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Term	Definition
WSR	Webequie Supply Road
MECP	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
EA	Environmental Assessment
IA	Impact Assessment
ToR	Terms of Reference
NoA	Notice of Approval
EAR	Environmental Assessment Report
IS	Impact Statement
CEA	Cumulative Effects Assessment
EA	Environmental Assessment
EA Act	*Environmental Assessment Act*
MINES	Ministry of Mines
MFCAR	Marten Falls Community Access Road
NRL	Northern Road Link
Three Road Projects	Webequie Supply Road, Marten Falls Community Access Road, and Northern Road Link
ATRI	Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests
VR	Virtual Reality
FAQ	Frequently Asked Question
VC	Valued Component
PIC	Public Information Centre
TISG	Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines
IAAC	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
IBA	Impact Benefit Agreement
IK	Indigenous Knowledge

1 Introduction

1.1 Project Background

The proposed Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project (the Project) is a new all-season road of approximately 107 kilometres (km) in length from Webequie First Nation to the mineral deposit area near McFaulds Lake (also referred to as the Ring of Fire) in the James Bay lowlands. The Project proponent is Webequie First Nation, a Matawa First Nation Ojibway community located in northwestern Ontario, approximately 525 km north of Thunder Bay, with remote access by air and seasonal winter road.

A 35 metre (m) road right-of-way width, within the broader approximately two (2) kilometre (km) wide preliminary preferred corridor, is proposed for the Project to accommodate a permanent two (2)-lane all-season road. Waterbody crossing structures, aggregate extraction and processing areas, construction camps and storage and laydown yards also form part of the Project components.

On May 3, 2018, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a voluntary agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the Project subject to an individual (now referred as Comprehensive) Environmental Assessment (EA) under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act). The Project is also subject to an Impact Assessment (IA) and must meet the requirements of the federal *Impact Assessment Act*.

In August 2020, a proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was submitted to MECP. As part of the development of the ToR, engagement and consultation was initiated with 22 Indigenous communities and organizations/groups, as well as the public, government agencies, and stakeholders, and comments received during the review period were incorporated into the final proposed ToR as applicable.

In October 2021, a Notice of Approval (NoA) of the ToR was issued by the MECP, defining the framework for preparing the EA for the Project. This includes adhering to the approved ToR and amendments made by MECP as described in the NoA. Finally, a Notice of Commencement of the EA was published in November 2021, signifying the formal start of the coordinated EA/IA process and related engagement and consultation activities.

On November 30, 2025, the Draft Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) / Impact Statement (IS) for the proposed WSR project was submitted and made available for public review and comment. The draft outlined the potential environmental impacts, mitigation measures, and alternatives considered during the assessment process. Stakeholders and members of the public were invited to provide feedback to ensure that all concerns and perspectives were addressed prior to finalizing the report. Comments were accepted through the designated channels within the specified review period.

Following incorporation of comments received from Indigenous communities, Government Review Team and stakeholders, the final EAR/IS was submitted on January 30, 2026.

1.2 Purpose

This Consultation Summary Report (Consultation Report) for the Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) for the Project seeks to fulfill requirements that are defined within the NoA of the ToR. Per Amendment 1.4, "Cumulative effects consultation report" described in the NoA, The MECP requires a Consultation Report documenting activities related to the CEA, as outlined and further detailed in **Section 2.3** below. As per the NoA of the ToR Amendment 1.1, during the preparation of WSR EAR/IS, the proponent engaged with Indigenous communities regarding the CEA, and provided the

work plan, methodology, results, and proposed impact management measures. To support this process, the proponent also provided targeted consultation opportunities for each Indigenous community and provided measures to accommodate any preferred engagement methods identified to ensure meaningful consultation.

Furthermore, this Consultation Report includes:

- Summary of consultations with Indigenous communities and other organizations/agencies regarding the CEA; and
- Comment-response tables showing how feedback from these groups was considered and incorporated into the assessment.

The Consultation Report is included with the Record of Engagement and Consultation to support the EA/IA and is available for review by both the Ontario Government Review Team and Indigenous communities. The Project Team will respond to any questions or concerns raised by Government Review Team and Indigenous communities in response to CEA Consultation Report. Therefore, the CEA Consultation Report supports the comprehensive documentation of engagement and consultation activities to facilitate successful completion of the EA/IA process for the Project.

2 Engagement and Consultation Program Background

2.1 Principles and Approach

2.1.1 Webequie-Led Indigenous Communities Consultation

Following the same principles and approach used for Consultation and Engagement for the Project, the plan for CEA engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities was developed in accordance with the following overarching guidance:

- Elders' guiding principles;
- Webequie First Nation Three-Tier approach to Indigenous community consultation/engagement; and
- Requirements of applicable legislation, policies, and guidelines.

Elders provided guidance to the Project Team to ensure engagement and consultation were conducted in a respectful manner that reflects the culture and tradition of the Webequie people and their clans and neighbours outside the community. The Project Team ensured that all Project-related engagement and consultation activities were inclusive of the following guiding principles (and will continue to do so for future engagement and consultation):

- 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.

The Webequie First Nation three-tier framework approach to Indigenous consultation is consistent with the Webequie First Nation's traditional cultural values, customs, and beliefs. Webequie is taking this unique approach that is based on not only their Elders but modern-day protocols in terms of how they engage with the public and also fellow Anishinabek, Cree and Oji-Cree peoples. The approach respects multiple aspects of what makes a community work well and relates to how its members see the world and can best benefit from roads, resource development and ownership of their land.

2.1.2 Duty to Consult with Indigenous Peoples

The Project falls under the jurisdiction of both the provincial EA Act, and the federal *Impact Assessment Act*. The Ontario Crown may delegate procedural aspects of consultation to Project proponents, and Project proponents are obliged under the EA Act to consult with all interested parties, including Indigenous communities. To ensure each round of engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities is meaningful, it is recognized that Indigenous communities have varying rights and interests in respect of the Project, and community requests for different approaches to engagement and consultation have been accommodated wherever possible to mitigate impacts to their rights and interests. In addition, the "public" consultation process is also open to Indigenous communities.

The MECP and the Ministry of Mines (MINES) (formerly the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), on behalf of the Ontario Government, have formally delegated some procedural aspects of consultation to Webequie First Nation, as proponent. While some Duty to Consult responsibilities have been delegated to the proponent, the Government of Ontario (MECP and MINES) will still retain overall responsibilities related to the Crown's obligations under the Duty to Consult.

A Memorandum of Understanding between MECP, MINES and Webequie First Nation, setting out how roles and responsibilities related to the Duty to Consult will be shared between the Crown and the proponent, was finalized on February 7, 2020. In addition to the delegated responsibilities, Webequie First Nation is responsible for carrying out Statutory Consultation in respect of the Project in accordance with the EA Act and will consult with the Aboriginal Communities for that purpose; and the Crown may rely on Statutory Consultation in fulfilling its Duty to Consult. Further details regarding Webequie First Nation's roles and responsibilities in conducting Statutory Consultation for the Project are provided in Section 10.1.2 of the ToR.

2.2 Identification of Indigenous Communities and Organizations

In coordination with other provincial government agencies, Ontario Crown (MECP) identified a list of 22 potentially affected Indigenous communities that are to be consulted for the Project. These communities were identified by Ontario, as per direction provided in the letter from MECP to Webequie First Nation on December 19, 2018, as potentially having their rights and/or interests affected by the Project. Of these Indigenous communities, 16 were identified as potentially being affected by the Project, while six other Indigenous communities may have an interest in the Project. For the purposes of the EA/IA, all 22 Indigenous communities will be referred to as potentially affected. The full list of communities is presented in **Table 2-1**.

Table 2-1: Indigenous Communities to be Engaged/Consulted

Tribal Council or Affiliation	Community or Organization
Matawa Tribal Council	Webequie First Nation Aroland First Nation Constance Lake First Nation Eabametoong First Nation Ginoogaming First Nation Long Lake #58 First Nation Marten Falls First Nation Neskantaga First Nation Nibinamik First Nation
Mushkegowuk Council	Fort Albany First Nation Kashechewan First Nation Attawapiskat First Nation
Shibogama Council	Kasabonika Lake First Nation Kingfisher Lake First Nation Wapekeka First Nation Wawakapewin First Nation Wunnumin Lake First Nation
Windigo First Nations Council	North Caribou Lake First Nation
Independent First Nations Alliance	Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation

Tribal Council or Affiliation	Community or Organization
Métis Nation of Ontario	Métis Nation of Ontario – Lakehead/Nipigon/Michipicoten Traditional Territories Protocol Area (“Region 2”)
Non-Affiliated Tribal Council	Mishkeegogamang First Nation Weenusk First Nation

2.3 Overview of Engagement and Consultation Program

Engagement and consultation activities for the CEA were conducted continuously throughout the EA/IA process. Engagement and consultation for the CEA encompassed both targeted and broad-based approaches. Broad-based measures were initiated in May 2021 to invite Indigenous communities to participate in discussions on cumulative effects and to provide their input.

Targeted consultation and engagement activities related to the CEA were carried out from November 18, 2024 to June 9, 2025 to ensure meaningful participation by Indigenous communities, which included activities carried out during Round 4 of consultation and engagement. These engagement and consultation activities focused on explaining the effects assessment process, including the identification of potential environmental and socio-economic effects, the corresponding mitigation measures and cumulative effects of the Project. To facilitate understanding of the CEA, examples were drawn from the EAR/IS, illustrating how these measures would be applied in practice. This approach aimed to promote transparency and informed dialogue throughout the consultation process. The targeted CEA component of these sessions included information on terminology, process of CEA, future activities, current identified Projects, and offered opportunities for Indigenous communities to provide feedback and request clarifications on the CEA.

Table 2-2 provides a summary of the engagement and consultation initiatives undertaken for CEA.

2.4 Schedule of Consultation Activities

Table 2-2 provides a high-level schedule of activities that occurred with regard to targeted and non-targeted engagement and consultation opportunities related to the CEA for the Project.

Section 3 of this document provides more detailed activity-specific schedules for activities that occurred during this period.

