

# Wuskwatim

## Project Update

*Presentation to NCN Members*  
February 2005

# Introduction: Where We Are in the Process

- The status of the Project Development Agreement
- Establishment of a new trust
- Regulatory Approvals
- Training, jobs and business opportunities
- Project contracts we have been negotiating
- South Indian Lake's bid for a new reserve
- Ratification vote on the PDA





# PDA

## Project Development Agreement



# PDA Will Be Little Changed From the SOU

- The main difference will be detailed legal language and the detailed financial arrangements.



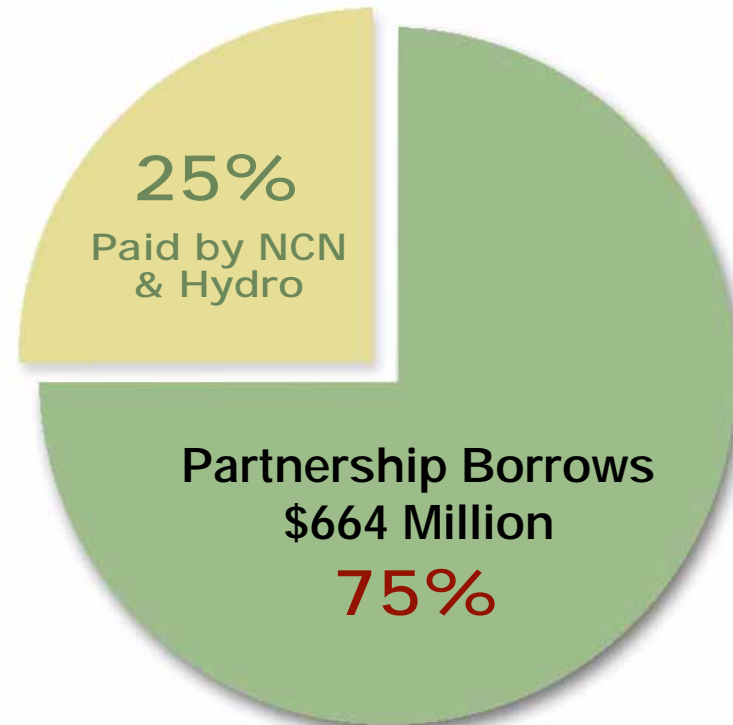
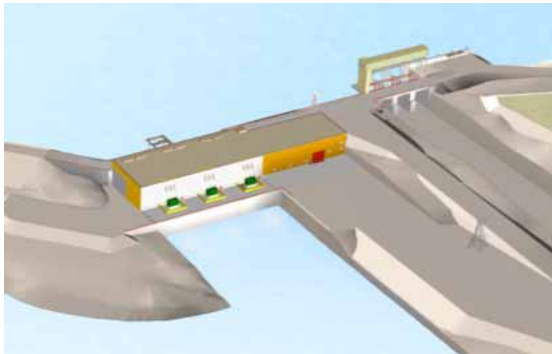
# Increased Costs Reflected in New Financial Projections

- Project delays
- Higher overheads
- Requirement for larger camp
- Additional environmental monitoring
- Increased costs for construction materials





