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Elsipogtog Responds to Provincial Approval of the Centre Village Project

September 2, 2026 | Centre Village Renewables Integration and Grid Security Project (CVRIGS)

The Province approved the proposed 500 MW gas-fired power project near Tantramar on August 28, 2026, even though consultation with Elsipogtog is not complete. Elsipogtog First Nation has not consented to the project.

WHAT OUR COMMUNITY SHOULD KNOW

- **Consultation remains unfinished.** A Mi'kmaq Knowledge and Land Use Study is still being completed, and meaningful accommodation for impacts on our rights and interests has not been agreed upon.
- **The location was selected before Elsipogtog could meaningfully influence the decision.** Earlier involvement could have allowed alternatives that reduced impacts on medicines, wetlands, wildlife habitat and the exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty rights.
- **The project may affect important land use.** Concerns include significant operational noise, emissions and disturbance near critical moose habitat, a migratory corridor and a documented family trapline and camping area.
- **Elsipogtog is not opposed to responsible development.** Our concern is whether consultation is meaningful and whether Mi'kmaq rights, knowledge and decision-making are respected from the beginning.

WHAT ELSIPOGTOG IS CALLING FOR

Elsipogtog is asking the Province to pause further licences, permits and approvals while the Nation, the Crown and the project proponent complete consultation and reach agreement on reasonable accommodation. Chief and Council remain open to a constructive path forward, including meaningful benefit sharing, decision-making and the exploration of majority Mi'kmaq ownership.

"Elsipogtog remains willing to work toward solutions, but respect for our rights requires more than being informed after decisions have already been made."

Wela'lin,

Chief and Council | Elsipogtog First Nation