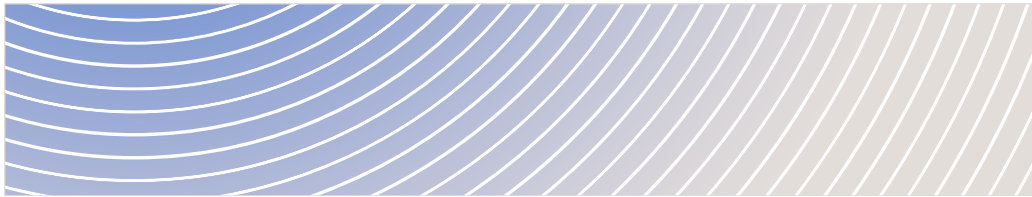




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ONTARIO PUMPED STORAGE HYDROPOWER PROJECT

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1. Introduction

On May 29, 2026, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) announced that an impact assessment is required for the Ontario Pumped Storage Hydropower Project (the project), pursuant to subsection 16(1) of Canada's *Impact Assessment Act* (the IAA).

The Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan (the IEPP) sets out the approach, opportunities and methods for meaningful consultation and engagement with potentially affected Indigenous Peoples throughout the impact assessment process for the project. Consultation and engagement will be conducted in the spirit of reconciliation, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, renewal of Nation-to-Nation, government-to-government and Crown-Inuit relations, and respect for the [Principles respecting the Government of Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples](#). IAAC commits to build and strengthen partnerships with Indigenous communities, including opportunities to collaborate and maximize Indigenous leadership in impact assessments.

The Government of Canada is committed to renewing its relationship with Indigenous Peoples by implementing the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People* (UN declaration). IAAC is committed to undertaking all our work in a way that aligns with the objectives and spirit of the *UN Declaration*, and to ensuring that the rights of Indigenous Peoples are respected throughout federal impact assessments. IAAC is guided by an openness to Indigenous perspectives, a commitment to reconciliation and an aim to maximize Indigenous leadership in impact assessment. This involves cooperation, partnership and carrying out impact assessments in a manner that emphasizes the need to seek free, prior, and informed consent and support self-determination. IAAC is supporting this commitment through this IEPP.

IAAC's approach to consultation and engagement with Indigenous Peoples emphasizes collaboration, transparency, and consensus-building¹. This approach supports the Government of Canada's objective of seeking free, prior and informed consent through meaningful participation from the outset of the process and throughout decision-making. This is done in a manner that is responsive to the potential impacts of the project to Indigenous Peoples and their exercise of potential or established Aboriginal or Treaty rights in the vicinity of the project. This IEPP uses the term 'Indigenous community' to refer to Indigenous Peoples who will be consulted or engaged in the project's impact assessment. This term includes Indigenous Peoples connected by Nation, Band, geographical location, community roles and other shared values and identities.

¹ More information on IAAC's approach to Indigenous participation in the impact assessment process is found on IAAC's website: [Indigenous Participation in Impact Assessment](#)



Within the context of the impact assessment process, IAAC² encourages the active participation of potentially impacted Indigenous communities, Indigenous women, Elders, 2SLGBTQIA+ and youth, in a manner that best reflects their specific cultural protocols, needs, and interests.

The IEPP for this project assessment addresses:

- Crown consultation on the potential impacts of the project on the exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty rights, commonly referred to as Indigenous rights, and accommodation, where appropriate;
- engagement with Indigenous communities regarding any Indigenous Knowledge they wish to provide for the assessment of potential project impacts, as well as any cultural considerations, protocols, or customs that should be taken into account in project decision-making;
- engagement with Indigenous communities that encourages the participation of different subgroups of the population, in particular women, Elders, 2SLGBTQIA+, and youth;
- the general tools and processes for consulting and engaging with Indigenous communities at all stages of the impact assessment process, particularly during comment periods on key documents; and
- the specific tools and processes for consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities that have shown an interest in the project's impact assessment or elements of it.

In addition to IAAC's consultation described in this IEPP, proponents are required to engage the Indigenous communities specified in [sections 3.1](#) and [3.2](#). Should there be unique features of the impact assessment and consultation process pertaining to a community that are not identified in this IEPP, community-specific consultation plans may be developed to describe those unique features.

In addition to using the consultation and engagement tools and methods identified in this plan, IAAC also plans to involve Indigenous communities and organizations interested in the impact assessment process using the tools and methods described in the [Public Participation Plan](#).

