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## Chief Executive Officer Hired

Joe Gaboury, a member of the Matachewan First Nation, was hired in January 2009 to serve as Five Nations Energy Inc.'s (FNEI) first Chief Executive Officer. Joe has more than 15 years of experience in the energy sector, six of those years in transmission. Joe has most recently worked with the Attawapiskat First Nation and as CEO of Attawapiskat Resources Inc. Joe is a Chartered Accountant, and holds a B.A. in Economics, and an M.B.A. from Edinburgh School of Business.

#### CEO's Message

I am honored to be writing my first submission to the Five Nations Energy Inc. newsletter. For those of you, whom I have not yet met, please let me introduce myself. My name is Joe Gaboury and I am the new (and first) CEO of FNEI. I consider myself very fortunate to hold this position and I look forward to working with all the communities that are part of the Five Nations family. My previous work experience includes working for the community of Attawapiskat for three years as CEO of Attawapiskat Resources Inc., and prior to that I spent close to sixteen years working in the electricity industry in Ontario.

I started my position on January 1st and have close to five months experience. I have spent much of the time to date, learning the business, and settling into the position. We have plans to hold a strategic planning session to set the course of the future for

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#### Omushkego Ishkotayo Tipachimowin Summer 2009

The Omushkego Ishkotayo Tipachimowin is a free newsletter published to keep the Mushkegowuk Communities and the general public informed about the Five Nations Energy Inc. Transmission Line and other issues associated with energy use.

Five Nations Energy Inc. is a federally incorporated non-profit corporation that owns and operates a 138kv electrical transmission line from Moosonee to Attawapiskat, ON. This line connects three remote Cree communities to the main Ontario transmission grid and covers a distance of 270 kms.

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# President's Message



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Greetings to everyone.

FNEI President Mike Metatawabin

I'd like to welcome our first Chief Executive Officer to the company. Mr. Joe Gaboury, who hails from the Matachewan First Nation, is no stranger to us. As you likely know, he was working for Attawapiskat Resources Incorporated Development Corporation as their CEO. It is through this experience that Mr. Gaboury became familiar with all the action going on around our area. I would like for us to make Joe feel very welcome as we continue moving forward in making our company and partnerships successful and beneficial to our communities.

The move to hire an executive employee was not something that suddenly popped up; FNEI realized a few years ago that this was the only way to go as we continued to expand. With all of the activities involved in operations and maintenance and with the need to comply with very strict regulations, we had to examine ways of strengthening the management component of our operations. This move is only the beginning as we will continue to explore ways to create more employment to keep our communities up to date with proper communications on all our activities. This will allow our membership to be fully aware of the operations and what our next steps could be. So please join me in making Mr. Gaboury feel comfortable and welcome during his tenure as the first CEO of Five Nations Energy Inc.

On behalf of our membership, it is also important to give thanks to the many people who worked together to establish *Continued on page 8* 

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# Spotlight on Scholarship Winners

Five Nations Energy Inc. is proud to sponsor annual scholarships and proud of the achievements of these scholars. Two scholarship winners answered a few questions about their studies and their plans.

2008 Scholarship Winners		
Attawapiskat Education Authority	Jordan Edwards, Loyalist College	
Hiskoonikum Education Authority	Janine Stephen, Northern College	
Mundo Peetabeck Education Authority	Paul Chakasim, Canadore College	
Northern Lights Secondary School	Cheyenne Tozer, Canadore College	
Taykwa Tagamou Nation	Kevin Ross, Cambrian College	
Moose Cree First Nation	Christopher McComb	



#### Operations Manager John Sucee with scholarship winners Kevin Ross and Janine Stephen. Pbro ·r, 42 - Pb Pabcrau $P^P_{\Delta} d L_{\Phi} \Delta_{\Phi} q^{\prime} A^{\prime} \cdot S^{\prime} = C^{\prime} C_{\Phi} A^{\prime} A^{\prime}$

#### What subject are you studying?

Paul: I've been attending Canadore College for the last 2 years, taking the Graphic Design program. This year will be my third and final year of the program. I plan to spend an additional year studying Interactive Multimedia (3D design, sound and film production, etc) to further my skills. If that wasn't enough, I'd really like to get a diploma in Music Industry Arts at Fanshawe. I guess it's safe to say that I'm really interested in the entire communicative arts field!

