

## **State of Emergency Update By Chief Bruce Achneepineskum**

Good day Members:

Chief and Council been active in trying to resolve the issue of the failure of the wastewater uplift station by the creek and the subsequent spill.

### **Interim Measures**

- Continue to meet with Indigenous Services (ISC) on the issues related to the failure of the up-lift station. We met with ISC , Matawa and Provincial Emergency Operations Centre on next steps and formation of a plan for the interim and long-term measures including restoration of bottled water funding.
- We have approval to restore funding for bottled water and delivery to all houses in the community.
- Stop the spill by getting a technician into the community which was done and fixed the pump to get it running
- Pump out the stations using sewage pump truck
- Continue to get a technician into the community to monitor daily the uplift station.
- Testing by Oksana, Environmental Health Matawa on water at the treatment plant
- Seeking to address testing equipment at the treatment plant

### **Long Term Measures**

- continue to meet with Indigenous Services to source out new pumps to replace the two pumps at the two stations. We located pumps down south and have them on order and delivery.
- Next call with ISC on Friday to discuss ISC response on funding of longer-term measures ie replace lift stations
- Use our legal rep to investigate Boil Water Settlement implementation of governance aspect of settlement.

I thank all members for their patience with the issues on the failure. We will be closely monitoring the situation with available technical help from Matawa and contractors.

I will update at a later date again. Meegwetch!