The IEPP is intended to be flexible and does not preclude IAAC from making changes to the approaches described in this Plan in order to accommodate changes that may occur during the assessment process.

² The Government of Canada takes a "Whole of Government" approach to Crown consultation in the context of impact assessments to ensure that Indigenous communities are meaningfully consulted and involved in the assessment of designated projects that may adversely impact Indigenous groups and the exercise of their rights. As the Crown Consultation Coordinator, IAAC leads the Government of Canada's consultation team on impact assessments, by coordinating the participation of other federal authorities as appropriate, enabling a 'one window' point of contact for Indigenous communities throughout the impact assessment process.



2. Description of the proposed Project

Ontario Pumped Storage Hydropower Project

TC Energy is proposing to construct and operate a pumped storage hydropower facility located at the Department of National Defence's Army Training Centre – Central (ATC-C) near Meaford, Ontario, on Nottawasaga Bay. As proposed, the project would store excess electricity from the grid by moving water from the bay to a reservoir, that would then be released back to the bay to generate electricity during periods of demand. It will have a production capacity of 1000 megawatts and will operate indefinitely.

For more information on the impact assessment of the Ontario Pumped Storage Hydropower Project or to view the information and comments received to date, visit the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website (the Registry) at <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/89803>

**Figure 1: Project Map**

3. Indigenous Peoples

IAAC identified the following lists of Indigenous communities that may be potentially impacted by the project. This includes Indigenous communities whose potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights may be adversely impacted. The duty stems from the Honour of the Crown and is derived from section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982, which recognizes and affirms Aboriginal and treaty rights. In doing so, IAAC considers the factors set out in section 22 of the IAA.

The lists of Indigenous communities identified may change as knowledge of the adverse effects within federal jurisdiction and potential impacts of the project is gained, or as the project design develops over the course of the impact assessment process.

Although the impact assessment process is not a rights-determination process, IAAC acknowledges that the content and extent of the duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate varies according to



the nature of the rights (established or potential) and the severity of the project's potential impact on these rights. IAAC's assessment of the extent of the duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate is, at the time of publication of this IEPP, in its preliminary phase. IAAC intends to complete this exercise in collaboration with Indigenous communities throughout the impact assessment process and will reassess the content and scope of its duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate as new information becomes available throughout the impact assessment process.

The federal impact assessment process aims to create opportunities for Indigenous communities that may be affected by a project to voice their concerns so as to inform project design, lead to better outcomes and assist with follow-up and monitoring. IAAC's aim is to achieve a respectful process that recognizes a wide range of perspectives and viewpoints. IAAC invites input from any Indigenous community potentially impacted by the project and encourages their participation in the impact assessment process, while remaining committed to respecting Indigenous Peoples' cultures, values, and languages and the right to self-determination.

IAAC will consult with Indigenous communities listed in 3.1 and 3.2 below to understand the concerns and potential impacts of the project on their ability to exercise Indigenous rights. These consultations will comprise an integral part of the work that will support the assessment of the project. The Indigenous communities listed in 3.1 and 3.2 were informed of the project during the Pre-Planning phase of the project's impact assessment process.

3.1 Indigenous communities with moderate to high likelihood of potential impacts on the exercise of rights

Based on the information currently available, Table 1 reflects Indigenous communities to be consulted, and where appropriate accommodated that IAAC understands to have a moderate to high likelihood of a potential adverse impact from the project on the Indigenous rights of these communities. IAAC may modify the list based on additional information gathered during the impact assessment process.

Table 1: List of Indigenous communities to be consulted with moderate to high likelihood of potential impacts on the exercise of rights

Name of Indigenous communities (listed alphabetically)
Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation



Curve Lake First Nation
Hiawatha First Nation
Métis Nation of Ontario (Region 7)

3.2 Indigenous communities with low likelihood of potential impacts on the exercise of rights

Based on the information currently available, Table 2 reflects Indigenous communities to be consulted that IAAC understands to have a low likelihood of a potential adverse impact from the project on their Indigenous rights. IAAC may modify the list based on additional information gathered during the impact assessment process.

Table 2: Indigenous communities to be consulted with low likelihood of potential impacts on the exercise of rights

Name of Indigenous communities (alphabetically listed)
Beausoleil First Nation
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation
Chippewas of Rama First Nation
Historic Saugeen Métis

4. Engagement and Consultation Objectives and Methods

The following is a list of objectives and methods mutually identified by IAAC and Indigenous communities to ensure meaningful consultation and collaboration throughout the impact assessment process, with the aim of securing free, prior and informed consent for all decisions that affect Indigenous Peoples' rights. IAAC aims to use all the tools at our disposal to support and facilitate the participation of Indigenous



communities in impact assessments in accordance with their own laws, customs, and processes and to take steps to remove barriers that IAAC's processes might cause.