## The Generating Station is Now Expected to Cost About \$886 Million



## How We Will Finance Wuskwatim



NCN Cash  
Equity \$73  
Million

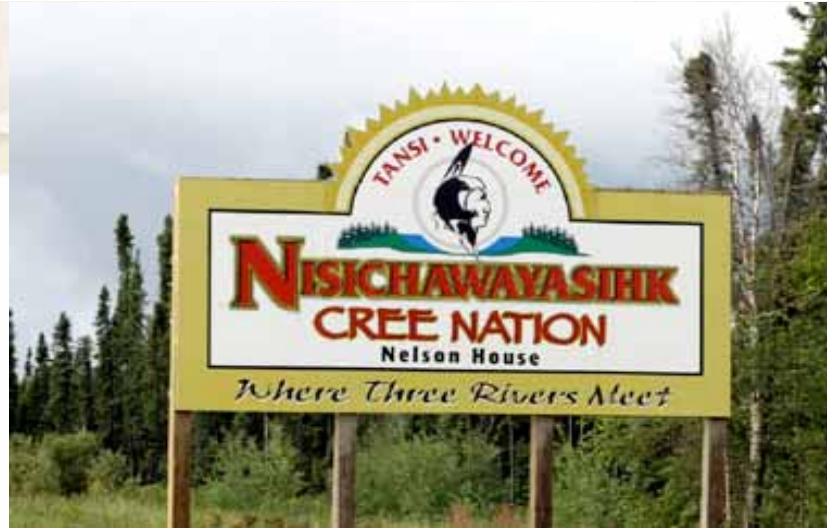
**8%**

NCN Borrows  
\$49 Million  
From Hydro

NCN Puts in  
**\$24 Million** of  
its Own Money

Hydro Cash  
\$149 Million  
**17%**

Partnership Borrows  
\$664 Million  
**75%**



# How We Will Make the Most of the Profits



## A New Trust Would Be Established

- Annual revenue from NCN's share of Wuskwatim profits will be paid to the Trust
- Annual payments from a Transmission Development Fund will also be paid into the Trust
- Payments from an agreement to compensate NCN for adverse effects of the Projects will also be paid into the fund
  - *Adverse effects of Wuskwatim are anticipated to be minimal.*

# A Second, Potentially Much Larger Trust Will Benefit Our Community



# New Trust Would Operate Like the 1996 Nisichawayasihk Trust

- NCN community services and programs would benefit
- NCN would invest in other economic development projects to ensure the ongoing prosperity of our First Nation.

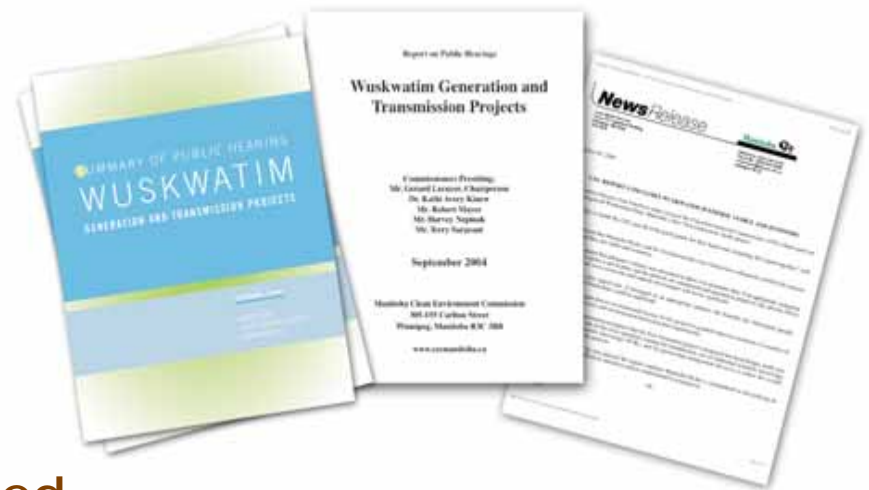




# Regulatory Process is Continuing

# Regulatory Approvals are Required Before Construction Can Begin

- The federal and provincial governments are yet to issue necessary licenses
- The governments are awaiting the report regarding protection of our treaty and Aboriginal rights and other matters
- The Clean Environment Commission recommended the project go ahead.





# Wuskwatim Construction Will Take About Six Years

- Construction could still begin late 2005.





# Training, Jobs and Business Opportunities


# Job Training Available Through ATEC

- The \$8.1 million facility is currently under construction and will be complete this summer.





