effects on other watersheds)
  - Concern that Project will alter the operation of the Churchill River Diversion



## What Has Been Heard - Round Three

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- Questions and concerns re: commercial fishery on Wuskwatim Lake
- Questions re: access road (e.g. construction start date, access issues)
- Questions re: nature and scope of cumulative effects assessment
- Questions re: wildlife (e.g. caribou, beaver, muskrat and otter)
- Questions re: climate change (e.g. impacts of the Project on climate change, as well as impacts of climate change on the Project)



## What Has Been Heard - Round Three

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- Questions re: assessment of socio-economic impacts
- Questions re: PUB process (e.g. assessment of Need and Alternatives, availability of information, timeline of review process)
- Questions re: availability of information (e.g. environmental studies, EIS)
- Questions re: availability of funding for further studies and/or independent review of EIS materials
- Questions re: mechanisms to address unanticipated impacts



# Impact of Consultation

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- All concerns, questions and issues raised by the public are given careful consideration in the assessment and planning process
  - Design of the public involvement program directly influenced by the input of elected officials in Round One – ongoing iterative process
  - Extension of water quality studies from Birchtree Lake to downstream of Thompson, and more recently downstream to Split Lake, in response to community concerns.



## Impact of Consultation (cont'd)

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- Consultation contributed to evaluation and selection of construction camp location.
- Consultation contributed to evaluation and selection of location for new access road.
- Public input important for identification, comparison and evaluation of alternative transmission line routes; led to identification of sensitive areas as well as routing opportunities.



# Aboriginal Community Consultation

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- Consultation with potentially-affected communities in the Project Region will be ongoing.
- Additional commitment to ongoing consultation with Aboriginal communities potentially impacted by the proposed Wuskwatim Projects.
  - Want to talk with each community's representatives to develop joint plans for ongoing consultation.
  - Focus on specific impact issues relevant to each Aboriginal community.



# Public Involvement Plan – Next Steps

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- Complete **Round Three** of Public Involvement:
  - Possible community meetings [Fox Lake, War Lake]
  - Follow-up with concerns and requests for further information/discussion (e.g. TCN, York Factory)
  - Continue to offer meetings [South Indian Lake, Pimicikamak Cree Nation]
  
- **Round Four** of Public Involvement targeted spring 2003, following EIS submission.
  
- **Round Five** of Public Involvement targeted summer 2003, after government regulators have reviewed the EIS and any necessary supplemental information has been filed.