

# WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT / IMPACT STATEMENT

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- On-Reserve Community Meeting – August 29, 2023
- On-Reserve Community Meeting – September 25, 2023
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# List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

Term	Definition
ATRI	Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests
EA	Environmental Assessment
EA Act	<i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>
EAR	Environmental Assessment Report
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions
GRT	Government Review Team
IA	Impact Assessment
IAA	<i>Impact Assessment Act</i>
IAAC	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
IK	Indigenous Knowledge
IKLRU	Indigenous Knowledge and Land and Resource Use
IS	Impact Statement
km	kilometre
MECP	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
MCM	Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (formally Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries)
MINES	Ministry of Mines (formerly the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines)
MEM	Ministry of Energy and Mines (formally Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry)
MFCAR	Marten Falls Community Access Road
MNR	Ministry of Natural Resources (formally Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry)
MOI	Ministry of Infrastructure
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MTO	Ministry of Transportation of Ontario
NRL	Northern Road Link
PIC	Public Information Centre
Q&A	Question & Answer
TISG	Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines
ToR	Terms of Reference
WSR	Webequie Supply Road

# 1. Introduction

Webequie First Nation is completing an Environmental Assessment (EA) under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act) and Impact Assessment (IA) under Canada's *Impact Assessment Act* (IA Act) for the proposed Webequie Supply Road ("the Project", WSR). The proposed Project is a new all-season road of approximately 107 kilometres (km) in length, connecting Webequie First Nation and its airport to existing mineral exploration activities and proposed future mining development in the McFaulds Lake area. For the Project, the two levels of government have indicated a willingness to follow a coordinated assessment process to the extent possible, and for the proponent (Webequie First Nation) to produce one body of documentation, referred to as the Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement (EAR/IS).

This Draft Record of Engagement and Consultation provides records and materials for the consultation and engagement activities conducted by Webequie First Nation from January 1, 2019 to June 9, 2025 in support of the federal IA and provincial EA for the Project. To provide a full understanding of the engagement and consultation activities conducted for the Project, this document is suggested to be reviewed in conjunction with Section 2: Engagement and Consultation Summary of the Draft EAR/IS.

The Project Team conducted the engagement and consultation activities for the EA/IA based on the Webequie First Nation Three-Tier Approach to engagement and conventional principles and approaches that are consistent with legislative requirements of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC, the Agency), the EA Terms of Reference and recognized best practices for Indigenous communities, public and stakeholders. In addition, the proponent's public and Indigenous engagement strategy was also informed by the *Public Participation Plan* and *Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan* issued by the Agency to the proponent.

In this context, the Project Team adhered to the following principles while conducting the engagement and consultation program for the Project:

- Early, ongoing, clear, timely and respectful communication and dialogue with all identified Indigenous communities and groups, government agencies, stakeholders and other affected/interested parties;
- Providing multiple and ongoing opportunities for all affected and interested parties to communicate with members of the Project Team and to provide input and responses in a way that meets their needs;
- Open, transparent, traceable and flexible planning and decision-making processes; and
- Documenting input received during the consultation process and follow-up with all participants on how their input was considered and (as appropriate) incorporated into project plans, or an explanation of why it could not be incorporated.

The engagement and consultation plan for Indigenous communities and groups was also developed and conducted in accordance with the following key aspects, in addition to the requirements of applicable legislation, policies and guidelines.

- Elders' guiding principles; and
- Webequie First Nation Three-Tier approach to Indigenous community consultation/engagement.

Guidance by Elders' has been provided to the Webequie Project Team to ensure that Webequie First Nation conducts consultation/engagement for the Project in a respectful manner that reflects the culture and traditions of the Webequie people and their clans and neighbours outside of Webequie First Nation. As guided, the consulting Project Team (AtkinsRéalis) in collaboration with the Webequie Project Team ensured that all project-related consultation and engagement activities were inclusive of the following guiding principles:

- Mutual recognition of nation to nation;

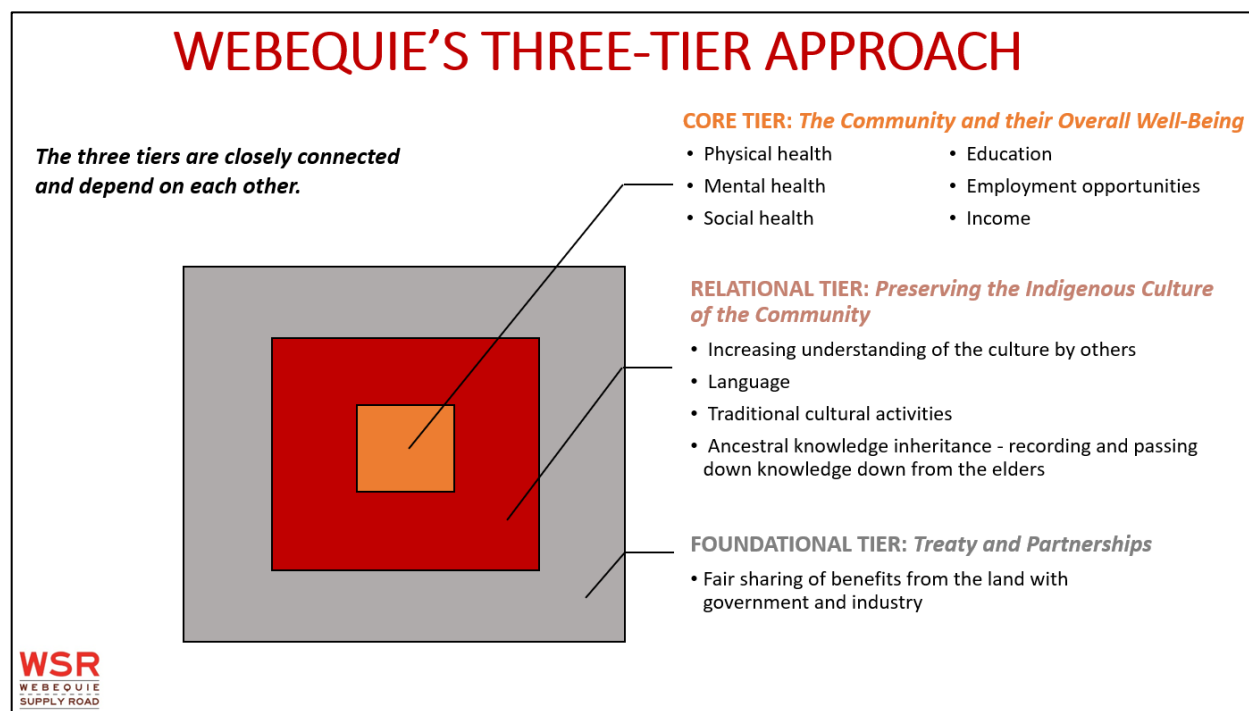


- Mutual recognition of ancestral knowledge;
- Mutual recognition of traditional knowledge and practices;
- Mutual recognition of clan families and relationships;
- Mutual recognition of sustainable livelihood; and
- Mutual recognition of traditional protocols.

When visiting other Indigenous communities, the Project Team respected their specific engagement protocols, values and traditions of other First Nations. Additionally, consultation activities have included the key elements of consultation as outlined in the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Handbook on Consultation in Natural Resource Development (2007).

In addition, the Webequie First Nation developed a Three-Tier framework for their approach to Indigenous engagement and consultation which is based on Webequie First Nation's traditional cultural values, customs and beliefs, as shown in **Figure 1** and described below.

