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My name is Reverend Nelson Hart member of Nelson House.

I would like to thank the Clean Environment Commission Board for giving me to opportunity to speak.

First of all I would like to express my concern about Councilor Elvis Thomas, he claims to represent members of Nelson House, although our members know that he doesn't live in Nelson House, he resides here in the city of Winnipeg with his family. In Accordance to our Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Laws 1998-E1, "Ordinarily Resident means a elector whose immediately adjacent to the reserve".

Furthermore the Agreement In Principle was done through an amendment meeting excluding off reserve band members to attend this meeting. I was there to witness the amending procedure being done. Therefore the Agreement In Principle should be declared NULL AND VOID. It was not done through a majority vote.

The construction of yet another dam is like a dark veil descending upon the lives and future of my children. When you dam and quiet the voice of yet another river system you have pronounced the death sentence upon ten thousand people. When you transfer, move, rearrange, and change the face of shorelines and the delicate of ecosystems. You are playing God, yet you are not God.

-Dams-"Reverse the natural order of God".

-Dams-"Monuments to greed".

-Manitoba Hydro is yet again in the process of unleashing the great wind of genocide upon my people.

-Any additional dam proposed will alter the marine ecosystem of our rivers to such and extent that it will be permanently damaged.

Hydro developments are:

1. Environmental and ecological terrorism.
2. a violation of the great law of Nature.
3. a devastating threat to our lives.

The Native way of conservation" has work longer that any modern conservation programs".

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In today's society we have come to the brink, we need to visit the shore houses of oral tradition to retrieve and cultivate the ancient seeds of wisdom contained in the stories of Native North American and to combine these lessons with the knowledge of ecological

science. The traditional Native American relationship with Nature is one of dynamic balance of sacred respect and worship practiced – Give and take in response to changes in population levels and habitat conditions.

Survival exists along a continuum between the spiritual and the programmatic. There are similar teachings and understandings of mother earth, hears the call, she awakes, she arises, she feels the breath of a new dawn. The leaves and the grass stir in all things move with the breath of a new day, every where life is renewed. This is very mysterious, we are speaking of something very sacred.

Questions:

The Chief and Council changed the name from Nelson House to NCN.  
When did that come to effect?  
Was it approved by majority?

Climate change

The impact of the climate change, how will it effect the existing and proposed Hydro dam projects?  
What can we do to respect earths ecosystem?