

June 16, 2025

Candida Cianci
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Dear Candida Cianci,

Subject: IAAC Letter to AHP Development Corporation Dated May 20, 2025

Thank you for your letter dated May 20, 2025, informing AHP Development Corporation (AHP) of the Agency's intent to transition the Amisk Hydroelectric Project (the Project) to the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA) and confirming that the letter has been posted to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry.

Following our phone conversation on May 28, 2025, with Tracy Utting, Associate Director, Review Panel we confirm that AHP will not be submitting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or other substantial Project information by June 20, 2025. Based on our understanding, the transition process will proceed as follows:

- A notice of transition from CEAA 2012 to IAA will be posted on the registry on (or shortly after) June 20.
- IAAC will prepare draft guidance on how to meet the requirements of the IAA, including draft revised EIS guidelines, and Planning phase documents (*cost recoverable work*).
- IAAC will consult Indigenous groups and the public on these documents. The period for comment is normally 30-days (*cost recoverable work*).
- IAAC will issue final, revised EIS guidelines and any associated guidance material to support the transition from CEAA 2012 to IAA (*cost recoverable work*).

As previously communicated in March 2025, AHP is actively engaged with several Indigenous communities about possible partnerships related to the Project. The early issuance of revised EIS Guidelines and initiation of consultation activities could unintentionally disrupt these ongoing discussions.

In light of the above, AHP acknowledges that the Project will be transitioned to the IAA but respectfully requests a pause to take effect upon issuance of the public notice advising of transition from CEAA 2012 to IAA. This pause would allow additional time for AHP to conclude Indigenous partnerships before finalizing the EIS Guidelines and proceeding with the IAA review process. We propose that the pause in the Agency's Project activities last until Q2 2026 or upon AHP's finalization of partnership agreements, whichever occurs sooner.

We would welcome the opportunity to further discuss this approach and collaborate on an appropriate path forward. Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Regards,
<Original signed by>

Matt Colden



President, Amisk Hydroelectric Project

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