**Figure 1: Webequie First Nation Three-Tier Consultation Approach**



### 1. Core Tier – Webequie First Nation

The community approach to project development and consultation in Webequie First Nation is based on *Bimachiowiin* (life sustaining or sustainable), *Ondatissiwiin* (source of life) and *Minobiimatissiwiin* (prosperity and good life agreements).

### 2. Relational Tier – First Nations Neighbours and Government Agencies

The Relational Tier approach for consultation and project development includes interaction and contact with other potentially affected First Nations, many of whom are home to Webequie family/clan members; and creating relationships with and working closely with agencies of the provincial and federal governments.

### 3. Foundational Tier – Social and Economic Benefits from the Land

The approach to project development and consultation is focused on the overarching objective to create social and economic benefits for the members of the Webequie First Nation with the use and development of resources on their lands.

## 1.1 Purpose of this Document

The Record of Engagement and Consultation for the Project responds to Section 10.5 of the Terms of Reference (AtkinsRéalis, 2020a) for the provincial EA and fulfils conditions in the Notice of Approval of the Terms of Reference (ToR), dated October 8, 2021. As the Project is also subject to a federal IA, facilitated by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, the proponent must comply with the IA Act and the requirements of the Webequie Supply Road Project Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG, February 2020). As such, this document meets the requirements in Section 5 (Description of Public Participation and Views) and Section 6 (Description of Engagement with Indigenous Groups) of the TISG to provide a “Record of Engagement” that describes all efforts taken to seek the views of Indigenous communities and groups, stakeholders and the public with respect to the Project.

The Record of Engagement and Consultation documents all engagement activities conducted with Indigenous communities and groups, stakeholders and the public, including concerns and issues raised during the EA/IA process and where applicable proponent’s responses and commitments to resolve issues. As such, the document captures all engagement activities undertaken prior to the submission of the Draft EAR/IS, including those during the IA Planning Phase and EA Terms of Reference Phase. The Record of Engagement and Consultation for the Project is considered a standalone document to support the Draft EAR/IS.

## 1.2 Document Structure

The Record of Engagement and Consultation is organized into two parts in the supportive appendices to present the engagement activities conducted, and the input received from Indigenous communities and groups, stakeholders and the public. Part 1 of the appendices includes all consultation and engagement activities conducted, and the feedback received, during the Planning Phase of the IA process and Terms of Reference Phase of the EA, prior to the formal commencement of the provincial EA and federal IA for the Project. Part 2 of the appendices presents the consultation and engagement activities, and feedback received during the EA phase and Impact Statement phase of IA process. The following sections of the document provide an overview of:

- Identification of EA/IA participants (Section 2);
- Milestones and timelines for consultation and engagement (Section 3);
- Consultation and engagement activities during the EA ToR and IA Planning phase (Section 4);
- Consultation and engagement activities during the EA and IA (Section 5); and
- Proposed future consultation and engagement (Section 6).

Details of the above are presented in Section 2 – Engagement and Consultation Summary of the Draft EAR/IS.



## 2. Identification of EA/IA Participants

### 2.1.1 Indigenous Communities and Groups

It is the Crown's constitutional duty to determine whether a Duty to Consult has been triggered by a Project and, if so, identify the Indigenous communities to be engaged and the appropriate consultation to be undertaken with those communities. As the Webequie Supply Road Project is subject to both the provincial EA Act, and the federal IA Act, both federal and provincial ministries and agencies represent the Crown. Collectively, the Crown (MECP and IAAC) provided a list of First Nations and Métis communities whose exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights may be adversely affected by the Project and/or that may have interest in the Project. The federal Crown's list of Indigenous communities and groups to be consulted for the Project is in the Agency *Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan* provided to the proponent on February 24, 2020. The collective list of the twenty-two (22) Indigenous communities that were consulted and engaged as part of the EA/IA process for Project are listed in **Table 1**. Communities marked with an asterisk are those where Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) may be affected by the Project, as identified by the Crown. The table also identifies those First Nations that Webequie First Nation has identified that could potentially be most impacted by the Project, and thereby, planned a greater level of effort for engagement and dialogue.

**Table 1: Indigenous Communities Consulted and Engaged**

Indigenous Community	Identified by Webequie First Nation	Identified by MECP	Identified by IAAC	Tribal Council or Affiliation
Webequie First Nation	✓	✓*	✓*	Matawa Tribal Council
Aroland First Nation		✓*	✓*	
Ginoogaming First Nation		✓	✓	
Long Lake #58 First Nation		✓	✓	
Marten Falls First Nation	✓	✓*	✓*	
Neskantaga First Nation	✓	✓*	✓*	
Nibinamik First Nation	✓	✓*	✓*	
Constance Lake First Nation		✓*	✓	
Eabametoong First Nation	✓	✓	✓*	
Kashechewan First Nation		✓*	✓	Mushkegowuk Council
Fort Albany First Nation		✓*	✓*	
Attawapiskat First Nation	✓	✓	✓*	
Kasabonika Lake First Nation	✓	✓*	✓*	
Kingfisher Lake First Nation		✓*		Shibogama First Nations Council
Wapekeka First Nation		✓		
Wawakapewin First Nation		✓*		
Wunnumin Lake First Nation		✓*		
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig First Nation		✓*	✓	
Weenusk First Nation	✓	✓*	✓*	Independent First Nation Alliance
				No Tribal Affiliation, deemed an independent First Nation

Indigenous Community	Identified by Webequie First Nation	Identified by MECP	Identified by IAAC	Tribal Council or Affiliation
North Caribou Lake First Nation		✓		Windigo First Nations Council
Mishkeegogamang First Nation		✓		No Tribal Affiliation, deemed an independent First Nation
Métis Nation of Ontario – Region 2		✓		Métis Nation of Ontario

## 2.1.2 Ontario Government Review Team and Federal Agencies

Following guidance from the MECP and IAAC and based on the Project components and potential Project related effects, the following provincial and federal ministries and agencies participated in the EA/IA at some level, including as members of the Ontario Government Review Team (GRT) and federal agencies:

### Ontario Government Review Team

- Ministry of Mines and Energy;
- Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
- Ministry of Natural Resources;
- Ministry of Transportation;
- Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation;
- Ministry of Education;
- Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services;
- Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade;
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and
- Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

### Government of Canada

- Impact Assessment Agency of Canada;
- Environment and Climate Change Canada;
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada;
- Indigenous Services Canada; and
- Transport Canada.

## 2.1.3 Public and Stakeholder Participants

In addition to the public, Webequie First Nation identified the following stakeholders:

- Local municipalities, towns or townships within the Project study area, including City of Thunder Bay, Municipality of Greenstone, Township of Pickle Lake, City of Timmins, and Municipality of Sioux Lookout;
- Elected representatives, federal government agencies, and Ontario ministries with an interest in the Project;
- Any member of the public with an expressed interest in the Project; and
- Any other stakeholders (e.g., local businesses, trappers, resource-based companies including Crown land tenure and claim holders within the mineralized zone in the McFaulds Lake area, non-government organizations, etc.) with a potential interest in the Project.

The Project contact list (refer to Appendix P1.A) was updated throughout the EA/IA process as new stakeholders were identified, and when stakeholders either asked to be included on the list or asked to be removed from the list.

