

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD (WSR) PROJECT

CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES STUDY PLAN - FACT SHEET

What is the primary purpose of the Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Resources Study Plan?

To identify and consider potential effects on cultural heritage and archeological resources due to the Project and to provide recommendations for minimizing negative effects on these resources.

WHAT ARE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES?

Cultural Heritage Resources include:

- Known and potential Indigenous and non-Indigenous Built Heritage Resources (BHRs) including buildings, structures, monuments etc., that are identified as being of cultural value or interest by a community;
- Known and potential Indigenous and non-Indigenous Cultural Heritage Landscapes (CHLs) such as areas identified as having cultural value or interest by a community. CHL's may be areas of historical significance (e.g., historic travel routes) culturally important landscape features (e.g., related to traditional hunting/harvesting areas), or areas of spiritual or teaching significance; and
- Designated heritage properties included on federal, provincial, or international registers.



Archaeological Resources include:

- Areas with archaeological potential, such as previously identified archaeological sites, water sources, early settlements, elevated topography (e.g., eskers), and well-drained soils;
- Archaeological sites identified by Indigenous communities, including burial sites; and
- Known or potential Euro- Canadian archaeological sites.

WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED?

The following information is needed to provide background information and to identify potential cultural heritage and archaeological resources:

- Regulatory requirements (provincial and federal);
- Local/municipal/regional heritage policies;
- Existing heritage inventories (from provincial, federal, and international heritage registers);
- Previous heritage reporting (any additional studies that have been undertaken in the study area);
- Public stakeholder data (through correspondence with provincial heritage staff);
- Indigenous Knowledge and Community Land Use Plans; and,
- Historical mapping.



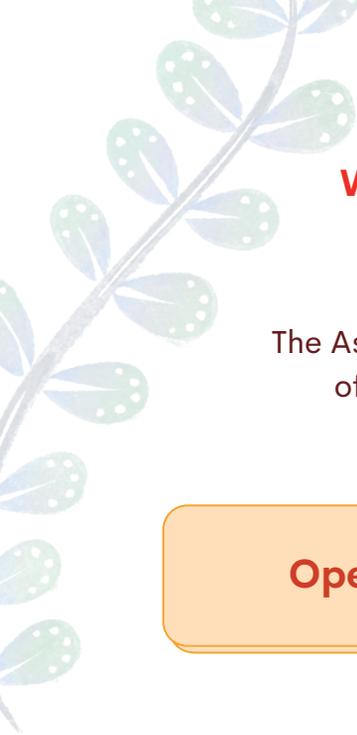
HOW WILL INFORMATION BE GATHERED?

There are **three stages** of research and data collection:

- Review of background information sources such as maps, previous reports and the provincial heritage database/ register;
- Field work and review; and
- Collection of Indigenous data through consultation with Indigenous groups or through the formal Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use Program.

During the background research and review stage, efforts will be made to collect data through the Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use program and through consultation with Indigenous communities. With permission from communities, this information will be incorporated into the assessment. The Project Team will respect protocols and work with each community to understand how the information will be transferred, stored, and used. Information will be protected and will be kept confidential if required.

Once BHRs, CHLs, archaeological sites/resources, and areas with archaeological potential have been identified, an Effects Assessment will be conducted to determine potential direct and indirect effects because of the Project, including any recommendations to measures to minimize or avoid effects.



What is the timeline for potential effects on Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Resources?

The Assessment process will consider both the short and long-term effects of the Project on Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Resources.

The Project will occur in two phases:

Operations Phase

Construction Phase

The Project is proposed to be operated for an indeterminate time period; therefore, retirement (decommissioning/ abandonment/ closure) is not anticipated and will not be considered as part of the Assessment.

HOW WILL POTENTIAL EFFECTS TO CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES BE DETERMINED?

To determine potential Project effects to cultural heritage and archaeological resources, evaluation criteria and indicators (also called valued components) are developed that represent the resource, feature or issue where measurable changes can be identified. Listed below are the preliminary list of valued components and indicators.

| Valued Component/Criteria | Indicators |
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| <p>Archaeological Sites and Resources</p> | <p>Number of registered archaeological sites displaced or requiring protection</p> <p>Area (ha) with archaeological potential affected associated with Indigenous peoples and/or Euro-Canadians</p> <p>Number/area/type of known burial sites within 300 m</p> <p>Number/area/type of known burial sites displaced</p> |
| <p>Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes</p> | <p>Number and type of known (or previously recognized) Indigenous or non-Indigenous built heritage features/BHRs affected (e.g., hunting or fish camps) and/or CHLs affected (e.g., hunting/harvesting areas or spiritual or symbolic sites of value or interest)</p> <p>Changes to sites or items of historical or cultural significance, oral histories, cultural values and experiences of being on the land</p> <p>Number of designated Provincial heritage properties affected</p> |

What are some possible ways to reduce potential negative effects of the project?

Mitigation measures will be developed to minimize or avoid potential negative effects to cultural heritage or archeological resources identified through the Assessment. Potential mitigation measures may include, but are not limited to:

- Completing a property-specific heritage Effects Assessment or documentation report;
- Adjustments to routing of the road or location of supportive infrastructure (e.g., access roads, construction camps, etc.,) to avoid known cultural/spiritual/archaeological sites;
- Ensuring a First Nations cultural representative is present during construction activities to monitor mitigation and to avoid/mitigate effects to sites; and
- Monitoring, protecting, relocating, and documenting BHRs or CHLs, where the features are proposed to be demolished or relocated.