

Good morning,

There have been a few recent developments that we want to share.

On October 13 the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada is largely unconstitutional. There has been a lot of commentary since, but it appears that the proposed bridge and causeway project may now also fall under provincial legislation as well as the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority which is great news.

We are starting to receive responses to the Protect Lake Simcoe Discussion Paper and have scheduled a meeting with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada.

Yesterday, GIFL sent the following email. At a minimum it appears they have delayed their submission to IAAC by three months.

Good morning,

Following the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation Annual General Meeting, we'd like to inform you of some updates regarding the Fixed Link project:

Project Submission Delay:

The Detailed Project Description (DPD) submission will be postponed to mid to late January at the earliest. An official date will be announced in due course. This decision was based on several factors:

- * The finalization of two key reports-ecology and coastal engineering-has faced delays. This has caused subsequent delays in engagement and communication activities essential for IAAC engagement.
- * We recognize the importance of the holiday season and believe that pushing the submission to the end of November would inconveniently require IAAC participants to review the materials during this time - an outcome that the First Nation finds unsuitable.
- * The system for the online release of project data is now finalized. This will facilitate easier access and use of project-related information by IAAC participants

Engagement Sessions:

The First Nation is dedicated to fostering a transparent and informative process and has committed to hosting two events to provide context around the technical components of the final DPD submission:

1. Georgina Island First Nation Technical Community Presentation: Exclusive to First Nation Membership, offering insights into the technical components.

2. Technical Town Hall: Open to all, providing an opportunity to discuss and understand the technical information in depth and engage with our technical team.

Both sessions aim to present technical insights and provide a platform to converse with our technical team regarding the DPD's content. The Secretariat is finalizing event details and will share updates promptly.

Important note: The final submission of the DPD will not be scheduled until after these engagement sessions have taken place.

Website Revamp:

Some of you may have noticed changes on our website over the past month. We have been working hard to establish an organized and chronological method of sharing information. It now includes:

- * An up-to-date engagement calendar.
- * Posts with new and updated information.
- * You can expect project reports used in developing the DPD to be added to the website as early as next week.
- * Additionally, you will find news releases and background information links that aim to enhance your understanding of the entire project, including topics such as how First Nation lands are managed.

Email Communications:

A word about direct emails to us - they are categorized as engagement and incorporated into our DPD as engagement records, including sender details and email content.

After our last email to subscribers, we unfortunately received a number of hurtful and racist comments.

We want to emphasize that your communications are considered public records, and we use them to compile our responses to major issues and concerns. We stand for respectful and constructive engagement and encourage communication that reflects those principles. Given this, we've activated an autoresponder which outlines the process for submitting comments directly to the IAAC's official Georgina Island Fixed Link Project Comment Submission Page <<https://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=5sxj0&m=gejSNVktElxDCZ.&b=jeV.xcORQSNETpv cxA47Og>> .

Thank you for your continued interest and engagement in the Fixed Link Project.

Sincerely,
Michael Jacobs, Fixed Link Project Manager

