



## 'TO PUT AN END TO THIS INJUSTICE, TRANSPARENCY, RESPECT AND TRUST ARE THE INDISPENSABLE INGREDIENTS FOR ANY NEGOTIATIONS.'

Chief Steeve Mathias, May 2009

Members of the Indigenous community of Long Point First Nation – part of the Algonquin Nation of Québec Province, Canada – have been repeatedly uprooted from their lands to make way for industrial developments. In the first half of the 20th century, they were driven from their lands in order to make way for hydroelectric reservoirs. Most of the community eventually came to settle on a 0.5 km<sup>2</sup> plot of land at the mouth of the Winneway River. This community is coming under increasing pressure to accept reserve status, but disputes over their rights to access traditional lands persist and will not be resolved by reserve status.

After repeated protests over logging on their traditional lands, a Framework Agreement was reached in February 2008 between the Long Point First Nation and the government of Québec. However, despite this Agreement, the Long Point First Nation continue to be excluded from decisions about the use and management of the natural resources of their lands. There is an urgent need for renewed efforts to bring about meaningful negotiations on development between the Québec authorities and the Long Point First Nation on land rights and economic development.

## TAKE ACTION NOW

### PLEASE SIGN AND SEND THIS POSTCARD TO THE PREMIER OF QUÉBEC, JEAN CHAREST

*Image:* Rosalyme Mathias standing near a dam built without consultation with Indigenous Peoples living on the land. Traditionally, Algonquin women are responsible for water.  
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Dear Premier Charest,

Members of The Long Point First Nation have suffered many injustices. Their culture and way of life are threatened by developments over which they have been denied a say and whose benefits have bypassed them.

The February 2008 Framework Agreement between the Government of Québec and the Long Point First Nation was an important step forward. Your Government has a responsibility to ensure that it is fully implemented.

I urge you to resume negotiations on traditional land rights and economic development with the Long Point First Nation; to respect the Framework Agreement; and to ensure that development projects on their traditional lands are not initiated or authorized without the free, prior and informed consent of the Long Point First Nation.

Yours faithfully,

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Honourable Jean Charest**

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*Image:* Elder Jimmy James Polson and his grandson Odin Maranda. Elders are concerned for the future of the next generations. © Marc-André Pauzé

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