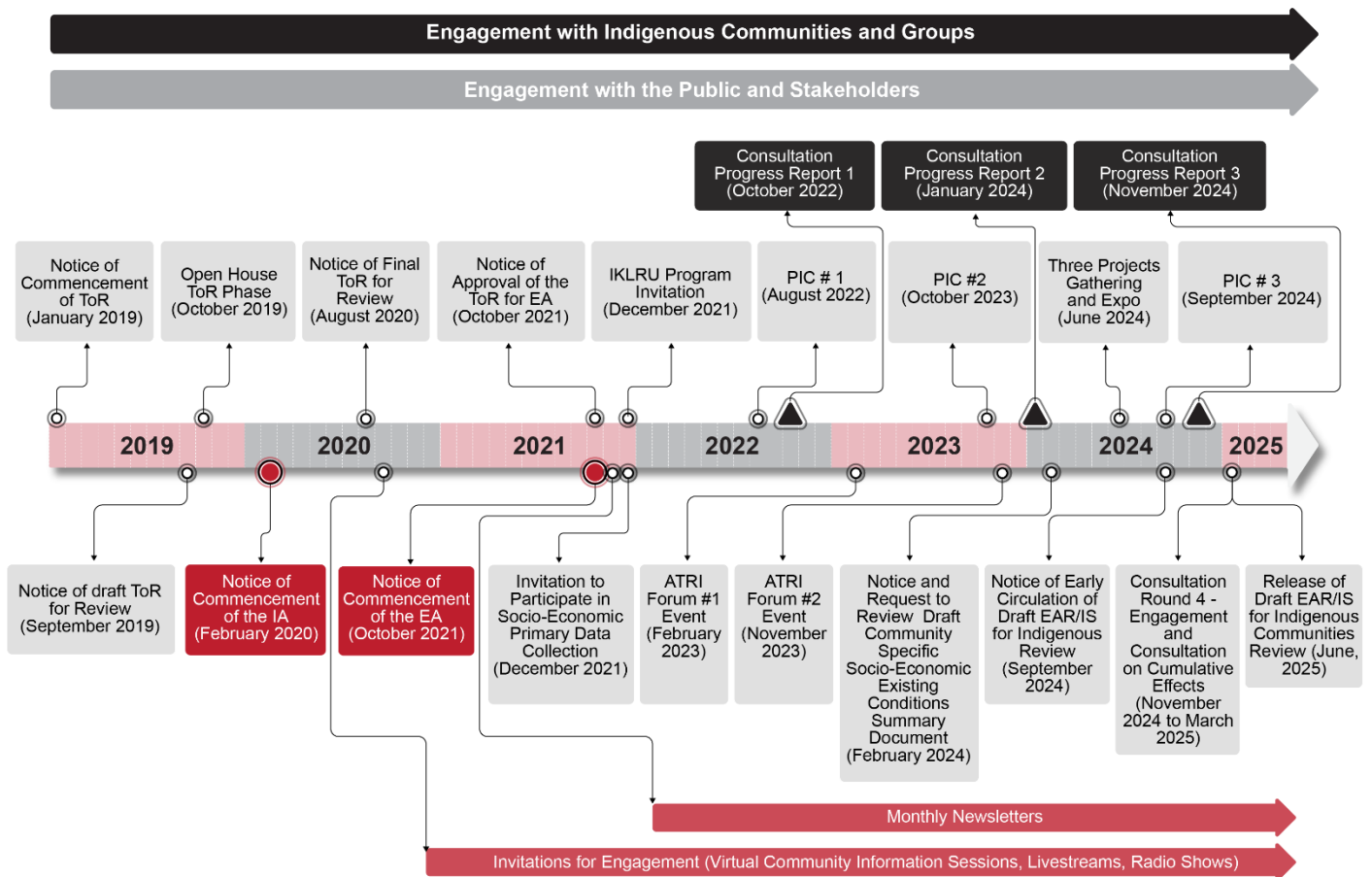




### 3. Milestones and Timelines of Engagement and Consultation

**Figure 2** shows the timeline of key engagement milestones in the EA/IA for the Project that began in 2019 during the EA Terms of Reference stage and IA Planning phase.

**Figure 2: EA/IA Engagement and Consultation Milestones**



Acronym: IKLRU – Indigenous Knowledge and Land and Resource Use

ATRI – Aboriginal Treaty and Rights and Interests

PIC – Public Information Centre

## 4. EA Terms of Reference and IA Planning Phase Engagement and Consultation Activities

This section provides an overview of the proponent consultation and engagement activities that were completed throughout the development of the Ontario EA ToR and during IA Planning phase with Indigenous communities and groups, stakeholders and the public.

In addition to project consultation by the proponent, Agency-led consultation was also undertaken during the IA Planning phase. Agency-led consultation included the opportunity for the public and Indigenous communities to review the Draft TISG, the Draft Cooperation Plan, Draft Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan, Draft Public Participation Plan and the Draft Permitting Plan during the period from December 19, 2019 to February 24, 2020. From the engagement during the IA Planning phase the Agency provided the proponent with a summary table of comments from Indigenous communities and public review of the TISG and Plans on February 24, 2020 at time of the Notice of Commencement on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry site (the Registry) that an IA is required for the Project. The summary table from the Agency with the proponent's updated responses to comments received during the IA Planning phase and how they have been addressed in the Draft EAR/IS are presented in Appendix P1.H.

The Draft ToR for Ontario EA was made available for review to Indigenous communities and groups, government ministries, other stakeholders and the public from September 16, 2019 to October 16, 2019, with extension granted to Indigenous communities to November 6, 2019. Following engagement and consultation activities with Indigenous communities and groups, stakeholders and the public, including both virtual and in-person community open houses and meetings, Webequie First Nation finalized a Proposed ToR, considering comments received on the Draft ToR. The Proposed (final) ToR was submitted to the MECP in August 2020. The Proposed ToR identified a framework for the planning and decision-making process to be followed by Webequie First Nation during the preparation of the EA. The MECP approved the ToR, with amendments, on October 8, 2021.

### 4.1 Indigenous Communities and Groups

All identified Indigenous communities and groups were consulted during the ToR and IA Planning phase for the Project. Key engagement and consultation activities included:

- Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference phase, January 29, 2019;
- Notice of Commencement of Draft Terms of Reference for Review, September 11, 2019;
- Notice of Public Information open to Indigenous community members, October 2, 2019;
- Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference, August 12, 2020;
- Chief and Council Meetings with those interested First Nations:
  - Webequie First Nation;
  - Constance Lake First Nation;
  - Kasabonika Lake First Nation;
  - Kingfisher Lake First Nation;
  - Kitchenumaykoosib Inninuwig First Nation;
  - Marten Falls First Nation;



- Nibinamik First Nation;
- Wapekeka First Nation;
- Wawakapewin First Nation;
- Weenusk First Nation;
- Wunnumin Lake First Nation; and
- Mushkegowuk Tribal Council.
- First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings:
  - Webequie First Nation; and
  - Mishkeegogamang First Nation.
- Monthly Newsletters.

Documentation and outcomes of the engagement and consultation activities undertaken with Indigenous communities and groups during the ToR and IA Planning phase of the Project are presented Part 1 of the Record of Engagement and Consultation (Appendices P1.B, P1.C and P1. E). Summaries of the meetings held between the Project Team and Chief and Councils, and community members are contained in Appendix P1.E. Comments received during the review period for the draft and Proposed ToR that coincided with IA Planning phase period, including proponent's responses, are presented in Appendix P1.28. Identified themes of the comments and concerns received from Indigenous communities and groups consulted, including proponent responses, are contained in Appendix P1.29.

