



COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT



WHAT: Meeting Ontario Power Generation President Nicole Butcher

WHEN: March 18, 2025

WHERE: Toronto, Ontario

WHO: Grand Chief Leonard Lazore

WHY: This meeting was held to foster positive relations between Akwesasne and OPG, ensure increased Indigenous participation in OPG's projects, and enhance employment and economic opportunities for Akwesasne residents. It also aimed to review ongoing agreements and set a framework for future collaboration.

- NEXT STEPS:**
- Enhancing employment and contracting opportunities for Akwesasne community members through the POM Committee and Steering Committee.
 - Increasing Indigenous participation in OPG's operations and development plans.
 - Transparency and data-sharing will be key in supporting Akwesasne's workforce integration within OPG projects.





COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT

For Immediate Release:

Enniskó:wa/March 27, 2025

MEETING WITH ONTARIO POWER GENERATION PRESIDENT *GRAND CHIEF LEONARD LAZORE*

On March 18, 2025, Grand Chief Leonard Lazore and his Executive Assistant traveled to Toronto, Ontario, to meet with Nicole Butcher, President of Ontario Power Generation (OPG). The meeting took place at the OPG headquarters located in Toronto and served as a re-introduction between Akwesasne leadership and OPG, fostering positive relations and discussing the ongoing OPG agreement.

DISCUSSION POINTS & OBJECTIVES:

Building a Working Relationship

- Established key priorities and objectives for collaboration between Akwesasne and OPG.
- Identified strategies to enhance Indigenous engagement within OPG projects.

Employment & Economic Opportunities

- Discussed pathways to increase Akwesasne representation in OPG's workforce.
- Explored opportunities for Akwesasne contractors to participate in OPG projects.
- Reviewed next steps for engagement through the POM Committee and Steering Committee.

NETWORKING & COLLABORATION:

- Strengthened relations between Akwesasne leadership and OPG executives, ensuring open communication and long-term collaboration.
- Explored potential partnerships for workforce development programs aimed at increasing Indigenous representation within OPG's employment sector.
- Discussed opportunities to integrate Akwesasne contractors into OPG projects, fostering economic growth within the community.
- Established a framework for continued engagement through regular committee meetings and joint initiatives.



KEY TAKEAWAYS & NEXT STEPS:

- Enhancing employment and contracting opportunities for Akwesasne community members through the POM Committee and Steering Committee.
- Increasing Indigenous participation in OPG's operations and development plans.
- Transparency and data-sharing will be key in supporting Akwesasne's workforce integration within OPG projects.

Nicole Butcher will collect data from Saunders Dam to provide insights on areas where employment and contracting opportunities exist within OPG. The gathered information will be presented at the upcoming POM Committee and Steering Committee meetings in April. Continued discussions will focus on structuring a clear pathway for Akwesasne's involvement in future OPG projects.