Table 2-2: Targeted and Untargeted Engagement and Consultation Activities During CEA

Regulatory Milestone/Activity	Consultation Activity	Date(s)
Notifications, Project Updates and Offer of Engagement Options	Notification letters, emails, fax to inform all Indigenous communities/groups and stakeholders on the Project contact list that the Project Team has been working on the EA/IA phase, including CEA, of the Project and that the Project Team would like to share information on the assessment process, work plan, and methodology. This included the offer of various virtual and in-person engagement options to communities (e.g., focus group sessions, community sessions, drop-in sessions, virtual focus groups, virtual community presentations, one-hour teleconference calls, local radio call-in shows and online surveys).	February 2021 – March 2025

Regulatory Milestone/Activity	Consultation Activity	Date(s)
Virtual Community Information Sessions	CEA virtual community information sessions held for all 22 Indigenous communities to share thoughts and suggestions about the CEA approach, methodology, and next steps. The sessions included information on Project effects, net effects, process of CEA including determination procedure, and next steps.	November 2024 – March 2025
First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings	Invitations were extended to all 22 Indigenous communities to provide an opportunity to schedule meetings focused on discussing the Project. These meetings were intended to facilitate meaningful dialogue regarding the Project's scope, effects and mitigations, and cumulative effects. The engagement sessions aimed to gather input on potential environmental and socio-economic and cumulative effects, identify community concerns, and explore mitigation strategies. By offering flexible scheduling options, the process sought to accommodate the preferences and availability of each Nation, ensuring inclusivity and fostering collaborative participation in the assessment process.	Nibinamik First Nation – August 6, 2024 Marten Falls First Nation – August 4, 2024 and July 21, 2025 Webequie First Nation – October 27, 2021 and May 13, 2024
Three Road Projects Gathering Expo #2	The Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo #2 that combined the WSR, Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR) and Northern Road Link (NRL) projects (Three Road Projects) was held with the intent to build on the momentum from Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Forums. The Gathering provided participants with engaging and interactive space for consultation to learn more about the ongoing road projects, ask questions, and share feedback focusing on peatlands, building roads in peatlands and aspects of water, cumulative effects, consultation and ATRI, and fish/fish habitat. In response to feedback received from previous events, a day was set aside specifically for Elders to engage with the individual project teams and share perspectives on the ongoing road projects. Summaries of the Gathering and presentation materials from the event are included in the supporting Record of Engagement and Consultation to the EAR/IS.	February 2025
Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interest (ATRI) Forum #2	The Province of Ontario sponsored two (2) ATRI forums to discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' ATRI as they relate to the WSR, NRL, and MFCAR Projects. Of the two events, Forum #2 provided presentations and discussions on CEA as a targeted measure for Indigenous communities to discuss and provide feedback. The purpose of the forums was to create a respectful, culturally sensitive, and collaborative space to develop an understanding of ATRI in any of the Project areas (WSR, MFCAR and NRL). During the forum, the Project Team hosted individual breakout sessions with Indigenous communities to specifically discuss how ATRI could be impacted by the WSR Project. Detailed summary of the ATRI Forum #2 is included in the supporting Record of Engagement and Consultation to this EAR/IS.	November 2023
Project Website	Provides detailed information on cumulative effects through dedicated fact sheets and planning documents. It includes an overview of the CEA process and the methodology used to evaluate potential impacts. The site defines the regional study area and identifies other past, present, and foreseeable projects and activities considered in the analysis. It also outlines the environmental components assessed, such as air quality, water resources, wildlife, and socio-economic factors. In addition, the website presents mitigation and monitoring strategies aimed at managing cumulative impacts and offers access to supporting documents and fact sheets for further technical details.	Ongoing

3 Engagement and Consultation Activities for Cumulative Effects Assessment

During the CEA, various virtual and in-person activities were facilitated by the Project Team for proactive engagement and consultation with all 22 Indigenous communities. The following subsections provide an overview of all activities that have been carried out as part of this assessment, including dates, involved communities, general summaries, and other details as applicable.

3.1 Project Notifications and Updates

3.1.1 Notices/Invitations

Notices regarding key Project milestones and invitation letters for engagement activities as it relates to CEA (targeted and non-targeted) were sent to all 22 Indigenous communities via formal letters, e-mail, mail (Canada Post), and fax (where applicable), as further described in **Table 3-1**.

Table 3-1: Notices / Invitations Circulated

#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
1	Notice of ToR and Livestream Event	May 31, 2021 – Mail May 31, 2021 – Fax	A letter was sent out via mail and fax to 22 Indigenous communities. The letter provided a schedule of the June 2021 livestream show and Wawatay radio sessions, and mentioned that a session (on June 23, 2021) will include a discussion on approach to Cumulative Effects. The letter advised that the livestream will be from 6 – 7pm EST and Wawatay Radio Call-in show from 3:30 – 4:30pm EST. Access links and toll-free call-in number were provided. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for any questions or further information.
2	Notice of ToR and Livestream Event	June 17, 2021 – Mail June 17, 2021 – E-mail	A letter was sent out via mail and email to all 22 Indigenous communities. The letter indicated that the session for June 23, 2021 would be a presentation on the Cumulative Effects, along with a question-and-answer (Q&A) period. The letter advised that the livestream will be from 5 – 5:30pm EST and Wawatay Radio Call-in show from 1 – 2pm EST. Access links and toll-free call-in number were provided. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for any questions or further information.
3	Notice of ToR and Cumulative Effects work Plans	October 22, 2021 – Fax October 22, 2021 – E-mail	A letter was sent out via fax and email to all 22 Indigenous communities. The letter indicated that sessions would include a presentation on the Cumulative Effects work plan, along with a Q&A period. The letter advised that the livestream will be on October 26, 2021 from 4 – 4:30pm EST and Wawatay Radio Call-in show

#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
			from 2 – 3pm EST. Access links and toll-free call-in number were provided. To help create awareness of upcoming engagement activities the letter also attached a poster for communities to post to their community website, community Facebook page, or in-community locations (e.g., band office). Contact details of Project representatives were provided for any questions or further information.
4	Additional Virtual Information Sessions	May 2, 2022 – Mail (Neskantaga First Nation) May 24, 2022 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Nibinamik First Nation) May 30, 2022 – Fax and May 31, 2022 – Mail and Email (Aroland First Nation) June 7, 2022 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Constance Lake First Nation) June 13, 2022 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Ginoogaming First Nation) June 27, 2022 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Kingfisher Lake First Nation) July 4, 2022 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Long Lake #58 First Nation) July 25, 2022 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Wapekeka First Nation)	Letters and posters advising that the WSR Project Team is hosting virtual information sessions were sent out to Indigenous communities, with registration links for the session. The information sessions included presentations on WSR's EA/IA activities including: consultation and engagement to date, study plans, assessment approach, valued components, IK, consideration and evaluation of alternatives, consultation approach and next steps, and also provided clarifications and feedback for questions raised by Indigenous communities on CEA. The letters stated that the WSR Project Team has a platform to allow for real time translation to accommodate community members during the session. The letters also included information on the Virtual Reality (VR) Open House where community members can access further information about the project and provide comments. The letters also included posters of the virtual information sessions for the community websites, community Facebook pages, or other in-community locations. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for further information or questions. Please refer to **Section 3.2** for further information.
5	Notice of Livestream on Cumulative Effects	November 30, 2022 – Fax November 30, 2022 – E-mail	A letter was sent out via fax and email to all 22 Indigenous communities. The letter indicated that sessions would include a presentation on the Cumulative Effects – An Explanation and Illustration, along with a Q&A period. The letter advised that the Wawatay Radio Call-in show on December 6, 2022 from 11 – 12pm EST and livestream will be from 1 – 1:30pm EST. Access links and toll-free call-in number were provided. To help create awareness of upcoming engagement activities the letter also attached a poster for communities to post to their community website, community Facebook page, or in-community locations (e.g., band office). Contact details of Project representatives were provided for any questions or further information.

#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
6	WSR Livestream and Radio	November 30, 2022 – E-mail and Fax	Letters and posters advising that the WSR Project Team is hosting a Wawatay radio session were sent out to Indigenous communities. The letter and poster provided access links and a toll-free call-in phone number and explained that the sessions will include a presentation on Cumulative Effects – An Explanation and Illustration, along with a question-and-answer period. The letter provided various community engagement options to help create awareness and attached a poster for staff to post on the community website, community Facebook page, and other in-community locations. Please refer to **Section 3.2** for further information.
7	Notice of follow-up of Consultation Progress Report Round 1, and Newsletter #17	December 14, 2022 – E-mail	A follow-up letter was distributed to 22 Indigenous communities with request for any feedback and comments on the Consultation Progress Report Round 1 which had been previously circulated to each community. The English WSR Newsletter – Issue 17 provided information on the Cumulative Effects. A link to the Project website was provided in the newsletter for communities to obtain additional information about the Project. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for any questions or further information.
8	Additional Virtual Information Sessions	March 2, 2023 – E-mail and Fax (Aroland First Nation and Webequie First Nation) March 7, 2023 (Fax and E-mail) and March 14, 2023 – Mail (Constance Lake First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation) March 14, 2023 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Fort Albany First Nation and Kasabonika Lake First Nation) March 17, 2023 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Attawapiskat First Nation) April 4, 2023 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Neskantaga First Nation)	Letters and posters advising that the WSR Project Team is hosting virtual information sessions were sent out to Indigenous communities with registration links for the session. The information session included presentation on WSR's EA/IA activities including: project update, consultation and engagement to date, alternatives assessment process, and next steps. The letters stated that the WSR Project Team has a platform to allow for real time translation to accommodate community members during the session. The letters also included information on the Virtual Reality (VR) Open House where community members can access further information about the project and provide comments. The letters also included posters of the virtual information sessions for the community websites, community Facebook pages, or other in-community locations. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for further information or questions. Please refer to **Section 3.2** for further information.

