

BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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Resolution No. 1-4-17-738

Removal of Lakehead Pipeline Company (now Enbridge Line 5) Pipeline from Bad River Lands and Watershed

WHEREAS, the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa is a signatory or successor to the Treaty of 1842, 7 Stat. 591, and the Treaty of 1854, 10 Stat. 1109; and

WHEREAS, our life is rooted in a connection to the natural world, the source of our health and wellness for the past, present, and future generations making our relationship with the natural world sacred; and

WHEREAS, the Waabishkaa-ziibi (White River), Mashkiigon-ziibi (Bad River) and Anishinaabeg-gichigami (Lake Superior) are places that are full of life and death, and the natural waters found in these places continues to give life to plants and animals, and from these we are blessed with food and medicine, and the natural groundwater and springs found in these places continue to clean water, and from these we are blessed with drinking water; and

WHEREAS, these places are traditional cultural places, archaeological and historical sites, and include minerals, plants and animals whose health and well-being are necessary for our health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, 64 years ago, Lakehead Pipeline Company acquired rights of way for a crude oil pipeline across lands within the Reservation, known as Line 5; and

WHEREAS, pipelines of similar setting have broken and caused extensive environmental damages, for example the ExxonMobil Silvertip Pipeline crude oil release into the Yellowstone River in Laural, MT on July 21, 2011, and the Husky Energy Pipeline crude oil release into the North Saskatchewan River in Prince Albert, SK on July 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, surface water studies demonstrate that a crude oil spill at the Waabishkaa-ziibi (White River) or Mashkiigon-ziibi (Bad River) would be catastrophic to the health and economy of the Odanah, WI community; river currents would impact coastal wetlands and wild rice beds, and traditional fishing areas in Anishinaabeg-gichigami (Lake Superior) and resources are insufficient to access a spill under good conditions, and impossible under ice covered winter waters; and

WHEREAS, a pipeline break at these places will nullify our long years of effort to preserve our health, subsistence, culture and ecosystems, and sacrifices members have made

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instead of pursuing the possibility of short-term economic gain.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that

1. The governing body of the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa resolves that it shall not renew its interests in the rights of way across lands within the Reservation;
2. Tribal staff are directed to send notice to Lakehead Pipeline Company and federal agencies and take all action permitted under the law for Line 5 removal project development on Bad River lands and watershed.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 7 members, of whom 7, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held on the 4 day of ~~January~~ January 2017, that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.


Rae Ann Maday, Tribal Secretary