## Many NCN Members Have Already Been Trained

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- 168 people have already completed training through ATEC
  - All trainees have had work experience or full-time employment as a result
  - 72 are now employed
  - 41 people currently in training



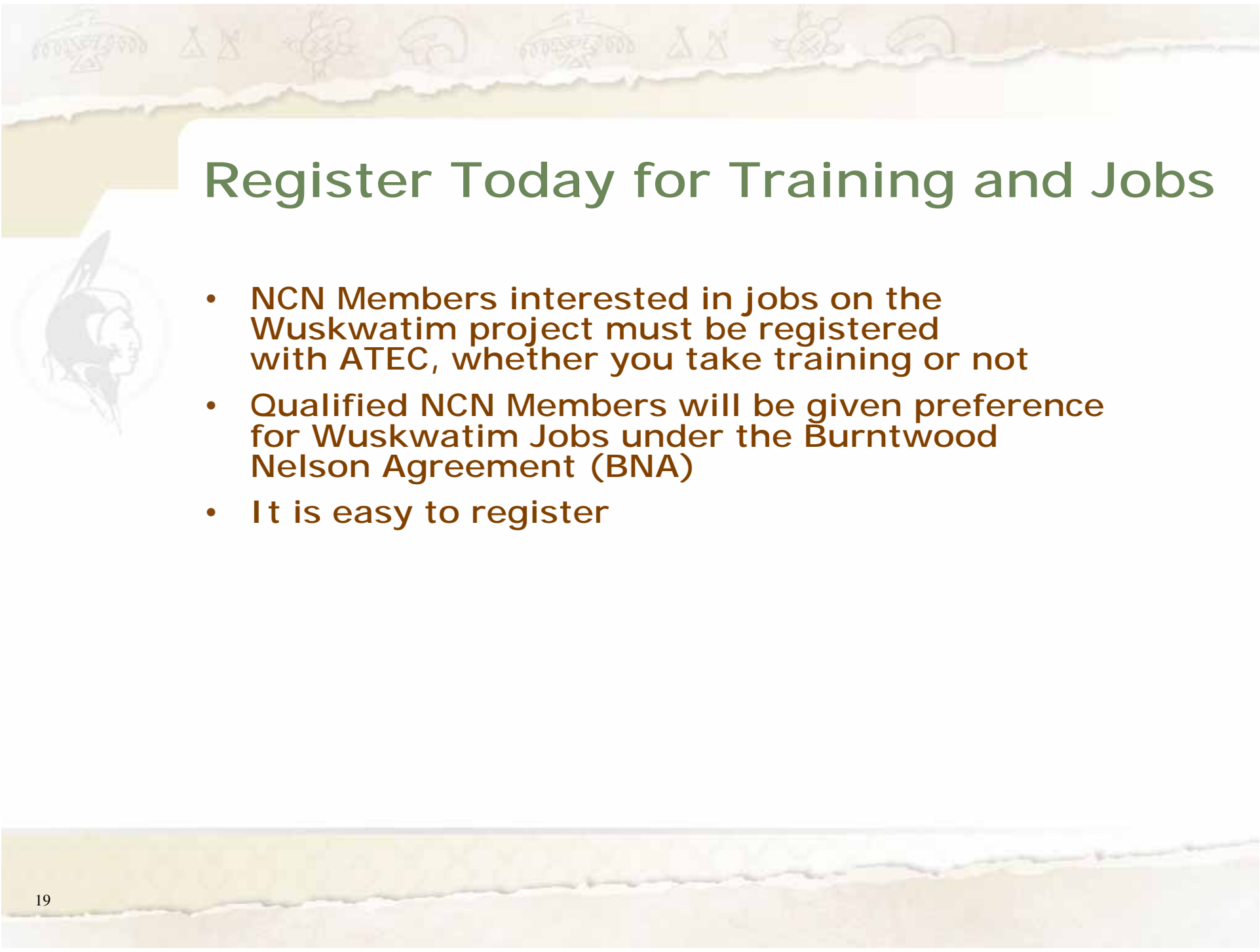
## ATEC is a Direct Benefit of Wuskwatim

- Current focus is to provide training for jobs on the Wuskwatim project
- Governments have provided funding to ensure NCN Members can take full advantage of opportunities offered by Wuskwatim
- In the long-term, ATEC will help people prepare for careers after Wuskwatim.