- Prioritize relationship building with Indigenous communities and communicate in an ongoing, respectful, and preferred manner.
- Consider potential pathways of effects to the exercise of Indigenous rights from project activities on ATC-C and those occurring off ATC-C.
- Support opportunities for joint engagement, where appropriate and desired by Indigenous communities, to improve efficiency, reduce capacity constraints, and facilitate information sharing, while maintaining separate consultation records and considering each Indigenous community's views and submissions independently.
- Respect and align with Indigenous communities' consultation protocols and engagement preferences by accommodating their schedules, and recognizing cultural practices, seasonal activities, and ceremonial protocols in planning and conducting consultation.
- Respect and reflect Indigenous community preferences regarding names, identifiers and terminology in consultation materials and communications, where appropriate.
- Provide funding under the Participant Funding Program to support the participation of Indigenous communities, including Elders, youth, children, women, men, persons with disabilities, and gender-diverse and two-spirit persons, in the impact assessment process.
- Support understanding of the impact assessment process, the project, and opportunities for participation.
- Share information in ways preferred by community representatives (e.g. brochures, social media, community radio, community meetings, newsletters).
- Determine an approach for handling confidentiality of both written and oral information to prevent unauthorized disclosure of Indigenous Knowledge.
- Support inclusive, accessible, and culturally appropriate engagement by allowing adequate time for in-community visits and designing inclusive meetings (including location, timing, and format) to enable diverse participation and reflect community preferences.
- Prioritize ongoing, transparent relationship-building with Indigenous communities by providing clear, timely, and accessible information about the impact assessment process; including opportunities for collaboration, maximizing Indigenous leadership, and associated workloads and timelines.
- Facilitate, where appropriate, meaningful participation through workshops and technical meetings with Indigenous communities, proponents, and provincial and federal authorities to review key documents, support collaborative assessment of impacts on the exercise of Indigenous rights, and account for community timelines and capacity.
- Offer to collaborate on the assessment of impacts on the exercise of Indigenous rights.
- Establish clear processes for identifying and designing accommodation measures, as applicable



5. Engagement and Consultation Approach

IAAC commenced its engagement and consultation efforts on the project prior to the Planning Phase. This Pre-Planning phase was used to ensure Indigenous communities were informed and aware of the impact assessment process and to validate the potential interest of Indigenous communities for participation in the impact assessment process. IAAC also encouraged the proponent to engage with potentially affected Indigenous communities, before and during the Pre-Planning phase.

During the Planning phase, and prior to the determination that an impact assessment was required, IAAC engaged and consulted with Indigenous communities on the proponent's Initial Project Description and for the preparation of the Summary of Issues. Subsequently, IAAC provided the Summary of Issues to the proponent for preparation of the proponent's Response to the Summary of Issues that sets out how the proponent intends to address the issues referred to in the Summary of Issues, including any issues that relate to the adverse impact that the proposed project may have on Indigenous rights³.

IAAC included, in the Summary of Issues, the key issues identified by Indigenous communities, and directed the proponent to refer to the Indigenous communities' submissions to ensure they use the appropriate context and intent of the comments in their response to the Summary of Issues. Following receipt of the proponent's response to the Summary of Issues by IAAC, IAAC sought input from Indigenous Peoples for the development of the [Tailored Information and Studies Guidelines \(TISG\)](#) and Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan (this document). IAAC took the feedback received into consideration in developing these documents.

The table below provides a description of the main steps in the impact assessment process and methods of engagement, including opportunities for collaboration between IAAC and Indigenous Peoples during the impact assessment process, as defined under the *Impact Assessment Act*. Indigenous communities listed in [section 3.1](#) and [3.2](#) that are interested in consultation activities beyond those included in table 3 are invited to develop a community-specific consultation plan with IAAC as early as possible during the Impact Statement phase. Community-specific consultation plans are developed collaboratively and used to reflect specific commitments, activities, or opportunities, beyond those found in the IEPP, that guide IAAC's consultation with an Indigenous community on the project.

³ More information on the proponent's role is found in the guidance: [Information for Proponents: Preliminary Consultation Assessment in Impact Assessments under the *Impact Assessment Act*](#).

