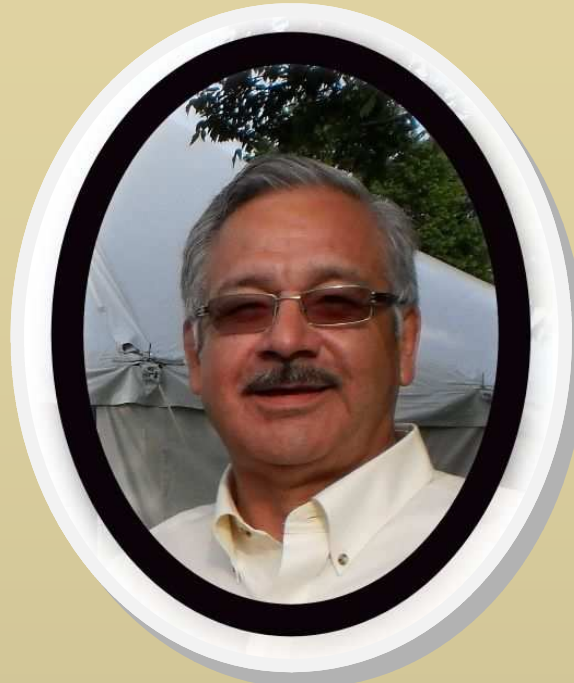


A Special Tribute to the Man who Successfully and Tirelessly lead the Omushkego Ishkotayo Transmission Line Project from the initial concept to its completion for the benefit of the Communities of Attawapiskat, Fort Albany, and Kashechewan!

**In Loving Memory of
Mr. Ed Chilton**



Ed was Project Co-ordinator & Secretary/Treasurer of Five Nations Energy Inc. for many years.

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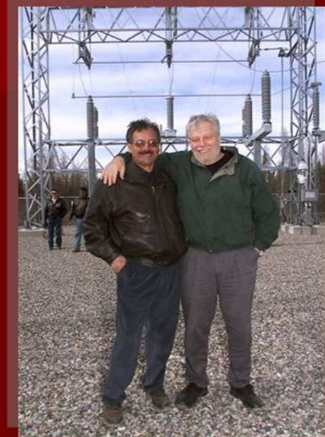
Here are the signs on the construction of the FNEI Transmission Line that Ed led!

ED AT CELEBRATION ON THE COMPLETION OF THE FNEI TRANSMISSION LINE AT FORT ALBANY FIRST NATION



FNE367

Ed Chilton, left. Standing next to Ed from left to right are: Mike Metatawabin, Peter Budd, Ernie Sutherland, 1st FNEI President, Theresa Hall, William Sutherland, Norman Hardisty.



FNE283

Ed Chilton (left) and Lloyd Girman of SNC Lavalin, May, 2002, in Fort Albany for the Celebration on the completion of the FNEI Transmission Line. They are proud and happy of the accomplishments!!



FNE355

Looks like Ernie is about to tell a joke! That's Ernie Sutherland standing.
Seated left to right are: Mike Metatawabin, Ed Chilton, Edmund Nakogee.



FNE356

Ernie did tell a joke!! The others are having a real good laugh whatever it is Ernie said!!
Seated (laughing) left to right are: Mike Metatawabin, Ed Chilton, Edmund Nakogee, Dan Kooses.



More Pictures of Ed at the Celebration on the Completion of the FNEI Transmission Line



FNE370

Here is Ed with his beautiful wife, Maureen, during the Celebrations on the Completion of the FNEI Transmission Line.



Ed with Chief Ignace Gull of Attawapiskat First Nation.



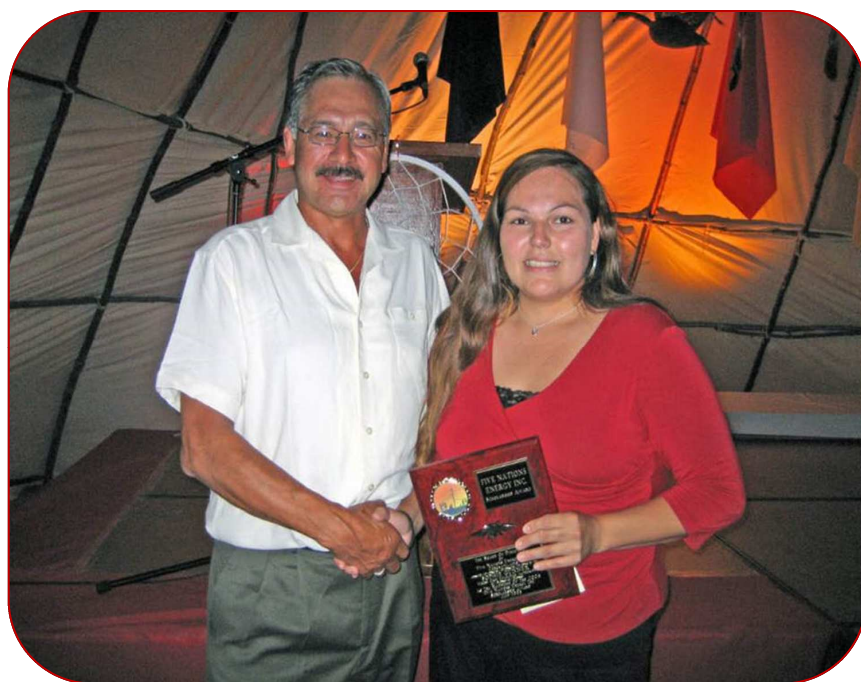
Here is Ed (right) putting up a map for the De Beers Consultation meeting in Timmins. Mr. George Hookimaw of Attawapiskat is assisting Ed.

ED WELCOMES OUR OPERATIONS MANAGER, JOHN SUCEE



In this picture in 2008, Ed welcomes John Sucee, Operations Manager of FNEI, to the team! We were also saddened when John passed away in September of 2011.

ED PRESENTING THE FNEI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AT MOOSE CREE FIRST NATION



Ed presenting the 2006 FNEI Scholarship Award to recipient, Sophie Gunner, selected by Moose Cree Education Authority.