#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
9	ATRI Forum #2	October 19, 2023 – E-mail	An invitation letter to ATRI Forum #2, hosted by the Province of Ontario was emailed to 22 Indigenous communities. The invitation included the event details (November 21-23, 2023 in Thunder Bay), how community representatives can attend, the purpose of the forum and who should attend from each community. The invitation highlighted that Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation encourage the communities to participate in the Forum to discuss potential impacts on northern Indigenous communities' ATRI related to the WSR, NRL and MFCAR Projects. Contact information for RSVP and contact details of the Province of Ontario, WSR, NRL and MFCAR Project representatives were provided for any questions or further information. Please refer to **Section 3.6.3** for further information.
10	Virtual Information session Round 3 Part 2	June 3, 2024 – Mail (Aroland First Nation, Constance Lake First Nation, Webequie First Nation) June 11, 2024 – E-mail and Fax (Eabametoong First Nation, Ginoogaming First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation) and June 12, 2024 – Mail (Eabametoong First Nation, Ginoogaming First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation) June 18, 2024 – E-mail and Fax (Marten Falls First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation) June 25, 2024 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Attawapiskat First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation) July 3, 2024 – E-mail and Fax (Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Weenusk First Nation, Kasabonika Lake First Nation) and July 8, 2024 – Mail (Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Weenusk First Nation, Kasabonika Lake First Nation) July 9, 2024 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Wapekeka First Nation, Wawakapewin First Nation, Wunnumin Lake First Nation) July 15, 2024 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Metis Nation of Ontario – Region 2, Mishkeegogamang First Nation, North Caribou Lake First Nation)	Letters and posters advising that the WSR Project Team is hosting virtual information sessions were sent out to Indigenous communities with registration links for the session. The information session will include a presentation on WSR's EA/IA activities including: project update, consultation and engagement to date, scope of EA/IA, EA/IA methodology, preliminary results of effects assessment for select value components, and next steps. The letters stated that the WSR Project Team has a platform to allow for real time translation to accommodate community members during the session. The letters also included information on the Virtual Reality (VR) Open House where community members can access further information about the project and provide comments. The letters also included posters of the virtual information sessions for the community websites, community Facebook pages, or other in-community locations. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for further information or questions. Please refer to **Section 3.2** for further information.

#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
11	Notice of Public Information Center (PIC) #3	August 27, 2024 – Newspaper August 29, 2024 – E-mail September 6, 2024 – Email (Reminder)	A notice of PIC #3 was published in local newspapers, posted on the Project website, and sent to all 22 Indigenous communities. The notice provided information on the Project purpose, EA/IA planning process, and PIC details including date, time, location, and contact information. Please refer to **Section 3.6.1** for further information.
12	Notice of Consultation Progress Report Round 3	November 5, 2024 – E-mail, Fax and Mail	A letter was distributed to 22 Indigenous communities which included a USB, a cover letter, and a copy of the WSR Consultation Progress Report Round 3. The letter explained that the Consultation Progress Report summarizes the documents from Round 3 of the Engagement and Consultation Program with Indigenous communities on the Project. The letter further explained that next steps will involve engagement and consultation options for communities to review assessment findings in the draft EAR / IS, including targeted sessions with Indigenous communities for feedback and input on the results of the CEA for the Project. The letter noted that the future engagement and consultation sessions for communities are tentatively scheduled to start in Winter 2024/2025. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for any questions or further information.
13	Notice of Virtual Information Sessions – Round 4 Part 1	November 18, 2024 – E-mail and Fax (Aroland First Nation, Constance Lake First Nation, Webequie First Nation) November 22, 2024 – Email and Fax (Marten Falls First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation, Wapekeka First Nation) November 27, 2024 – E-mail and Fax (Attawapiskat First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Wunnumin Lake First Nation) December 05, 2024 – E-mail and Fax (Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Wawakapewin First Nation, Weenusk First Nation) January 9, 2025 – E-mail and Fax (Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario - Region 2, Mishkeegogamang First Nation, North Caribou Lake First Nation) January 10, 2025 – E-mail and Fax and January 13, 2025 – Mail (Eabametoong First Nation,	Correspondence was sent to all 22 Indigenous communities that included an invitation letter and poster about virtual community information sessions planned for each community and registration links. The virtual information sessions included a presentation to provide a project update, CEA, and next steps in the EA/IA process. The letters noted there would be a platform to allow for real-time translation during the virtual information sessions to accommodate community members. The letters also included a poster of the virtual information session for the community website, community Facebook page, or other in-community locations. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for further information or questions. Please refer to **Section 3.2** for further information.

#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
		Ginoogaming First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario - Region 2, Mishkeegogamang First Nation, North Caribou Lake First Nation)	
14	Invitation to Three Roads Projects Gathering and Expo #2	January 15, 2025 – E-mail January 31, 2025 – E-mail	An invitation letter was distributed to 22 Indigenous communities which contained links to invitations for the Three Road Project Gathering & Expo hosted by Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation with support from the Province of Ontario, highlighting that the gathering will serve as an engaging and interactive consultation space to discuss the WSR draft EAR/IS, MFCAR draft EAR/IS, and NRL Projects. It included the event dates and locations in Thunder Bay (February 19-20, 2025) and Timmins (February 25-26, 2025), along with a general overview of key highlights, funding details, and attendance information. The invitation emphasized that the event aims to foster understanding of the three road projects and their potential impacts along with cumulative effects, while creating a collaborative environment for meaningful consultation. Please refer to **Section 3.6.3** for further information.
15	Notice of Virtual Information Sessions – Round 4 Part 2	January 17, 2025 – E-mail and Fax (Aroland First Nation, Attawapiskat First Nation, Constance Lake First Nation, Webequie First Nation) January 24, 2025 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Marten Falls First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation, Wapekeka First Nation) January 27, 2025 – E-mail and Fax (Attawapiskat First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Wunnumin First Nation) February 5, 2025 – Fax and Mail (Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Wawakapewin First Nation, Weenusk First Nation) February 13, 2025 – E-mail and Fax (Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Metis Nation of Ontario – Region 2, Mishkeegogamang First Nation, North Caribou Lake First Nation) February 18, 2025 – E-mail and Fax (Eabametoong First Nation, Ginoogaming First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation) March 12, 2025 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug	Correspondence was sent to all 22 Indigenous communities that included an invitation letter and poster about virtual community information sessions planned for each community and registration links. The virtual information sessions included a presentation to provide a project update, CEA, and next steps in the EA/IA process. The letters noted there would be a platform to allow for real-time translation during the virtual information sessions to accommodate community members. The letters also included a poster of the virtual information session for the community website, community Facebook page, or other in-community locations. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for further information or questions. Please refer to **Section 3.2** for further information.

#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
		First Nation, Metis Nation of Ontario – Region 2, Mishkeegogamang First Nation, North Caribou Lake First Nation) March 17, 2025 – E-mail and Fax and Mail (Eabametoong First Nation, Ginoogaming First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation)	

3.1.2 Newsletters

Monthly newsletters providing up-to-date information on various aspects of the Project which included the topic of the CEA were sent to all 22 Indigenous communities via e-mail, mail (through Canada Post), and fax, as further described in **Table 3-2**. Newsletters were also posted on the Project website, ensuring they are accessible to all Indigenous community members. Additionally, Webequie First Nation receives a community-specific newsletter on a quarterly basis that provides information and updates on the Project with highlights on community participation and community-specific activities.

Table 3-2: Monthly Newsletters Circulated During Targeted and Non-Targeted CEA Consultation and Engagement Period and Targeted Newsletters Circulated

Issue	Month	Description of Newsletter Contents
17	December 2022	▪ Provided information about the Surface Water baseline study findings and Cumulative Effects study plan.
27	October 2023	▪ Provided information about the Cumulative Effects study plan, the PIC #2 and the ATRI Forum.
39	October 2024	▪ Provided information about CEA and the Early Circulation of the Draft EAR/IS.
40	November 2024	▪ Provided information about the Early Circulation of the Draft EAR/IS, the Effects Assessment including cumulative effects, and Cultural Heritage and Archaeology.
15	December 2024 (Webequie First Nation)	▪ Provided information about the Project update and upcoming Christmas Dinner in Thunder Bay, the CEA engagement, the early circulation of the Draft EAR/IS, and the upcoming Three Road Projects Gathering.
41	January 2025	▪ Provided information about the Three Road Projects Gathering, early circulation of the Draft EAR/IS, and community virtual information sessions for round 4.
42	February 2025	▪ Provided information about the Three Road Projects Gathering, Cumulative Effects, and the upcoming Draft EAR/IS.
43	February 2025	▪ Provided information about the virtual community information sessions for round 4, the virtual water crossing simulation, and the early circulation of the Draft EAR/IS.
44	May 2025	▪ Provided information about the topics of the Draft EAR/IS, Plain Language Summaries, and engagement options.

3.2 Virtual Community Information Sessions, Livestreams and Radio Shows

Targeted virtual community information sessions that focused on CEA were held during Consultation Round 4 with each of the 22 Indigenous communities. The Virtual Information Sessions were scheduled for 45 minutes. The actual length of the meetings varied depending on the number of participants and questions or comments raised.

An invitation letter and poster were sent to the Chief of each community at least two weeks in advance of the event. Each session was hosted by the Project Team via Zoom and live-streamed via YouTube.

Sessions included an introduction to the status of the EA/IA process for the Project, a pre-recorded video presentation summarizing topics for engagement during Consultation Round 4, starting with a review of the project to date, followed by a discussion of the process of effects assessment, then an explanation of cumulative effects and how they are determined and managed. A Q&A period followed after the presentation. After each session, the video of the recorded virtual information session was posted to the Project website and YouTube, ensuring community members who were unable to attend could still watch the session pertaining to their community and submit questions and feedback. Comments received from each community and responses provided by the Project Team are detailed in **Section 3.7**.

The dates the invitations were shared and the dates the sessions were held for targeted consultation and engagement are listed in **Table 3-3**. Summaries and materials of the targeted virtual community information sessions are provided in the Appendix P2.D.1.8 and P2.D.1.9 of the Record of Engagement and Consultation.

