

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

Webequie First Nation

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has prepared a Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Webequie Supply Road project ("the Project") and is submitting the ToR to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. If approved, the ToR will serve as a framework for the preparation of the EA for the Project. As part of the submission process, Indigenous communities, the public, agencies, and other interested parties are encouraged to review the ToR and submit comments to the MECP.

The proposed Webequie Supply Road will be an all-season road corridor approximately 107 km in length from Webequie First Nation to the mineral deposit area near McFaulds Lake. The preliminary corridor for the road consists of a northwest-southeast segment running 51 km from Webequie First Nation to a 56 km segment running east, before terminating near McFaulds Lake. A total of 17 km of the corridor is located within Webequie First Nation Reserve lands. The preliminary supply road route alternatives being carried forward to the Environmental Assessment are shown in the accompanying Key Plan.

PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the Project is to create an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario. The Project is intended to provide the WFN with a means to better service their community and be a contributor to the local economy by providing employment and economic development opportunities.

THE PLANNING PROCESS

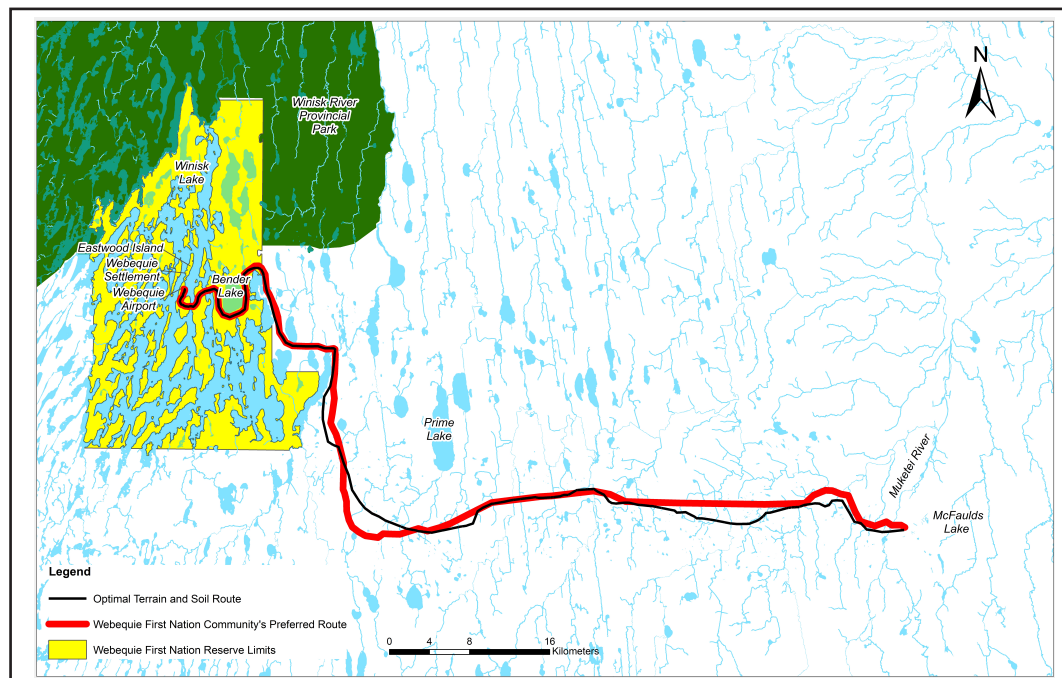
The WFN has entered into a voluntary agreement with the MECP to subject the Project to Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and outlines the work plan for addressing the requirements under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The submitted proposed ToR considered comments received by WFN on the draft ToR. If approved by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the ToR will provide the framework for the second step of the process, the preparation of the EA. Important elements of the EA will be to evaluate the alternatives, assess potential effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members of Indigenous communities, the public, agencies, and other interested parties are encouraged to review the ToR and provide comments from **August 14 until October 13, 2020**.

The ToR can be accessed on the project website at www.supplyroad.ca and hard copies will be available for review at local First Nation community band offices, as well as at the following public library and municipal offices:

- Thunder Bay Library – 285 Red River Road, Thunder Bay
- Sioux Lookout – 25 Fifth Avenue, Sioux Lookout
- City of Timmins – 220 Algonquin Boulevard East, Timmins
- Township of Pickle Lake – 2 Anne Street South, Pickle Lake



SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Your comments regarding the ToR must be submitted to the MECP before **5:00 p.m. on October 13, 2020**. All comments should be submitted to:

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A copy of all comments submitted to the MECP will be forwarded to the proponent for consideration.

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