



NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN FIRST NATIONS MAJOR PROJECTS COALITION (FNMPC) AND UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA'S POSITIVE ENERGY (PE) PROGRAM

Partners will work together on research, training and outreach for major projects

NEWS RELEASE November 6, 2023 (Algonquin Territory, Ottawa) – The First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMPC) and the University of Ottawa's Positive Energy (PE) program are pleased to announce the launch of a new partnership between the two organizations. The partnership features collaboration on research, training and outreach for policy, regulation, and Indigenous-led involvement in major projects.

"FNMPC is proud to be formalizing a partnership with the University of Ottawa's Positive Energy program whose mandate fosters cross-country collaboration as we work towards achieving our net zero goals" says Chief Sharleen Gale, Chair of FNMPC. "This partnership strengthens FNMPC's ability to expand its thought leadership and research focus on issues of interest to our First Nations members."

"Positive Energy is honoured to partner with the FNMPC, whose leadership in advancing meaningful partnerships and Indigenous-led approaches to major projects is transforming the landscape of energy projects in Canada," says Professor Monica Gattinger, Founding Chair of Positive Energy. "For the last five years, Positive Energy and the FNMPC have collaborated on various aspects of each another's programs. This partnership formally recognizes and expands our work together. It will strengthen Positive Energy's research and engagement on major projects and will offer training opportunities for Indigenous students at the university to participate in both programs."

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ABOUT FIRST NATIONS MAJOR PROJECTS COALITION

The First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMPC) is a non-profit organization comprised of 145+ Indigenous nations that span across Canada. FNMPC members recognize that we are stronger together and was established to promote the shared interests of our members. Advancing major projects is the core of FNMPC's service delivery. FNMPC's technical team is active in supporting our member communities with tools, capacity supports, and advice related to corporate structures and benefit sharing models, as well as tools to promote environmental protection and impact assessment.

ABOUT POSITIVE ENERGY

The University of Ottawa's Positive Energy (PE) program uses the convening power of the university to bring together academic researchers and senior decision-makers from industry, government, Indigenous organizations, local communities and environmental organizations to determine how to strengthen public and investor confidence in energy decision-making. PE undertakes solution-focused applied academic research on policy and regulation for major energy projects; on the reliability, affordability, competitiveness and sustainability of Canadian energy; on public opinion about energy and climate issues, and on intergovernmental relations over energy and climate.