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WHAPMAGOOSTUI FIRST NATION
COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Chronological No.: **2020-2021-12-09**

Subject:

**Public Consultation
Process Re Whapmagoostui Kuujjuaraapik
Hybrid Power Plant Project (WKHPPP)**

PROPOSED BY:
Maria Kawapit

SECONDED BY:
Amy Dick

ACTION:
Carried

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Whapmagoostui First Nation (WFN) called for the development of clean energy technologies as an alternative to the diesel power plant owned by Hydro-Quebec Distribution (HQD) that distributes electricity to the Whapmagoostui-Kuujjuaraapik community.

WHEREAS the said power plant has notable deficiencies that result in multiple power blackouts on a yearly basis.

WHEREAS, since 2011, the WFN Council has adopted Resolutions supporting the process to develop the Whapmagoostui – Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project (hereafter: «Project») among others Council Resolutions number: 2011-084, 2013—2014-09-07 and 2015-2016-05-02.

WHEREAS the proposed Project will serve as a component to the diesel powerhouse owned and operated by Hydro-Quebec Distribution ((hereafter: «HQD»)) to create local economic and employment opportunities and to reduce the emissions of CO2 greenhouse gases.

WHEREAS, the Whapmagoostui First Nation (WFN) has mandated its subsidiary Nimschu Iskudow Inc. (hereafter: «NI») to develop the Project and to ensure the involvement of the Inuit of Kuujjuaraapik into the Project.

WHEREAS a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) creating a Steering Committee composed of the Northern Village of Kuujjuaraapik, the Sakkuq Landholding Corporation of Kuujjuaraapik (hereafter: «Sakkuq») as well as WFN's and NI's representatives was executed in February 2019.

WHEREAS, the activities of the Steering Committee led to the incorporation, on March 11, 2020, of a legal entity named Kuujjuaraapik Whapmagoostui Renewable Energy Corporation (Hereafter: «KWREC»), which is owned equally (50% each) between NI and Sakkuq and which became the sole promoter of the Project.

WHEREAS, KWREC has filed, on July 8, 2020, a Project Notice with the environmental authorities in accordance with Section 22 of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement (hereafter: «JBNQA»).

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WHEREAS, KWERC has executed on September 2, 2020, agreements with the Ministry of Natural Resources Canada securing grant contributions for a total amount of nine (9) million dollars (\$9,000,000) for the Project.

WHEREAS the Evaluating Committee established under the JBNQA (hereafter: «COMEV») has, on October 28, 2020, issued directives of the Project's impact study and, more particularly, related to the consultation of the concerned Whapmagoostui's Crees.

WHEREAS KWREC is currently holding discussions with Hydro-Québec Distribution in view to enter into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the Project, which is confirmed by HQD at page 34 of its 2020 Progress Report for the 2020-2029 Supply Plan (file number: R4110-2019), dated October 30, 2020, filed before the Quebec Energy Board; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the Project's presentation dated November 24, 2020, which demonstrates, among others the Project's positive impact on WFN's capacity building, employment, economic spinoff, source of revenue as well as greenhouse gases effect reduction while its negative environmental impact remains relatively limited.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, the Council of the Whapmagoostui First Nation, duly constituting quorum and assembled on December 11, 2020, does hereby express its full support of the following:

1. Public consultation process for the Whapmagoostui-Kuujjuaraapik Hybrid Power Plant Project (WKHPPP).
2. Environmental Impact Assessment Process developed for the Project in accordance with Section 22 of the JBNQA; and
3. Issuance of Directives issued by CGN's Regional Administrator, Mr. Isaac Voyageur, following COMEV's recommendations in this regard.



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THAT, KWREC shall provide assessment reports on other renewable energy sources;

THAT, the Chief of the Whapmagoostui First Nation, Mr. Robbie Kawapit, be and is hereby mandated to assist KWREC in relaying all pertinent information to the WFN members in view to promoting the acquisition of all permits and authorization required for the project; and

THAT, the Chief, and the Deputy Chief be, and they are hereby directed to do all things deemed necessary to give effect to foregoing.

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