

# River TALK

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## Unique New Partnership Puts Splatsin a Step Ahead

Splatsin Band has taken another step toward their goal of “working together towards independence” as they recently entered a novel and original impact benefit agreement with Soregent Hydro Canada and Fosthall Creek Power Ltd.

The agreement will see these partners working together on a proposed 15 MW run-of-river power plant located near Nakusp. Splatsin’s Kikpi7 Chief Wayne M Christian was pleased as he stated, “In order to move away from government funding and to bring prosperity to our people, our vision is building long-term partnerships as the one we signed November 13th.”

Soregent Hydro Canada said they too are pleased that after years of conversations and consultation, Splatsin have signed this agreement for construction and operation of the power plant.

The partners estimate the power plant will potentially generate five times the power supply required to serve the needs of the entire Secwepemc Nation.

Fosthall Creek Power Ltd. are promising this project will deliver long-term clean energy to BC Hydro’s grid.

Additionally, part of the agreement which makes this an environmentally aware project, is maintenance of a spawning channel and a penstock on Upper Arrow Lake.