



Nalcor Energy and Innu Nation celebrate one million hours worked by Innu workers on Lower Churchill Project

March 23, 2017 – This month, the Lower Churchill Project reached a tremendous achievement of one million hours worked by members of Innu Nation since the start of project construction in 2013. Representatives from Nalcor Energy and Innu Nation will celebrate this milestone with Innu workers at an event this evening at the Muskrat Falls site in Labrador.

Since construction began on the project, over 200 Innu were employed at peak; currently, there are more than 150 Innu working, primarily with contractors on the generation project in Labrador. Innu workers are employed in a variety of occupations, including construction trades, labourers, camp accommodations and food services. The Innu workforce includes persons occupying management, apprenticeship, foreperson and shop steward positions.

“I’m proud to celebrate this tremendous achievement for both the Lower Churchill Project and Innu Nation,” says Gilbert Bennett, Executive Vice President, Power Development, Nalcor Energy. “We’ve worked closely with our project partner, Innu Nation, to provide training and work opportunities for Labrador Innu. I’m pleased with the progress we’ve reached together and look forward to future job opportunities for Innu workers as we progress the construction of this monumental project.”

“The road to employment and economic benefit from our natural resources has required good partnership, good training and participation by Innu in the workforce. Innu reaching one million hours worked at the Lower Churchill Project validates our ability to participate meaningfully in the economic development of our region. I am very pleased that Innu are meeting and exceeding expectations,” said Grand Chief Anastasia Qupee.

The finalization of the Impacts and Benefits Agreement in November 2011 provided opportunities for Innu people to access training and job opportunities along with procurement opportunities for construction for the Lower Churchill Project. Since that time, Nalcor and Innu Nation have been working together to progress construction on the Lower Churchill Project.

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