

## Keeyask Heritage Field Studies 2012/2013

During the 2012 field season, low water levels provided an opportunity for archaeological investigations associated with the installment of the Ice Boom. Forty-three previously recorded archaeological sites were revisited and 10 additional sites were discovered; all site investigations were documented.

During the 2013 field season, high water conditions and intense forest fires within the Keeyask area played a major factor in the accessibility of visiting previously recorded sites. The fires resulted in the collapse of soil stratigraphy; four new archaeological sites and two possible burial locations were identified.

The results of the 2012/2013 archaeological investigations indicate that in addition to the previously registered archaeological sites cited in the filed Heritage Resources section of the EIS, fourteen newly recorded sites (Table 1) and two burial locations may be affected by either construction activities or reservoir impoundment. For known sites affected by construction or reservoir impoundment, monitoring and salvage (as required) will occur. The preliminary Heritage Resources Protection Plan (HRPP) addresses discovered and potential heritage resources and found human remains during construction. In addition to the preliminary HRPP, the Waterways Management Plan (Schedule 11-2 of the JKDA) outlines measures and personnel that will provide support services, as required, for reclamation of disturbed sites along shorelines during operation. An important activity of The Waterways Management Program before impoundment will be to work with Members of the KCNs to identify and contribute to impact management measures at high priority spiritual and heritage sites that will be flooded.

<b>Borden Number &amp; Name</b>	<b>Recorded</b>	<b>Cultural Affiliation</b>	<b>Site Type</b>	<b>Site Condition</b>
HbKu-25 Hydro Island	2012	Undated Pre-European Contact; undated historic component	A. Campsite	Undisturbed
HbKu-26 Nikik-néyáw (Otter Point)	2012	Undated Pre-European Contact	E. Workshop	Disturbed
HbKu-27 Isle D South	2012	Undated Pre-European Contact	I. Isolated Find	Disturbed
HbKu-28 Isle D North	2012	Undated Pre-European Contact	E. Workshop	Disturbed
HbKu-29 Asiniwahkáw (Rocky Shore)	2012	Undated Pre-European Contact	E. Workshop	Disturbed
HbKu-30 Atihko-néyáw (Caribou Point)	2012	Archaic / Late Woodland (multi-component)	A. Campsite	Disturbed, but warrants further monitoring
HcKt-10 Naméwi-néyáw (Sturgeon Point)	2012	Middle and Late Woodland	A. Campsite	Disturbed, but warrants further monitoring
HcKt-11 Mikisiwi-néyáw (Eagle Point)	2012	Middle Woodland and Historic	A. Campsite	Disturbed, but warrants further monitoring
HcKu-06 Asiniy-néyáw (Rocky Point)	2012	Undated Pre-European Contact	E. Workshop	Disturbed
HcKu-07 Northshore West	2012	Late Woodland	I. Isolated Find	Disturbed
HcKt-12 Cabin Site	2013	Late to Recent Historic	A. Campsite	Disturbed
HbKu-31 Gun Barrel Site	2013	Late Historic	A. Campsite	Disturbed
HcKu-08 Copenhagen Site	2013	Late to Recent Historic	A. Campsite	Disturbed
HbKv-07 Kahpowinic Bay House	2013	Middle Historic Fur Trade	M. Fur Trade	Disturbed, but warrants further monitoring