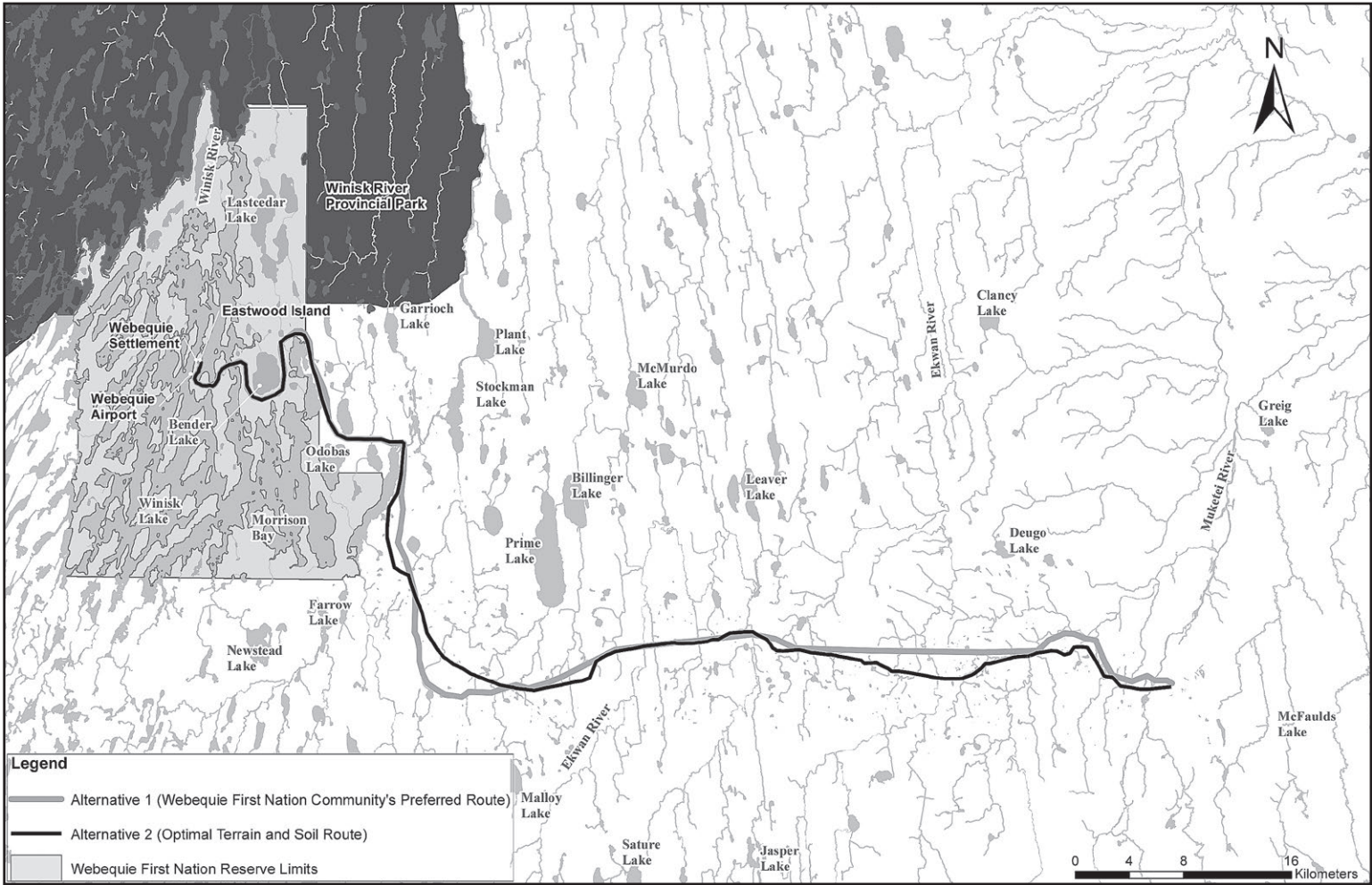


NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

Webequie Supply Road Project

Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment



Webequie First Nation (WFN) is undertaking a provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and federal Impact Assessment (EA/IA) for the Webequie Supply Road Project (“the Project”).

The proposed Webequie Supply Road will be an all-season road corridor approximately 107 km in length from Webequie First Nation to the mineral deposit area near McFaulds Lake. The preliminary corridor for the road consists of a northwest-southeast segment running 51 km from Webequie First Nation to a 56 km segment running east, before terminating near McFaulds Lake. A total of 17 km of the corridor is located within Webequie First Nation Reserve lands. The preliminary supply road route alternatives that are to be examined and evaluated in the EA/IA are shown in the accompanying Key Plan.

PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the Project is to create an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of northwestern Ontario. The Project is intended to provide WFN with a means to better service their community and be a contributor to the local economy by providing employment and economic development opportunities.

THE PLANNING PROCESS

On October 8, 2021, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) with amendments for the Webequie Supply Road EA Study. The Webequie Supply Road EA Study is being carried out according to the approved ToR and the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. In addition, on February 24, 2020, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada published a Notice of Commencement of the Impact Assessment (IA) and provided WFN with Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines for meeting the requirements under federal *Impact Assessment Act*. The Project is now in the Impact Statement (IS) phase. For the Project, the two levels of government have indicated a willingness to follow a coordinated assessment process, and for the proponent to produce one body of documentation with the results of the study in an Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement (EAR/IS). A draft EA/IS will be made available for review and comment, and at that time, the public, Indigenous communities and other interested persons will be informed when and where the EAR/IS can be reviewed.



All personal information included in a submission - such as name, address, telephone number and property location - is collected, maintained, and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public, as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at (416) 327-1434.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1

Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the ongoing EA/IA study for the Project and provide feedback. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the Project. Project Team representatives will share information on the EA/IA process, studies being conducted, approach for evaluation of alternatives, Indigenous Knowledge program, feedback we have heard to-date, and future consultation and engagement opportunities. You are invited to attend the PIC, which has been scheduled as follows:

Thursday August 25, 2022
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Valhalla Hotel and Conference Centre
Viking Room
1 Valhalla Inn Rd, Thunder Bay

The Public Information Centre (PIC) venue is wheelchair accessible. The PIC livestream will be available on the project website: www.supplyroad.ca. You can also find information on the study progress and updates on the website.

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