COMPILATION OF PICTURES OF ED AT WORK



Back Row Left to Right:
 Mr. Steve Kataquapit, Attawapiskat Power Corporation Board of Director, Mr. Alex Solomon, Fort Albany Power Corporation President, Ms. Mary Williams, FNEI Board of Director, Mr. Dwight Sutherland, FNEI Board of Director, Mr. J. George Hookimaw, FNEI Board of Director, Mrs. Jessie Koosees, FNEI Board of Director, Mr. Henry Koosees, Kashechewan Power Corporation President, Mr. Andrew Linklater, FNEI Board of Director.

Front Row Left to Right:
 Mr. James A. Wesley, FNEI Vice President, Mr. Derek Stephen, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Ed Chilton, Secretary/Treasurer, and Mr. Peter Paul Martin, FNEI Board of Director, during the official signing of the De Beers Transfer of Assets to FNEI in December, 2010.



Ed on far right during the Ground Breaking Ceremony of the new FNEI office on July 6, 2012.

Standing with Ed are from the left:
 Rod Reimer, Vladimir Govorov, Dwight Sutherland, Lucie Edwards, James A. Wesley.



Ed, 2nd from left speaking at a Board of Directors meeting in May , 2002, in Fort Albany.

FNE028

CHRISTMAS AND SANTA ARE HERE!! ED DURING AN FNEI CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN 2004



Ed sitting on Santa's knee. Santa is asking what Ed wants for Christmas. Ed is thinking about it...



Santa says, here you are! Ed does not just take it, he has to review it first!!



Aah!! After reviewing it, Ed approves and accepts the gift, and is quite happy with it!!

HISTORY ON THE FNEI TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT LED BY MR. ED CHILTON

Ed was a very humble man that would not take the spotlight on anything he did preferring to work in the background allowing others to take the credit for successful projects that he was involved in. The most notable of his achievements is the successful completion of the Omushkego Ishkotayo transmission line project and Five Nations Energy Inc.'s ongoing success.

The roots of the transmission line project go back to a resolution passed at Nishnawbe-Aski Nation back in 1985. In 1995 Chief Ignace Gull of Attawapiskat brought forward a resolution that was supported by the Mushkegowuk Chiefs in Assembly to pursue the development and construction of a transmission line between Moosonee and Attawapiskat that would provide grid based electricity to the communities of Attawapiskat, Fort Albany, and Kashechewan. Ed, as Supervisor of Technical Services at Mushkegowuk Council at the time, was tasked with finding a way to achieve this. An energy study was undertaken looking at various energy supply options including wind, waterpower, solar, and other alternative energy supply options. The problem with all of these options was that they required full diesel backup. The only option that eliminated the need for diesel generation was the transmission line option and this became the chosen option. In 1997, Five Nations Energy Inc. was incorporated as a non-share capital corporation having the three power corporations as its members. There was also a seat each provided on the FNEI Board of Directors for the Moose Cree First Nation and Taykwa Tagamou Nation, both of which had provided very crucial support in the early stages of the development of the transmission line concept and in recognition of the traditional lands that the transmission lines cross. From here project continued to be developed. SNC Lavalin and PowerTel were identified as the turnkey contractors that would provide the engineering, design, and construction of the transmission line. The

environmental assessment process began and the transmission line corridor was identified. A lot of community consultations took place. Ernst and Young were commissioned to do an econometrics study to determine the financial feasibility and viability of the line. Part of this study included door to door surveys in each of the three communities. As these activities were taking place the challenge of raising the \$50 plus million for the project costs continued as well. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (INAC at that time) was approached to provide some capital funding for this. The project team estimated that over 30 years the transmission line would save the department some \$250 million in capital upgrades to the three diesel generator systems. There was a lot of opposition to this idea at various levels in INAC. Ed was able to contact Steve White at the Toronto INAC office who understood what Ed and the communities were trying to accomplish. He became the project's champion within the federal government resulting in a multi-year funding agreement worth \$33 million. This was the first time that INAC entered into a multi-year funding agreement with an entity that was not a First Nation or Tribal Council. Ed was also able to convince the Bank of Montreal and Pacific and Western Capital Bank to lend \$12 million each to FNEI and was able to have the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) contribute \$4.9 million to cover loan interest costs during construction. At the same time the electricity industry in Ontario was going through major upheavals. Under the old Ontario Hydro system, regulation did not allow, with very few exceptions, a private transmission line connecting more than one customer. That didn't stop Ed who, leading a very effective team, lobbied the government of the day to ensure that FNEI's concerns would be covered in the new legislation (*The Electricity Act 1998*) that was being drafted. This

legislation saw the creation of a "postage stamp" transmission rate that would see transmission costs of around 2 cents per kWh be paid by every customer in the province regardless of where the customer was located. The transmission rate paid by customers would be put into a "Transmission Pool" of funds that would cover the operating costs of all transmitters in the province. This meant that FNEI's costs would not have to be covered by only the customers in Attawapiskat, Kashechewan, and Fort Albany. This was a huge accomplishment! FNEI receives no direct payments from any customer on the coast. All of FNEI's operating costs are covered by the transmission pool of funds.

As all this activity was going on, the transfer of assets located in and around the communities from Hydro One Remotes was also being discussed and negotiated. Right from the start Hydro One/Ontario Hydro made it very clear that they would not sell electricity to FNEI at the Moosonee station connection point and then buy it back from FNEI at each of the three communities. If a transmission line was to be built then the three distribution systems would have to be taken over as well. This meant that along with a transmission line company having to be set up and developed, three local distribution companies would have to be set up and developed as well. Just another challenge to be overcome. Also at the same time, various land use permits with MNR and the INAC section 28 (2) permit to cross the Albany 67 reserve had to be applied for and negotiated. Support of the Chiefs and Councils at the time was extremely crucial and the project would not have moved forward without their visionary support. Another first for FNEI was the negotiation of the section 28(2) permit to cross the Albany reserve that included a nominal fee paid annually to INAC into the Albany 67 trust account as well as a side agreement

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that saw funds paid directly to the Fort Albany First Nation and the Kashechewan First Nation. Every other 28(2) permit across Canada saw the entire amount go into a trust account which then required the First Nation to follow INAC's strict rules and procedures to access those funds. That was Ed's idea, supported by the late Chief Danny Koosees and Chief Mike Metawabin and their respective Councils.