**Table 3: Table of Approaches for Indigenous Engagement Activities**

Phase 1 - Planning	
IAAC Objectives	
✓ Support understanding of the impact assessment process, the project, and opportunities for participation. ✓ Provide Indigenous communities with Pre-Planning and Planning phase funding to support participation. ✓ Obtain comments and feedback on the Initial Project Description and seek input for the development of the Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan and Tailored Information and Studies Guidelines.	
Timeline: Commences at the acceptance of the Initial Project Description	
Expected IAAC Activities	Indigenous communities' Potential Activities
• Offered individualized and/or group training on the impact assessment process and how to effectively participate in the process. • Offered grant funding to support participation during the comment period on the proponent's Initial Project Description. • Sought to learn about the Indigenous communities who may potentially be impacted by the proposed project, for example by hosting meetings, as well as participating in community events, where invited. • Supported understanding of the impact assessment process, the project, and seek input on key issues.	• Indigenous communities participated in the public comment period and provided input on the Initial Project Description. • Indigenous communities applied for available grant funding during the public comment period on the Initial Project Description. • Indigenous communities participated in meetings to discuss and inform key planning documents⁴.

⁴ Key planning documents: [Tailored Information and Studies Guidelines](#), Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan, [Public Participation Plan](#), [Cooperation Plan with Ontario](#), [Detailed Permitting Plan](#)



- From March 2026 to May 2026, IAAC held virtual and in-person meetings with communities to support their understanding of the impact assessment process, validate key issues of the project, and to seek their input in the development of the Tailored Information and Studies Guidelines (TISG) and the IEPP.
- IAAC responded to inquiries, sent letters / emails informing Indigenous communities of the upcoming project, and posted key documents on the Registry website.
- IAAC provided Indigenous communities with guidance on how to protect confidential information to improve trust and transparency in how Indigenous Knowledge is considered, protected, and woven into impact assessments.

Phase 2 - Impact Statement

IAAC Objectives

- ✓ Provide Indigenous communities funding to support participation for the remainder of the impact assessment process.
- ✓ Encourage Indigenous communities to share Indigenous Knowledge and information with the proponent to inform the development of the proponent's Impact Statement.
- ✓ Notify Indigenous communities of the receipt of the Impact Statement and obtain views on the proponent's Impact Statement
- ✓ Identify potential impacts on the exercise of Indigenous rights and avoidance, mitigation, or accommodation measures, as applicable, in collaboration with Indigenous communities.
- ✓ Develop and consult on IAAC's preliminary analysis and conclusions related to potential project impacts on Indigenous communities.

Timeline: Commences with the posting of the Notice of Commencement of the Impact Assessment and related documents

Expected IAAC Activities

Indigenous communities' Potential Activities



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IAAC administers participant funding for the remainder of the impact assessment process.• IAAC works with interested Indigenous communities to develop and implement community-specific consultation plans, as requested, including the identification of collaborative approaches where appropriate.• IAAC has dialogue with interested Indigenous communities to validate the approach to the assessment of impacts on the exercise of their rights.• IAAC posts the proponent's Impact Statement on the Registry website and sends notification emails to Indigenous communities.• IAAC seeks the views of Indigenous communities on the project's potential impacts on the exercise of their rights and discusses with Indigenous communities whether the proponent has adequately identified mitigation and/or accommodation measures, as appropriate, in its Impact Statement.• IAAC seeks input from Indigenous communities on potential project residual effects, mitigation measures, and follow-up and monitoring programs, described in IAAC's preliminary analysis of effects within federal jurisdiction• IAAC informs Indigenous communities of the ways in which comments and information from Indigenous communities may be shared (with permission) with other participants in the impact assessment process, such as the proponent, federal authorities, or provincial authorities.• IAAC works with Indigenous communities to implement the IEPP and any community-specific consultation plan, where applicable.• IAAC, where appropriate, organizes meetings between federal and provincial authorities, Indigenous communities, and, if appropriate, the proponent to discuss technical issues, inform the assessment of impacts on rights and early identification of mitigation measures. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indigenous communities apply for funding to participate in the remaining phases of the impact assessment process.• Indigenous communities provide input on partnership opportunities of interest and ways they can participate in the assessment process to inform the drafting and implementation of community-specific consultation plans, as required.• Indigenous communities work with IAAC, if interested, to establish a collaborative assessment of potential project impacts on Indigenous communities and the exercise of their rights.• Indigenous communities express to the proponent any interest in funding for studies related to the Impact Statement.• Indigenous communities share their positions on the project's potential impacts on the exercise of their rights with the proponent to inform the Impact Statement and with IAAC to support its review of the Impact Statement.• Indigenous communities work with the proponent to gather relevant information about the project's adverse effects (direct and incidental) and discuss mitigation and/or accommodation measures to address possible adverse effects with the proponent to inform the proponent's Impact Statement. |
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- IAAC works with Indigenous communities to validate its preliminary analysis and conclusions regarding the project's potential impact on Indigenous communities and their rights
- If necessary, IAAC will request additional information from the proponent.

