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Supplementary Information

Renseignements supplémentaires

Presentation from the Mississauga First Nation

Présentation de la Première Nation de Mississauga

In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

Cameco Corporation, **Blind River Refinery**

Cameco Corporation, Raffinerie de Blind River

Application to renew licence for Cameco Corporation's Blind River Refinery

Demande de renouvellement de permis pour la raffinerie de Blind River appartenant à **Cameco Corporation**

Commission Public Hearing

Audience publique de la Commission

November 24, 2021

24 novembre 2021



Hearing for the Renewal of Cameco's Blind River Refinery Licence (Ref 2021-H-09)

Submission of Mississauga First Nation November 24, 2021



Mississauga First Nation



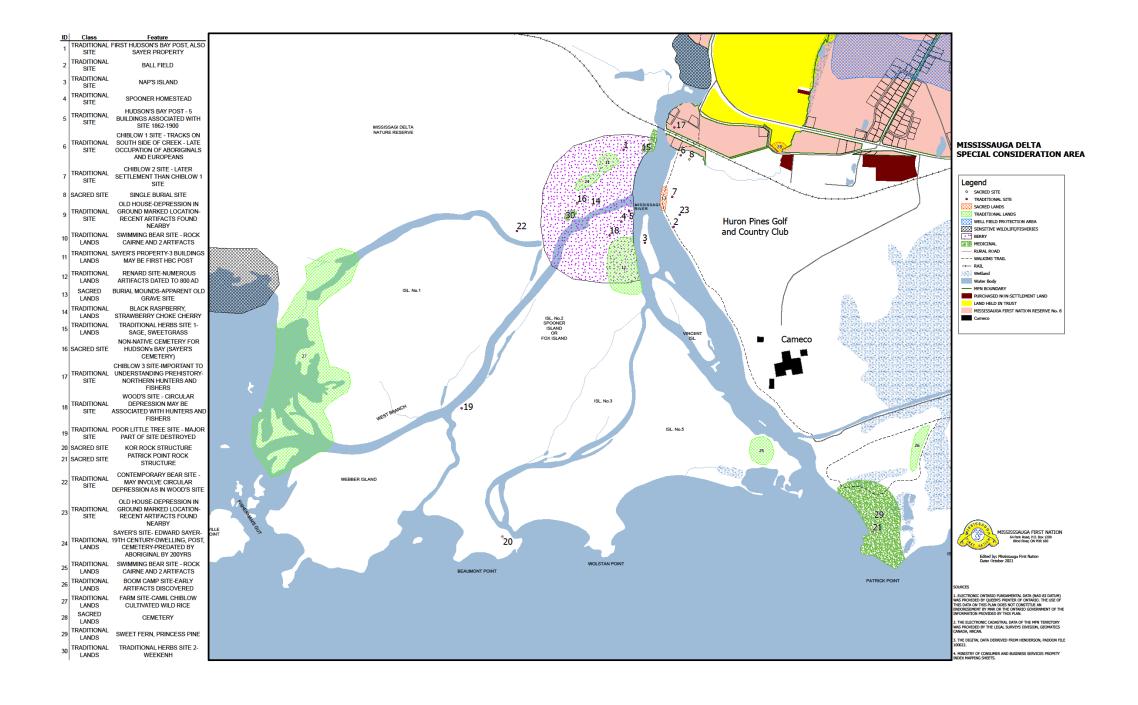
- Mississauga First Nation descends from the Anishinabek Nations that settled throughout the Great Lakes region since time immemorial.
- Signatory to the Robinson Huron Treaty that was signed by the Crown and Ojibway Chiefs in Sault Ste. Marie in 1850
- Chief Ponekeosh signed on behalf of the Mississaugas, describing our land as between the River Mississaugi and the River Penewobekong up to the first rapids.
- Current land base is approximately 20,000 hectares