Eventually all of the pieces fell into place and construction began in the winter of 2000. Contracts were signed and the work commenced. Cecil MacDonald was hired to be FNEI's first General Manager. Cecil, together with Ed, and with support from Mushkegowuk Employment and Training Services, developed a plan that would see local lineworker apprentices identified, hired, and trained to work for the local distribution companies. 6 individuals began working with PowerTel during construction of the line to begin their lineworker training. Currently, the three Idc's each have two line workers with at least one of them at his fourth year or journeyman level of training and experience which allows them to respond locally to emergency situations, to connect new houses, to perform line maintenance, etc. No longer is there a need to wait for a plane from Thunder Bay to respond to power outages, house fires, transformer failures, new connections etc. It can all be done locally.

The line to Fort Albany and Kashechewan along with those substations was completed in the fall of 2001 and saw those communities connected in November and December respectively of that year. The transmission line construction allowed for the connection of the new school in Fort Albany. Hydro One Remotes was not allowing any new connections in Fort Albany as the diesel generators at the time were completely maxed out. The new school, as well as over 30 housing units, were being

constructed during this time. The transmission line allowed the connection of these new buildings as well as the artificial ice plant in the arena in Kashechewan. A 40 unit subdivision was also being completed in Kashechewan at that time. The line to Attawapiskat and the substation there were completed in late 2002 and Attawapiskat was connected in 2003.

Ed continued to be involved in FNEI as secretary/treasurer and provided crucial guidance and insight to the board of directors during the initial years of operation. Never content to rest on past successes Ed led the development of an ambitious capital plan that would see additional investment in upgrades at each substation as well as ice protection for the poles adjacent to several river crossings. De Beers Canada announced its intention to develop the Victor Diamond Mine stating in their draft environmental assessment that electricity for the mine would be supplied with onsite diesel generation that would consume approximately 50 million litres of diesel fuel annually. Not so fast said everyone! We have a perfectly good transmission line that can be extended to the Victor site and provide electricity to the mine safely and reliably without the risk of diesel fuel spills. After much discussion, input from Ontario's regulator and electricity system operator, DBC began construction of transmission lines to connect their mine to FNEI's system. Part of this included the twinning of the existing transmission line from Otter Rapids to Kashechewan. One of Ed's regrets was that the original transmission line project just could not afford a fibre optic line connecting the three communities to the fibre optic system in Moosonee. Technology did not allow for a beam of light to be transmitted the almost 160 km from Moosonee to Fort Albany without a repeater station half way. There was no way that the original construction project

could afford these costs. Now, with the DBC project, there was a perfect opportunity to build the fibre optic system. So, in 2006, FNEI borrowed an additional \$11 million for various capital upgrades including the fibre optic line and associated electronic equipment. The switch was thrown in December of 2008 and the three communities now had high speed digital communications. A separate company, Western James Bay Telecom Network was set up and put in place to provide this service to customers in each of the communities. WJBNTN connects to FNEI's system at each substation. FNEI provides the 12 pairs of fibres to WJBNTN at approximately 1/60th of normal commercial rates.

As FNEI continued to operate the focus moved from construction to operation and maintenance. A CEO position was created with the position filled in January of 2009. An administrative assistant had been hired in 2005. An operations manager with significant substation maintenance experience had been hired prior to that. A substation electrician was also hired along with two apprentices. It became apparent that the rented location that FNEI was operating out of was becoming unsuitable. Discussions began regarding purchasing an existing building or building new. Timmins was in the midst of a mining boom with the increase in the price of gold and other metals so it was very difficult to find a suitable building. Ed suggested that vacant land be identified and a building be constructed. Suggestions were made for a typical steel frame commercial type building to be put up. Ed however, suggested that we think bigger, more long term and came up with the concept of a fifty year building. A building that would reflect the heritage, culture, and aspirations of the communities that FNEI served. A building that would meet FNEI's current and future

WITH PERMISSION, A VERY SPECIAL EULOGY FROM ED'S SISTER, MRS. SUSAN MACLEOD

EULOGY FOR EDDIE CHILTON JULY 6, 2013

Edward William Chilton, was born on October 3, 1950 in Cochrane, Ontario, to Elsie and Willie Chilton. He is known to us as Eddie. His first few years were in Island Falls, Ontario, when our Dad worked for Ontario Northland Railway. He attended school here until grade 8, since there was no high school at the time, he initially attended high school in Timmins and finished grade 12 and 13 in North Bay at Chippewa High School. For most of his school years, he was always at the top of his class. From what I remember, Eddie did not even put too much effort into school but yet always succeeded at being at the top of his class. Upon completing his high school education, he attended George Brown College and graduated with his Engineering Technician Diploma. He then returned home to Moose Factory to work with no idea his life was all about to change.

I was working at the hospital which is where I first met Maureen in 1970. Maureen was a very pretty cute young girl when she came to Moose Factory and she still is a very pretty lady. Maureen and I worked together on the children's ward. There was a dance at the Air Base in the spring of 1971 that Maureen first caught Eddie's eye and of course he asked her to dance. Later that evening he asked her to go for a skidoo ride the very next day and this was the beginning of their life-long romance, which continued to the end. Eddie, Linda and I, loved to dance and we would dance a lot at home and before a dance we would say, "Let's practice". I found out that when Eddie

saw Maureen at the dance, he said that she was the one he was going to marry. As you all know, Eddie always does what he says he's going to do. I am sure that Maureen could have had her choice of young men who no doubt found her to be a cute young lady; but we are so happy and proud to have Maureen as Eddie's wife and to be a part of our family. So he had his way and they were married December 19, 1971. I know that Eddie always called Maureen his "little girl".

