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CONVOCATION

To: Grand Chiefs, Chiefs and Directors/Managers of the maintenance of community assets
From: Jean-Claude Therrien Pinette, Chief of operations
Date: May 3, 2019
Re: **Engagement Session on the Operation and Maintenance Policy for Community Assets, June 6, 2019**

Madam, Sir,

There is now a new date for the meeting originally scheduled for last February, which was canceled. You are therefore invited to an Engagement Session on the review of the Operation and Maintenance Policy for Community Assets that will be held on June 6, 2019 at the Hotel Quebec in Quebec City. Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) provides First Nation funding for the operation and maintenance (O&M) of community assets that are eligible for its Capital Facilities and Maintenance Program. The Policy in this regard funds some of the O&M costs for infrastructure such as buildings and roads. ISC's funding formulas and cost indicators are outdated, inadequate and do not provide sufficient funding for First Nations to protect and extend the life of their community assets. A review of the O&M Policy is required.

ISC mandated the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to carry out a review and revision of its O&M Policy towards a new approach of fully funding all federally funded assets. ISC and the AFN work together to identify options for implementing a new policy. The work plan includes holding engagement sessions across the country to present a draft revised O&M policy framework. The Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL) assists the AFN in organizing the engagement session with First Nations in Quebec.

The meeting aims to ensure that a new O&M policy framework is endorsed, informed and supported by meaningful feedback and dialogue. Among the topics to be discussed:

- actual O&M Policy (gaps, issues, etc.);
- update on O&M Policy reform;
- asset management approach with fully costed plan;
- pilot projects;
- Cost Reference Manual;
- funding request (budget 2019);

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We suggest the participation of one person from your Capital/Infrastructure Department in connection with the themes of the meeting. Two representatives from each tribal council, the Cree Nation Government and other First Nations organizations are cordially invited to participate.

Your eligible accommodations, meals and travel expenses will be reimbursed for one participant per community and two per tribal council (and other First Nations organizations), according to the rules and rates in force at the AFNQL. We remind you that you must choose the cheapest travel option. If you use a car, we ask you to travel together.

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Hôtel Québec located at 3115, avenue des Hôtels, Québec. Please contact the **Hotel directly at 418 658-5120 or 1 800 567-5276, and indicate No 4961366** to make your reservation **no later than May 17, 2019**. The AFNQL will reimburse a maximum of \$139 + taxes for the room, with receipts.

The meeting will last all day Thursday, June 6. An agenda and additional information will be provided before the meeting. We believe this meeting is an opportunity to influence the the review of ISC's O&M Policy.

We look forward to your attendance and ask you to **return the registration form at the AFNQL**, fax: 418 842-2660, or e-mail: charvey@apnql-afnql.com, **before May 17, 2019**.