

# YFFD NEWSLETTER

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## THE KEYYASK GENERATION PROJECT: AN UPDATE

### KEYYASK EIS SUBMITTED

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Keeyask Hydropower Limited Partnership, made up of Manitoba Hydro and the Keeyask Cree Nations [YFFN, FLCN, Cree Nation Partners (TCN and WLFN)] submitted the Keeyask Generation Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the provincial and federal governments.

The Keeyask EIS is part of an application to the federal and provincial governments for environmental licenses and approvals for the Keeyask hydroelectric dam that the Partnership is proposing to build at Gull Rapids on the Nelson River.



This newsletter is a brief update to YFFN community members on the submission of the Keeyask EIS. Future Development is planning a community meeting on the Keeyask Project in the coming weeks and a larger newsletter with more details about Kipekiskwaywinan (Our Voices), employment opportunities and Direct Negotiation Contracts, the Keeyask Infrastructure Project, the Sturgeon Stewardship Initiative, and Keeyask environmental monitoring.

The Keeyask EIS has several parts:

### 1. Keeyask: Our Story

This video presents the Keeyask Cree Nations' history and perspectives of hydroelectric development and Keeyask.

### 2. Executive Summary

This short summary of the EIS is currently available in English. French and Cree versions will also be produced.

### 3. Response to EIS Guidelines

This is the main technical document that includes detailed information about the Keeyask Project, the predicted environmental effects, plans for reducing the effects, environmental monitoring, and the Public Involvement Program.

### 4. Keeyask Cree Nations' Evaluation Reports

These include YFFN's Kipekiskwaywinan (Our Voices), and Cree Nation Partners' Keeyask Environmental Evaluation Report. FLCN's Evaluation Report has not been completed at this time and will be submitted later.

### 5. Supporting Volumes

These include the Project Description, Public Involvement, Physical Environment, Aquatic, Terrestrial, and Socio-economic Supporting Volumes.



## KEYYASK EIS LOCATED IN YORK LANDING

The Keeyask EIS documents are now located at the Future Development office, and copies of “Keeyask: Our Story” will be distributed to all York Landing households. FLCN’s Evaluation Report will be available when it has been finalized.

The Keeyask EIS documents have been posted online at the Keeyask Partnership’s website (<http://keeyask.com/wp/the-project/environmental-assessment-process/eis>), and are located at several locations in Winnipeg, Gillam, and Thompson (e.g. public library and MKO).

## KEYYASK ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Over the next two years, YFFN will participate in the environmental review process as a Keeyask partner and co-proponent. This means responding to written comments from the public and regulators, and participating in public hearings run by the Clean Environment Commission (expected to take place in 2013).

The federal and provincial Ministers are expected to decide whether to license the Keeyask Project in the summer of 2014. If licensed, construction of the Keeyask Generating Station will begin at that time.

**For more information visit our website ([www.yffd.ca](http://www.yffd.ca)) or the Keeyask Partnership’s website ([www.keeyask.com](http://www.keeyask.com)). You can also contact Evelyn Beardy or Marie Ryle-Beardy at the Future Development office at [341-2236](tel:341-2236).**