Music was always big in our home growing up; our mom played the guitar and sang. Our dad encouraged music. At an early age, Eddie loved to sing, play guitar and banjo; he also probably played other instruments over the years. He was in the choir at both church and at school. They used to be regular talent shows when we were kids and if you participated in the talent show you didn't have to pay admission, so we were encouraged to take part and we did. I know a few times Eddie would sing and play with the banjo or guitar. He was short for his age and chubby if you can imagine; he would sit on a chair on the stage with his little chubby legs dangling and swinging from the chair, singing and playing. He was so cute! Over the years, he continued to play music; in fact he was in a few local bands and they played at dances or teen groups.

We all know he sang at some of the family wedding here and at his home in Port Albert. He was always so happy to do this when asked. During our stay with Eddie in the past few months, he would play music in his room. There were times when he would crank up the volume when he found a song he especially liked and I would go quickly into his room if I was-

n't there. We would enjoy the music together. This one time when he did that, the song was instrumental from the 60's. I asked him, are we dancing and he says "no, I am playing" with a tear running down his cheek. As I said he did love his music!

Maureen and Eddie were blessed with 4 sons. Tom their eldest was born in Moose Factory, on March 23, 1975 and Mark, August 10, 1977 also in Moose Factory. Jonathan was born in Goderich Feb 13, 1980 and Adam on November 9, 1982 in London. Eddie and Maureen were living in Moosonee with Tom & Mark, before the birth of Jon and Adam, that they had a house fire. It was following this that they decided to move south in September 1979 so Eddie could further his education. He attended Fanshaw College and graduated as an Engineering Technologist, and continued to be alumni to Fanshaw. He also attended the University of Waterloo for a brief time but married life proved to be a distraction.

They eventually settled in Port Albert just minutes away from the beaches of Lake Huron where they raised their sons, made a beautiful home with amazing gardens and ground. Over the years, Eddie worked in the south but he eventually decided to take a job in Moose Factory with Mushkegowuk Council. This led to one of the most important work projects in his career. As one of the founding members of Five Nations Energy Inc. his vision was to provide reliable electricity through transmission lines replacing the diesel generators in remote northern Mushkegowuk communities. This eventually led to include a Fibre optic line to bring further communications services to the communities, linking our health facilities north and south.

TRIBUTE FROM MR. LARRY BROOKSBANK, FORMER FNEI ADVISOR

The attached pictures are continuing proof of his loyalty to Les Habs - but he has a much stronger believe in giving good service in electricity and communications to the west coast of James Bay .

I first dealt with Ed as a negotiator for the "other guys" (Hydro One now) in 1998/99 - when the issue was a need to address a shortfall in capital to get the grid connection to the coastal communities complete. My 1st reaction was - these folks have done the almost impossible - getting the high Voltage line & stations project off the drawing boards and into reality. A deal was made between Hydro One (called OHSC back then) and FNEI - which both parties were happy about , and the project got the ok for completion . Ed's perseverance was the biggest factor - as most everyone felt this project was a "lost cause". It certainly has been a prime example of what can be achieved - as it is a very successful licenced transmission company in this province - and in this country!

Some years later, in February 2001 - I got a phone call from Ed. He knew the grid connection was close to completion (90 days !!!) however there were many operational issues to address. We met in a café outside Hydro One's headquarters, where he said we (he & I!) were now heading to a meeting to make final arrangements for timing on the energization. (I guess Ed did not believe in spending too much time talking about it - just DO IT).

Well, preparations went very well, and if I ever needed some help or "Ed to call some-

one to get on with something" - he always found the time to do it.

In less than 4 months - FNEI was ready to energize their new system (and we successfully tested it live in July 2001). Only slow approval sessions with the federal reps held him back from connecting the communities, but by November 2001 - it was as Ed said, "Let's do it ".

Then along comes DeBeers - and he saw the big picture of expanding the FNEI system to supply the new mine vs. long pipelines from the coast and oil barges (as well as huge tankers in James Bay). His involvement with De Beers executives lead them to re-think their options and they agreed to tie into FNEI's system (which now in hind site proved to be a very good financial decision on De Beers part as the price of a barrel of oil has escalated 350% in less than 10 years from their original business plan forecast.).

But the desire to provide excellent service to the James Bay west coast was not over yet. I still remember the day Ed told me - we have an opportunity to put fiber-optic cable to each community. Now , back in 2005 - the ability to successfully carry a light signal more than 100 km was unheard of - without an electrical booster station in the middle (between Moosonee & Fort Albany) - which we did not have & could not afford. Ed started working with reps from Expertech - and with significant negotiations with a major manufacturer of fiber cable - a deal was struck that this company felt they could produce a cable that could

satisfy the technical standards to shoot the light 160 km & still work. It was a risk - no others had demonstrated this successfully at that time, but Ed's deal was a shared risk with the supplier & that lead to another: "Let's DO IT".

Well, true enough, it worked and now all three western James Bay communities are able to share in the use of a fiber-optic link back to the rest of the world. As I heard one day in 2008 from an AMEC engineer working for De Beers: "I live in Oakville & I don't have that good an internet connection!"

My last real major interaction with Ed was December 2009 when we finalized the work to improve the reliability for EACH community (he always insisted that if FNEI did some added work - it must be done in all 3 communities and it was - sometimes it took a few tears - but always done for all 3) .

I probably was the "Doubting Thomas" guy in his meetings - but he was one visionary guy and this system and the three communities that FNEI supplies are significantly better off because of his determination.

Now, when I hear some far fetched idea - I am a lot more willing to listen!!!

