



THE ALGONQUIN ANISHINABEG NATION
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Abitibiwinni - Kebaowek - Kitcisakik
Kitigan Zibi – Lac Simon – Long Point – Apitipi Anicinapek

Micheal Sabia

President and Chief Executive Officer

Hydro Quebec

RE: Ladders for the American Eel at the Carillon Dam renovation

Kwey Mr. Sabia,

Let me begin by congratulating you on your appointment as President and CEO of Hydro Quebec. The Algonquin Nation looks forward to collaborating with you and your team on the issues that affect our member communities, and our territory.

I am writing to you today to support the calls from the Ottawa Riverkeeper for the installation of ladders for the American Eel at the Carillon renovation. The American Eel is very important to the Anishinabeg Algonquin people, and we are quite concerned with its survival. As you may be aware, the population of the eel has dropped by 99%, mainly due to manmade issues such as a loss of habitat. Dams and barriers, such as the Carillon dam prohibit the eel from important feeding and spawning grounds. We are hopeful that the installation of a ladder at this facility will help revitalize the American Eel population. As such, it is vitally important that this be added to the project.

There are many of Hydro Quebec's projects that have had a devastating effect on our people and population, and there are a lot of actions that the corporation needs to make reparations on. In the case of the American Eel, there is the chance for your company to do some mitigation measures, and to demonstrate your willingness to take our concerns seriously. It is another important step in our current and future collaborations.

I offer you my sincere appreciation for your consideration in this matter, and look forward to a positive response.

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Savanna McGregor

Grand Chief

Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council

Cc:

Julie Boucher, Vice President – Sustainability, Community Relations and Communications, Hydro Quebec

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Laura Risenborough, Ottawa Riverkeeper