



PETER ARCHIBALD, FORMER CHIEF OF TAYKWA TAGAMOU FIRST NATION. ARCHIBALD HAS SPENT 30 YEARS ADVOCATING FOR THE NEW HYDROELECTRIC STATION. PHOTO CREDIT: SARA MOJTEHEDZADEH, TORONTO STAR

# NORTHEAST HYDRO PARTNERSHIP CREATING JOBS AND CLEAN POWER

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A hydroelectric project 30 years in the making is now underway in northeastern Ontario. OPG and Coral Rapids Power (wholly owned by Taykwa Tagamou Nation [TTN]) have partnered to build a 28-megawatt station approximately 90 km north of Smooth Rock Falls.

The \$300 million project is expected to employ 220 workers at its peak and be completed in 2018. Once in service, the 2-unit, 28-megawatt station will provide clean, reliable power for up to 25,000 homes.

Named after a respected community elder, the Peter Sutherland Sr. generating station will use a portion of the water flowing down New Post Creek to generate electricity by transporting water about 600 metres to the power house on the Abitibi River.

“We are excited to partner with OPG which has a proven track record of working with First Nation communities,” said TTN Chief Dwight Sutherland. “This clean power development will provide immediate and lasting economic opportunities for the people of Taykwa Tagamou Nation.”

“Our partnership is about more than just megawatts,” said Mike Martelli, Senior Vice President, Hydro Thermal Operations. “It’s also about creating skilled jobs and ongoing revenue that will benefit this community for years to come.”

This new station will join OPG’s clean energy portfolio, which includes other successful joint ventures with First Nations. In early 2015, OPG and the Moose Cree First Nation celebrated the completion of the Lower Mattagami Hydroelectric Project, northern Ontario’s largest hydroelectric project in 50 years.