Table 3-3: Schedule for Consultation Round 3 Community Virtual Information Sessions – Targeted Consultation for CEA

#	Indigenous Community / Group	Session Date *	Invitation Letter
CONSULTATION ROUND 4: PART 1			
1	Webequie First Nation	Monday, November 25, 2024	Monday, November 18, 2024
2	Aroland First Nation	Monday, November 25, 2024	Monday, November 18, 2024
3	Attawapiskat First Nation	Monday, December 9, 2024	Wednesday, November 27, 2024
4	Constance Lake First Nation	Monday, November 25, 2024	Monday, November 18, 2024
5	Eabametoong First Nation	Monday, January 20, 2025	Friday, January 10, 2025
6	Fort Albany First Nation	Monday, December 9, 2024	Wednesday, November 27, 2024
7	Ginoogaming First Nation	Monday, January 20, 2025	Friday, January 10, 2025
8	Kasabonika Lake First Nation	Monday, December 16, 2024	Thursday, December 5, 2024
9	Kashechewan First Nation	Monday, December 9, 2024	Wednesday, November 27, 2024
10	Kingfisher Lake First Nation	Monday, December 16, 2024	Thursday, December 5, 2024
11	Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation	Monday, January 13, 2025	Thursday, January 9, 2025
12	Long Lake #58 First Nation	Monday, January 20, 2025	Friday, January 10, 2025
13	Marten Falls First Nation	Monday, December 2, 2024	Friday, November 22, 2024
14	Métis Nation of Ontario – Region 2	Monday, January 13, 2025	Thursday, January 9, 2025
15	Mishkeegogamang First Nation	Monday, January 13, 2025	Thursday, January 9, 2025
16	Neskantaga First Nation	Monday, December 2, 2024	Friday, November 22, 2024
17	Nibinamik First Nation	Monday, December 2, 2024	Friday, November 22, 2024
18	North Caribou Lake First Nation	Monday, January 13, 2025	Thursday, January 9, 2025
19	Wapekeka First Nation	Monday, December 2, 2024	Friday, November 22, 2024
20	Wawakapewin First Nation	Monday, December 16, 2024	Thursday, December 5, 2024
21	Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation	Monday, December 16, 2024	Thursday, December 5, 2024
22	Wunnumin Lake First Nation	Monday, December 9, 2024	Wednesday, November 27, 2024
CONSULTATION ROUND 4: PART 2			

#	Indigenous Community / Group	Session Date *	Invitation Letter
1	Webequie First Nation	Monday, January 27, 2025	Friday, January 17, 2025
2	Aroland First Nation	Monday, January 27, 2025	Friday, January 17, 2025
3	Attawapiskat First Nation	Monday, February 10, 2025	Monday, January 27, 2025
4	Constance Lake First Nation	Monday, January 27, 2025	Friday, January 17, 2025
5	Eabametoong First Nation	Monday, March 24, 2025	Tuesday, February 18, 2025 Monday, March 17, 2025
6	Fort Albany First Nation	Monday, February 10, 2025	Monday, January 27, 2025
7	Ginoogaming First Nation	Monday, March 24, 2025	Tuesday, February 18, 2025 Monday, March 17, 2025
8	Kasabonika Lake First Nation	Tuesday, February 18, 2025	Wednesday, February 5, 2025
9	Kashechewan First Nation	Monday, February 10, 2025	Monday, January 27, 2025
10	Kingfisher Lake First Nation	Tuesday, February 18, 2025	Wednesday, February 5, 2025
11	Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation	Monday, March 17, 2025	Thursday, February 13, 2025 Wednesday, March 12, 2025
12	Long Lake #58 First Nation	Monday, March 24, 2025	Tuesday, February 18, 2025 Monday, March 17, 2025
13	Marten Falls First Nation	Tuesday, February 3, 2025	Friday, January 24, 2025
14	Métis Nation of Ontario – Region 2	Monday, March 17, 2025	Thursday, February 13, 2025 Thursday, March 12, 2025
15	Mishkeegogamang First Nation	Monday, March 17, 2025	Thursday, February 13, 2025 Wednesday, March 12, 2025
16	Neskantaga First Nation	Monday, February 3, 2025	Friday, January 24, 2025
17	Nibinamik First Nation	Monday, February 3, 2025	Friday, January 24, 2025
18	North Caribou Lake First Nation	Monday, March 17, 2025	Thursday, February 13, 2025 Thursday, March 12, 2025
19	Wapekeka First Nation	Monday, February 3, 2025	Friday, January 24, 2025
20	Wawakapewin First Nation	Wednesday, February 18, 2025	Wednesday, February 5, 2025
21	Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation	Tuesday, February 18, 2025	Wednesday, February 5, 2025
22	Wunnumin Lake First Nation	Monday, February 10, 2025	Monday, January 27, 2025

In addition to the Round 4 Virtual Community Information Sessions, the Project Team also held virtual information sessions that are considered non-targeted on the CEA, but did provide information on the Project, and other topics and issues of concern including the CEA. **Table 3-4** presents a summary of these Virtual Information Sessions held, which were a part of the broad-based consultation and engagement for CEA. Summaries and materials of the targeted virtual community information sessions are provided in the Appendix P2.D.1.2, P2.D.1.3, P2.D.1.5, P2.D.1.6, P2.D.1.8 and P2.D.1.9 of the Record of Engagement and Consultation.

Table 3-4: Additional Virtual Information Sessions, Livestreams and Radio Call-In Shows Related to CEA

Date	Indigenous Community/Groups	Discussion Summary
June 23, 2021	All 22 Indigenous communities	The Project team hosted a live streaming event via Facebook and YouTube and a Live Radio Show on Wawatay News on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. The purpose of these sessions were to discuss Cumulative Effects assessments and mitigation that will be carried out during the WSR Project EA process and Baseline Studies.
October 26, 2021	All 22 Indigenous communities	The Project team hosted a live streaming event via Facebook and YouTube and a Live Radio Show on Wawatay News on October 26, 2021. The sessions included presentations on WSR Project: Acoustic, Visual, Climate Change and Air Quality and Cumulative effects Work Plans along with question-and-answer period.
May 16, 2022	Neskantaga First Nation	The Project team hosted a virtual information session for Neskantaga First Nation, with the meeting beginning with an introduction regarding the purpose of the session. Following the presentation, the community representatives in attendance asked several questions regarding how the Project Team will measure anticipated road traffic, cumulative effects related to climate change and greenhouse gases, and habitat availability, when and how Neskantaga First Nation's questions will be responded to, the role of Indigenous Knowledge (IK) in the assessment process, local employment opportunities, remediating aggregate quarries post construction, and potential wildfire risks and impacts. There were three community members in attendance. The Project Team informed the audience that a recording of the session is made available through YouTube and the WSR Website for viewing.
June 6, 2022	Nibinamik First Nation	The Project team hosted a virtual information session for Nibinamik First Nation, with the meeting beginning with an introduction regarding the purpose of the session. Following the presentation, the Project team discussed several questions that had been previously asked by Nibinamik First Nation regarding assessment of cumulative effects and mining projects in the Ring of Fire. There were no community members in attendance. The Project Team informed the audience that a recording of the session is made available through YouTube and the WSR Website for viewing.
June 13, 2022	Aroland First Nation	The Project team hosted a virtual information session for Aroland First Nation. After the video presentation, Project team discussed questions that had been previously asked by Aroland First Nation. These questions were regarding the assessment of cumulative effects. There were no community members in attendance. The Project Team informed the audience that a recording of the session is made available through YouTube and the WSR Website for viewing.
June 20, 2022	Constance Lake First Nation	The Project team hosted a virtual information session for Constance Lake First Nation. Following the presentation for the session, the Project team discussed several questions that had been previously asked by Constance Lake First Nation, regarding addressing insufficient resources to conduct a thorough review of the ToR, overcoming COVID-19 related restrictions, how watersheds, fish, land, animals and air quality will be protected, environmental monitoring throughout the life of the Project, how IK will be used to inform the EA/IA, respect for community engagement protocols, regional assessment, implications to the health and safety of community members from increased traffic, the impact on moose populations, the location of aggregate resources, and potential cumulative effects. There were no community members in attendance. The Project Team informed the audience that a recording of the session is made available through YouTube and the WSR Website for viewing.

Date	Indigenous Community/Groups	Discussion Summary
June 27, 2022	Ginoogaming First Nation	The Project team hosted a virtual information session for Ginoogaming First Nation where the Project team provided an introduction regarding the purpose of the session and played a video presentation which included information on the Project's EA/IA activities. Following the presentation, the project team discussed several questions that Ginoogaming First Nation had previously asked regarding capacity funding and cumulative effects from other project development in the Ring of Fire. The Project team stated that other projects in the Ring of Fire are being conducted separately and that the consultation session is specific to WSR Project, however, these projects will still be considered as part of the CEA for WSR. There were three community representatives in attendance. The Project Team informed the audience that a recording of the session is made available through YouTube and the WSR Website for viewing.
July 11, 2022	Kingfisher Lake First Nation	The Project team hosted a virtual information session for Kingfisher Lake First Nation, where the Project team provided an introduction regarding the purpose of the session and played a video presentation which included information on the Project's EA/IA activities. Following the presentation, the Project team stated that no questions or concerns have been raised by Kingfisher Lake First Nation to date. Further information regarding IK/ Indigenous Land Use Program, the Regional Assessment that is underway by IAAC, and Cumulative Effects Analysis for the Project was shared during the session. There were no community representatives in attendance. The Project Team informed the audience that a recording of the session is made available through YouTube and the WSR Website for viewing.
July 18, 2022	Long Lake #58 First Nation	The Project team hosted a virtual information session for Long Lake #58 First Nation. Following the presentation, the Project team provided clarification to questions raised by Long Lake #58 First Nation regarding IK/ Indigenous Land Use Program, potential jobs and employment which will be explored through the baseline socio-economic study, and the Cumulative Effects Analysis. There were no community representatives in attendance. The Project Team informed the audience that a recording of the session is made available through YouTube and the WSR Website for viewing.
August 8, 2022	Wapekeka First Nation	The Project team hosted a virtual information session for Wapekeka First Nation. Subsequent to presenting the material, the Project team provided further information regarding the IK/Indigenous Land Use Program, potential jobs and employment which will be explored through the baseline socio-economic study, and the Cumulative Effects Analysis for the Project. There were no community representatives in attendance. The Project Team informed the audience that a recording of the session is made available through YouTube and the WSR Website for viewing.
December 6, 2022	All 22 Indigenous communities	The Project team hosted a one-hour radio show on Wawatay Radio on 'Cumulative Effects: An Explanation and Illustration'. The purpose of the radio show and streaming session was to help explain the topic of cumulative effects and explain how cumulative effects will be assessed as part of the WSR EA/IA.
March 13, 2023	Aroland First Nation Webequie First Nation	The Project team hosted virtual information sessions for Aroland First Nation and Webequie First Nation, and following the presentation for the meeting the Project team discussed previously raised concerns by the Indigenous communities on cumulative effects of multiple projects, impacts on safety and drug abuse in relation to road. There were no community representatives in attendance for both virtual information sessions. The Project Team informed the audience that a recording of the session is made available through YouTube and the WSR Website for viewing.