Cheyenne: I'm studying Aircraft Maintenance - Aviation Technician at Canadore College in North Bay. It's a two year program and is a very interesting program. I never imagined learning anything like this before and I'm very happy with my program selection.

#### What career or job are you considering for your future?

Paul: To be honest, I don't have a specific career I'd like to pursue after I'm finished school because the opportunities are so vast. I can become anything from a web developer to a recording studio engineer. I've always been a creative person. Before I could even walk or talk, I was drawing pictures and playing drums. The combination of both art and technology really excites me.

Cheyenne: In my future I'm going to work hard towards my Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (AME) license. It's an excellent program and there is also very high demand for AMEs. I would eventually like to start a business in Northern Ontario and fix aircraft up there. I've always been very interested in this because I'm interested in all parts of aircraft. So I'm coming here to learn and get my questions answered.

#### What role has your community and family played in your education?

Paul: Both my family and Mundo Peetabeck have been extremely supportive to me. I really appreciate the fact that Mundo Peetabeck has granted my requests throughout the years for camera equipment, software, and art supplies. I know it's not cheap, so I'm glad (and often relieved!) when they agree to pay for some items my program requires. It helps a lot. Also, my family is just fantastic. My parents always



offer encouragement if I'm going through a rough patch. They believe in education and always stand by my side.

Chevenne: My family have always supported me in my educational choices and kept me on track throughout the years. My family is in the aviation industry and really inspired me to do this as a career. I'm very blessed to have my family and friends to be there for me as I'm going out to school.

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FNEI. I will be relying heavily on the dedicated Board members of FNEI to set a course that benefits all the communities.

Although I am still relatively new, the focus of FNEI has not changed. Since I have been on board we continue to focus on the two main aspects of our business. These two aspects are safety and reliability. Safety has a very high focus in the electricity business and we at FNEI ensure safety is our number one priority. Therefore I will use this opportunity to remind everyone to take caution and be careful with working in and around any electric power source.

When it comes to reliability, FNEI's goal is to provide reli-

able power to our customers 100% of the time. This is a very difficult target to achieve. Over the last six years, we have been tracking our reliability statistics and we have achieved a reliability rating of 99.7%. What this means is that FNEI has been providing power 99.7% of the time as per our planned delivery schedule. We do have outages to work on the system and these planned outages are not factored into this reliability rating. Also,

## **Board Information Tour**

On November 12, 2008, Larry Brooksbank travelled with eight members from the FNEI Board of Directors and some of the Local Distribution Company employees from all three communities to show them first hand the upgrades and modifications to the FNEI infrastructure.

The upgrades include the new transmission line constructed by De Beers Canada, the fibre optic cable installation and telecommunications shelters in each community, new control buildings in each community, back up transformers in Fort Albany and Attawapiskat, and the preparations for the back up transformer in Kashechewan.

Once these upgrades are energized and transferred to FNEI, FNEI will have doubled the value of its assets since the initial installation just seven years ago. In addition to providing service to the Victor project, these upgrades will also help to ensure that the communities have fewer disruptions in their service, and that the line

is better maintained and monitored. The addition of fibre optic cables to the infrastructure will allow instant notification if there is an outage or problem along the line, and the excess capacity will be made available to the communities for high speed Internet access.

Individuals from each of the three communities attended the tour, with Peter Paulmartin, a new Board member, and Sally Louttit representing Attawapiskat, Henry Koosees, Mary Williams, and Sam Friday representing Kashechewan, and Alex Solomon, Priscilla Nakogee, and Cassandra Hookimaw representing Fort Albany. While in Fort Albany, John-Paul Nakochee, George Edwards, and Douglas Nakogee joined the tour. This tour offered people who work with FNEI a chance to better understand the whole system and all its components, and ask questions about how it all works.

our customers do experience other unplanned outages, and these are sometimes due to system failures that are not within FNEI's control or asset base. If you think a 99.7% reliability factor is good, we do not. FNEI wants to do better and with the commissioning of the new power line that we expect to take place later this year, we are confident our reliability rating will improve.

And finally, I would like to give you a brief update on the connection of the fiber optic line. The final work is being planned and we expect this to be completed this summer. So by the time the children go back to class in the fall, we are confident the fiber optic system will be up and running. A new company called Western James Bay Telecom Network (WJBTN) has been formed to deliver the fiber optic cable within each of our member communities. The company will deliver the benefits within the member communities. As for FNEI, the fiber optics will enable us to improve our system and increase our efficiency and reliability. It also provides us with 24 hour monitoring of our sub-stations located in each community.