Phase 3 – Impact Assessment

IAAC Objectives

- ✓ Develop and consult on IAAC's preliminary analysis and conclusions related to potential project impacts on Indigenous communities.
- ✓ Where there is interest, collaborate with Indigenous communities on the assessment of potential project impacts on their communities and the exercise of their rights.
- ✓ Notify Indigenous communities of key stages in the process, such as the consultation period for the Draft Impact Assessment Report and potential conditions.
- ✓ Obtain comments / views on IAAC's draft Impact Assessment Report.

Timeline: Commences immediately after IAAC issues the notice under s.19(4) of the IAA indicating that it is satisfied that the proponent has submitted necessary information and studies.

Expected IAAC Activities	Indigenous communities' Potential Activities
• IAAC administers participant funding throughout the impact assessment process. • IAAC works with Indigenous communities to implement the IEPP and community specific consultation plan, as applicable. • IAAC works collaboratively with interested Indigenous communities on completing the assessment of impacts on the exercise of their rights. • IAAC works with Indigenous communities to validate its preliminary analysis and conclusions regarding the project's potential impact on Indigenous communities and their rights.	• Indigenous communities collaborate on or validate IAAC's preliminary analysis and conclusions related to potential project impacts on Indigenous communities and on the exercise of their rights. • Indigenous communities may provide written, oral or multimedia submissions to IAAC. • Indigenous communities may invite IAAC to hold public consultation sessions in their community. Indigenous communities should work with IAAC to ensure the consultation session incorporates cultural



- IAAC consults Indigenous communities on any proposed complementary measures or other accommodation measures (as applicable) relating to potential adverse impacts on the exercise of their rights.
- IAAC posts the draft Impact Assessment Report and draft potential conditions on the Registry website and informs Indigenous communities by e-mail.
- IAAC holds a comment period on the draft Impact Assessment Report. Comments will assist in finalizing IAAC's recommendation to the Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature (the Minister).
- IAAC sends information describing, in detail, how comments received, during a comment period and at meetings, have been considered.
- IAAC submits the Impact Assessment Report, with rationale, conclusions, recommendations and potential conditions, including on matters related to Indigenous Peoples and potential project impacts on the exercise of Indigenous rights, to the Minister (or Governor in Council) to inform federal decision making.
- IAAC posts the Impact Assessment Report, or a summary of the Impact Assessment Report, on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry upon submission to the Minister.

considerations and is inclusive for community members.

- Indigenous communities present their points of view to IAAC on the adequacy of the consultation throughout the impact assessment process.
- Indigenous communities submit comments on IAAC's draft Impact Assessment Report.
- Indigenous communities may choose to make their own independent submissions directly to the Minister, to help inform the federal decision-making process.

Phase 4 – Decision

IAAC Objectives

- ✓ Inform the proponent, Indigenous communities and the public about the Decision Statement issued by the Minister (or Governor in Council).
- ✓ Increase awareness and understanding of the Decision Statement, including reasons for the Minister's decision or the Governor in Council's determination, and the conditions, where applicable.



- ✓ **Timeline:** Commences upon the posting of the Minister's decision or Governor in Council's decision, if it has been referred to the Governor in Council.

Expected IAAC Activities	Indigenous communities' Potential Activities
- IAAC posts the Decision Statement on the Registry website, including the reasons for the public interest determination and conditions, where applicable. - IAAC maintains an ongoing dialogue with Indigenous communities, informing them of the Minister's Decision Statement and providing them with opportunities to learn about next steps post-impact assessment decision.	Indigenous communities are informed of the Minister's decision and next steps post-impact assessment decision.

Phase 5 – Post-Decision

IAAC Objectives (if project approved)

- ✓ Post information relating to follow-up and monitoring activities to the Registry website including information or any document(s) provided by the proponent to comply with a condition set out in the Decision Statement.
- ✓ If amendments to the Decision Statement are required due to changes to the project, obtain comments on these amendments, and post the final amended Decision Statement and reasons for the amendment to the Registry.