Date	Indigenous Community/Groups	Discussion Summary
March 20, 2023	Constance Lake First Nation Marten Falls First Nation	The Project team hosted virtual information sessions for Constance Lake First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation. Subsequent to the presentation the Project team discussed questions raised by the Indigenous communities on cumulative effects of multiple projects, impacts on health and safety, IK data collection, impact on the natural environment, the regional assessment and resource constraints, impacts on ground water and habitat, climate change, noise and vibration issues related to aggregate and peatland removal. The Project Team informed the audience that a recording of the session is made available through YouTube and the WSR Website for viewing. There were no community members in attendance from either First Nation.
March 27, 2023	Fort Albany First Nation Kasabonika Lake First Nation	The Project team hosted virtual information sessions for Fort Albany First Nation and Kasabonika Lake First Nation. Following the presentation, the Project team discussed questions raised by the Indigenous communities, which included cumulative effects of multiple projects, Aboriginal treaty rights and land use, impacts on water, fish and fish habitat (at crossing locations), IK, caribou, loss of income from trapping, hunting, trapping and real time translation for elders during consultation in relation to road. The Project Team informed the audience that a recording of the session is made available through YouTube and the WSR Website for viewing. There were no community members in attendance from either First Nation.
April 3, 2023	Attawapiskat First Nation	The Project team hosted virtual information session for Attawapiskat First Nation. After the presentation for the meeting, the Project team discussed clarifications requested by Attawapiskat First Nation which included impact on caribou, inclusion of IK, regional assessment, participation funding, Aboriginal Treaty Rights, and cumulative effects of the project. The Project Team informed the audience that a recording of the session is made available through YouTube and the WSR Website for viewing. There were no attendees present at this session.
April 17, 2023	Neskantaga First Nation	The Project team hosted virtual information session for Neskantaga First Nation. Following the presentation, the Project team discussed several concerns that had been previously raised by Neskantaga First Nation, regarding the ownership and operation of the road, benefits sharing agreement with Neskantaga, cumulative effects of multiple projects, effect of aggregate resource extraction on landscape, impact on traplines, tracking of commitments and compliance review role of Neskantaga First Nation, reconciliation under UNDRIP and herd ranges of caribou. The Project Team informed the audience that a recording of the session is made available through YouTube and the WSR Website for viewing. There were no attendees present at this session.
June 17, 2024 June 24, 2024 July 8, 2024 July 15, 2024 July 22, 2024 July 29, 2024	All 22 Indigenous communities	The Project team hosted virtual information sessions for Indigenous communities. Following the presentation, the team engaged in a discussion addressing the concerns that had been previously raised which included preliminary results for the vegetation, wildlife, social environment, ATRI valued components (VCs). The presentation concluded with discussion on the CEA and the assessment of other aspects and effects. There were no attendees present at these sessions, with the exception of the session conducted for Marten Falls First Nation.

3.3 Project Website

A dedicated website, www.supplyroad.ca, was created at the beginning of the Project in 2019 to provide Indigenous communities, Indigenous organizations and councils, stakeholders and general public with information on the Project, post notifications of upcoming activities and engagement events, and provide access to important documentation for review. Public notices/invitations, community information session presentations, and other relevant documents and communication materials (such as fact sheets, newsletters, and study plan summaries) are posted on the website to provide Indigenous community members and stakeholders easy access to Project information.

A unique webpage was created for each of the 22 potentially affected Indigenous communities, which can be accessed by entering “supplyroad.ca/[communityname]” into the web browser. Each community-specific webpage contains the following:

- Videos with information on a range of topics related to the Project;
- A live-stream recording of the community virtual information sessions;
- A Virtual Reality (VR) open house walkthrough, replicating a traditional open house setting with display boards presenting information on various aspects of the Project;
- Links to join the consultation sessions (no-registration required);
- Feedback and questions form;
- Frequently asked questions;
- A sign-up form for the WSR monthly newsletter; and
- A comment form, allowing community members to ask questions or provide feedback to the Project Team with ease.

The website also provides interested individuals with contact information and opportunity to submit questions or comments to the Project Team. The website is updated regularly to ensure all relevant documentation to date is readily available and to provide information and notices in a practical manner.

The website provides cumulative effects information in several formats and locations. Together, these resources offer technical, summarized, and accessible information for all stakeholders, including Indigenous communities.

- The ‘Learning Engine’ includes a detailed section on CEA, covering regulatory requirements, methodology, VCs, spatial and temporal boundaries, and mitigation measures. It also explains how cumulative effects are evaluated for components like soils, water, air, vegetation, and wildlife.
- The ‘Cumulative Effects Work Plan Fact Sheet’ offers a concise overview of the purpose of CEA, defines four effect types (additive, synergistic, compensatory, and masking), and outlines study boundaries and a five-step assessment framework.
- The ‘Study Plan Summary’ goes deeper into objectives, tasks, and indicators for determining significance, while emphasizing Indigenous input and historical context.
- Additionally, Newsletter Issue #27 provides a plain-language explanation of cumulative effects, reiterates effect types, and describes the assessment approach and timeline.
- Finally, the Learning Engine’s training materials include simplified explanations, visuals, and supporting resources such as videos and podcasts featuring Indigenous perspectives.

3.3.1 Questions on Cumulative Effects

Table 3-5 below contain the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) related to the CEA throughout consultation and engagement to date as well as corresponding response.

Table 3-5: FAQs from WSR Project Website Specifically Related to the CEA

Question	Response
How are cumulative effects and climate change being considered in the WSR Assessment process?	The WSR Project Team is undertaking a CEA and a Climate Change Assessment. The CEA will aim to: ▪ Identify and characterize the effects of the Project that remain after action has been taken to reduce or manage predicted adverse effects (referred to as residual or net effects). This will help focus the CEA on selected VCs (for example, fish/fish habitat, wildlife, surface water/groundwater, vegetation and wetlands, traditional land and resource use); ▪ Define the area and timeframe within which the study will be done for each VC where net effects have been identified; ▪ Identify other past, current, and foreseeable projects and activities with effects likely to overlap with the predicted net effects of the Project; ▪ Work with Indigenous communities to reflect their historical experiences of colonialism and environmental change through building an understanding and overview of events, activities, and policies that have impacted and disrupted Indigenous communities and their way of life in the region; ▪ Predict the likely combined/cumulative effects of the WSR and other projects and activities under consideration, and develop additional mitigation measures, if warranted; and ▪ Evaluate and determine the significance of the predicted cumulative effects. To learn more about how the Project Team is planning to study cumulative effects, review the Fact Sheets and Study Plan Summary.

3.4 On-Reserve Community Meetings

This section documents both non-targeted and targeted opportunities where the CEA was presented as a topic to receive feedback from Indigenous communities.

3.4.1 Chief and Council Meetings

3.4.1.1 Mushkegowuk Council

September 12, 2019

The Project team met with Mushkegowuk Council at the Mushkegowuk Council Office. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the WSR Project EA Process, the ToR and completed and upcoming field studies. The Project Team made a presentation and a question-and-answer period followed. Questions and feedback from the Council was related to: (1) changes due to the IA Act; (2) clarification on details of the WSR Project; (3) information sharing; (4) environmental studies; (5) scheduling of next meeting; (6) aquatic life and habitat; (7) environmental impacts; and (8) cumulative impacts. Summary and presentation of this meeting is provided in **Appendix B**.

3.4.1.2 Fort Albany First Nation

October 13, 2020

The Project team had videoconference with Fort Albany First Nation Chief, Council, Legal and Technical Advisors. The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team with descriptions of the EA process, the proposed ToR and his preparation, as well as the need from input from Indigenous communities. The Project team presented the ToR presentation, providing a high-level description of the contents of the ToR. Both during and after the presentation, a series of questions were asked related to: (1) Three-Tier Approach; (2) Coordinated EA process; (3) Field studies; (4) Regional Roads; (5) Baseline studies; (6) Criteria and Indicators; (7) Funding; (8) CEA; (9) Rights IA; (10) Three Northern Road Projects; (11) Inclusion of perspectives of other Indigenous communities; (12) Groundwater impacts; and (13) Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG). Summary and presentation of this meeting is provided in **Appendix B**.

3.4.2 On-Reserve Meetings

3.4.2.1 Webequie First Nation

October 27, 2021

A community meeting was held with Webequie First Nation, during which the CEA was discussed. The purpose of the meeting was to share information on the WSR Project EA and present topics including the acoustic environment, visual environment, climate change/air quality and Cumulative Effects work plan. The meeting was held on October 27, 2021 at the Webequie First Nation Community Centre, with real-time translation provided by a community member. The Project team also outlined upcoming community visits and encouraged participation through the project website and social media updates. Summary and presentation of this meeting is provided in **Appendix B**.

May 13 and 14, 2024

The Project team went to Webequie First Nation to provide an update about the Project and talk to community members to request feedback on the Socio-Economic and Health Conditions of the community that have been assembled into the draft baseline study reports and circulated to community leadership. The Project Team also heard from community members about concerns and issues related to potential effects of the WSR Project on the community. Issues, comments, and concerns raised by community members covered the following topics: more visual communications updates, community specific studies, cumulative impacts, community engagement, community's involvement in decision making, baseline definition, housing concerns, high cost of living, lack of employment, community safety, mitigation measures, IK and way of life, gathering data through surveys, non-traditional healthcare systems and access to health services, availability of healthy food options, declining population, community infrastructure, impacts to environment, engagement events with health activities. Summary and presentation of this meeting is provided in **Appendix B**.

