

In Memoriam:

Cecil George MacDonald

October 24, 1949 – July 1, 2007

Five Nations Energy Inc. reports with deep sorrow the death of our General Manager, Cecil MacDonald, who passed away on July 1, 2007 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Cecil played an integral role in FNEI's operations since joining the corporation in May of 2001, bringing with him extensive knowledge and experience in the electricity industry. Along with his expertise, Cecil's dedication, professionalism and ethics were a major asset to Five Nations Energy Inc. and were an inspiration to everyone that he worked with or came into contact with on or off the job.

As General Manager at FNEI, Cecil played a key role in starting the line worker apprenticeship program in the three local distribution companies and worked very closely with the apprentices, helping them with their training and development. Cecil was always planning for the future, working on improving the transmission system to make sure that the lights would stay on. A perfect example of Cecil's dedication and the competence he showed in his work can be found in his response to the flooding of the Albany River during breakup in April of 2006. Flooding and ice floes knocked down several poles causing a power outage. Because of Cecil's competence and leadership, electricity to Fort Albany was restored within hours and, working with the team that he had built up over the previous five years, power was restored to Kashechewan and Attawapiskat within a week – much faster than had been anticipated. Senior Hydro One Networks personnel were amazed at the speed at which Cecil was able to repair the damages and restore power.

Cecil's career included positions with the Department of National Defense, the Moosonee Public School Board, the Ontario Clean Water Agency, Ontario Hydro, and Kidd Creek Mines. Cecil also founded and ran his own company, CecMac's Electric, which serviced First Nations, federal and provincial government agencies as well as many businesses in the private sector and homes. Throughout his working career, Cecil had many accomplishments but none that he was more proud of than to be employed as the General Manager for Five Nations Energy Inc.

Although many of us knew Cecil as a very capable and committed professional, his family was the highest priority in his life. He was well known in the Timmins community as a skilled hockey player. He loved the outdoors, especially when he could combine activities like hunting and fishing with spending time with his grandchildren.

Cecil will be dearly missed by everyone whose life he touched. Five Nations Energy Inc. would like to express its most sincere condolences to Cecil's family.