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Batchewana First Nation Water Treatment Plant

Goulais, ON – Today is a very important day for the members of the Batchewana First Nation (BFN). For too long, murky undrinkable water for Goulais and Obadjiwan residents has meant that bottled water had to be utilized at a tremendous cost.

After a ground breaking ceremony that was held today for a new Water Treatment Facility, all residents will have access to fresh clean drinking water approximately one year from now.

The water treatment plant is a 419 square meter facility with unique architectural features. It will have a maximum capacity of 397 cubic meters per day and service the community along the new 6-kilometer water distribution line.

Once completed, the water treatment plant will provide clean drinking water for approximately 200 people residing in the community, as well as employ trained permanent water treatment plant operators in the area.

Thanks to the collaboration with BFN, the Ministry of Indigenous Services, Arcadis, Matheson Constructors and an array of community partners, construction on this project is slated to begin in the new year.

Matheson Constructors is committed to fostering relationships and working in partnership with Indigenous peoples and Indigenous-owned companies throughout the construction of the facility.

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Ground Breaking Ceremony at the Goulais site December 16, 2020