Timeline: Commences after the Decision Statement is issued to the proponent and is ongoing.

Expected IAAC Activities	Indigenous communities' Potential Activities
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IAAC facilitates the transfer of the federal Crown consultation file to federal authorities, for post-decision regulatory approvals.• IAAC posts the results of monitoring and surveillance activities on the Registry website.• IAAC undertakes compliance and enforcement activities and posts the results on the Registry website.• IAAC consults on possible amendments to the Decision Statement, should an amendment be required. If amendments are required, IAAC posts a notice of the decision for modifying the Decision Statement, together with the reasons for the modifications. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indigenous communities participate in any follow up and monitoring programs of interest included in the Decision Statement.• Indigenous communities submit comments to IAAC on potential amendments to the Decision Statement, should an amendment be required.• Indigenous communities with questions and comments regarding IAAC's compliance and enforcement program and policies, or if an Indigenous community has reason to believe that there has been a contravention of the IAA, Indigenous communities can report it to IAAC at: compliance-conformite@iaac-aeic.gc.ca |
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6. Federal Agencies' Roles and Responsibilities

The [Detailed Permitting Plan](#) issued at the end of the Planning phase describes the permits and authorizations that may be required for the project to proceed.

Federal authorities identified in the [Detailed Permitting Plan](#) as well as those with additional expert advice will engage as needed with IAAC, the proponent, Indigenous communities and other parties to clarify information requirements related to its specialist or expert information and knowledge. Throughout the impact assessment process, federal authorities may also review and analyze the proponent's Impact Statement; support and participate in IAAC's Crown consultation activities; and support IAAC and Indigenous communities in understanding, assessing and addressing impacts on the exercise of Indigenous rights. The Detailed Permitting Plan can be viewed on the Registry website, [Ontario Pumped Storage Hydropower Project \(89803\)](#).

IAAC, on behalf of the Government of Canada, will lead Crown consultations for the impact assessment and will form the federal review team described above. IAAC has collaborated and will continue to collaborate with all federal authorities and use their expertise at all stages of the impact assessment.

7. Participant Funding

In addition to funding made available for Pre-Planning and the Planning phase, funding is also available to support Indigenous communities, identified in [section 3.1](#) and [3.2](#) of this document, to participate throughout the remainder of the impact assessment process.

For information about the activities that are eligible for funding or how to apply for funding, please see the Participant Funding Program National Program Guidelines at the following page:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/public-participation-impact-assessments/funding-programs/participant-funding-program.html>

8. How to Submit Comments

IAAC invites Indigenous communities to share comments and information with IAAC at any time during the impact assessment process. IAAC is open to receiving comments and information through a variety of means, including verbally or in writing. Indigenous communities are invited to



submit comments by contacting the project team at Nottawasaga@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or through the Impact Assessment Registry website [Ontario Pumped Storage Hydropower Project \(89803\)](#) by clicking «Submit a Comment». Attachments can also be uploaded using this function.

Comments and other documents received by IAAC will form part of the project file and will be posted on the Registry website, with the exception of comments or documents deemed confidential or subject to a non-disclosure clause. The [IAAC's Submission Policy](#) determines what information can be shared publicly and what information should remain private. For more information on how we protect your privacy, please refer to the [IAAC's Privacy Notice](#). **If you do not want your comment to be posted on the Registry website, please contact IAAC before submitting your comment.**

Indigenous Knowledge shared in confidence is protected from disclosure under section 119 of the IAA, except if written consent is provided, or if the information is publicly available. In addition, Indigenous Knowledge shared in confidence could be shared with certain parties if disclosure is necessary for procedural fairness and natural justice or for use in legal proceedings. This ensures that interested persons have a fair opportunity to participate in processes that would likely affect their interests, and that they have access to all necessary information and evidence relied on by the decision-maker.

Should you wish to provide any comments or documents that contain confidential or sensitive information that should be protected from release to the public, please contact the project team (contact below) **before** submitting the information. This will ensure that your submission is handled appropriately. Note, IAAC must consult with you prior to disclosing Indigenous Knowledge shared in confidence under an exception. More information on IAAC's approach to protecting Indigenous Knowledge can be found on IAAC's website at the following link: [Protecting Confidential Indigenous Knowledge under the Impact Assessment Act](#)

A summary of comments received during the impact assessment process will also be added to IAAC's impact assessment report.

9. Contact Information

If you have questions or need information, please contact the IAAC office responsible for coordinating the Impact Assessment process for this project:

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