Larry Brooksbank

Cree Translation of Mr. Larry Brooksbank's Tribute to Mr. Ed Chilton

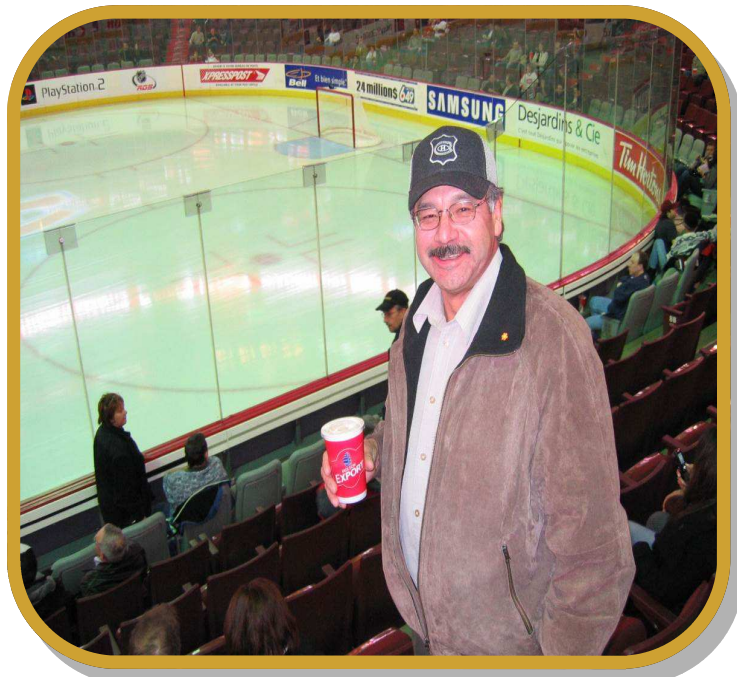
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PICTURES FROM LARRY BROOKSBANK OF ED TAKING TIME OUT TO RELAX AND HAVE SOME FUN!!



With Permission, A Very Special Eulogy by Ms. Ann Pritchard, to Mr. Ed Chilton, called
"Tracks on the Wind"

Tracks on the Wind



In loving memory of Ed,

By Ann Pritchard

July, 2013

A Very Special Eulogy by Ms. Ann Pritchard to Mr. Ed Chilton Continued from Page 31

It was March 1st of this year when I heard the news. “Ed’s cancer is untreatable and he might have only a couple of months left.” Sometimes it takes the mind a while to process the words it’s heard. Especially when the heart is yelling so loudly “no, these words can’t be true”.

We all react differently when we’re confronted with the unbelievable, when we’re trying to come to grips with a new reality. My response was to snap on my cross country skis and head through the forest to the wide open fields beyond where I would find silence and space for my thoughts.

I swished along on my skis, looking for the meaning of the news somewhere in the undisturbed whiteness all around me. The landscape appeared barren and lifeless until I saw them – the tracks. A multitude of tracks in the snow. Evidence of life in abundance.

Deer. Rabbit. Turkey. Mouse. Coyote. Tracks criss-crossing over time and destination. I stopped to consider them. What were they telling me about Ed?

We’re going to disappear soon, they said. The sun is going to distort us, misshape us, melt us. Then the wind is going to blow fresh snow across us. And we’ll be gone. But, they said, Ed’s tracks will never disappear. Tracks of love across people’s lives are indelible.

Ed has tracked millions of miles across many people’s lives and into our hearts. Each person here has had a unique relationship with Ed, as an acquaintance, colleague, friend, relative, uncle, brother, son, grandfather, father and husband. Each of us will have our own thoughts and will remember Ed in our own way. But I believe certain of Ed’s tracks will be recognizable to many.

Like the tracks he made for about 270 kilometres, extending north from

Moosonee, along the west coast of James Bay – in the form of hydro-electric transmission lines; life lines energizing the First Nation communities of Fort Albany, Kashechewan and Attawapiskat. Providing clean, reliable energy to replace the unreliable, dirty, noisy diesel engines. In various roles, including Project Coordinator for Five Nations Energy Inc., Ed, with his “let’s do it” philosophy, led this massive project from dream to reality, through development, construction and into operation at the beginning of this decade. Says a colleague at Five Nations, “Ed’s unique blend of administrative, technical and political skills were critical to getting the project through completion”. Ed more recently assisted with the development of the fibre optic telecommunications infrastructure along those transmission lines. Although Ed always understated his role in this transformational initiative, and he spoke modestly of his involvement with the Moose Cree and other First Nation energy projects, there was never any doubt that Ed’s heart, soul and passion were in his work.

In an email message to a beloved niece, Ed shared a “Power Thought for the Day” from the newspaper. It said “Start every day with self-affirmation and press forward with diligence, self-control and courage. The first step to achievement is self-control”. Ed went on in his message to say that reading things like that reinforces the way we do things and makes us more determined and more confident in the way we think. Ed’s career was the manifestation of those words.

Ed set down vital tracks over bridges he built, linking First Nation governments with Canadian governments and the private sector, such as DeBeers. Always championing his causes and using his people skills to create key partnerships.

Ed created a key partnership in marrying Maureen and sharing 42 years together. He linked his Cree family heritage to our Irish-French family heritage and together they produced wonderful, hybrid sons – Tom, Mark, Jon and Adam. In the last few weeks of Ed’s life, our two families ate, prayed, sang, laughed and cried together in the company of Ed, in his home, surrounding him with love. And this was truly a company of angels. To name only a few, Maureen ever at Ed’s side, nursing, listening - love in action. Susan likewise, providing loving care and tending her brother. Elsie, linking her fingers and her heart to her son’s, as only a mother can. And four strong sons who came home from across the country to provide gentle, kind, compassionate bedside care to their father in his last weeks. Ed’s tracks at the end were tracks connecting all those he knew and especially loved. After losing a brother and brother-in-law so suddenly, with no opportunity to say goodbye, it was so important to Ed to be able to wish the many people he loved and cared for, farewell. And this he did.

In earlier days, Ed made tracks in the snow, delivering his young sons, nieces and nephews by snowmobile to the toboggan hill back at the lake. He made tracks to Toronto with his boys, to sports and music events, to goose camps in the north, around home and in the community in the tunes he’d strummed and the songs he’d sung, in the sports he played and accomplishments made. He made tracks with Maureen across the country to visit their sons in the west, and most recently to Germany to see their daughter-in-love, Theresa, and meet their precious grandson, Theo. Uncle Eddie made tracks over the phone calling his hockey fan rivals, his young nephews, to claim his wager of a Loonie if the Habs beat the Leafs, doubling it to a Toonie for a shutout.

