

Re: Transmission Line Phase A

It has been requested in a letter from the Darwell Lagoon Commission dated January 19, 2021, that the 2 villages of Sandy Beach and Sunrise Beach give a definitive answer as to our participation in the phase A transmission line project by March 1 2021.

It should be noted that the original project did include the use of the Sandy Beach Lagoon as a receiving point for wastewater and that costs for remediation of the lagoon for connection to the transmission line were included in the original funding. In fact this option is still included in sect 6.0 Budget of minutes of meeting #16 design update Jan 26 2021.

The proposed removal of the Sandy Beach lagoon from the project, has put the councils of Sandy beach and Sunrise beach in the position where under due diligence we must consider all our options and costs to our residence's in regards to the disposal of waste water.

We are presently working with our engineering firm, and grant applications, to determine which options are available to us, and will best serve our communities.

We have requested, but have received No firm costs in regards to the actual operation and maintenance costs that the transmission line will require. It has been suggested that those costs would be determined by the steering committee. We would point out that the steering committee is made up of elected officials and under the municipal government act, elected officials discuss, debate, and finally approve budgets. It is up to Cao's, Engineers, and project managers to bring forth those budgets. We would request that any maintenance and operating budget, brought forth would consider to be bondable by the commission or county.

Therefore, under our obligation to provide Due Diligence for our communities, and rate payers, the villages of Sandy Beach and Sunrise Beach are not in the position to finalize an answer as to our participation in the Phase A project, at this time.

We look forward to receiving an O&M budget from the commission and will update the commission in regards to the issues that we are currently working on.