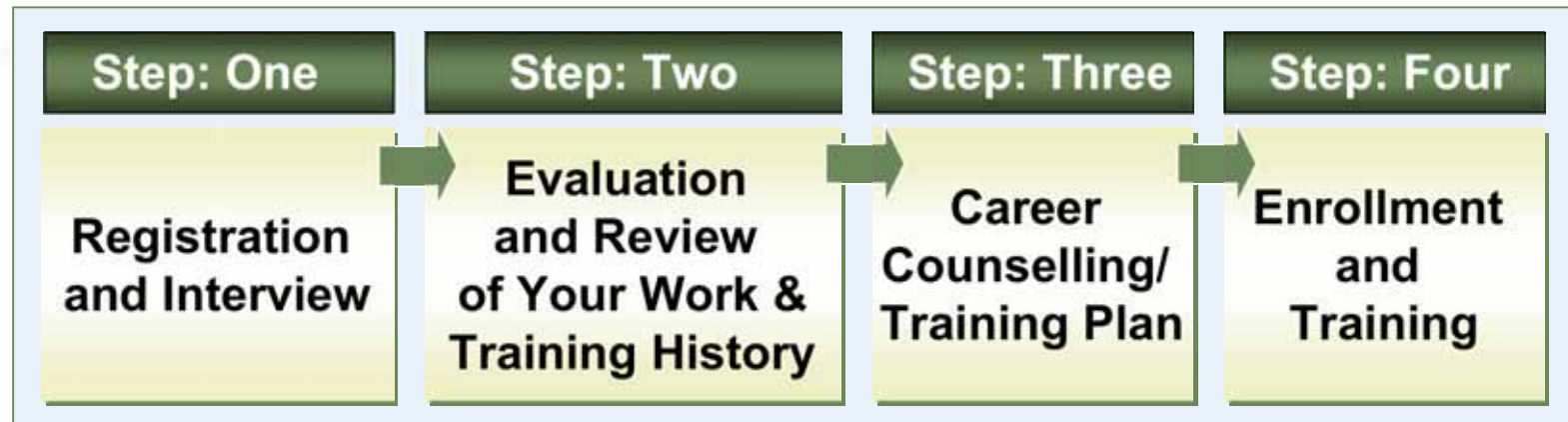




# Register Today for Training and Jobs


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- NCN Members interested in jobs on the Wuskwatim project must be registered with ATEC, whether you take training or not
  - Qualified NCN Members will be given preference for Wuskwatim Jobs under the Burntwood Nelson Agreement (BNA)
  - It is easy to register

# Four Simple Steps Toward a Job That Suits Your Interests and Skills





## ATEC's Support Programs are Designed for Your Success

- 
- Life skills training
  - Career planning and counselling
  - Educational upgrading
  - Training directly related to current Manitoba Hydro job opportunities
  - Canadian Adult Achievement Testing
  - Training retention and support
  - Training for business and technological careers not related to Manitoba Hydro.

# Wide Range of Training Options



# Wuskwatim Business Opportunities

- **Contracts being negotiated between Manitoba Hydro and NCN businesses include:**
  - *Access-road construction*
  - *Transmission-line clearing*
  - *Site infrastructure construction*
  - *Construction-camp catering*
  - *Security for construction*
  - *Cross-cultural awareness training, on-site counselling, and ceremonies during construction.*







# South Indian Lake

## Reserve Status Bid Takes a Step Forward

# Reserve Status Close After Many Years



- South Indian Lake is seeking reserve status
- NCN has always supported SIL in its goal
- SIL and the provincial and federal governments have been working to achieve this goal
- Reserve Status could maybe happen as early as this spring.

# Implications for NCN and Wuskwatim


- Members of O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation would not be eligible to vote in the upcoming PDA
- NCN Members, wherever they may live, will be able to vote on the PDA.



# Vote on the Project Development Agreement



## The Vote on the PDA is Likely to Be Held in Late Spring or Early Summer

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- A double majority of Members is required to approve the PDA, in order for the Wuskwatim Project to proceed
  - Manitoba Hydro has said it will not proceed if the Project fails to receive a majority of support.