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Uncle Eddie made tracks across the ocean, emailing expressions of love and caring to his Goddaughter, Catherine Simpson. She was 14 years old at the time, on an extended stay in France where her heart was breaking with loneliness and homesickness. Uncle Eddie told Catherine that he had experienced loneliness often when away from home, but could always find comfort in the knowledge that back home were people who loved him and cared for him. He promised Catherine that one of his hugs would be waiting for her when she returned home. One of his sincere, genuine, love-filled hugs that were gifted to many of us. I remember Ed telling me once, years ago, that the things some people call hugs “[]” aren’t real. Ed’s hugs were also often in his words. Another much loved Goddaughter, Kelly Pritchard, fondly speaks of her Godfather as someone having had worldly wisdom that can come only from seeing beyond himself. He shared this wisdom with constancy and softness and let nothing come between others and his loving guidance.

Indeed, Ed did not let obstacles stop him in his tracks. He created lots of tracks from family home to family home, always on the lookout for opportunities to “help” with some project or another, to join in the fun, to extend the task at hand from one hour to four. And helping with projects wasn’t limited to family, but spread far out into his communities as well, as Special Ed threw himself into organizing sports and social events, such as the recent Port Albert anniversary celebration.

Ed’s tracks were made with feet of clay – he was human, like the rest of us. He made tracks through his failings and mistakes as well as his successes, his fears, doubts and anxieties as well as his firm convictions. But through the ups and downs, the good times and the bad, it has been

Ed’s unflagging generosity, kindness, sharing, and self-giving that have strode arm-in-arm across our hearts, stomping out a superhighway in their wake. Tracks of love stomped so deep they’re in the DNA of family members. In Maureen’s DNA, their sons’ DNA. In their sons’ sons’ DNA.

Like the tracks in the snow, Ed’s tracks will criss-cross with other tracks of love over time and destination, down through the generations and across his universe. But unlike the tracks in the snow, tracks of love don’t disappear with the wind. They’re on the wind, like a goose in flight.

A goose in flight. That’s what the tracks in the snow whispered to me, in the field behind my house, on that March 1st morning. I looked up and across the white fields, remembering springs past when Canada Geese congregated there, feasting on green winter wheat or left-behind corn.

I remembered Jack-the-dog’s wild goose chase across the field – him supercharged in the misguided belief that he could actually catch one. At first, the irritated, honking birds waddled in the opposite direction, while distance between them and their pursuer still gave enough confidence. As the gap closed they began running stiff-leggedly, finally taking flight. I recalled walking across the mucky field to the feeding place where they had been, before the disturbance. There were tracks – disordered, busy, communal tracks in the spring-soft earth. I followed the tracks in the direction of the chase, until one by one, the tracks ended. Each track in the dirt ending in the exact right moment. Each track ending at exactly the place each awkward, stiff-legged, earth-bound bird took flight.

In flight, the Canada Goose’s earthly awkwardness is left behind. It becomes a creature of beauty and awe – graceful, smooth, imposing. Gliding with ease and assurance. Beyond the

reach of a charging dog.

In that moment of remembering, I came to understand the message of the tracks. Ed’s track-making in this physical realm ended the moment he took flight. But tracks of love are unending, imprinted forever on our spirit, on the wind.

I imagine Ed as a magnificent goose taking flight. Climbing higher and faster, to catch up with the flock, honking encouragement to each other, heading in the direction of their arrow, together. Ed was never one to be left out of the action.

Perhaps Willie’s in that formation, my Dad, Bert, Bernie, David, the twins - loved ones who have already taken flight. Just as the Canada Goose does, Ed would keep an eye out and drop back for any bird struggling or left behind, needing help. He would stray out of formation at times, perhaps diving and soaring wildly just for the pure fun of it, and maybe even doing loopy loos when the Habs score. And, whenever it would be right to do so, Ed would also make his way to the front of the V to take the lead.

These things I know, because that’s what Ed did down here, on earth.

Sail on Brother Ed, sail on by. Your time has come to fly.



TRIBUTE FROM DEPUTY GRAND CHIEF, MR LEO FRIDAY, MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

Leo Friday
Deputy Grand Chief, Mushkegowuk Council, Former Chief, Kashechewan First Nation

Tribute for Ed Chilton, July 13, 2013

I first got to know Ed Chilton when I was Chief of Kashechewan and he was working as the Supervisor for the Mushkegowuk Council Technical Services department in around the late 80's. I was coming down the hallway heading to the conference room for a Chiefs' meeting that was about to start and someone was standing in the doorway across from the conference room and said to me: "Hello Leo". I didn't know who he was and just said good morning back.

After that time I often saw him coming into our community to talk about and hear about our needs. As Chief, I received copies of the large number of letters that he wrote to the various levels of government on behalf of the band manger and the Chief; He really took his job seriously. After a while, the thing that Ed was really focused on was improving the electricity supply in the communities. A lot of times our community would suffer extended power black outs. Several times Ed happened to be in the community to witness this fact. One time the power went out in the middle of a funeral. We lit some candles and continued the service.

Ed was one of the best and most understanding technicians that the Northern five Chiefs had in those days. Ed, together with the Grand Chief at the time, Ernie T. Sutherland began the development of the Omushkego Ishkotayo power line project. Omushkego Ishkotayo is Cree for "People's Power Source" referring specifically to the Mushkegowuk, the people of the James Bay Lowlands.

I remember Ernie, who was President of FNEI at the time, telling me a story about the time that they were at a meeting, waiting for the government's decision on whether or not the transmission project would be able to go ahead. Our group, which included the Chiefs, the Grand Chief Lawrence Martin, Ed, Merv McLeod and Ernie, were all asked to step out from the

meeting and wait while the Ministers and Premier talked and made their final decision to approve or turn down the project.