3.4.2.2 Marten Falls First Nation

August 8, 2024

The Project team met with Marten Falls First Nation Elders via a Zoom call. Translation services (English / Ojibway) were provided in real-time by a Marten Falls First Nation community member. The Project team delivered the WSR update presentation, providing a project background, followed by a discussion of the various consultation efforts made to date and a description the general themes of feedback received on the project to date from First Nation communities in the region. The presentation concluded with a discussion and explanation of the CEA, followed by a list of the

projects to be included in this assessment and next steps in the Project. Summary and presentation of this meeting is provided in **Appendix B**.

July 21, 2025

The Project team went to Marten Falls First Nation and the community meeting took place at Henry Coaster Memorial School. A series of presentations were delivered, focusing on the NRL project, followed by an update on the WSR Project. The primary objectives of the community meeting were to share updates on the NRL and WSR projects, gather feedback from Marten Falls First Nation members, and address questions and concerns related to environmental, cultural, and economic impacts. WSR update included EA and IA (EA/IA) and the presentation covered an overview of the WSR project and its engagement with Marten Falls First Nation. The Project team outlined several key issues raised during the assessment process, including wildlife and wildlife habitat, the social and economic environment, non-traditional land and resource use, cultural heritage and archaeological resources, and cumulative effects. Summary and presentation of this meeting is provided in **Appendix B**.

3.5 Off-Reserve Community Meetings

3.5.1 Nibinamik First Nation

August 6, 2024

The Project team met with off-reserve members and leadership of Nibinamik First Nation in the Viking Room of the Valhalla Hotel and Conference Centre. The Project team delivered the presentation, providing a project background, followed by a discussion of the various consultation efforts made to date and a description the general themes of feedback received on the project to date from First Nation communities in the region. The presentation then moved on to an explanation of current activities to identify possible effects of the project and how these fit into the overall EA/IA process. The presentation concluded with a discussion and explanation of the CEA, followed by a list of the projects to be included in this assessment and next steps in the Project. Summary and presentation of this meeting is provided in **Appendix C**.

3.6 Open Houses

3.6.1 Public Information Centre (PIC) #3

The Project Team hosted PIC #3 at the Best Western Premier Northwood Hotel in Timmins on September 10, 2024 and again on September 12, 2024, at the Superior Inn Hotel & Conference Centre in Thunder Bay. Both Open Houses were for all interested community members, the public and stakeholders. The open house in Timmins on September 10 consisted of two sessions: one between 2:00 – 4:00 PM and the second from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The second session was specifically for Indigenous community members.

The open house sessions on September 10 and 12 included a display of information about the Project, Project Team representatives sharing information about the ongoing EA/IA study and activities, results of engagement and consultation activities to date, preliminary effects assessment results for the Project, cumulative effects assessment, and future engagement and consultation opportunities and this was livestreamed. A total of 9 individuals attended the session on September 10, and 18 individuals attended on September 12. Communication materials were provided to attendees. Notable stakeholders who attended the session included representatives from the Daily Press who were provided with a tour of the poster boards at the Open House.

The Project Team also hosted an Open House session for Indigenous off-reserve community members in Thunder Bay on September 13, 2024. This off-reserve open house consisted of two sessions: one between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM and the second from 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM, followed by an informal open house with display information about the Project. Project Team representatives shared the same information as shared in the open house for interested community members, the public and stakeholder, which was also livestreamed. A total of 9 individuals attended the session. Available materials included the WSR Notice of Public PIC #3 and various poster boards. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer period.

Although no day was dedicated to discussion on cumulative effects the projects considered under the cumulative effects assessment and approach were presented at the Open House, and **Table 3-6** details the questions asked by stakeholders/ public at the Open Houses related to CEAs and corresponding responses. Summaries and presentation of PIC #3 is provided in **Appendix D**.

3.6.2 Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2

Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Forums were held with the purpose to discuss the potential impacts of infrastructure projects on Indigenous communities' ATRI, and not to collect IK. These forums facilitated meaningful engagement between Indigenous communities and Project proponent, ensuring that ATRI are considered in Project development.

ATRI Forum #2 was held on November 21 to 23, 2023. The Forum provided an exclusive opportunity for participating Indigenous communities to engage directly with proponents of the three projects (NRL, MFCAR and WSR), in private, one-on-one sessions. Here, participants could freely ask questions, address concerns, and discuss their rights and interests in relation to each specific project. Day 3 of the forum was set aside for a half-day discussion on Cumulative Effects as they relate to the Projects.

Outside of the private sessions, informal "fireside chats" were also held for each Project, fostering a more relaxed environment for relationship-building and open dialogue. There was also a well-attended cumulative effects educational session which included presentations on cumulative effects as well as a thoughtful facilitated question-and-answer period in advance of the CEA that will be undertaken as part of the EA/IA. Beyond these conversations, the Forum offered a variety of activities, including guest speakers, a movie night, and wellness activities.

Table 3-6 in **Section 3.7** summarizes the comments/issues raised during the Cumulative Effects Workshop held at ATRI Forum #2 which were also shared with the participating communities at a later date. Report and presentation materials of this Forum is provided in **Appendix D**.

3.6.3 Three Projects Gathering and Expo #2

The Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo was held February 19-20, 2025, at Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay and on February 25 – 26 at the Cedar Meadows & Spa in Timmins, to provide an engaging and interactive space for consultation in order for participants to learn more about the three road projects, discuss the WSR Draft EAR/IS, MFCAR Draft EAR/IS, and NRL Projects.

All gatherings were held over two days with Day One set aside for Project overviews, consultation panels, individual community breakout sessions, and project expo including information to assist with review of the draft EAR/IS for MFCAR and WSR and CEA. Day Two of the event covered the ATRI panel discussions, breakout sessions, and project expo including information to assist with review of the draft EAR/IS and MFCAR and WSR and CEA.

For the event at Valhalla Inn, a total of 28 individuals signed the registration sheet on Day One, and 38 individuals signed on Day Two. It should be noted the number of individuals that signed is not a fully accurate reflection of all participants as some participants did not sign the sign-in sheet.

For the event at Cedar Meadows, a total of 7 individuals signed the registration sheet on Day One, and 16 individuals signed on Day Two. It should be noted the number of individuals that signed is not a fully accurate reflection of all participants as some participants did not sign the sign-in sheet. **Table 3-6** details the questions asked by participants in relation to the CEA as well as suggestions and/or concerns from participants during and following each presentation regarding the Project.

The summary report of the Three Projects Gathering and Expo event and feedback from communities are presented in in **Appendix D** and the Record of Consultation for the EAR/IS. The summaries will also included in the Record of Consultation of this report.

3.7 Feedback Received Regarding Cumulative Effects Assessment

Table 3-6 summarizes the feedback received from Indigenous communities from both targeted and non-targeted engagement and consultation activities related to the CEA for the Project.

Table 3-6: Summary of Feedback Received from Indigenous Communities and Groups from Consultation on the Cumulative Effects Assessment

Stakeholder	Event/ Meeting	Comment	Response/Proposed Actions	Status of Resolution
Long Lake #58 First Nation	ATRI Forum #2 – Cumulative Effects Workshop	How far in the future will you look when considering cumulative effects, will you look at mining claims?	The Project Teams responded that projects built within the reasonably foreseeable future will be considered in the CEA as long as the project has enough information about its potential effects. The Project Teams went on to explain that the road is a permanent project. MFCAR, NRL, and WSR Projects each have an approved ToR and TISG. These ToRs and TISGs describe what will be included in the EA/IA for each road Project. MFCAR, NRL, And WSR will include a CEA in each of their EA/IA and will consider other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable projects and activities in the region and their potential combined effects with their respective Project. Examples of projects to be considered in the CEA include mining, transmission lines, railway transload facilities, other road projects, and forest management units. Each Project Team intends to consult on the projects to be included in the CEA with communities and will be looking for their input.	Addressed in the response
Long Lake #58 First Nation	ATRI Forum #2 – Cumulative Effects Workshop	Will potential future mining projects be considered in the CEA?	The Project Teams responded yes if there is enough information on the future mining project. As described in the approved ToRs and the TISGs for MFCAR, NRL, and WSR, the EA/IA for each Project will include a CEA. This will consider other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable projects and activities in the region and their potential combined effects with each respective Project.	Addressed in the response
Long Lake #58 First Nation	ATRI Forum #2 – Cumulative Effects Workshop	Could cumulative effects be considered for a mining project ten years into the future?	The Project Teams responded yes, only if there is enough information on the future mining project. As described in approved ToR and the TISGs for each of the road Projects, the EA/IA will include a CEA. This will consider other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable projects and activities in the region and their potential combined effects with the Project.	Addressed in the response

Stakeholder	Event/ Meeting	Comment	Response/Proposed Actions	Status of Resolution
Long Lake #58 First Nation	ATRI Forum #2 – Cumulative Effects Workshop	Do the three Projects have to identify the same VCs to be considered for cumulative effects? Do they have to be the same ones for each project? If two communities identify two VCs, are they still considered?	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's (IAAC) responded that the projects don't need to identify the same VCs to be considered for the CEA. In the IA process, the linkages between VCs can be assessed as well, e.g., fish can be a VC that is linked to the VC of Fishing practiced by Indigenous community members that is linked to fish health. The EA/IA for each road Project will look at the potential effects of its respective road Projects on a variety of criteria including information shared by Indigenous communities and others, along with field studies and publicly available information on the VCs. The proponents welcome the chance to receive information on the importance of different species to the community through the ongoing consultation and engagement programs for each of the road Projects.	Addressed in the response
Attawapiskat First Nation (community member)	ATRI Forum #2 – Cumulative Effects Workshop	Attawapiskat First Nation has already experienced cumulative and residual effects. Attawapiskat is downstream of the mine and the three roads. There will be impacts because of the interconnectedness of these projects. Future generations must be considered in terms of cumulative and residual effects.	This information was recorded by the Project Teams. The proponents welcome community views on potential leftover (residual) and combined (cumulative) effects. While communities discuss their ATRI and related interest with the Crown, the information they share about Indigenous governance with the proponents will be considered in the assessment process for each of the road Projects.	Addressed in the response
Attawapiskat First Nation (community member)	ATRI Forum #2 – Cumulative Effects Workshop	Definitions need to be provided for cumulative and residual effects. Additionally, an interpreter needs to explain the definitions.	The information was recorded by the Project Teams. The proponents understand that it is important to clearly explain technical information. They are working on highlighting key terms and creating easy-to-understand information for translators to make it simple and clear for everyone. The proponents will update this information for future events and meetings as they become available. The Project Teams also note that for future events, like the Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo held in June 2024, guidance that was provided was followed.	Addressed in the response