# A Positive Impact for Our Community



## It's About Our Future





# Future Development: A Community Driven Process



# Key Information Has Been Widely Distributed and Presented

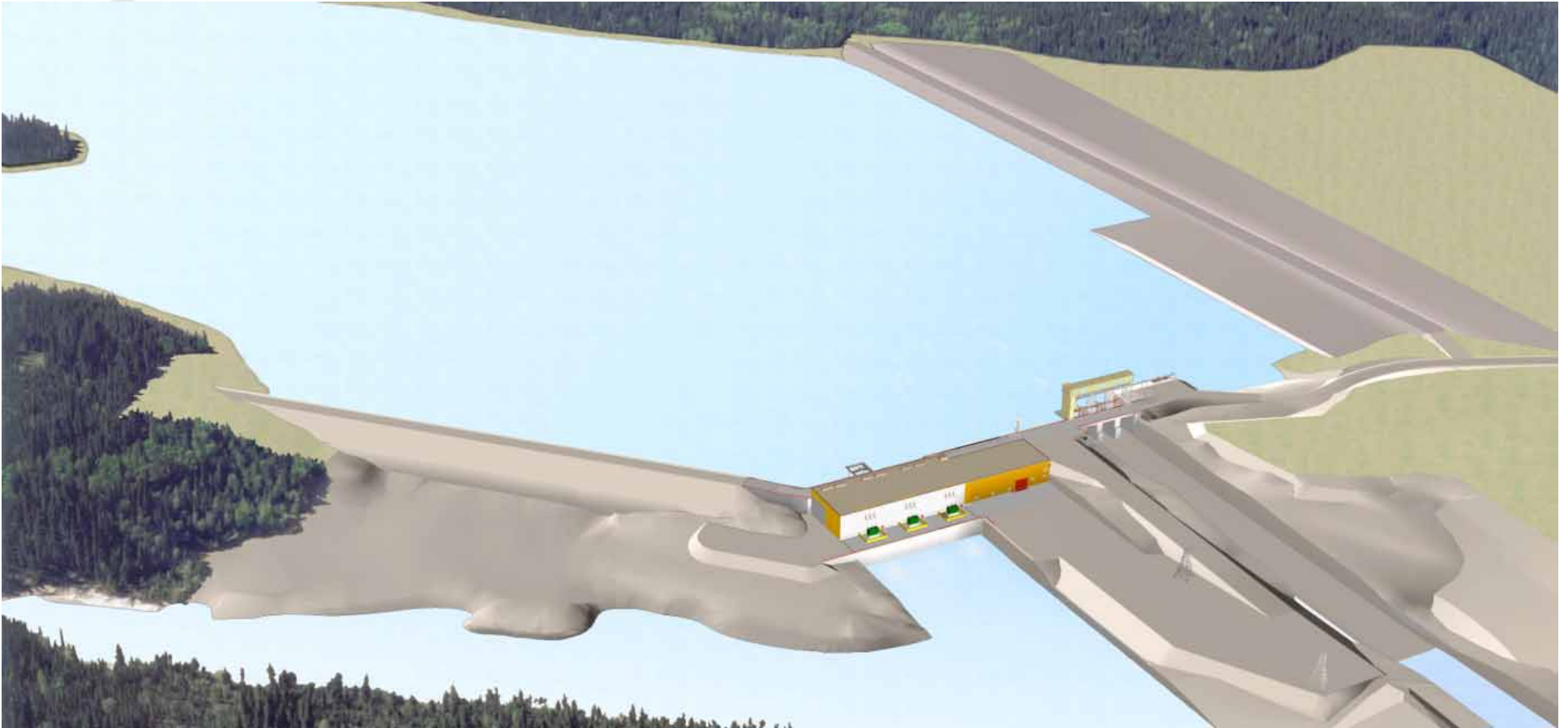




