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Dear Colleagues:

**Re: Notice of Commencement of the Impact Assessment for the Webequie Supply Road Project**

On February 24, 2020, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) posted a Notice of Commencement on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site (the Registry) regarding an impact assessment pursuant to the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA) for the Webequie Supply Road Project (the Project). The Project is now in the impact statement phase of the federal impact assessment. The following documents are posted on the Registry (available at <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80183>):

- Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines
- Public Participation Plan
- Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan
- Cooperation Plan with the Province of Ontario
- Permitting Plan

**Next Steps**

Webequie First Nation, the proponent, must engage with Indigenous groups and the public, collect information and conduct studies to develop the Impact Statement, as outlined in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines. Pursuant to section 19(1) of IAA, Webequie First Nation must provide the Agency with the

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information or studies that are set out in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, within three years from the date of the Notice of Commencement.

The Agency will continue to engage with the public throughout the impact statement phase of the Project to increase awareness of the impact assessment process and to seek comments on the proponent's Impact Statement. For more detail on proposed opportunities for public participation during the impact assessment process, including expected activities and time frames, please see the Public Participation Plan on the Project's Registry page.

### **Participant Funding**

Funding to support public participation is available during the impact assessment process. Applications for funding will be made available to the public during the impact statement phase. These participant-funding opportunities will support the public to comment on the proponent's Impact Statement as well as the Agency's draft Impact Assessment Report and potential conditions. For information about the activities that are eligible for funding or to apply for funding, see the National Program Guidelines and application on the following page:

*<https://www.canada.ca/en/environmental-assessment-agency/services/public-participation/participant-funding-application-environmental-assessment.html>*

**Important note:** Please note that any information submitted to the Agency to inform the impact assessment for the Project will be made publicly available as part of the project file, and may be posted online via the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (Reference #80183) subject to certain exceptions related to privacy, security or confidentiality. The Agency's Submission Policy (*<https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/participation/conditions>*) determines which submitted information can be shared publicly, and what should remain private. For further information on how we protect your privacy, please refer to the Privacy Notice (*<https://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/evaluations/protection?culture=en-CA>*). If you do not want your comment posted on the Registry, please contact us at IAAC.Webequie.AEIC@canada.ca or call the Agency at 416-952-1576 prior to submitting your comment.

The Agency would be interested in meeting with your municipality to discuss strategies to maximize participation in the impact assessment by citizens of your municipality. If you have ideas that might assist the Agency, please contact us to arrange a meeting.

Please indicate if you would like to stop receiving communications from the Agency regarding this project.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 416-952-1576 or by email at *IAAC.Webequie.AEIC@canada.ca*

Thank you for your continued participation in the impact assessment process.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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