



## WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD PROJECT

**Community Newsletter**  
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### Greetings!

The Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team wish to provide an update on the WSR project, focusing on what Consultation Round 2 will look like, Socio-Economic and Indigenous Knowledge / Land and Resource Use Programs, and our Open House that took place in Thunder Bay in August.

Since the Terms of Reference (ToR) was approved on October 8, 2021, the Project has entered the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment (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. We have concluded our first round of consultation and will be moving into the second round.



### Consultation Round 2

The Project Team has completed Consultation Round 1. Stay tuned as the team will be sending out copies of the Record of Consultation with the results of Consultation Round 1 to your community!

The team will be moving into Round 2, which will focus on the following topics:



### Indigenous Knowledge / Land and Resource Use (IKLRU) Program

Webequie First Nation is conducting an IKLRU Program for the WSR Project. The information gathered through the IKLRU Program will be used alongside scientific approaches to increase our understanding of how the WSR Project may affect the environment and communities.

If your community is interested in participating in the IKLRU Program, the WSR Project team is available to meet with your community in-person or virtually to discuss the scope of the IKLRU Program and how it will be carried out in terms of the study area, valued components, criteria and indicators, and community participation.



## Socio-Economic Program

A key component to 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 socio-economic baseline to assess and predict the changes to current conditions. The objective of the study is to characterize the extent to which community socio-economic well-being may be affected (both positively and negatively) by the construction and operation/maintenance of the WSR Project.

The Project Team is seeking participation from Indigenous communities to discuss and collect socio-economic information or verify information gathered to date based on current research.

## Virtual Community Information Sessions

The Project Team has wrapped up the remaining virtual community information sessions. During these one-on-one sessions with Indigenous communities, the Project Team has shared 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, consultation approach and next steps.

To access a virtual information session that has already occurred, you can visit [supplyroad.ca/sessions/](https://supplyroad.ca/sessions/) to watch it again at any time. We encourage community members to watch their information session and ask the Project Team questions about the Project!



## WSR Open House – August 25, 2022

The WSR Project Team hosted an Open House for all community members and the public at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay on Thursday, August 25, 2022. A total of 24 people attended the sessions. The Open House gave community members and the public the opportunity to learn more about the Project at its current stage, join the discussion, share feedback, and ask questions. The main concern that we heard was the need for the incorporation of Indigenous ways of communication in the process and the critical need for infrastructure in the communities.



*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 which will be resuming in the coming weeks...stand by!***

## Stay Tuned!

Keep watching for our next Project update and livestreams in the coming weeks. For additional information on the project, please visit our project website at: [www.supplyroad.ca](https://www.supplyroad.ca) or by contacting:

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