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OPG AND GULL BAY FIRST NATION CELEBRATE NEW RELATIONSHIP ***Past Grievance Settlement and Formal Apology***

Thunder Bay – Ontario Power Generation and Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (KZA), also known as Gull Bay First Nation (GBFN), celebrated a new relationship with a formal apology by OPG. The apology follows a community ratification of a settlement agreement on Nov 8, 2014.

“This settlement and apology represent the beginning of a new and positive relationship between Gull Bay First Nation and OPG, including the potential to move forward - as partners - in future developments,” said GBFN Chief Wilfred King.

In its official apology, OPG noted: “We recognize that the people of Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek were disregarded by our company’s predecessors. We neglected to provide your community with the opportunity to participate in meaningful project discussions. We are truly sorry for our failure to directly hear the concerns of your ancestors and for not resolving these past grievances sooner.”

The settlement and apology was for past grievances related to dams constructed by OPG’s predecessor companies on the Nipigon River between 1918 and 1950.

OPG has been successfully negotiating past grievance settlements with many of Ontario’s First Nations and the agreement with KZA is the 22nd settlement since 1992.

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