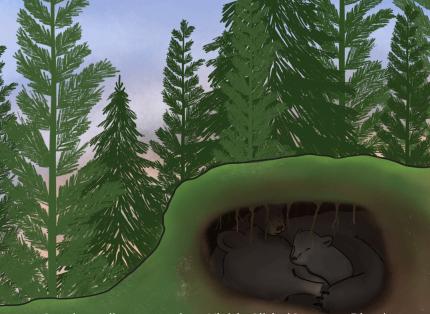


and Kebaowek First Nation's Legal Case



Makwa is a big and strong mother bear. She is spiritually powerful and sacred to the members of the Algonquin Nation. Makwa shows people where medicinal plants live and are there for Algonquin people in times of need.





Sandy soils near the Kichi Sibi (Ottawa River) provide the perfect habitat for Makwa to make her home and hibernate. She munches on the fat-rich acorns and beechnuts of old-growth forests to prepare for the long, cold winters.



Sadly, Makwa's den, where she has cubs and three other families have their dens, will be destroyed unless Kebaowek First Nation can access justice to be successful in court.





Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) has a nuclear research and development site on the edge of the Kichi Sibi. It was built during the Second World War without the free, prior, and informed consent of the Algonquin Nation.

CNL wants to build a Near Surface Disposal Facility to store nuclear waste. The project was approved to build by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission in early 2024, again, without the consent of



That means that 43 hectares of old-growth forest, where Makwa's den is, may be turned into a nuclear waste facility. She keeps returning with her cubs to the site to hibernate every winter.



Kebaowek does not approve of a nuclear waste facility that will permanently affect their sacred sites, inherent rights, unceded territory, the Kichi Sibi, and the home of Makwa.



Kebaowek First Nation is challenging the decision of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission in court to protect the sacred Kichi Sibi. Time and time again, we see industry and government evading the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous Nations for projects that destroy their territory.

**Donate now to Kebaowek First Nation's legal case** so they can move the nuclear waste facility to a different site and protect Makwa's cubs, family, and home!

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