## 4.2 Government Agencies, Municipalities and Other Stakeholders

Government ministries/agencies, municipalities and other stakeholders were notified at the onset of the Project. Key engagement and consultation activities with government agencies, municipalities and other stakeholders included the following:

- Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference phase, January 29, 2019;
- Notice of Commencement of Draft Terms of Reference for Review, September 11, 2019;
- Notice of Public Information open to Indigenous community members, October 2, 2019; and
- Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference, August 12, 2020.

Key provincial and federal government ministries and agencies, such as the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (now Ministry of Natural Resources), the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (Now Ministry of Energy and Mines), the Ministry of Transportation, and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada were engaged at the outset of the Project and contacted in advance to advise of the Draft ToR review period and Proposed ToR submission.

Government ministries/agencies, local municipalities and other stakeholders were also sent letters advising of the availability of the Draft Terms of Reference for review, opportunity to attend the Public Information Centre (PIC) and review the Proposed ToR.

Documentation and outcomes of the engagement and consultation activities undertaken with government ministries/agencies, municipalities and other stakeholders are presented Appendices P1.F and P1.G).



## 4.3 Public Consultation

### Notice of Terms of Reference Commencement

A Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference was published in the Timmins Daily Press and Thunder Bay Chronicle on January 25, 2019, Sioux Lookout Bulletin on January 30, 2019, and in the Wawatay News on June 15, 2019; and letters were distributed to identified property owners, interest groups and members of the public on January 25, 2019. The distributed Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference letters provided information on the Project, information on the *Environmental Assessment Act*, and asked for those interested in the project to return the Contact Information Form included within the letter.

Emails advising of the Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference were also sent to identified property owners, interest groups and members of the public where email addresses were available. These emails contained the letter and asked that those with an interest in the project respond by returning the Contact Information Form also provided in the email.

### Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review

On September 11, 2019, the public and interested groups were advised of the availability of the Draft Terms of Reference for review through the distribution and publication of a Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review. The notice provided information on the Project, the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the Draft Terms of Reference review period, and review locations. Recipients were encouraged to review the document, and provide comments to Project Team representatives, or on the Project Website prior to October 16, 2019.

### Notice of Public Information Centre

A notice advising of the Public Information Centre (PIC) held on October 9, 2019 was distributed to identified property owners, interest groups and members of the public on October 2, 2019. This notice provided information on the Project, the PIC venue, and invited those with an interest in the Project to attend, or to provide comment directly to the Project Team representatives, or on the Project Website.

### Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference

On August 12, 2020, the public and interested groups were advised of the availability of the Proposed (final) Terms of Reference for review through the distribution and publication of a Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference. The notice provided information on the Project, the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the Proposed Terms of Reference review period, and review locations. Recipients were encouraged to review the document, and provide comments to the MECP, Environmental Assessment Branch prior to October 13, 2020.

The above public notices are presented in Appendix P1.C of the Record of Engagement and Consultation.

### 4.3.1 Public Information Centre

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team hosted a Public Information Centre on October 9, 2019 at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre in Thunder Bay. The purpose of the PIC was to provide interested parties and individuals with the opportunity to learn about the EA for the Project, elements of the Draft Terms of Reference and information on the Detailed Project Description submitted to IAAC for determination as to whether an IA is required. The PIC session was also open to Indigenous communities, and municipal, provincial and federal representatives. The PIC consisted of an informal drop-in centre with display information on the Project and its purpose; proposed baseline studies to be conducted; criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects; preliminary route alternatives under consideration; and future consultation activities and opportunities. Attendees had the opportunity to meet the Project Team, ask questions and provide comments on the material presented, and the Project. The documentation of the PIC session held, including presentation and feedback received, is contained in Appendix P1.D.



## 5. EA/IA Engagement and Consultation Activities

This section provides an overview of the proponent consultation and engagement activities that were completed during the EA and IA (impact statement phase) with Indigenous communities and groups, stakeholders and the public.

### 5.1 Indigenous Communities and Groups

#### 5.1.1 Indigenous Engagement and Consultation Methods

Methods of engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities and groups included the following, which are consistent with those approaches outlined in the approved EA ToR and the IAAC *Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan*.

- **Formal Notices** at various milestone points in the EA/IA process to inform communities and offer opportunity to provide feedback and comments.
- **Monthly Newsletters** to provide up-to-date information on various aspects of the Project, such as baseline field studies, study plans, alternatives assessment process and cumulative effects assessment.
- **Chief and Council Meetings** with interested First Nations.
- **Community Virtual Information Sessions** were held with each of the 22 Indigenous communities during Consultation Rounds 1, 2, 3 and 4, which included display boards and opportunity to provide comments.
- **First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings** with interested communities.
- **First Nation Off-Reserve Community and/or Leadership Meetings** with interested First Nations.
- **Public Information Centres (Open Houses)** that included a specific session for off-reserve Indigenous community members.
- **Topic-Specific Livestream Sessions and Radio Call-in Shows** to provide information and opportunity to ask questions about the Project.
- **Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interest Forums #1 (2023) and #2 (2023)**, which included the Northern Road Link (NRL) and Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR) Projects, to discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests as they relate to the Project.
- **Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo #1 (2024) and #2 (2025)** that combined the Webequie Supply Road, NRL, and MFCAR Projects with the objective provide participants with engaging and interactive space for consultation to learn more about the ongoing road projects, ask questions, and share feedback.
- **Community-Specific Consultation Progress Reports** prepared at key EA/IA milestones to document engagement and consultation activities and provide opportunity for feedback.
- **Project Website** to provide Indigenous communities and interested others with information on the Project.

## 5.1.2 Summary of Indigenous Engagement and Consultation Activities

This section summarizes key engagement and consultation activities conducted to date with Indigenous communities and groups during the EA/IA process. Engagement and consultation activities were structured and delivered in four (4) consultation rounds which had formal start and end dates. As the Project Team is dedicated to continuous engagement and consultation throughout the EA/IA process, this section also identifies and summarizes those engagement activities that occurred outside of the time periods specified for the four consultation rounds. Documentation of the engagement and consultation activities, including the supportive materials, communications and correspondence are contained in Appendices P2.A to P2.M of the Record of Engagement and Consultation.

A summary of key issues and concerns raised by Indigenous communities and groups from the engagement and consultation activities conducted to date, including the status of resolution, is presented in Section 2.4.5 of the Draft EAR/IS.

### 5.1.2.1 Round 1 – Engagement and Consultation Activities

Consultation Round 1 of the Engagement and Consultation Program occurred from October 29, 2021 to September 15, 2022. Key topics covered in this round of consultation included:

- Overview of EA/IA process;
- Consultation to date and what we have heard (i.e., during the ToR phase);
- Study Plans for discipline studies;
- Criteria and indicators for evaluation and selection of a preferred route and Project effects assessment;
- Approach for evaluation of alternatives (routes, aggregate areas);
- Overview and status of baseline studies;
- Indigenous Knowledge / Indigenous Land and Resource Use (IKLRU) Program; and
- Consultation approach and next steps.

A summary of key activities conducted during Consultation Round 1 are presented in **Table 2**.