I look forward to providing updates in future newsletters and I wish you all a safe and happy summer.

> Meegwetch, Joe Gaboury

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a corporation that is now recognized as being very successful by the business community throughout Northern Ontario. There are many people we need to honor for giving us an opportunity to be a full participant in the development of our untapped resources surrounding us.

In December 2008, I attended the Aboriginal Energy Conference and the Association of Power Producers of Ontario conferences, both held in Toronto. At those conferences I heard both the Minister of Energy and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in Ontario say that no new development will move forward without the full participation of any or all of the First Nations impacted by the development. It is recognized and acknowledged by governments and resource developers that development will only happen only if the impacted First Nations are partners or are somehow engaged in the project. We should all be breathing a sigh of relief, because we remember how long our leaders have been demanding to be included in any activity that takes place within our region and community.

There was also an Aboriginal Law conference, which saw the participation of the law community from Canada. The participants here sought to find ways at interpreting and defining the meaning of the Supreme Court of Canada rulings on the duty to consult and accommodate. It was a worthwhile experience to witness all the players involved in resource development embracing the rulings positively and to listen to their questions on how we can move forward together to accommodate the needs of developers and First Nations.

In moving forward, it becomes even more important now for FNEI to maintain cohesive relationships with all of our partners so we can take advantage of the many opportunities that lie ahead should our membership decide to develop the resources in our territories. We as First Nations will and should begin to have dialogue and discussion on what we want for our communities. The experience

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gained from the Five Nations Energy Inc. project can play a crucial role in attracting attention to our capabilities and successes in working in partnerships and as proponents. It is the collective will of all our communities and members that will ensure a better future for the generations to come.



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# FNEI featured in National Business Magazine

Five Nations Energy Inc. was recently featured in an issue of Corporate Knights, which bills itself as "The Canadian Magazine for Responsible Business". A significant amount of the Spring 2009 issue was dedicated to Aboriginal issues and businesses.



with a two page story written by the Managing Editor of Corporate Knights, Melissa Shin. In the story, titled "Getting on the grid", Melissa writes that FNEI is "an example of eco-innovation borne of necessity". You can read the whole article by visiting the Five Nations website at www.fivenations.ca and clicking on the Community Connections, and then News menu items. You can find out more about Corporate Knights and this issue on Aboriginal issues by visiting www.corporateknights.ca.

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# Five Nations Energy Inc. Donations

Each year Five Nations Energy Inc. (FNEI) provides support to a wide range of community, sports, and educational events in communities along the coast, and in northern Ontario. Since 2003, FNEI has donated more than \$250 000, including \$10 000 each year to support Creefest, and \$12 000 each year to support scholarships. Elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter there is more coverage of this year's scholarship recipients.

(Previous page and above) Dancers at the Canadore College Cultural Gathering ▷(△) <^9Pσ-b³ ¬¬^( ▷( △)\Γ\x b σ-Γ\\ ba·(¹ b Δ)<σ\\ b Γ L·⊲ΓΔ) ασ·⟨¬\\

In 2008, FNEI has donated money to a wide range of events, including support for Grade 8 class trips, golf tournaments, hockey tournaments, powwows, and other gatherings. FNEI is proud to have the opportunity to give back to the communities, and support traditional culture, education, and sport. Here are a few events that FNEI supported in 2008.

#### Canadore College Cultural Gathering 2008

This was the 18th year for the Canadore College Cultural Gathering, organized by the Aboriginal Learning Unit at the college. The theme "Honouring the Past, Moving Forward" was embodied in the presence of youth and elders, and in the dancing, drumming, and songs performed throughout the day. The festivities included more than 100 dancers, and were well attended. Vendors sold local crafts, art, and even buffalo burgers on scone bread. Students at the college participate in the organization of this annual gathering and learn leadership skills and support the preservation of culture.

