



## 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 Socio-Economics and the role of the Socio-Economic Primary Data Collection Program in the WSR Project. We will also be providing information about our upcoming virtual community information sessions.

### What stage are we at in the WSR Project?

Since the Terms of Reference (ToR) was approved, the Project Team has been working on the Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Assessment (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 Socio-Economics?

Socio-economics relates to various social and economic factors, such as jobs, education, income, services, and well-being. The study of socio-economics measures these factors in a particular community or group and investigates what those factors may be affected by.

In the context of the WSR Project, the Project Team is investigating the potential effects of the Project on the socio-economic conditions in communities.



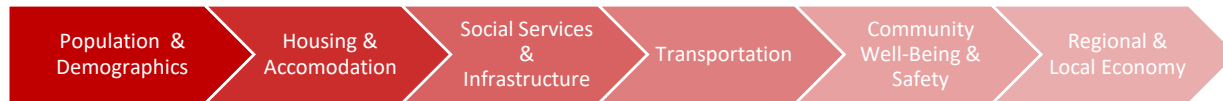
### What is the Socio-Economic Primary Data Collection Program?

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

The study will involve:

- Collecting information on existing socio-economic conditions
- Defining the study area(s) within which potential effects are considered
- Assessing potential effects, both positive and negative
- Identifying appropriate mitigation measures to reduce potential effects or enhance positive effects
- Identifying net effects following mitigation
- Assessing cumulative effects

## The Program will gather information about:



... and more

## How we are going to gather this information:

### 1. Community Socio-Economic survey

- With various delivery methods: online survey, intercept survey, community sessions, drop-in sessions, at scheduled open house events



### 2. Focus Groups

- Focus groups will be comprised of 6-10 participants each with a series of open-ended questions. One session will be held for each diverse population group in the community, including women, men, Elders, youth, land users/knowledge keepers, etc.



### 3. Key Informant Interviews

- Interviews will be conducted with individuals in the community who have special knowledge or information to contribute to the socio-economic study, such as social and health, infrastructure, economic development, and housing



## Virtual Community Information Sessions

The Project Team will be offering virtual community information sessions for all communities. These will be one-on-one sessions with the community. The Project Team will share information about the EA/IA activities including consultation and engagement to date, study plans, assessment approach, valued components, Indigenous knowledge, consideration and evaluation of alternatives, and consultation approach and next steps.

There will be a presentation on the WSR Project activities. We anticipate the community information session to be approximately 1.5 hours in length with a presentation and question and answer period. The WSR Project Team has a platform to allow for real time translation to accommodate community members during the session.

The WSR Project Team will be sending a link to your community prior to the information session, so stay tuned and watch out for your community's invitation letter! In the meantime, please visit [supplyroad.ca](http://supplyroad.ca) to find information on the WSR Project.



*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](http://www.supplyroad.ca) or by contacting:

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