

Crown Consultation

Churchill River Diversion Project Final Licence

COMMUNITY SUPPORT COSTS GUIDELINE

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The Government of Manitoba has a responsibility to consult in a meaningful way with First Nations, Métis communities and other aboriginal communities about government decisions that might affect the exercise of Treaty or aboriginal rights.

In May 2009, Manitoba Hydro requested its Final Licence for the Churchill River Diversion (CRD) Project from the Government of Manitoba. Before the Government of Manitoba makes a decision about a final licence, the Manitoba Crown is undertaking consultation with First Nations, Métis communities and other aboriginal communities whose exercise of Treaty or aboriginal rights might be affected by this licensing decision.

Community Consultation Support Costs Guideline

Manitoba Water Stewardship will cover the following reasonable costs for a consultation in the community:

- Meeting room rental, refreshments, audio and visual aids, translation services, assistance with consultation records;
- Reasonable honoraria for Elders participation, at the request of the community, according to community custom or protocol; and
- Consultation coordination costs to facilitate the organization of the consultation in the community.

Manitoba Water Stewardship will consider any requests for additional support costs.