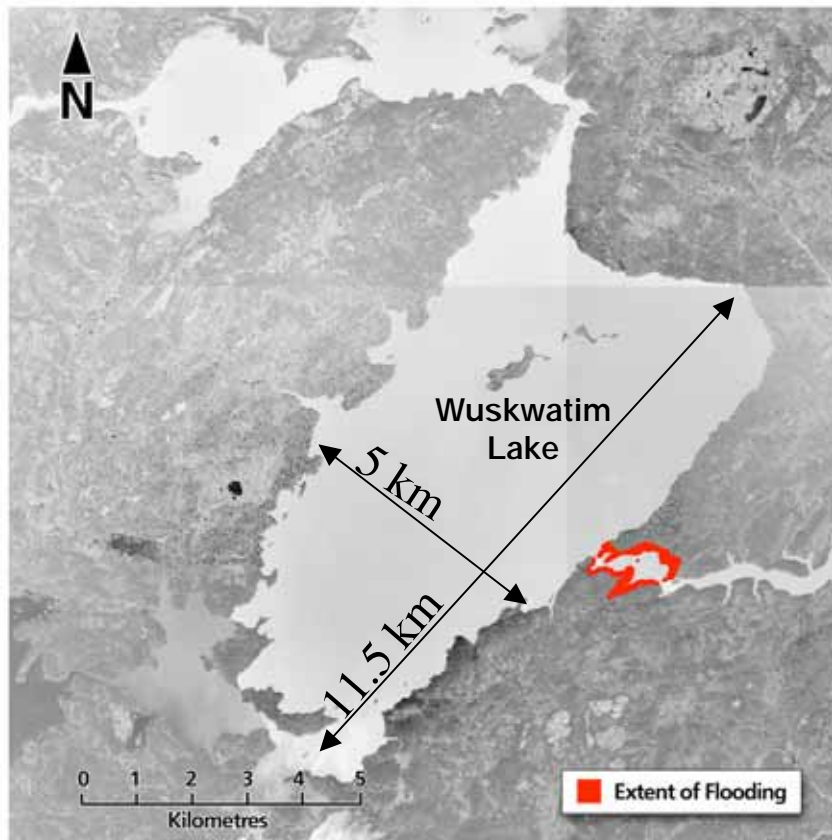
# Respecting Our People and Our Environment



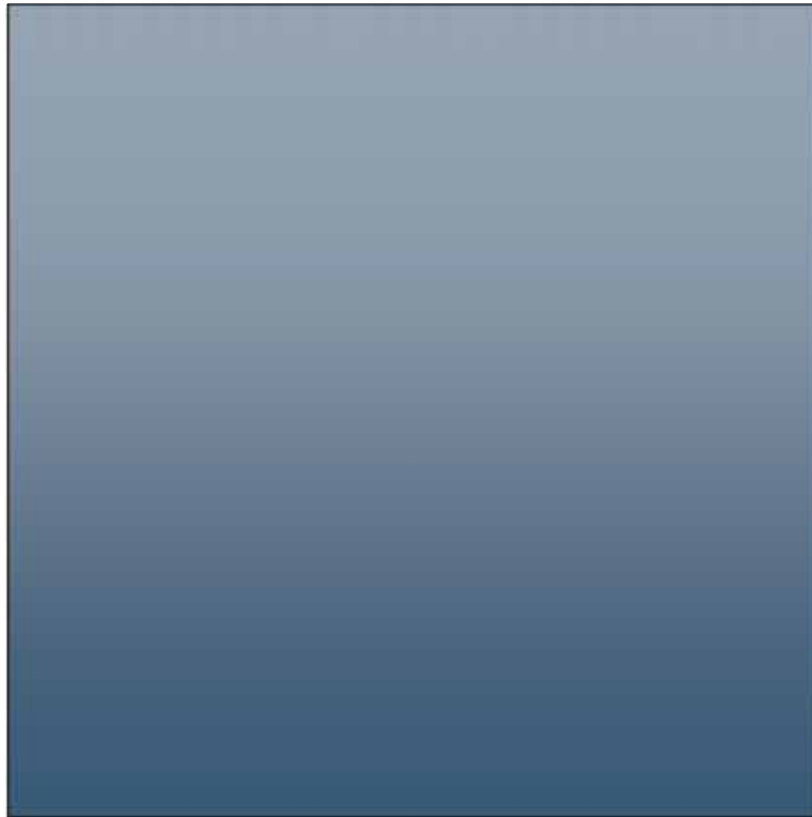
# Traditional Knowledge Has Been Used in Designing the Project