**Table 2: Indigenous Consultation Activities Conducted During Consultation Round 1**

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
<b>CONSULTATION ROUND 1</b>		
Notice of Commencement of EA/IA	Notification letters, emails, fax	October 29, 2021 November 3, 2021
Topic-Specific Livestream Sessions and Radio Call-in Shows	Topic-specific livestream sessions and Wawatay Radio call-in shows were held on a bi-weekly basis. Topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scope of EA/IA in approved ToR and TISG;</li><li>• Socio-Economic and Human Health Study Plans;</li><li>• Acoustic, Visual Environment, Climate Change and Air Quality and Cumulative Effects Study Plans;</li></ul>	October 2021 – June 2022



Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soils, Vegetation, Groundwater, Surface Water, and Aquatic Habitat Study Plans; and</li> <li>• Caribou, Wolverine, Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat, Species at Risk, and Breeding Birds Study Plans.</li> </ul> <p>Looking Back and Ahead: Project Activities in 2021 and 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What We Have Heard: Key Themes of Project Questions and Concerns to Date;</li> <li>• Provincial EA and Federal IA Processes;</li> <li>• Indigenous Knowledge (3 parts) – What and How is it used, community perspectives; and</li> <li>• Study areas, field studies, and criteria and indicators for valued components.</li> </ul>	
Indigenous Knowledge and Land and Resource Use (IKLRU) Program	Invitation letters were sent to all 22 Indigenous communities seeking participation in the Project's IKLRU Program. The letter included information on the purpose of the program, suggested data sharing agreement template and available Province of Ontario capacity funding for eligible Indigenous communities to participate in the program.	December 13, 2021
Socio-Economic Data Collection	Invitation letters were sent to all 22 Indigenous communities seeking participation in the socio-economic data collection program for the Project (e.g., surveys, focus groups, key informant interviews).	December 21, 2021, with phone call and email follow-up from January to April 2025
	In-person key informant interviews and focus group sessions with interested communities. Key informant interviews and focus group sessions were held with community members from Webequie First Nation who possessed special knowledge or information to contribute to the Webequie Supply Road socio-economic baseline study.	October 2021 – July 2022
Chief and Council Meetings	<p>Chief and Council meetings were offered to all Indigenous communities to provide Project update and discuss topics identified for Consultation Round 1 or other topics of interest. Meetings held included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webequie First Nation; and</li> <li>• Weenusk First Nation.</li> </ul>	<p>Webequie First Nation - March 30, June 20 and July 19, 2022</p> <p>Weenusk First Nation – July 19, 2022</p>
Virtual Community Information Sessions	Round #1 virtual community information sessions were held with each of the 22 Indigenous communities, covering the topics in Consultation Round 1.	April – September 2022

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings	In-person on-reserve community meetings were held with Webequie First Nation and Weenusk First Nation.	Webequie First Nation – October 13 and 27 and November 10, 2021 Weenusk First Nation – July 19, 2022
Public Information Centre (PIC) #1	Public Information Centre # 1 (Open House) for interested First Nation community members living off-reserve, open to the public and stakeholders, was held in Thunder Bay to cover the topics in Consultation Round 1.	August 25, 2022
Consultation Progress Report – Round 1	Consultation Progress Report Round 1 was prepared as a condition of the provincially approved EA ToR to document the engagement activities and feedback received during Round 1.  Community-specific portions of Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 were provided to each of the 22 Indigenous communities for review and feedback.	October 21, 2022
Monthly Newsletters	Monthly newsletters were sent to all Indigenous communities.	Ongoing monthly activity
Project Website	Updates to Project Website with communication materials, fact sheets, videos, and key Project information and engagement events/sessions.	Ongoing activity

### 5.1.2.2 Round 2 – Engagement and Consultation Activities

Consultation Round 2 of the engagement and consultation program occurred from March 9, 2023 to November 23, 2023. Key topics covered in this round of consultation included:

- Summary of input received from Consultation Round 1;
- Overview of results of baseline studies to characterize existing conditions within the study area;
- Identification and evaluation of “alternatives to” the Project and “alternative methods” of carrying out the Project;
- Criteria and indicators used for the evaluation of alternative methods (e.g., routes, construction camps and aggregate source areas) arranged under factors (e.g., natural environment, technical considerations, Indigenous land use and interests);
- Preliminary recommended preferred route and locations for supportive infrastructure (aggregate/rock source areas, construction camps, access roads) from multifactor analysis, including rationale for selection;
- Preliminary engineering design elements of WSR (bridges, culverts, road design); and
- Next steps and schedule.

A summary of key activities conducted during Consultation Round 2 are presented in **Table 3**.





**Table 3: Indigenous Consultation Activities Conducted During Consultation Round 2**

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
<b>CONSULTATION ROUND 2</b>		
Notifications, Project Updates and Offer of Engagement Options	<p>Notification letters, emails, fax were sent to all Indigenous communities and groups. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement option letters to share opportunities for engagement and inform on project updates. This included: invitation to listen to bi-weekly topic-specific livestream sessions and radio shows; overview of community virtual information sessions being offered; and other available engagement options (e.g., on-reserve community meetings, focus group sessions, surveys, etc.).</li> <li>Follow-up emails and letters on past invitations to participate in the IKLRU program.</li> <li>Invitation to attend ATRI Forum #1 and ATRI Forum #2.</li> </ul>	<p>Engagement Options Letters:</p> <p>March 9 and 22, April 6, May 3, June 14 and 28, July 12 and August 9, 2023</p> <p>Email to Chiefs regarding IKLRU – June 6, 2023</p> <p>ATRI Forum # 1 Invitation – January 13, 2023</p> <p>ATRI Forum #2 Invitation – October 19, 2023</p>
Topic-Specific Livestream Sessions and Radio Call-in Shows	<p>Topic-specific livestream sessions and Wawatay Radio call-in shows were held on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Alternatives Assessment Process – An Overview;</li> <li>Alternative routes – An explanation;</li> <li>Proposed Criteria and Indicators for Evaluation of Alternatives;</li> <li>Evaluation of Alternatives – Multi-Factor Analysis;</li> <li>Evaluation of Alternative Routes for WSR;</li> <li>Evaluation of Alternatives for Supportive Infrastructure (e.g., construction camps/laydown areas, aggregate source areas and access roads);</li> <li>Aggregate Rock Source Areas;</li> <li>Construction Camps; and</li> <li>Road Foundation Design and other engineering design features.</li> </ul>	March 2023 – November 2023
Chief and Council Meetings	<p>Chief and Council meetings were offered to all Indigenous communities to provide Project update and discuss topics identified for Consultation Round 2 or other topics of interest. Meetings held included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kashechewan First Nation; and</li> <li>Weenusk First Nation.</li> </ul>	<p>Webequie First Nation – August 29 and 31, 2023</p> <p>Kashechewan First Nation – September 6, 2023</p> <p>Weenusk First Nation – August 17 and 18, 2023</p>

