

# NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

## Webequie Supply Road Project

### Webequie First Nation

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is beginning an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Webequie Supply Road Project (“the Project”) under the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

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 that are to be examined and evaluated in the EA 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.

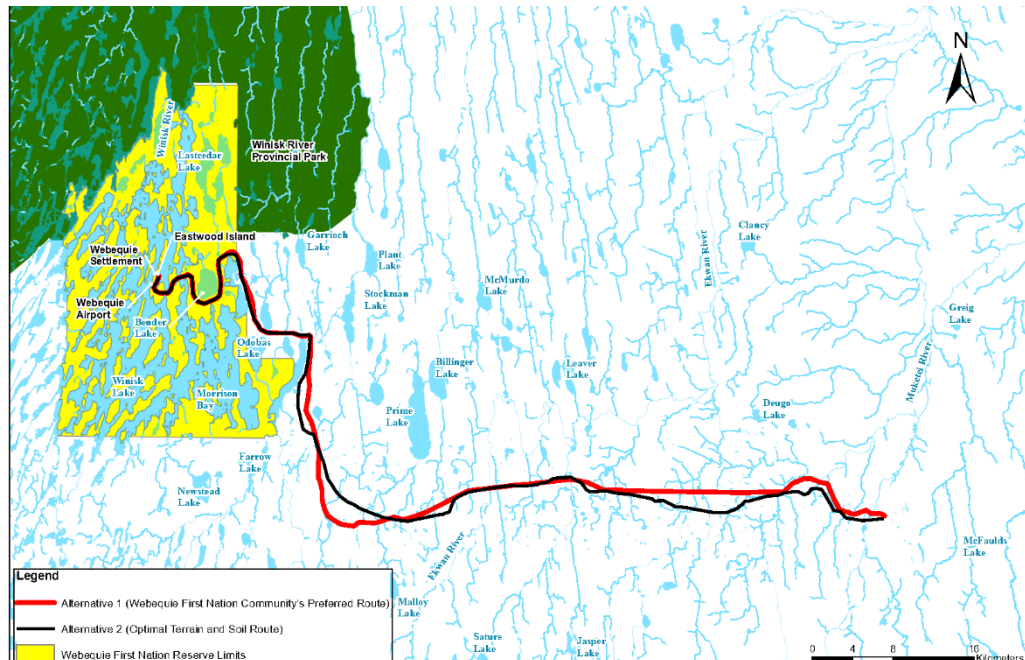
#### The Planning Process

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) with amendments for the Webequie Supply Road EA Study. A copy of the approved ToR and MECP Notice of Approval can be accessed on the project website at [www.supplyroad.ca](http://www.supplyroad.ca).

The Webequie Supply Road EA Study will be carried out according to the approved ToR, the amendments contained in the Notice of Approval, and the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. In addition, an impact assessment is required for the Project under the federal *Impact Assessment Act*. For the Webequie Supply Road Project, the two levels of government have indicated a willingness to follow a coordinated assessment process, and for the proponent to produce one body of documentation with the results of the study in an Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement (EAR/IS). A draft EAR/IS will be made available for review and comment. The EAR/IS will then be updated as required and submitted to the MECP and Impact Assessment Agency of Canada for review. At that time, the public, Indigenous communities and other interested persons will be informed when and where the EAR/IS can be reviewed.

#### Consultation

Members of the public, Indigenous communities, agencies, and other interested parties are encouraged to actively participate in the planning of the Project by attending consultation opportunities or contacting Webequie Project Team staff directly with information, comments or questions. Consultation opportunities are planned throughout the planning process and the purpose, timing and nature of these activities will be advertised on the project website, local newspapers and direct email/mail out.



If you would like to be added to our project mailing list or have project-related questions, please contact:

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