## Flooding Would be Confined to a Small Area



## Flooded Area Comparison



**Churchill River Diversion**  
(760 sq. km)



**Wuskwatim Low-Head**  
(0.5 sq. km)

*Flooding anticipated by the Peace of the Braves Agreement in Quebec is nearly 10 percent more than the CRD.*



## Studies Assessed the Impact on Water, Land, Air, Plants, Animals...

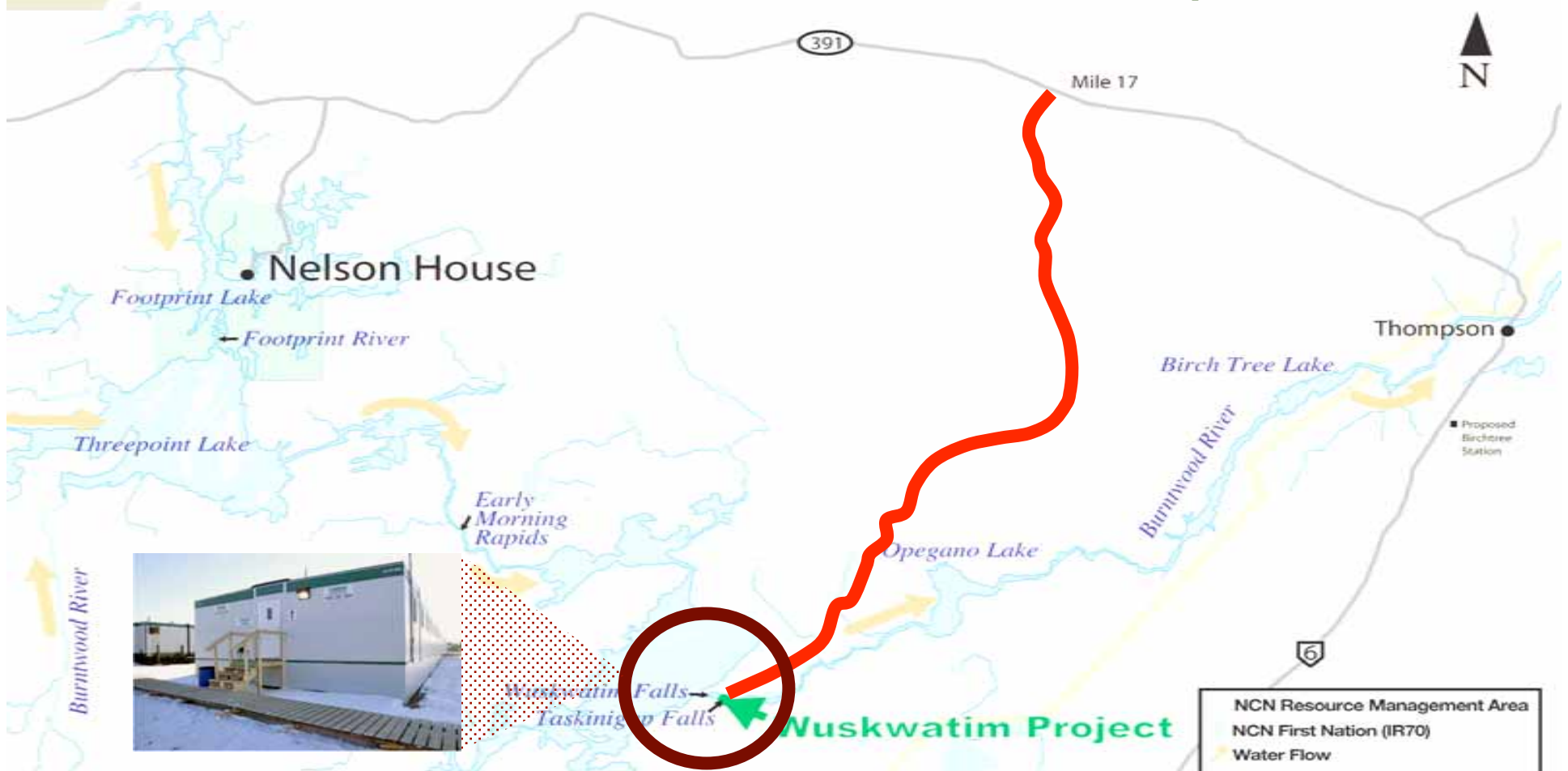