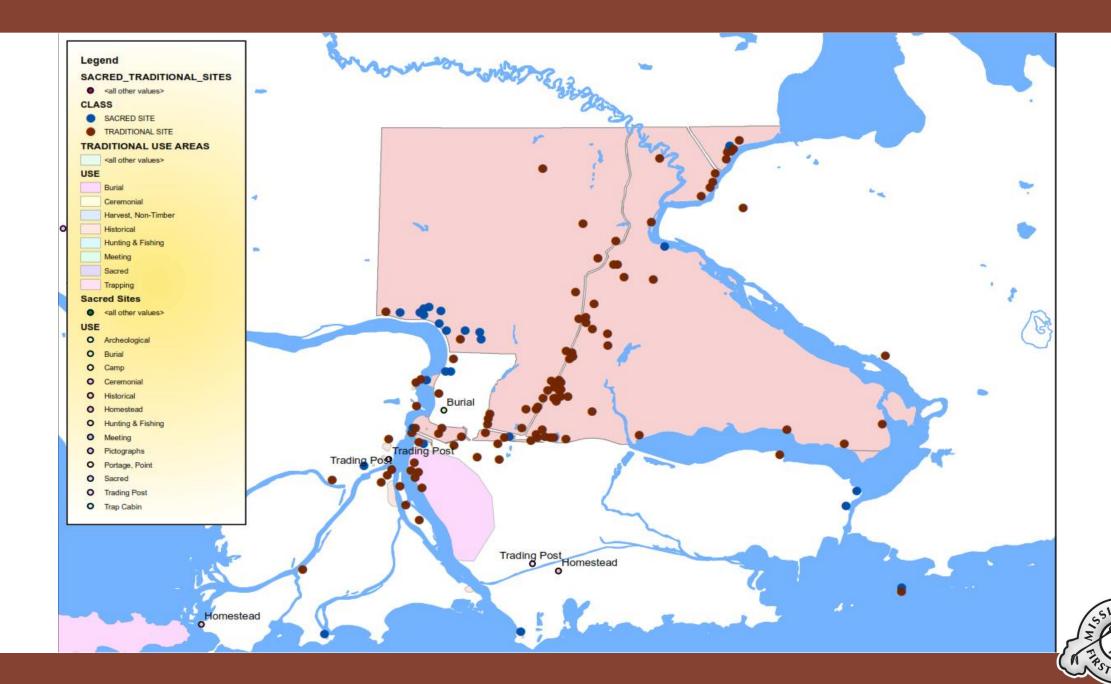


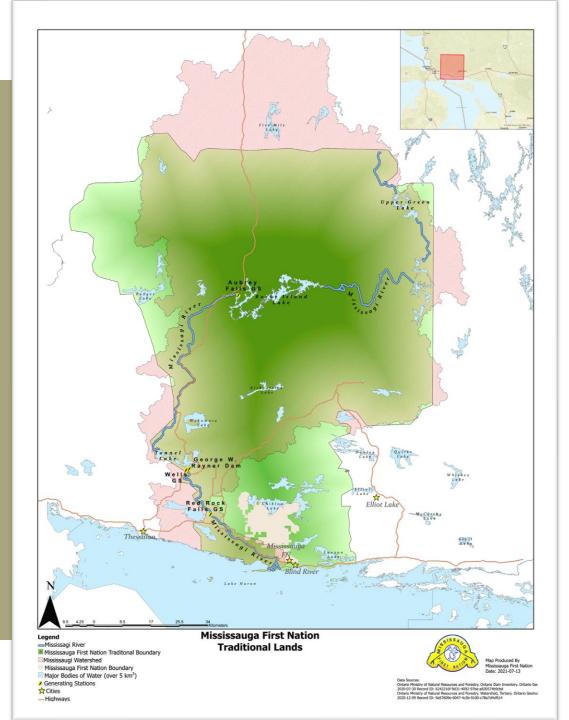


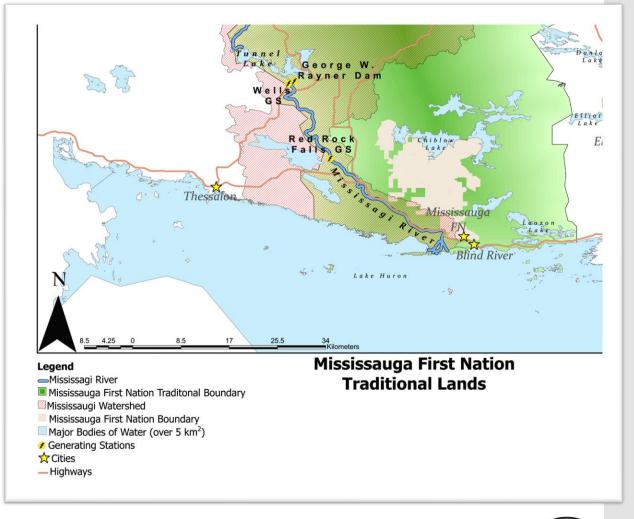
- The word Mississauga is an anglicized version of the Anishinaabe word Misswezahging or Michi-Saagiig, which means 'a river with many outlets.'
- The authority of MFN to govern its lands and resources flows from the people of Mississauga First Nation according to the culture, tradition, customs and laws of our community.
- Misswezahging Constitution outlines the authorities from which the community derives our right to self-govern including United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Operational under the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management with ratified Land Code (2008)













1. Consultation and Consent CNSC's Role as the Crown

Position of CNSC Staff

- No "new adverse impacts" on Indigenous rights from licence renewal therefore duty to consult does not apply
- Cameco states before the refinery was built, the land was vacant

Findings and Recommendations from MFN:

- Duty to consult has not been discharged → consultation is triggered when there are potential impacts; consultation is an ongoing obligation
- CNSC must uphold principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People
- CNSC must discharge the duty to consult before making a licence renewal decision



1. Consultation and Consent *Cameco's Role*

Position of Cameco

Cameco states before the refinery was built, the land was vacant

'Prior to the construction of the refinery in the 1980's, the property was undeveloped, with no permanent residences.'

Findings and Recommendations from MFN:

- Absence of Indigenous recognition, alongside the lack of meaningful engagement with MFN in site planning and environmental oversight is indicative of MFN's overall concern with this licence renewal.
- Cameco has attempted to diminish and erase MFN's past and continued use of our ancestral grounds in requesting this licence renewal