While they were waiting and waiting for the answer Ed continued to do his characteristic "never taking no for an answer" thinking, trying to come up with other ways to pressure and encourage the government to understand that this project is desperately needed, and, that they should support this project. While Ed was doing this some of the other people in the group were becoming quite worried.

Ernie, who was a very spiritual man, addressed the group saying that he felt deeply in his heart that he should pray for courage and pray that the Holy Spirit would give guidance to the people inside to make the right decision to support this project. Ernie went on to tell me how Lawrence and Ed lifted up their heads, looked straight at him, closed their books, and rose to pray with Ernie. Immediately after the prayer they were asked to rejoin the meeting and the news was that the decision was in favour to build the transmission line. The news spread like a forest fire and everybody heard the amazing news that day. The \$55 million transmission line project was a go!!

I want to just share that part of Ed's story for now and I want to continue to tell you some of the other work that Ed was involved in.

Ed was a true visionary, and always wanted to include high speed digital communications to the three communities along with a reliable power source. Originally it was planned to include a fibre-optic line on the transmission poles however the technology at the time didn't allow for a laser to shoot the light 160 km from Moosonee to Fort Albany without a repeater station halfway. It was also very challenging coming up with the financing just for the transmission line – it was just not possible to add in the costs of fibre optics at that time.

However, visionary that he was, Ed, together with the late Ernie Sutherland, started discussions to install fibre optic cable on FNEI's newly-constructed transmission pole line from Moosonee to Attawapiskat to

bring high-speed telecommunication services to Attawapiskat, Fort Albany and Kashechewan and interconnect with Moosonee, Moose Factory and the rest of the world. Mushkegowuk Council and FNEI established a working committee to connect the northern communities by deploying fibre optic cable on the new FNEI pole line. This was followed up by the formation of the Western James Bay Telecom Network. WJBNTN undertook a feasibility study to come up with plans to provide high speed telecommunications to the three communities. WJBNTN was able to raise the over \$1.5 million needed for the telecommunication infrastructure within each of the three communities that would be required to connect to the fibre line at FNEI's substations.

While this was happening Ed and FNEI were busy in discussions with De Beers Canada Inc. which was planning to build Ontario's first diamond mine about 100km west of Attawapiskat. De Beers needed electricity for the mine and an extension of FNEI's transmission line was the logical solution. For technical and system reliability reasons DBC was directed to twin the transmission line from Moosonee to Kashechewan. Upon completion this new line would be turned over to FNEI to operate. Ed saw in this new construction an opportunity to install fibre-optics on this new line, which would be significantly less expensive than constructing a separate new fibre optic pole line. In September 2005, the Board of FNEI committed to spend over \$10 million to install a 24 strand fibre-optic line from Moosonee to Attawapiskat along with all the necessary electronics and provide 12 of these strands to WJBNTN for the use of the communities.

In committing to the deployment of fibre optic cable, the Board of Directors of Five Nations Energy Inc., under the direction of President Mike Metatawabin, and guided by Ed, demonstrated its vision for improved education, training, medical services and job opportunities for residents of the communities through access to modern day telecommunications.

TRIBUTE BY MR. ROD REIMER, FNEI FINANCE CONTROLLER

My Tribute to Ed Chilton

I first met Ed in 1996 when I came to work with the Mushkegowuk Council in Moose Factory. Ed was Supervisor of Technical Services there at the time and was busy working on the water and sewer infrastructure projects as well as the housing retrofit programs in the communities of Attawapiskat, Kashechewan, and Fort Albany. I saw firsthand his humility and his patience in working with people. It didn't matter if it was a young person, an elder, a bureaucrat, or someone with a lot of power, Ed always took the time to explain things in a way that wasn't condescending, didn't make you feel stupid, but made you feel important and a part of the project in question. He treated everyone with a lot of respect and when he gave his word on something, well, that was a promise that would be kept. Another key element of his character was his integrity. There is a saying, "Every man has his price.." not Ed. He couldn't be bought off. If it didn't appear "right", if it smelled funny, he wouldn't go there no matter what was offered. Uppermost in his mind, always, was improving the quality of life for the average community member. Ed found his niche, combining his unique blend of skills, in building community infrastructure. There is very little glory or flashiness in infrastructure. Like the foundation of a house, it goes unnoticed until it fails. This suited Ed fine as he never wanted the limelight or the public recognition for any of his successful projects. I recently went through the 10 year anniversary slide show that we did in 2007 at the Dante Club and there was not one picture of Ed in that slideshow. He preferred that the project's success speak for itself. That the project's success be recognized as the communities' success, as the

result of a lot of people's hard work and dedication. Yet the reality is, without Ed, there would be no Five Nations Energy Inc. There would be no grid based electricity source there. Diesel fuel would still be hauled twice a year, houses would still have to wait a long time to be connected, battles with the federal government for upgrades to the generators would be still be ongoing, life would continue as it had since the early 70's with a very limited supply of electricity that was subject to a lot of power outages. Ed's biggest challenge however, was not in building the line but was in trying to find ways to have people, especially community leaders, to see that FNEI was their success story. It really saddened him to hear the negative comments, to see the attacks on FNEI, and to have to deal with people who would work hard to destroy the success that FNEI was.