## ... and Our People





## Traditional Knowledge Used for Selection of Location of the Road and Camp



# Cross Cultural Awareness Workshops and Counselling Will be Provided

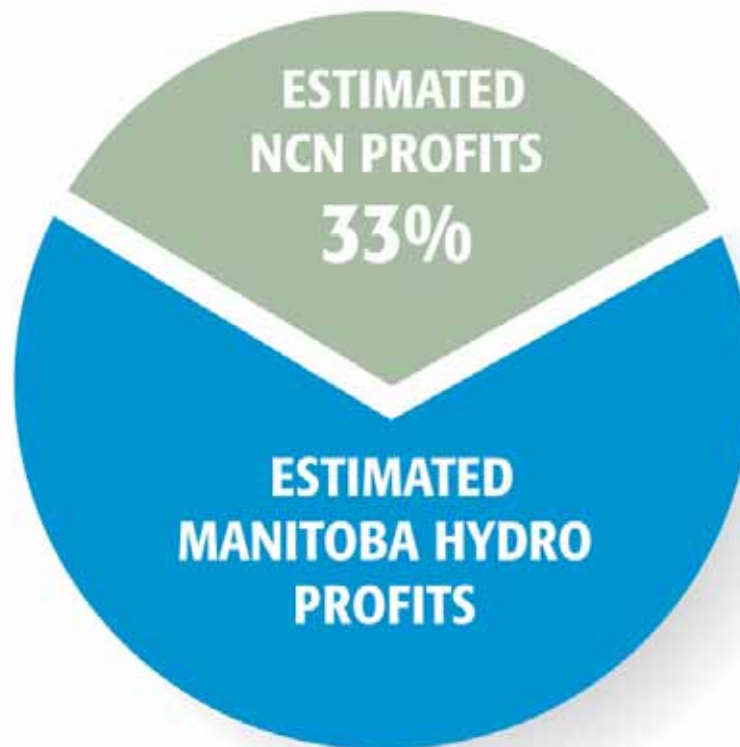




# Benefits of the Wuskwatim Project



## Up to 1/3 Share in an Estimated \$886 Million Project

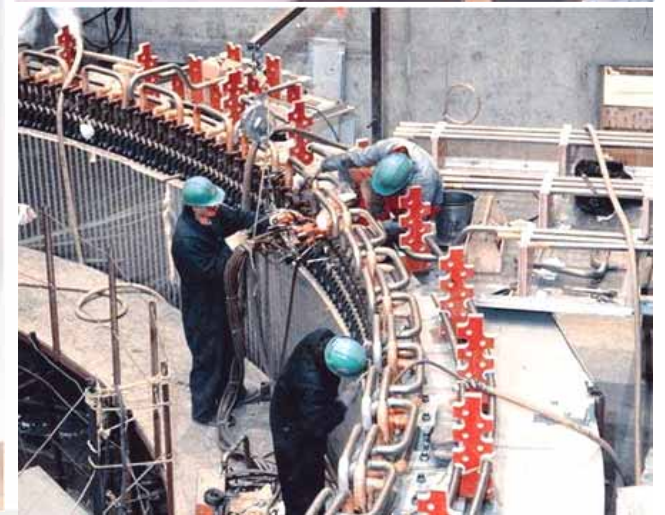


## Training and Job Opportunities





# New Business Opportunities





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