Stakeholder	Event/ Meeting	Comment	Response/Proposed Actions	Status of Resolution
Marten Falls First Nation	ATRI Forum #2 – Cumulative Effects Workshop	There is a need to condense information such that communities can understand as huge documents are not the typical way of looking at things. The terms “residual” and “cumulative” were identified as confusing.	The information was recorded by the Project Teams. The proponents are making sure that information about the Projects is easy to understand. They are creating fact sheets, newsletters, and plain language summaries of important documents. Some key documents are also being translated into local languages. They are working on highlighting key terms and creating easy-to-understand information for translators to make it simple and clear for everyone. Each of the Project Teams will update this information for future events and meetings as they become available. The proponents will keep trying to provide information on each of the road Projects in a simple and clear way whenever possible.	Addressed in the response
Marten Falls First Nation	ATRI Forum #2 – Cumulative Effects Workshop	How much can the Rainy River (45 km long and crosses the Canadian-US border) take in terms of cumulative effects of all human activity?	There is no requirement in the legislation about cumulative effects, however, it is in the EA Guidelines, so there is an expectation that a CEA is undertaken. There are different contributors to cumulative effects, and it can be complicated. When looking at a project level assessment, the focus is on a project’s contribution to the overall effects and how to minimize or avoid contributions. However, if there are other contributors, it is expected that information will be shared on a project-by-project basis and the project’s wide range of contributions are looked at and to support the development of appropriate mitigation measures. The aim is to minimize or avoid making the situation worse. If harm cannot be avoided, it is up to the decision-makers to decide whether or not the project makes sense or if there is room for mitigation. Knowing what the concerns are, so that strategies can be developed is important. Efforts should be explored to achieve management objectives. Mitigation will not be left to one proponent to complete.	Addressed in response

Stakeholder	Event/ Meeting	Comment	Response/Proposed Actions	Status of Resolution
Marten Falls First Nation	ATRI Forum #2 – Cumulative Effects Workshop	Are 'cumulative effects' the same as a 'valued component'? What parameters are looked at?	VCs are organized into different areas such as ATRI, Species at Risk, Fish and Fish Habitat, wildlife, Community Health and Wellbeing, cultural heritage, and human health, etc. These factors are important because they are sensitive to change, are of concern, or have cultural or traditional value. They are likely to be affected by a proposed project or its activities. Each Project has its own list of VCs to study and see how the Project might impact them. Preliminary criteria and indicators are used to measure these changes. These criteria and indicator help assess the current condition of a VC without the Project and predict how it might change with the Project. This helps show the difference between the current condition and the expected future condition for each of the road Projects. Cumulative effects are changes to the environment that happen when a project's impacts combine with other past, present, and future activities. The CEA for each road Project looks at leftover effects that might mix with other effects happening at the same time from other activities nearby. Each road Project needs to check for possible cumulative effects and use a method that follows the best practices and the federal guidelines on "Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects" under the Canadian EA Act, 2012. The proponents will keep talking and collaborating with Indigenous communities to understand the potential cumulative effects that these communities are concerned about.	Addressed in response
Webequie First Nation	ATRI Forum #2 – Cumulative Effects Workshop	Plain language is a must going forward. There were concerns by several participants during the Cumulative Effects session as to what 'residual', 'cumulative effects', and 'valued component' actually mean. Need to come up with more understandable terms especially for residual. The Project Teams also must consider how these definitions are translated via the interpreter.	There were challenges in being able to see the material included in the presentation; however, the material that was included seemed informative. Examples of VCs from a practical perspective were provided. The proponents understand that it is important to clearly explain technical information. They are working on highlighting key EA/IA terms and creating easy-to-understand information for translators to make it simple and clear for everyone. The Project Team will update this information for	Addressed in response

Stakeholder	Event/ Meeting	Comment	Response/Proposed Actions	Status of Resolution
		The terminology and language used in the presentations was challenging to understand. English is the second language of many people attending the ATRI Forum.	future events and meetings as they become available.	
Webequie First Nation	ATRI Forum #2 – Cumulative Effects Workshop	In regard to cumulative effects, there are some assumptions made. Cumulative effects based on seasonal access to the community, need to be considered. Through engagement, community members have expressed concern about drugs and alcohol contributing to social crisis within the community. Cumulative effects are not a new concept for Indigenous peoples. For example, First Nations speaking English, lack of appropriate housing and healthcare, and government decisions, are all examples of cumulative effects. Cumulative effects need to consider history, and residual effects need to consider impacts to culture.	The process of CEA is not regulated in the provincial legislation, however, there is an expectation that a CEA will be conducted provincially, and this is stated in the EA guidance document. Cumulative effects are identified as concerns based on the information provided by communities and the assessment is done at the VC level. There are a lot of different contributors to cumulative effects, and it can be complicated. When looking at a project level assessment, the main focus is on a project's contribution to the overall effects and how to minimize or avoid contributions. However, if there are other contributors, it is expected that information will be shared on a project-by-project basis and the project's wide range of contributions are looked at and to support the development of appropriate mitigation measures. If there is a VC and a lot of projects could affect that VC, in a project level assessment would aim to minimize or avoid making the situation worse. If harm cannot be avoided, it is up to the decision-makers to decide whether or not the project makes sense or if there is room for mitigation. It is important to know what the concerns are, so that strategies can be developed.	Addressed in response
-	PIC #3 Open House	What is involved with cumulative effects?	Cumulative effects are being assessed, and the results will be documented in the EAR/IS. The cumulative effects involve the assessment of changes to the environment that are caused when combining past, present and future projects or human activities in the context to the proposed WSR.	Addressed in response

Stakeholder	Event/ Meeting	Comment	Response/Proposed Actions	Status of Resolution
-	PIC #3 Open House	Upon review of the posterboard illustrating the projects being considered in the CEA, the MINES representative observed that Rapid Lynx fibre optic line was not mentioned. This is a new linear feature in the region and the most current routing for the broadband line will be provided to the Project Team.	The Project Team made note of the concern and the need to add Rapid Lynx fibre optic line to the list of other projects/ physical activities to be considered in the CEA.	Addressed in response

APPENDIX A

Notices and Invitations

May 31, 2021

Dear Chief,

The Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team has planned a series of live streaming and radio call in shows focusing on the various areas related to the Environmental Assessment.

Date	Topic
June 2nd	Engagement Journey
June 9th	Water; Surface and Groundwater
June 16th	Fish and Fish Habitat
June 23rd	Cumulative Effects
June 30th	Indigenous Knowledge

This upcoming week, the WSR live radio show will be broadcasted through **Wawatay News** on **June 2nd 1:00 – 2:00pm (EST)**. We encourage you and your community members to join in the sessions, for this will give you, your staff, and your community members the opportunity to ask questions. You may call during the radio show at the **toll-free number: 1-833-513-1223.**

In addition, the live streaming event is scheduled on the same day at **5:00pm – 5:30pm (EST)** which is accessible on the WSR Project website https://www.supplyroad.ca/stream/. All sessions are recorded and accessible on YouTube, you can subscribe at: Webequie Supply Road - YouTube. We have weekly updates on our Facebook page that features community photos, informative videos, Frequently Asked Questions along with project information. You can access the Facebook page at Supply Road | Facebook. You may also call with questions on the same toll free number provided above during the live streams.

For further inquiries, please do not hesitate to ask or phone me at 807-472-6147. On behalf of the WSR Project team we wish you and your community continued health and wellness.

Stay safe,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Coordinator
Webequie Supply Road

c.c. Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

June 17, 2021

Dear Chief,

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team will be contacting your office over the next couple of weeks to offer to host a Virtual Community Information Session, to provide an update on the Project. Additionally, the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team has planned a series of live streaming and radio call in shows focusing on selected studies based on the interest of Indigenous communities. The following are the upcoming themes.

Date	Topic
June 23rd	Cumulative Effects
June 30th	Indigenous Knowledge

The WSR live radio show will be broadcasted through **Wawatay News** on **June 23rd 1:00 – 2:00pm (EST)**. We encourage you and your community members to join in the sessions, for this will give your community members the opportunity to ask questions about future activities. You may call during the radio show at the **toll-free number: 1-833-513-1223.**

In addition, the live streaming event is scheduled on the same day at **5:00pm – 5:30pm (EST)** which is accessible on the WSR Project website https://www.supplyroad.ca/stream/. All sessions are recorded and accessible on YouTube, you can subscribe at: Webequie Supply Road - YouTube. We have weekly updates on our Facebook page that features community photos, informative videos, Frequently Asked Questions along with project information. You can access the Facebook page at Supply Road | Facebook. You may also call with questions on the same toll-free number provided above during the live streams.

The WSR Project Team is offering opportunities of engagement in the proposed methods below, taking into consideration of COVID-19 restrictions. It is our understanding that some Indigenous communities have updated their COVID-19 protocols to allow fully vaccinated workers (such as satellite installers) to come into their community with the continued health and safety procedures such as social distancing, PPEs, etc. Please identify which of the options would be appropriate to engage with you, term, and your community, as well as suitable dates and times to engage to discuss the selected topics and future activities. .