I was very fortunate to be able to work closely with Ed these past 17 years and learn from him. His attitude was if it makes sense, if it benefits the community as a whole, then let's do it. No matter if the idea was risky and no matter who said it couldn't be done. Self-confidence without arrogance. The ability to lead without domineering or bullying people or leading for the glory and affirmation. The ability to instill confidence in those around him, to believe with him that dreams can be realized, that positive change can be effected, that status quo is not good enough. The ability to build consensus, to mediate between opposing viewpoints, to find common ground and build a shared vision. And I watched quiet strength that would not be intimidated. Whether it was a very angry local politician attacking Ed personally who didn't understand what the project was about, or a government

bureaucrat mocking the idea of a First Nation owned and operated transmission line, or downtown Toronto bankers challenging Ed to show how these three communities would be able to pay back over \$26 million in loans. Ed wouldn't back down, always looking for a solution to whatever came up. Related to this was Ed's ability to forgive those who attacked or done him wrong. Even when placed in a position to retaliate and pay someone back for what that person had done to him, he wouldn't do it. And I saw how Ed was able to attract highly professional and committed project team members and motivate them to bring out their best skills and talents by instilling confidence, by leading without ego, leading without needing to take the credit for every good idea. At the same time, once you were part of this team, there were very high expectations placed on you. Ed always demanded the best from himself and he expected the same from those that he worked with. If you gave Ed a commitment saying that you would have this or that to him by a certain time, you made sure it was done by then!

Ed was a very private individual and I was very honoured to get to know him on a personal level as well as on a professional level. His love and devotion for his family, the pride that he had in his sons, the love for his wife Maureen, and his generosity to those in need. This all spoke volumes to me and motivated me to strive for excellence in all areas of my life, personally as well as professionally. I miss you Ed, I appreciate the time and effort that you invested in my life and I will do my best to embody those principles that you taught me both in word and in deed. Till we meet again.....

MORE PICTURES OF MR. ED CHILTON



Ed (left) having a fun game of cribbage with some colleagues!!



This picture was taken in the early development stages of the FNEI Transmission Line.
Left to right:
Ms. Valerie Helbronner, FNEI Lawyer from Ogilvy Renault LLP, Mr. Ernie T. Sutherland, FNEI President, Mr. Richard King, FNEI Lawyer from Ogilvy Renault LLP.

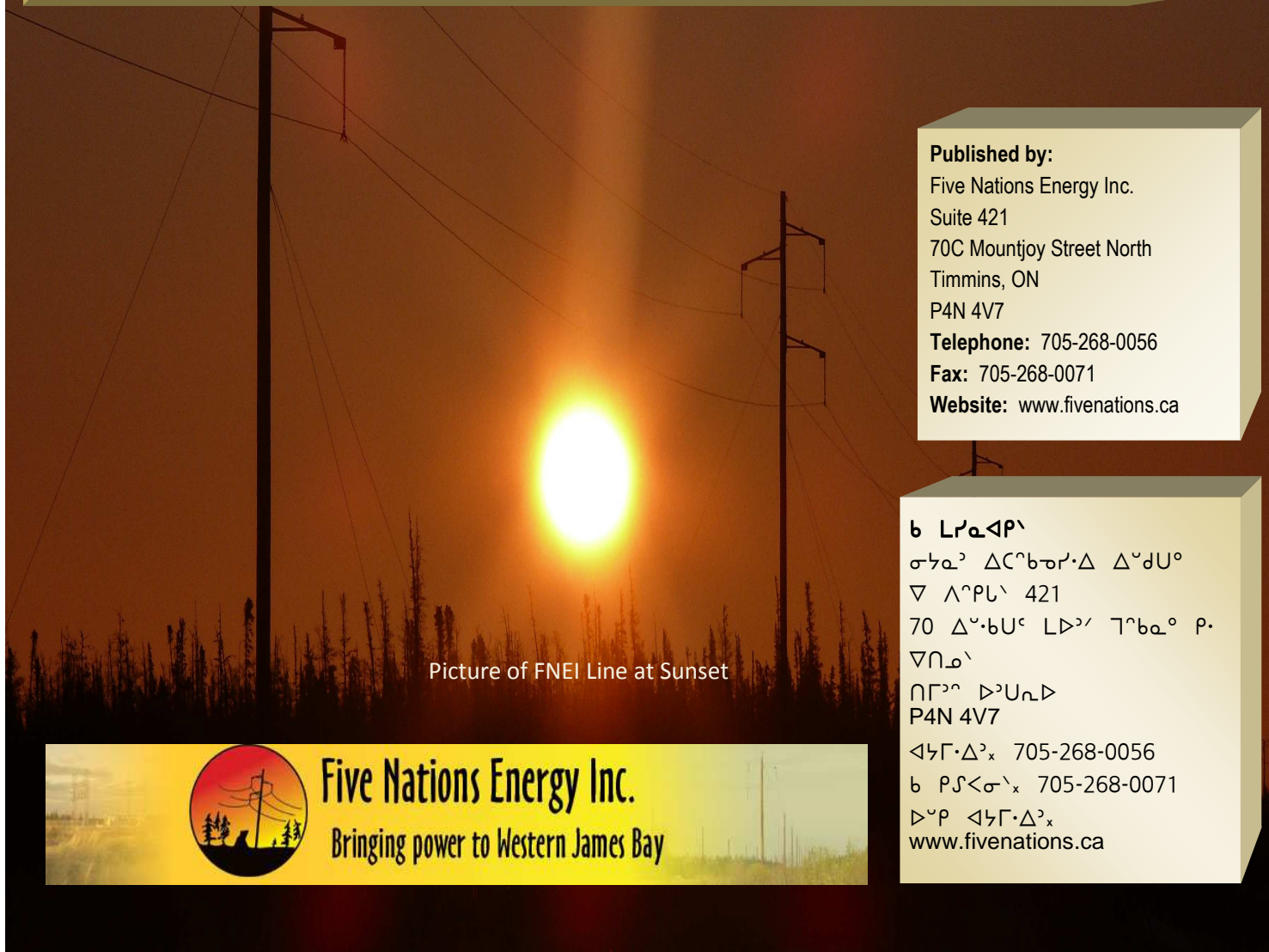


Can you spot Ed way in the back.
(Hint: dark moustache)
This is a picture of the FNEI Board & Staff during a De Beers Canada Line meeting in 2004!

On behalf of Five Nations Energy Inc., we wholeheartedly thank each and every one on their thoughts and prayers on Ed's passing. We will never forget how much Five Nations Energy Inc., meant to Ed, and Five Nations Energy Inc., the Communities and its peoples, and all those who crossed paths with Ed, will never forget just how much Ed meant to them!

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