



WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD PROJECT

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Greetings!

The Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team wish to provide an update on the WSR project, focusing on Indigenous Knowledge / Indigenous Land and Resource Use (IKLRU). IKLRU is an important component of the coordinated Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment (EA/IA). Let us tell you why!

As a reminder ...

What is the Coordinated Provincial – Federal Assessment Process?

Since the Terms of Reference (ToR) was approved, the Project Team has been working on the (EA/IA) phase of the Project. This phase will result in a single report that will address the requirements of both the federal IA and provincial EA.

We are currently in the phase of conducting studies to gather information and consulting with Indigenous communities, members of the public, and other stakeholders, to evaluate the Project and its potential effects.



What is IKLRU?

There is no single definition of Indigenous Knowledge (IK), as it can take many forms and consists of many parts that are interconnected. It represents the worldview of Indigenous peoples that has been built up over generations of living closely connected to the land. IK is always changing. It grows with time and changes related to social, spiritual, environmental, political, and economic aspects.

Various forms that IK can take:

- Burial sites
- Harvesting locations
- Ceremonial areas
- Hunting, trapping, and fishing camps, gathering or teaching grounds
- Stories and oral histories
- Input from community surveys, focus groups

... and much more!

What is the IKLRU Program about?

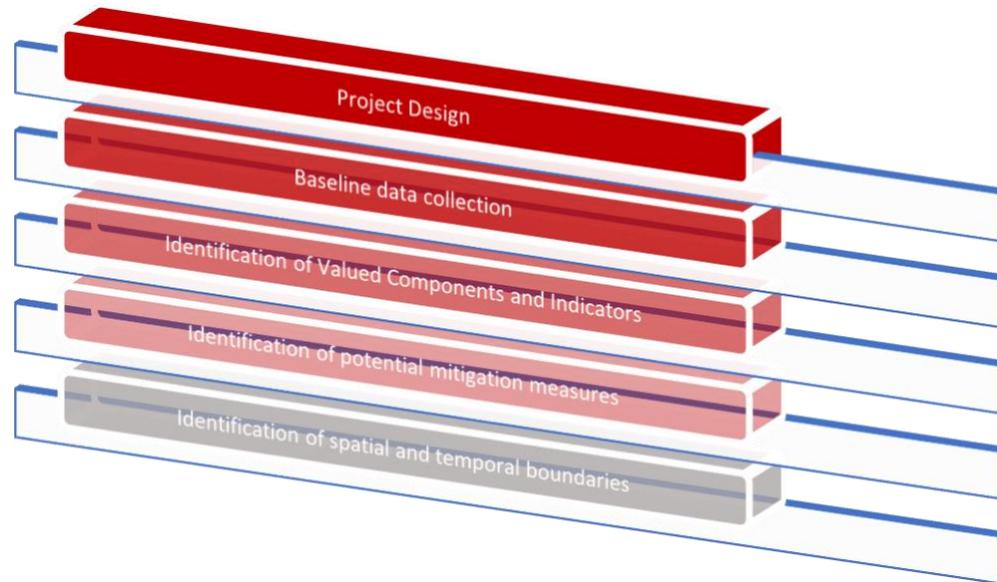
The purpose of the Program is to:



What is the Importance of IKLRU in the EA/IA Process?

It is important to combine Western Science with IKLRU in the federal and provincial assessment process so that both knowledge systems can be equally considered in forming the foundation for baseline conditions, predicting potential project effects, including potential impacts to inherent Indigenous rights and interests.

IKLRU can contribute to the assessment of:



Information being Gathered for the IKLRU Program

Communities can share as much or as little information as they wish, and in whatever form they prefer. Each participating community will be able to review the information used in the assessment report to ensure it has been represented in a respectful and accurate way. Information being gathered will include topics such as:

- Wildlife and Hunting (areas, species of significance), Furbearers and trapping, Fish, Plants and Plant Gathering, Human Health, Waterways, Climate, Soil, Country Foods, and more.

Are there any other Programs Happening Right Now?

Yes! The **Socio-Economic Primary Data Collection Program**. Another important component of the EA/IA process is to collect socio-economic information within the project study area to help us understand the current social and economic conditions to create a socioeconomic baseline to assess and predict the changes to current conditions.

The Program will gather information about:

- Population and Demographics
- Housing and Accommodations
- Social Services and Infrastructure
- Transportation
- Community Well-Being and Safety
- Recreation and Tourism
- Regional and Local Economy

... and more

How we are going to gather this information:

- Community Socio-Economic survey
- Focus Groups
- Key Informant Interviews

We continue to offer opportunities to comment and give input through email, comment box on the website, Wawatay radio call-in shows, and during our live streaming events.

Stay Tuned!

Stay tuned for our next Project update. For additional information on the project, please visit our project website at: www.supplyroad.ca or by contacting:

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