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#### Moose Factory Island Fire Rescue Competition Team

Six members of the Moose Factory Island Fire Rescue attended the Annual Ontario Native Fire Fighters Society Conference and Competition in Sault Ste. Marie. This conference provided an opportunity to participate in training workshops including auto extrication, disaster training, and pump operations. This training helps to ensure that the fire rescuers are prepared for their work, and can do their work safely and quickly, which in turn

improves the safety of the community. At the competition portion, the Moose Factory team placed first in Ontario, and went

on to represent Ontario at the national competition in Edmonton later in the year. The Moose Factory team again did well and placed 3rd nationally.

#### Gathering of Our People

Each year since 2001, the Moose Cree First Nation has hosted a "Gathering of Our People", a five day festival that showcases and celebrates the Omushkego Cree culture and people.

This community gathering brings together many current and former residents, as well as neighbours and friends, and grows each year. The theme in 2008 was "Embracing our Cultural Identity" and the festival

included music, dance, visual art shows, literature, traditional foods and examples of traditional harvesting techniques.

#### Youth and Elders Gathering

The Youth Department of the Mushkegowuk Council hosted a Mushkegowuk Youth and Elders Gathering in Moose Factory to help build relationships and share knowledge between Youth and Elders in the region. The theme in 2008 was "Rekin-

dling the Spirit through Traditions" and the event focused on passing on the traditions and knowledge accumulated from generation to generation. The vast and complex knowledge held by the Elders of the Mushkegowuk is unique and this event offers an opportunity to pass this knowledge to the next generation, and build relationships between the Elders and the Youth.

#### Attawapiskat Youth Human Rights Forum

The struggle in Attawapiskat to have a new school constructed continues to drag on, and the students continue to study in sub-standard portables awaiting a long overdue school. In order to draw more attention to this issue, youth from

Attawapiskat travelled to Toronto in November to raise awareness and rally students around this issue. This drew national media attention including coverage by CTV and the Globe and Mail.

Five Nations Energy Inc. is proud to support tradition, culture, leadership, sport, education, and community in all the Mushkegowuk communities.

# Western James Bay Telecom Update

High speed Internet access is coming to the Western James Bay coast, and only a few hurdles remain before it is a reality. Most of the infrastructure is now in place, including telecommunications shelters in each community and the main fibre optic cable from Moosonee

to Attawapiskat. All that is left to be installed is the local fibre optic cable, which will link customers directly to the telecom shelters and the electronics there. This cable will be transported on the winter road this season, clearing one of the last hurdles out of the way for Internet access. This cable will be installed this summer.

Given the remoteness and small populations of the communities and the high cost to current and new providers to deliver services to the communities, the not for profit Western James Bay Telecom Network (WJBTN) has undertaken a public private partnership to launch the initiative. Five Nations Energy Inc. is providing the necessary fibre strands

to enable the delivery of high speed broadband and telecommunication services to the communities of Attawapiskat, Fort Albany and Kashechewan.

Xittel, a Quebec based telecommunications engineering company, was selected to provide the network equipment, and will eventually provide local high speed Internet service and network

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management. The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation has committed \$1.5 million to the WJBTN to bring high-speed Internet to Attawapiskat, Kashechewan and Fort Albany. FedNor has committed \$500,000 toward the project.

Some of the potential new services include: high speed Internet access; wire-

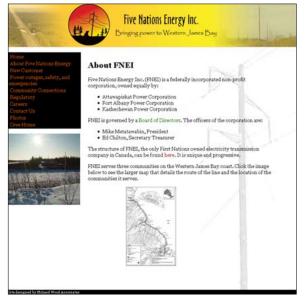
less Internet access; improved voice and long distance services; distance education; telehealth including videoconferencing for medical consultations, electronic health records, etc.; teleradiology and picture archiving and communication systems to store, retrieve, distribute and present patient images for the Weeneebayko General Hospital, the James Bay General Hospital Clinic in Moosonee, the Hospital Wings in Attawapiskat and Fort Albany and the Health Canada Nursing Station in Kashechewan.

These services are only possible with the WJBTN fibre optic network. Ontera's analogue microwave system cannot deliver advanced telecommu-

nication or broadband services. Expect to hear more about this project over the next few months as things become finalized.

# FNEI launches improved website!

Five Nations Energy Inc. has revamped its website to ensure that it is more up to date, and has more information. You can find everything from safety tips and information about the Board of Directors to new photos and the old FNEI newsletters. We are still working on changing the Cree website, and are constantly adding new information. Check it out at www.fivenations.ca.



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