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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF A6N
AND THE COMPLETION OF THE NIAGARA REINFORCEMENT LINE**

The Six Nations Elected Council (SNEC) supports the work and workers of A6N in the completion of the Niagara Reinforcement Line. The Niagara Reinforcement Line project has been structured for Six Nations to be an owner in the energy transmission line and the agreement cannot and does not extinguish any rights to the land. Furthermore, a plan to address and mitigate any environmental concerns that the community has raised has been created.

In 2015, the SNEC decided to support the creation of an arms length economic organization to promote economic prosperity and wellbeing for the Six Nations Community, removed from the political landscape in the community. The goal was to provide a community entity that would support the long term goals and growth of the community that was not tied to external government funding or priorities. Since the launch of the development corporation, there has been over \$9.4 million dollars invested in community initiatives and in 2017, \$15 million in direct economic impact in the community through job creation and local business support.

The work stoppage in February 2019 has not only been detrimental to the jobs of the A6N community workers and business support, but it will also mean that community contributions through the Economic Development Trust will be impacted. This means that contributions to the community initiatives, that we have seen the last four years, could be lowered or even seized. Further, this could impact opportunities for future business opportunities and jobs.

Six Nations Elected Council wishes to express our gratitude and acknowledgment to the A6N workers in their contribution creating safe infrastructure in the community. If you see any A6N community members in the community or onsite installing the water lines, please take time to thank them for their work and dedication.