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**ALGOMA POWER HAS ONE IMPORTANT DETAIL FOR THEIR DONATION TO THE WAWA GOOSE...MATCHING DONATION DRIVE**

**WAWA, ONTARIO (March 31, 2017)** - The Municipality of Wawa ("Municipality") announced last month, a partnership with a long-time community partner Algoma Power Inc. ("Algoma Power") and its parent company FortisOntario Inc. ("FortisOntario"). Algoma Power committed to a multi-year donation totalling \$40,000 toward the replacement and maintenance of the Wawa Goose. In addition to this commitment, Algoma Power would like to encourage additional public donation by offering a Dollar-for-Dollar Donation-matching Campaign which will run for the month of April 2017. Algoma Power trusts this initiative will add momentum to the fundraising efforts required for the ongoing sustainability of the Wawa Goose.

"As a way to help increase public donation to the Wawa Goose, in addition to the multi-year donation totaling \$40,000, Algoma Power has committed to a **MATCHING DONATION DRIVE** during the month of **APRIL 2017**. Donations made from the public will be matched by Algoma Power "dollar for dollar" up to a maximum of \$15,000. Any public donations that come into the Municipality of Wawa during the month of April intended to help rebuild and maintain the new Wawa Goose. "We are very excited to be able to commit to this additional donation and hope that the public donations during this campaign reach the mark!" Says Jennifer Rose, Regional Manager Algoma Power Inc.

Ron Rody, the Mayor of Wawa has been holding onto his own personal cheque made out the Wawa Goose just for this occasion. Quoting Mayor Rody, "My wife and I have been intending to make a personal donation toward our community icon for some time; when I heard of Algoma Power's intention to match dollar for dollar any outside donation made during the month of April I decided to keep our cheque until the time was right. It is our pleasure to be able to donate to this initiative and we are extremely happy that Algoma Power will match our donation!"

Anyone interested in making a donation to the Wawa Goose project in conjunction with Algoma Power's Dollar for Dollar matching donation drive in the month of April should do so by going to [www.thewawagoose.com](http://www.thewawagoose.com) or by contacting the Municipal Office directly.

The air of excitement continues to build as the Municipality of Wawa prepares for the unveiling of the new Wawa Goose during the community's Canada 150 celebrations this July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Municipality of Wawa and Algoma Power Inc. are looking forward to celebrating such a significant occasion with local residents and visitors alike. The new Wawa Goose monument will sit atop the hill at the junction of the Trans-Canada highway to welcome its town's people and tourists for many years into the future. A symbol of the community of Wawa, representing a proud history and a bright future.

API is a wholly-owned subsidiary of FortisOntario Inc. API has 12,000 customers in the Algoma District of northern Ontario, more than 1,800 kilometers of distribution lines in an area that covers over 14,000 square kilometers. FortisOntario, headquartered in Fort Erie, has operations in electricity distribution and transmission, and serves approximately 65,000 customers primarily located in Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Cornwall, Gananoque and the Algoma district of Ontario and meets a peak demand of over 275 MW. FortisOntario is 100% owned by Fortis Inc. of St. John's, Newfoundland. For more information on FortisOntario, please visit the corporate website at [www.fortisontario.com](http://www.fortisontario.com).

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