THE ASSEMBLY OF NOVA SCOTIA MI’KMAQ CHIEFS

TITLE: RESOLUTION RESPECTING ALTON NATURAL GAS STORAGE PROJECT
THIRD PARTY REVIEW

WHEREAS Alton Natural Gas Storage Limited Partnership is proposing to develop an
underground hydrocarbon storage facility;

AND WHEREAS a series of engineered salt caverns by means of a solution mining process will
be developed using a 12 km buried pipeline between the Shubenacadie Estuary and the facility
near Alton;

AND WHEREAS 12 of the Mi’kmaq First Nation Communities are signatories to the Mi’kmaq-
Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Terms of Reference and Sipekne’katik has a separate
consultation process;

AND WHEREAS the Mi’kmaq of Nova Scotia have never surrendered, ceded, or sold
Aboriginal or treaty rights or title and have practised Aboriginal and treaty rights through
hunting, fishing, and stewardship of the resources/environment since time immemorial;

AND WHEREAS the Crown has the Duty to Consult, and any impacts to Rights and Title are
expected to be meaningfully consulted on and accommodated;

AND WHEREAS an independent Third Party Review was completed by Conestoga & Rovers
& Associates (now GHD Limited) and the results of the review were presented to the Assembly
on July 25th, 2015 and made publicly available that same date;

AND WHEREAS the review identified a number of gaps in the information provided on this
project and made recommendations for further work. Gaps identified were specific to four areas:
major ions, toxicity, entrainment and impingement, and impacts to species.

AND WHEREAS the Mi’kmaq Peer Review committee reviewed the findings of the final report and
identified a number of recommendations;

AND WHEREAS through consultation and with the assistance of GHD a number of tools have been
developed and presented to address the gaps previously identified,

AND WHEREAS based on Assembly direction to date, KMKNO has attempted to determine if
the project is safe by evaluating the potential risk, however KMKNO is not in a position to
determine this at present
AND WHEREAS KMKNO has determined that if the project functions as it is intended, the project should not have significant impacts to the Mi’kmaq of Nova Scotia;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Project Summary Response is approved;
2. Further consultation is required on the Industrial Approval;
3. Further consultation is required on project splitting and conditional approvals;
4. Alton Natural Gas Storage and the Province of Nova Scotia need to conduct further direct community engagement with the Millbrook First Nation immediately;
5. Consultation has proceeded under the Terms of Reference for a Mi’kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Consultation Process, however, consultation has not been completed and the Mi’kmaq of Nova Scotia do not consent to this project moving forward.

MOVED BY: Councillor Darlene Prosper
SECONDED BY: Chief Deborah Robinson

IN FAVOR: 11
AGAINST: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
DECISION: Motion carried.

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Date: December 17, 2015
Janice Maloney
Executive Director