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
Virtual Community Information Sessions	Round #2 virtual community information sessions were held with each of the 22 Indigenous communities. The topics in Consultation Round 2 were delivered in two part (Part 1 and Part 2).	March 2023 – November 2023
First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings	<p>In-person on-reserve community meetings were held with the following First Nations covering topics in Round 2 and other topics of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webequie First Nation – Topics in Round 2 and focused meetings with Elders, knowledge keepers, land users on Indigenous Knowledge; and human health assessment;</li> <li>• Constance Lake First Nation – Project update and topics in Round 2;</li> <li>• Weenusk First Nation – Topics in Round 2;</li> <li>• Marten Falls First Nation – Project update and topics in Round 2; and</li> <li>• Kashechewan First Nation – Topics in Round 2.</li> </ul>	<p>Webequie First Nation – , May 11-12, June 7 and August 29 and September 25 2023</p> <p>Constance Lake First Nation – June 22, 2023</p> <p>Weenusk First Nation – August 17, 2023</p> <p>Marten Falls First Nation – August 24, 2023</p> <p>Kashechewan First Nation – September 6, 2023</p>
Public Information Centre (PIC) #2	Public Information Centre # 2 (Open House) for interested First Nation community members living off-reserve, and the public and stakeholders, was held in Thunder Bay and Timmins to cover the topics in Consultation Round 2.	October 3 and 4, 2023 (Thunder Bay) and October 12, 2023 (Timmins)
*Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Forum #1	<p>The Province of Ontario sponsored the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #1 in Thunder Bay to discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' ATRI as they relate to the WSR, NRL and MFCAR Projects. The purpose of the forum was to create a respectful, culturally sensitive, and collaborative space to develop an understanding of ATRI in any of the 3 Project areas.</p> <p>Presentations included: purpose/overview of the ATRI Forum, and roles of the proponent, Crown and Indigenous communities in understanding ATRI. The forum also included plenary/group sessions and project-specific breakout sessions for individual community representatives to discuss ATRI with the Project Teams.</p> <p>Participants were encouraged to talk about ATRI in terms of their connection with: land and resource use (e.g., fishing, hunting); cultural continuity and practice (e.g., sacred sites, special places culture is practised and taught); travel routes; caring for nature; and the economy (e.g., area of traditional economic activity such as trap areas).</p>	February 8 and 9, 2023

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
	<p>Representatives from the following Indigenous communities attended the 2-day ATRI Forum #1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webequie First Nation;</li> <li>• Marten Falls First Nation;</li> <li>• Aroland First Nation;</li> <li>• Attawapiskat First Nation; and</li> <li>• Red Sky Métis Independent Nation.</li> </ul>	
<p>Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2</p>	<p>Building off the momentum of the ATRI Forum #1 Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation held ATRI Forum # 2 in Thunder Bay as follow-up to discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' ATRI as they relate to the WSR, NRL and MFCAR projects. Days 1 and 2 of the 3-day forum were devoted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing and sharing the proponent's current understanding ATRI asserted by each community within each project area;</li> <li>• Understanding and confirming Rights and Interests to help in future discussion about potential project impacts; and</li> <li>• Collaborating to avoid or mitigate potential negative impacts to ATRI, while enhancing potential positive impacts.</li> </ul> <p>The forum included presentations and breakout sessions where representatives from NRL, MFCAR, WSR, the Province and the IAAC each hosted separate meeting spaces for individual community representatives to discuss ATRI. Plenary sessions with a series of presentations and Question &amp; Answer (Q&amp;A) period were also held that included: Project updates, Overview of the Ministry of Natural Resources Far North District and Land Use Planning and Ontario EA Process and Consultation Approach from the MECP and Ministry of Mines.</p> <p>Day 3 of the forum was devoted to cumulative effects with presentations by the IAAC and the proponent, along with open round-table discussion to promote a shared understanding of the assessment process.</p> <p>Representatives from the following Indigenous communities attended the ATRI Forum #2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webequie First Nation;</li> <li>• Marten Falls First Nation;</li> <li>• Constance Lake First Nation;</li> <li>• Eabametoong First Nation;</li> <li>• Ginoogaming First Nation;</li> <li>• Long Lake 58 First Nation;</li> </ul>	<p>November 21 – 23, 2023</p>

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nibinamik First Nation; and</li> <li>Weenusk First Nation.</li> </ul>	
Consultation Progress Report – Round 2	Consultation Progress Report Round 2 was prepared as a condition of the provincially approved EA ToR to document the engagement activities and feedback received during Round 2. Community-specific portions of Consultation Progress Report – Round 2 were provided to each of the 22 Indigenous communities for review and feedback.	January 25, 2024
Monthly Newsletters	Monthly newsletters were sent to all Indigenous communities.	Ongoing monthly activity
Project Website	Updates to Project Website with communication materials, fact sheets, newsletters, videos, and key Project information and engagement events/sessions. The Project Website also includes Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and corresponding responses, which represent key themes related to the WSR Project and are available to all interested parties.	Ongoing activity

Note \* ATRI Forum #1 was conducted prior to the formal commencement of Consultation Round 2

### 5.1.2.3 Round 3 – Engagement and Consultation Activities

Consultation Round 3 of the engagement and consultation program occurred from April 21, 2024 to September 13, 2024. Key topics covered in this round of consultation included:

- Summary of input received from Consultation Round 2;
- Summary of preliminary effects assessment of the Project valued components, including cumulative effects;
- Incorporation of IKLRU into EA/IA;
- Proposed impact management, mitigation, and follow-up monitoring program; and
- Next steps in EA/IA process.

A summary of key activities conducted during Consultation Round 3 are presented in **Table 4**.

**Table 4: Indigenous Consultation Activities Conducted During Consultation Round 3**

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
<b>CONSULTATION ROUND 3</b>		
Notifications, Project Updates and Offer of Engagement Options*	<p>Notification letters, emails, fax to inform all Indigenous communities/groups and stakeholders on the Project contact list. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement option letters to share opportunities for engagement and inform on project updates. This included: invitation to listen to bi-weekly topic-specific live-streaming information sessions and radio shows; overview of community virtual information sessions being offered; and other available engagement options (e.g., on-reserve community meetings, focus group sessions, surveys, etc.).</li> <li>Invitation to review and provide feedback on the preliminary Draft Existing Socio-Economic Conditions Summary Reports that were prepared for each community including follow-up emails and telephone calls; and</li> <li>Invitation to participate in the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo event.</li> </ul>	<p>Engagement options letters – January 31, February 8, 15, 22, and 28, March 6, 14, 20 and 27, April 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2024</p> <p>Invitation to review and provide feedback on preliminary Draft Existing Socio-Economic Condition Summary Reports – February 9, March 11 and 18, 2024</p> <p>Invitation to participate in Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo – May 31, 2024</p>
Topic-Specific Livestream Sessions and Radio Call-in Shows*	<p>Topic-specific livestream sessions and Wawatay Radio call-in shows were held on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on project components and EA/IA such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road Access and Control Issues;</li> <li>Bridges and water crossings;</li> <li>Construction camps and other Project opportunities;</li> <li>Minimizing Project impacts;</li> <li>Floating Road Design;</li> <li>Protections after the EA/IA; and</li> <li>How Indigenous Knowledge is used in EA/IA.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Preliminary results of effects assessment for selected valued components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Surface water;</li> <li>Aquatic habitat;</li> <li>Groundwater;</li> <li>Geology, terrain, and soils; and</li> <li>Caribou study.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Topic-specific livestream sessions and radio call-in shows – February 5, 12, 20 and 26, March 4, 11, 18, and 25, April 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2024</p>

