

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD (WSR) PROJECT

Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Study Plan Fact sheet

What is the primary purpose of the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Study Plan?

To collaborate with Rights-holding Indigenous communities to understand existing ATRIs in the study area and to identify how the ability of the Rights-holding Indigenous communities to exercise their rights may be affected by the Project.

What are Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests?

For the purposes of the Assessment, ATRIs are rights and interests defined by Rights-holding Indigenous communities, reflecting the full scope of potential or established Aboriginal and Treaty Rights recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. These include access to and use of lands and cultural continuity.

Who will information be gathered from?

The 22 Indigenous communities identified as having established or asserted Aboriginal and Treaty Rights that may be adversely affected by the Project and/or may have interests in the Project will be asked if they are willing to conduct Project specific Indigenous Knowledge (IK) and/or Indigenous Land and Resource Use (IKLRU) studies and provide the information from these studies to the Project Team. This will be a two-step process:

1

Data collection:

Collection of existing IK and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use that communities are prepared to share with the Project Team

2

Project-specific IKLRU Studies:

information, data, maps and reports will be compiled and incorporated into the Assessment.

What kind of information will be gathered?

The Project Team is looking for IK about the natural environment, the relationships between environmental changes and species or ecosystems, and how potential effects to the environment can be avoided or minimized. The type of information the Project Team will be seeking from the Indigenous communities includes:

- Patterns of species migration and areas frequented
- Areas of cultural and spiritual significance
- Quantity and quality of species harvested
- Uses of animals harvested
- Access to travel routes both historically and presently
- Changes to water and lands over time.



How will the information be used?

The information gathered will be used alongside scientific approaches to increase understanding of how the Project may affect Indigenous communities. Both knowledge systems will be given equal consideration in predicting potential Project effects on ATRIs. In addition, validation with Indigenous communities will take place to make sure IKLRU information has been adequately, appropriately, and respectfully represented.



What kind of information will be gathered?

Community-specific IKLRU programs will be conducted alongside consultation and engagement activities with Indigenous communities. Methods of engagement include:

- Notification letters
- Community visits
- Meeting with off-reserve community members, tribal councils and other interested stakeholders
- Radio and livestream information sessions
- Public notices and newspaper advertising
- Project website
- Project newsletters

Publicly available secondary information and literature will be gathered from various sources including:

- Community documents
- Public documents
- Government information
- Research literature
- Assessments from similar projects

What is the timeline for potential effects on ATRIs?

The Assessment process will consider both the short and long-term effects of the Project on ATRIs. **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.

