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**STRONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LEADS TO A SUCCESSFUL EVENT AND LASTING ICON FOR ALL**

**WAWA, ONTARIO (July 13, 2017)** - Algoma Power Inc. (“Algoma Power”) and its parent company FortisOntario Inc. (“FortisOntario”) are thankful and proud to have been part of a successful initiative to help bring the New Wawa Goose monument to the community of Wawa. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 it all came to fruition, and what a fantastic day it was! A momentous day for the community, made possible by the hard work of dedicated Municipal staff, numerous volunteers, tireless fundraising efforts and many generous donations throughout the span of the project. Event attendees, local and from afar shared in the joy of gazing upon the new goose; brought to a realization by the ingenuity of the Municipality of Wawa’s Director of Community Services and Tourism, the late Lori Johnson. Lori initiated the Wawa Goose replacement project years ago and will fondly be remembered by many who visit the site into the future.

Algoma Power and FortisOntario employees had the pleasure of joining in the celebration in Wawa on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Members of Algoma Power’s dedicated line crew were on hand to assist with the official unveiling of the new goose; a spectacular moment. President and CEO of FortisOntario, Scott Hawkes had the pleasure of being on site and spoke to the large crowd. Scott has this to say, “The Wawa Goose initiative and support provided by Algoma Power reaffirm FortisOntario’s commitment and investment in Northern Ontario. It is also a project that is supported by our customers, demonstrated by their contributions towards the rebuild of the monument.”



FortisOntario Vice President of Corporate Services and Indigenous Relations, Tim Lavoie, a Wawa-grown “local boy” was very pleased to have the opportunity to be in Wawa for the big reveal and to be able to address the crowd. Also in attendance was Algoma Power’s Regional Manager, Jennifer Rose who could not have been more proud of Algoma Power’s involvement in the day’s events. Jennifer reflected on the day, “Attending the July 1<sup>st</sup> celebration and new goose unveiling in Wawa really resonated for me; congratulations to the Community of Wawa on the accomplishment of their initiative to renew and preserve the monument that brings so much to the town.”

Since the first announcement of the partnership between Algoma Power, FortisOntario, and the Municipality of Wawa on supporting this initiative, all who have been involved have felt a connection to and heartfelt appreciation for what the Wawa Goose monument provides for the community. Being one of the most photographed monuments in North America definitely has its associated pressures, and for what the Wawa Goose represents for its community, Algoma Power is honoured to have been part of preserving its existence! Congratulations to the Municipality of Wawa, staff, council, and community members for bringing this to a reality; an icon that will stand strong for years to come.



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