**Volt-Age Indigenous Engagement**

**Reciprocity Agreement Template**

This agreement is designed to ensure that Volt-Age Impact Grant researchers and research projects create relationships with Indigenous communities that are deeply rooted in trust and reciprocity and are aligned with community goals. Volt-Age is committed to contributing to the reconciliation process in Canada as set out in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s [2015 Final Report](https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1450124405592/1529106060525#chp2) and ensuring that funded projects seek to advance the TRC Calls to Action. This responses in this agreement must be co-authored by a representative or representatives of the Indigenous community involved in the research and the members of the research team. To ensure that the research process, including this agreement, be decolonized, this agreement acts as a template but can be modified as needed to better represent the cultural knowledge, community/communities, and Indigenous peoples who are participating in the research.

**Research Team:**

Principal Investigator:

PI Contact Information:

Co-Applicant Investigators:

Which team member, if any, has an existing relationship with the community?

**Indigenous Partner:**

Indigenous People/Community:

Representative(s) of the Community co-creating this agreement:

Representative Contact Information:

Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and/or Knowledge Holders consulted in the co-creation of this agreement:

**Self-Determination and Goals:**

What electrification and decarbonization project does the community plan to develop, or is implementing, and how will needs the research project being proposed materially contribute to the project?

Please describe the ways in which this research project will respect and contribute to the community’s needs, priorities, and goals.

**Decolonization of Research Practices:**

Please describe the ways in which the community would like to be involved in the research process.

Please describe how the research methodology that will be used for this project will allow for the inclusion of Indigenous and traditional knowledge and will engage Elders, Knowledge Keepers and/or Knowledge Holders as needed or desired by the community throughout the research process.

Please describe the benefits to the community of engaging in this research process.

**Project Governance:**

Please describe the ways in which the research team and community will collectively govern, make decisions, and co-create throughout the research process. Please include mechanisms for accountability and resolution of issues.

**Equitable Access and Knowledge Sharing:**

Please describe the ways in which the community would like the research team to engage with the community throughout the research process.

Please describe the opportunities for learning for Indigenous students and members of the community that your research team will offer.

Please outline the ways in which researchers will share knowledge and ownership of data and information with the community.

This Volt-Age project and its research team shall respect Indigenous sovereignty, rights, and treaties. We will respect and seek to better understand Indigenous cultures throughout the research process. The community will be involved at every step, including the use and dissemination of community-based information. We will ensure that community consent is received before using or distributing any community-based data publicly or in academic channels.

We agree to work together in the spirit of respect and collaboration. We acknowledge each other’s roles and responsibilities in this partnership, and we commit to contributing to the goals of the community and the research project with the aim of the betterment of lands and communities in which we live.

Date:       Date:

Research Project Community

Representative:       Representative(s):