CASE STUDY: Preserving Wealth for Future Generations

Through a competitive process, TD Wealth has been selected by the Dokis First Nation to assist with the drafting of a new Trust Agreement to ensure that revenues from the Okikendawt Hydro Limited Partnership – a hydroelectric project that was approved in 2010 at the Portage Dam on the French River in Northern Ontario - will allow the community to reach its long-term goals.

TD’s approach to the project was inclusive and community-driven from the start. The project team took the opportunity to explain how trusts work and how they could be tailored to the specific needs of the Dokis First Nation. Based on the community’s input, the team drafted the Trust Agreement and will administer and manage it acting as the Corporate Trustee.

“Our involvement goes well beyond transactional,” says Domenic Natale, Vice President, Aboriginal Services, TD Wealth, Private Trust. “As a bank, we rely on relationships to keep our business strong. This project is a good example of how we helped the community to identify long-terms goals and established an agreement that everyone in the community can live with for generations to come.”

According to Chief Denise Restoule, establishing a Trust to secure the benefits realized from the Okikendawt Hydro project was a top priority for her community. “TD has been very helpful in guiding us through the development of our Trust and we look forward to continuing to work closely with them.”