



## 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 the Cultural Heritage and Fish & Fish Habitat field studies. Since the Terms of Reference (ToR) was approved on October 8, 2021 the Project has entered the EA / IA phase, which will result in a single report addressing the requirements of both the federal IA and provincial EA.

Throughout the EA / IA phase, the Project Team conducts studies to gather information on a wide range of topics and consults with Indigenous communities, members of the public, and other stakeholders, to evaluate the Project and its potential effects.



### Field Studies

The objective of field studies is to identify and consider the potential effects on the environment as a result of the Project. This is an important step in the EA / IA for the Project Team to be able to provide recommendations for minimizing negative environmental, health, social and economic effects during the construction and operation/maintenance of the Project, or enhance positive effects.



### Cultural Heritage

In order to better understand the purpose of a Cultural Heritage assessment, here are some useful definitions:

*Built Heritage Resource (BHR):* A building, structure, monument, installation or any manufactured remnant that contributes to a property's cultural heritage value or interest as identified by a community.

*Cultural Heritage Landscape (CHL):* A defined geographical area that may have been modified by human activity and is identified as having cultural heritage value or interest by a community.

*Cultural Heritage Resource:* Includes above-ground resources such as built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes and built or natural features below ground including archaeological resources.

*Potential Cultural Heritage Resource:* Property or site that has the potential for cultural heritage value or interest.

**The purpose of a Cultural Heritage assessment is to:**

- Present a list of previously identified BHRs and CHLs
- Describe the existing conditions of the study area and present an inventory of known and potential BHRs and CHLs
- Provide a preliminary effects assessment once a preferred alternative is selected

**Fish & Fish Habitat**

The objectives of Fish & Fish Habitat field studies are to:

- Identify and consider the effects of the Project on aquatic habitats
- Identify and consider the effects of aquatic habitats on the Project
- Provide recommendations for minimizing negative environmental, health, social, project constructability and economic effects related to aquatic habitat effects during construction and operation/maintenance of the Project



These assessments characterize biophysical features and other aspects at waterbodies, including waterbody name, watershed name, waterbody type, temperature, flow, channel characteristics, water quality cover, vegetation and presence of any barriers to fish passage (e.g., beaver dam).

**Virtual Community Information Sessions**

The Project Team is currently hosting virtual community information sessions for each community. *These are one-on-one sessions.* 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.

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 invitation letter, we will provide a link to the session’s registration page and to the VR Open House created specifically for your community. If your community’s virtual information session has already occurred, you can visit [supplyroad.ca/sessions/](http://supplyroad.ca/sessions/) to watch it again.



*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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