Position of CNSC and Cameco Environment and health is adequately protected CNSC has duty to protect human health and environment under the Nuclear Safety and Control Act 2. Community Health and Findings and Recommendations from MFN: Environmental Gaps in environmental monitoring data concerning community health and wellness Protection Need for community health study <u>before</u> decision on the licence can be made Request for new Indigenous Liaison position

3. Climate Change & the Future of the Site

Position of CNSC and Cameco

- No mention of climate change in licensing documents or licence application
- When operations at the refinery end, Cameco plans on creating a "long term waste management facility" at the site

Findings and Recommendations from MFN:

- Climate resiliency should be built into the licence review
- Cameco cannot determine future use of the site without MFN's free, prior and informed consent
- MFN states opposition to new nuclear developments, like Small Modular Reactors

Community Findings

- There must be fair and authentic engagement with adequate timelines to ensure community members have input
- There must be acknowledgement of the historical and ongoing exclusion of Mississaugi from decisions about the site and land
- Expressed high interest in having accurate health data, inclusive of traditional foods and medicines
- There must be inclusion of Traditional Knowledge when developing environmental studies
- Expressed opposition of future development of new nuclear technology



Order Requested from MFN to the CNSC

Deny Cameco's request for 10-year licence

- 10-year licence lengths diminish opportunities for information sharing, direct involvement and engagement based on MFN's right to govern traditional lands
- Direct Cameco to revise its licence application, taking into account all 25+ recommendations from MFN
- Direct Cameco to undertake cultural competency training, which includes skills-based training in intercultural competency, human rights and anti-racism; and
- Affirm the CNSC's commitment to reconciliation, fully adopting UNDRIP, and supporting Treaty relationships based on the principles of mutual recognition and shared responsibilities.

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