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
Chief and Council Meeting	A Chief and Council meeting was held with Chief of Weenusk First Nation to provide Project update, regulatory process update and information on the project component and activities.	August 29, 2024
Virtual Community Information Sessions	Round 3 virtual community information sessions were held for all 22 Indigenous communities to share information about the EA/IA activities including consultation and engagement to date, effects assessment preliminary findings, and consultation approach and next steps.  In addition, each community was offered real-time translation of the session and a Virtual Reality Open House to access further information about WSR and studies being undertaken, along with opportunities to provide feedback.	April 2024 – July 2024
First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings*	In-person on-reserve community meetings were held with the following First Nations covering the topics in Round 3 and other topics of interest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update and progress presentation was delivered that included information on upcoming activities next steps in the EA/IA.</li> <li>Project update presentation, followed by discussions on the Draft socio-economic and health baseline study reports that were circulated to the community leadership.</li> <li>Project update presentation was delivered, followed by an Indigenous Knowledge (IK) validation presentation and session gathering of additional Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) information.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Nibinamik First Nation – Project update presentation with opportunity for questions from community members.</li> <li>Constance Lake First Nation – Project update presentation with opportunity for questions from community members.</li> </ul>	Webequie First Nation – January 12, May 11 – 12 and August 20 – 22, 2024 Nibinamik First Nation – January 16, 2024 Constance Lake First Nation – September 12, 2024
First Nation Off-Reserve Community Meetings	Nibinamik First Nation – An off-reserve community meeting with members living off-reserve and leadership of Nibinamik First Nation was held in Thunder Bay to provide information on engagement effort and general themes of feedback received on the Project to date, potential effects of the Project and overall environment/impact assessment process.	Nibinamik First Nation – August 6, 2024 Webequie First Nation – September 12, 2024 Marten Falls First Nation – September 8, 2024

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
	<p>Webequie First Nation – IK validation session with Webequie First Nation Elders was held in Thunder Bay that included Project update and map with overview of the Project components.</p> <p>Marten Falls First Nation – Virtual Information was held with Marten Falls Elders to provide project update.</p>	
Public Information Centre (PIC) #3	<p>Public Information Centre # 3 (Open House format) was an open event for the public, stakeholders and interested First Nation community members living off-reserve to cover topics in Consultation Round 3. The PIC # 3 session on September 13 in Thunder Bay was specifically targeted for community members of Webequie and other First Nations living off-reserve. The PIC session included a presentation and display boards to share information on EA/IA activities, result of engagement and consultation to date, preliminary effects assessment findings, and future engagement and consultation opportunities.</p>	September 10 (Timmins) and September 12-13 (Thunder Bay), 2024
Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo	<p>A Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo that combined the Webequie Supply Road, Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR) and Northern Road Link (NRL) projects (Three Road Projects) was held on June 11 to 13, 2024 in Thunder Bay. The Gathering provided participants with engaging and interactive space for consultation to learn more about the ongoing road projects, ask questions, and share feedback.</p> <p>The first day of the event was an Elders' gathering to allow for discussions by Elders and Treaty 9 community members on the three projects and, if required, dialogue with the proponents on project information or questions.</p> <p>The second day of the event involved technical presentations on different components of the projects such as building roads on peatlands and aspects of water, and fish/fish habitat. This session was open to all Indigenous participants, including government representatives and project staff. A set of 10 booths were set-up for participants to have direct engagement with Project Teams and representatives of provincial and federal agencies.</p> <p>The 10 booths set-up for Day 2 of the event provided information on the Webequie Supply Road, MFCAR, NRL, Building Roads on Peatlands, Water, Fish and Field Investigations, Wildlife, Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interests,</p>	June 11–13 2024, Thunder Bay



Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
	<p>Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, Ontario (MECP and MINES), Ontario (MNR).</p> <p>The final day of the event was open to all and included a half day session on approach for reviewing the early circulation of the WSR Draft EAR/IS for Indigenous review.</p> <p>The following attendees were present at the Gathering and Expo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek;</li> <li>• Aroland First Nation;</li> <li>• Constance Lake First Nation;</li> <li>• Eabametoong First Nation;</li> <li>• Fort Albany First Nation;</li> <li>• Ginoogaming First Nation;</li> <li>• Kasabonika Lake First Nation;</li> <li>• Long Lake #58 First Nation;</li> <li>• Marten Falls First Nation;</li> <li>• Métis Nation of Ontario – Region 2;</li> <li>• Neskantaga First Nation;</li> <li>• Nibinamik First Nation;</li> <li>• Red Sky Métis Independent Nation;</li> <li>• Webequie First Nation;</li> <li>• Weenusk First Nation; and</li> <li>• Mushkegowuk Council.</li> </ul> <p>A summary report of the event, including feedback received, is presented in Appendix P2.D.2.6.</p>	
Monthly Newsletters	Monthly newsletters were sent to all Indigenous communities as part of project updates.	Ongoing monthly activity
Project Website	Routine updates to the Project Website included communication materials, fact sheets, newsletters, videos, and key Project information and engagement events/sessions. The Project Website also includes FAQs and corresponding responses, which represent key themes related to the Project and are available to all interested parties for viewing.	Ongoing activity

Note: \* Engagement activities that were held prior to the formal commencement of Consultation Round 3.

#### 5.1.2.4 Round 4 – Engagement and Consultation Activities

Consultation Round 4 of the engagement and consultation program occurred from November 24, 2024 to June 9, 2025. This round focused primarily on the assessment of predicted net effects to valued components, including the cumulative effects assessment for the Project. Key topics covered in this round of consultation included:

- Predicted net effects for valued components after mitigation is applied;





- What are cumulative effects;
- What other past, present and future physical activities (projects) are considered in the cumulative effects assessment;
- How are net cumulative effects managed; and
- Next steps in EA/IA process.

A summary of key activities conducted during Consultation Round 4 are presented in **Table 5**.

**Table 5: Indigenous Consultation Activities Conducted During Consultation Round 4**

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
<b>CONSULTATION ROUND 4</b>		
Notifications, Project Updates and Offer of Engagement Options	<p>Notification letters, emails, fax to inform all Indigenous communities/groups on the Project contact list. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up letters were sent to each First Nation regarding any comments or feedback on the community specific Consultation Progress Report 3 distributed on November 1, 2024. This report summarized and documented the Round 3 Engagement and Consultation Program with their community.</li> <li>• Consultation Round 4 invitation letters were sent to each First Nation to notify communities of the upcoming virtual information sessions that will cover topics such as predicted net effects for valued components, including cumulative effects. The invitation letters to each community were sent a week or two before the community's respective session. Since the virtual information sessions for Round 4 included a Part 1 (Fall/Winter2025) and Part 2 (Winter 2025) each First Nation received a letter which presented the engagement options and date for their community session.</li> <li>• Notification letter to all Indigenous communities regarding early circulation of Draft EAR/IS for communities' review, including distribution of hard and electronic copy of the document.</li> </ul>	<p>Follow-up Letters to each First Nation on Round 3 Consultation Progress Report – December 16, 2024.</p> <p>Invitation Letters to each First Nation on virtual community information sessions and engagement options – November 18, 2024 to January 28, 2025.</p> <p>Notification letter to all First Nations on the release and early circulation of the Draft EAR/IS for review – June 9, 2025.</p>
Topic-Specific Livestream Sessions and Radio Call-in Shows	<p>Topic-specific livestream sessions and Wawatay Radio call-in shows were held on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment of Effects on Geology, Terrain and Soils.</li> <li>• Assessment of Effect on Surface Water Resources Surface Water Resources.</li> </ul>	Topic-specific livestream sessions and radio call-in shows – November 24, 2024

