



Environmental Assessments

- In September, 1991, Mr. McKibbon gave evidence on behalf of Nishnawbe-Aski Nation and Windigo First Nations Council on the effects of the Ministry of Natural Resource's Class Environmental Assessment for Timber Management on these First Nations. In advance of the hearing, Mr. McKibbon assisted in the negotiation of an agreement between the First Nations and the Ministry and the Ontario Forest Industries Association on a separate First Nation planning procedure for forest management.

His evidence consisted of the agreement, its explanation and a short history of its development. The Environmental Assessment Board adopted the agreement in its decisions in 1994. After the hearing, he helped incorporate the agreement's provision into the Forest Management Planning Manual, approved as a regulation under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act.

In addition, he helped community elders prepare to give evidence for the hearing at the September hearing. This included the preparation of brochures and a video for community use in English and Ojibwa.

- Mr. McKibbon reviewed Ontario Hydro's Proposed Transmission Plan for Southwestern Ontario Environmental Assessment and presented evidence and the Niagara Escarpment Commission's position to the Joint Board in 1983. Two of the three alternative transmission systems proposed crossings of the Niagara Escarpment. His evidence addressed Escarpment related concerns and the assessment of environmental impacts and was accepted by the Consolidated Board in its decision.
- Mr. McKibbon reviewed the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth's East-West and North-South Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment and provided evidence and the Niagara Escarpment Commission's position to the Joint Board in 1984 and 1985. The North-South component involved construction of a transportation corridor through the Red Hill Creek. His evidence addressed Escarpment related environmental concerns and development of public lands unaffected by the Freeway for park purposes and incorporation of runoff and erosion study results.
- Mr. McKibbon reviewed Ontario Hydro's Plan Stage Environmental Assessment for Southwestern Ontario. The Plan proposed a number of bulk transmission line alternatives designed to get power out of the Bruce Nuclear Generation Plant. His evidence on behalf of the Niagara Escarpment Commission addressed environmental effects, the Commission's position and the amendment of the proponent's study area and was accepted by the Consolidated Board in its decision in 1985 (reported in Vol. 1, C.E.L.R. (N.S.) 261).