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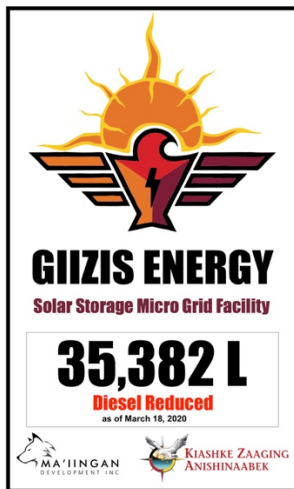
Press release for the Mashkawiziiwin: The Power Within, a Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek – Gull Bay First Nation's Solar Energy-Storage Micro Grid Documentary.

I want to present to you an exciting video that showcases the evolutionary stages of Gull Bay First Nations Giizis Energy Solar Storage Micro Grid Project. This model is the very FIRST of its kind in Canada and good news! It can be implemented in small or large-scale Communities that are interested in transitioning off dirty diesel fuel to clean renewables. It has already reduced the diesel consumption in Gull Bay by 35,000L, a game changer for Canada and contender to climate change.

I want to say chi miigwetch, give a big thanks to the Community, Chief and Council, Project Partners, Funders, and film crews for putting together a great documentary that can be shared from our Community to another. A very special chi miigwetch to Real World Media as your time, love and care put into the documentary shows and memories are forged. You went above and beyond in this production.

Note: Ontario Power Generation is working through some technical issues with the programming of the system but OPG is confident these issues will be fixed soon. The micro grid system is currently running and providing Gull Bay with clean solar power, offsetting diesel during sunny days when the batteries are charged.

35,000 L of diesel fuel reduced by Gull Bay's **Giizis Energy Solar Storage Micro Grid Facility** as of March 18, 2020!



As the world is rapidly adapting to the prevent the spread of COVID-19, I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and healthy isolation. Even though we're into Spring, it seems we once again have to stock up for a winter haul. Please do so in kindness to each other, to take what you need and leave some for your neighbour. Reconnect with the Land and all that it can provide in terms of food, medicine and healing. Reconnect by telephone or online to those who can be support to you and check in with your Elders and people most vulnerable.

Repeat and remember these calming words that were taught to me in times of stress.

Anamowin – Breathe (in the good air)

Ateshin – Rest

Ayegwaamzin – Take it easy/be careful

So rest, be safe and enjoy Mashkawziiwin: The Power Within Documentary.

Here is the link to the video.

<https://vimeo.com/385075888/8eb81470eb>

Miigwetch, Thank you,

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