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
Chief and Council Meetings	<p>Chief and Council meetings were held with Webequie First Nation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the upcoming release of the Draft EAR/IS, including efforts to reach more community members through the preparation of plain language summaries for each section of the report translated into Cree and Oji-Cree.</li> <li>Discuss the consultation plan for engaging with community members after the release of the Draft EAR/IS. The plan is proposed to include monthly community visits to discuss different sections of the report, including identified project effects and associated mitigation.</li> </ul>	Webequie First Nation – March 17, 2025 and March 25, 2025
Virtual Community Information Sessions	Round 4 virtual community information sessions were held for all 22 Indigenous communities to share information about the EA/IA activities including consultation and engagement to date, effects assessment preliminary findings, including cumulative effects, and next steps.	November 2024 – March 2025
First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings	<p>In-person on-reserve community meetings were held with the following First Nations covering the topics in Round 4 and other topics of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update and progress presentation and overview of predicted net effect for select valued components, including cumulative effects.</li> <li>Project update presentation delivered, followed by a validation session with community members on Webequie Indigenous Knowledge (IK) received for integration into the EA/IA.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Constance Lake First Nation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project update and progress presentation and overview of predicted net effect for select valued components, including cumulative effects.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Webequie First Nation – December 18, 2024 and May 21 to 23, 2025</p> <p>Constance Lake First Nation – January 28, 2025</p>
First Nation Off-Reserve Community Meetings	An off-reserve community meeting with members living off-reserve and leadership of Webequie First Nation was held on December 10, 2024 in Thunder Bay to provide Project update and next steps in the overall EA/IA process.	Webequie First Nation December 10, 2024, Thunder Bay
Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo	A Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo that combined the Webequie Supply Road, MFCAR and NRL projects (Three Road Projects) was held on February 19 to 20, 2025 in Thunder Bay and February 24 to 25 in Timmins. The Gathering provided participants with engaging and interactive space for consultation to learn more about the	<p>February 19 to 20, 2025, Thunder Bay</p> <p>February 24 to 25, 2025, Timmins</p>

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
	<p>ongoing road projects, ask questions, and share feedback.</p> <p>Key activities included detailed project overviews from project leads, panel discussions on consultation and Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests, and an Expo featuring booths dedicated to each project and the consultation process. Breakout sessions allowed for more in-depth dialogue on specific topics like EA, wildlife, cumulative effects, and IK integration.</p> <p>The following First Nation representatives participated in the Gathering and Expo either in Thunder Bay or Timmins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek;</li> <li>• Aroland First Nation;</li> <li>• Bearskin Lake First Nation;</li> <li>• Constance Lake First Nation;</li> <li>• Eabametoong First Nation;</li> <li>• Fort Albany First Nation;</li> <li>• Ginoogaming First Nation;</li> <li>• Kashechewan First Nation;</li> <li>• Long Lake #58 First Nation;</li> <li>• Marten Falls First Nation;</li> <li>• Matawa Four River;</li> <li>• Muskegowuk Council;</li> <li>• Neskantaga First Nation;</li> <li>• Nibinamik First Nation;</li> <li>• Red Sky Métis Independent Nation;</li> <li>• Webequie First Nation;</li> <li>• Weenusk First Nation; and</li> <li>• Wunnumin Lake First Nation.</li> </ul> <p>A summary report of the event, including feedback received, is presented in Appendix P2.D.2.6.</p>	
Monthly Newsletters	Monthly newsletters were sent to all Indigenous communities as part of project updates.	Ongoing monthly activity
Project Website	Routine updates to the Project Website included communication materials, fact sheets, newsletters, videos, and key Project information and engagement events/sessions. The Project Website also includes FAQs and corresponding responses, which represent key themes related to the Project and are available to all interested parties for viewing.	Ongoing activity

## 5.2 Stakeholders and the Public

### 5.2.1 Methods of Engagement and Consultation with Stakeholders and the Public

Methods of engagement and consultation with stakeholders and the public, including the Ontario Government Review Team (GRT), federal agencies, municipalities, elected representatives, included the following engagement tactics:

- **Online resources:** Dedicated Project Website ([www.supplyroad.ca](http://www.supplyroad.ca));
- **Notices:** Formal Notices, Notification Letters, Monthly Newsletters and Social Media Outreach (refer to Appendix P2.B);
- **Public Meetings:** Public Information Centre #1 (August 25, 2022); Public Information Centre #2 (October 3 and 4, 2023); Public Information Centre # 3 (September 10, 12 and 13, 2024) (refer to Appendix P2.C); and
- **Technical Meetings:** Issue/topic-specific technical meetings with government regulators (refer to Appendix P2.K).

The methods used for engagement and consultation are consistent with those identified in the EA Terms of Reference and the IAAC *Public Participation Plan*.

### 5.2.2 Provincial and Federal Agencies Review of Study Plans and Baseline Studies

Following the formal commencement of the EA/IA for the Project, Study Plans for each valued component were prepared and submitted to the MECP and IAAC for review and comments. The purpose of the Study Plans is to outline the proponent's approach to meet the requirements in the TISG and a provincial EA for valued components to be assessed. The Study Plans included:

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| • Geology, Terrain and Soils Study Plan;              | • Migratory Birds Study Plan;        |
| • Surface Water and Groundwater Resources Study Plan; | • Species at Risk Study Plan;        |
| • Climate Change and Air Quality Study Planes;        | • Socio-Economic Study Plan;         |
| • Noise and Vibration Study Plan;                     | • Human Health Study Plan;           |
| • Fish and Fish Habitat Study Plan;                   | • Visual Environment Study Plan; and |
| • Vegetation Study Plan;                              | • Cumulative Effects Study Plan.     |
| • Wildlife Study Plan (excluding birds);              |                                      |

The Project Team also engaged provincial and federal agencies regarding the results from the baseline studies conducted to characterize Natural Environment and Socio-Economic existing conditions in the study area used for the evaluation of project alternatives and the effects assessment.

As part of the review of Study Plans and draft baseline reports, technical meetings were held with provincial and federal agencies to discuss key topics and resolve any issues or concerns.

The detailed feedback received from federal and provincial agencies on the Study Plans and draft baseline study reports, and where applicable Project Team responses to comments including resolution of issues, are contained in the supporting Record of Engagement and Consultation (Appendices P2.J.1 and P2.K) and are also described in each of the valued component effects assessment sections of the Draft EAR/IS.



### **5.2.3 Summary of Issues and Concerns Raised by the Public and Stakeholders and Status of Resolution**

Key issues and concerns raised by the public and stakeholders from the engagement and consultation activities completed to date, are summarized in Section 2 of the Draft EAR/IS (refer to Tables 2-10 through to 2-14). The detailed documentation and feedback received from the public and stakeholders, and where applicable, Project Team responses to comments including resolution of issues, are contained in the supporting Record of Engagement and Consultation (Appendices P2.B, P2.C, P2.J.1, P2.J.2 and P2.K).



## 6. Proposed Future Engagement and Consultation

Future planned engagement and consultation activities for the Project will involve various engagement options for Indigenous communities and others to allow for the Project Team to explain the assessment findings in the Draft EAR/IS, including opportunities for Indigenous communities to have targeted sessions on topics of interest and results of the cumulative effects assessment for the Project. Future engagement and consultation sessions for Indigenous communities, stakeholders and the public are tentatively scheduled to occur from June to October 2025 and coincide with the release and review period for the Draft EAR/IS. The outcomes from future engagement and consultation activities planned will be used by the Project Team to help inform in the development of the Final EAR/IS that will be submitted to provincial and federal regulators and circulated to all Indigenous communities for review and comments.

As the Project is proposed to be operated for an indeterminate time period, it is Webequie First Nation's intention to engage Indigenous communities and Project stakeholders based on foundations of respect, trust, cooperation and open communication on a long-term basis with the intent of building mutually beneficial relationships and addressing the rights, values, traditions, concerns and aspirations of Indigenous communities.

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