Engagement Options

Method	Description
Focus Group Sessions	When Covid-19 protocols allow, open discussion with 4-6 participants (Council, staff, community members, or technicians) to discuss future activities. The session will be facilitated by WSR Project Team to gain feedback from the perspective of diverse groups (women, elders, youth, land users, etc.)
Community Sessions	When Covid-19 protocols allow, community information sessions can be conducted, whereby the WSR Project Team will discuss future activities with a question and answer period at the end of the presentation.
Drop-in Sessions	When Covid-19 protocols allow, community members can drop-in at a safe location to discuss future activities with the WSR Project Team.
Virtual Focus Groups	Open discussion with 4-6 participants (Council, staff, community members, or technicians) to discuss future activities facilitated by the WSR Project Team using Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Teams, GoToMeetings, Skype, Webex, or any other videoconferencing platforms that Indigenous leaders and staff are currently using to meet with government officials, health agencies, lawyers,

	advisors, board meetings, tribal council meetings, Chiefs assemblies, online conferences, etc.
Virtual Community Presentation	Using the above range of videoconferencing platforms, the WSR Project Team will discuss future activities to community members with a question and answer period at the end of the presentation.
One Hour Teleconference	Using a phone and fax, the WSR Project Team will fax you a presentation of future activities and set up a conference call number to go through the presentation based on the area of interest your team wants to focus on and answer any questions.
Local Radio Call In Show	Using the local community radio, the WSR Project Team conduct a presentation on future activities with a local translator that the WSR will pay for or we can provide a translator on our end.
Online Surveys	Using online survey methods, community members can provide comments on future activities.

To help create awareness, facilitate postings, and increase participation for the WSR's engagement options for your community members, the WSR Project Team is attaching the WSR poster so that your staff can post it on your community website, community Facebook page, and other in-community locations where hardcopy notifications, job postings, and advertisements are typically posted. If printing is an issue, then we can mail those hardcopy WSR poster to your community for local distribution and all you need to do is email or call us to inform us that you need hardcopies of WSR poster.

Lastly, given the high and daily usage of social media channels by Indigenous leaders and community members, you, your Council, and your staff can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to stay updated and repost it on your social media accounts to assist in information access, information dissemination, and information request associated with the Webequie Supply Road. .

For further inquiries, please do not hesitate to ask or phone me at 807-472-6147. On behalf of the WSR Project team we wish you and your community continued health and wellness.

Stay safe,



Michael Fox
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Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

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Live Stream & Radio Show

The Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team has planned a series of live streaming and radio call in shows focusing on EA's future activities.

Next Session Topic: Cumulative Effects

Radio Show

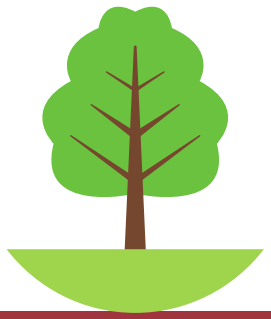
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October 22, 2021

Dear Chief,

The Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team has planned a live streaming and radio call-in show focusing on the Environmental Assessment studies. This upcoming week, **WSR Presents: Acoustic, Visual, Climate Change and Air Quality and Cumulative effects.**

The WSR live phone-in radio show will be broadcasted through **Wawatay News** on **October 26th at 2:00-3:00 (EST)**. We encourage you and your community members to listen, for this will give your community membersthe opportunity to ask questions. You may call during the radio show at the **toll-free number:1-855-513-1223**

In addition, the live streaming event is scheduled on the same day as the above radio show at **4:00pm – 4:30pm (EST)** which is accessible on the WSR Project website https://www.supplyroad.ca/stream/. All sessions are recorded and accessible on YouTube, you can subscribe at: Webequie Supply Road - YouTube. We have regular updates on our Facebook page that features community photos, informative videos, Frequently Asked Questions along with project information. You can follow WSR on Facebook at Supply Road | Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and http://www.linkedin.com/company/wfnsupplyroad You may also call with questions on the same toll-free number provided above during the live streams.

The WSR Project Team is offering opportunities of engagement in the proposed methods below, taking into consideration of COVID-19 restrictions. Please identify which of the options would be appropriate to engage with you, your team, and your community, as well as suitable dates and times to engage to discuss the WSR Project.

Engagement Options

Method	Description
Focus Group Sessions	With proper Covid-19 protocols in place, open discussion with 4-6 participants (Council, staff, community members, or technicians) to discuss the Environmental Assessment studies. The session will be facilitated by WSR Project Team to gain feedback from the perspective of diverse groups(women, elders, youth, land users, etc.)
Community Sessions	With proper Covid-19 protocols in place, community information sessions can be conducted, whereby the WSR Project Team will discuss the Environmental Assessment process with a question-and-answer period at the end of the presentation.
Drop-in Sessions	With proper Covid-19 protocols in place, community members can drop-in at a safe location todiscuss the Environmental Assessment process with the WSR Project Team.
Virtual Focus Groups	Open discussion with 4-6 participants (Council, staff, community members, or technicians) to discuss the Environmental Assessment process facilitated by the WSR Project Team using Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet, GoToMeetings, Skype, Webex, or any other videoconferencing platforms that Indigenous leaders and staff are currently using to meet with government officials, health agencies, lawyers, advisors, board meetings, tribal council meetings, Chiefs assemblies, online conferences, etc.
Virtual Community Presentation	Using the above range of videoconferencing platforms, the WSR Project Team will discuss the Environmental Assessment process to community members with a question-and-answer period at the end of the presentation.

One Hour Teleconference	Using a phone and fax, the WSR Project Team will fax you the Environmental Assessment studies presentation and set up a conference call number to go through the presentation based on the area of interest your team wants to focus on and answer any questions.
Local Radio Call In Show	Using the local community radio, the WSR can present the Environmental Assessment studies with a local translator that the WSR will pay for and explain the Environmental Assessmentprocess. We can also provide a translator on our end.
Online Surveys	Using online survey methods, community members can provide feedback on the Environmental Assessment process.

To help create awareness, facilitate postings, and increase participation for the WSR's engagement options for your community members, the WSR Project Team is attaching the WSR poster so that your staff can post it on your community website, community Facebook page, and other in-community locations where hardcopy notifications, job postings, and advertisements are typically posted. If printing is an issue, then we can mail these hardcopy WSR poster to your community for local distribution and all you need to do is email or call us to inform us that you need hardcopies of WSR poster.

Lastly, given the high and daily usage of social media channels by Indigenous leaders and members, you, your Council, and your staff can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn to stay updated and repost it on your social media accounts to assist in information access, information dissemination, and information request associated with the WSR Project's environmental studies.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact me at 807-472-6147.

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Coordinator
Webequie Supply Road
michael.fox@supplyroad.ca

On behalf of the WSR Project team, we wish you and your community continued health and wellness.

Sincerely,



Michael Fox

c.c. Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

WSR PRESENTS:

The Work Plans

Webequie First Nation received final approval of the **Terms of Reference** (ToR) for the proposed **Webequie Supply Road project** (WSR). This announcement allows the project to move forward to an **Environmental Assessment** (EA).

Due to the approval, the WSR team is back with another series of live streams and radio shows.

This time we will discuss the work plans for the **WSR EA**.

SESSION #2

October 26, 2021: Acoustic, Visual, Climate Change & Air Quality and Cumulative Effects

Radio Show: 2PM – 3PM EST on *Wawatay Radio* or www.supplyroad.ca/radio

Live Stream: 4PM – 4:30PM EST on *Facebook Live* or www.supplyroad.ca/stream

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May 2, 2022

Dear Chief Moonias,

As you may know, the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project was approved on October 8, 2021. Since the ToR was approved, the WSR Project Team has been working on the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment (EA/IA) phase of the Project. The Project Team would like to share with you and your community 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.

We will be offering a community information session, via Zoom, on **Monday, May 16 between 12pm and 1:30pm** for Neskantaga First Nation, where 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. Details for the information session are as follows: https://maverickav.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIucu2pqT8iHdFvWkupECVBXVBIMyUPHeGF.

We encourage you and your community members to listen, for this will give your community members the opportunity to ask questions. You may text during the radio show at 1-844-424-0500. You may also call into the zoom session at 1 (204) 272-7920 or 1 (647) 374-4685. Upon calling in, you will be asked for the following information: Meeting ID: 863 5417 4875 & Passcode: 037791

In addition, the WSR Project Team has made available a Virtual Reality (VR) Open House where you and your members can access further information about the project, the studies being undertaken and provide comments. Please visit: https://www.supplyroad.ca/neskantaga.

If you want additional engagement sessions with your Council, members, advisors and staff, we would be available to meet virtually or in-person following COVID protocols.

To help create awareness, facilitate postings, and increase participation for the community information session, the WSR Project Team is attaching a poster so that your staff can post it on your community website, community Facebook page, and other in- community locations where hardcopy notifications, job postings, and advertisements are typically posted. If printing is an issue, let us know if you need hardcopies of the poster and we can mail them to your community for local distribution.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 807-472-6147 or at michael.fox@supplyroad.ca.

On behalf of the WSR Project team, we wish you and your community continued health and wellness.

Sincerely,



Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie Supply Road

CC: Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

May 24, 2022

Dear Chief Sugarhead,

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We will be offering a community information session, via Zoom, on **Monday, June 6 between 12pm and 1:30pm** for Nibinamik First Nation, where 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. Details for the information session are as follows: https://maverickav.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErf-uqrjsvG9YLKW-UMrZxqdN3IMFw5-jU.

We encourage you and your community members to listen, for this will give your community members the opportunity to ask questions. You may text during the radio show at 1-844-424-0500. You may also call into the zoom session at 1 (204) 272-7920 or 1 (647) 374-4685. Upon calling in, you will be asked for the following information: Meeting ID: 856 8220 0512 & Passcode: 984385.

In addition, the WSR Project Team has made available a Virtual Reality (VR) Open House where you and your members can access further information about the project, the studies being undertaken and provide comments. Please visit: https://www.supplyroad.ca/nibinamik.

If you want additional engagement sessions with your Council, members, advisors and staff, we would be available to meet virtually or in-person following COVID protocols.

To help create awareness, facilitate postings, and increase participation for the community information session, the WSR Project Team is attaching a poster so that your staff can post it on your community website, community Facebook page, and other in- community locations where hardcopy notifications, job postings, and advertisements are typically posted. If printing is an issue, let us know if you need hardcopies of the poster and we can mail them to your community for local distribution.

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May 30, 2022

Dear Chief Towedo,

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We will be offering a community information session, via Zoom, on **Monday, June 13 between 12pm and 1:30pm** for Aroland First Nation, where 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. Details for the information session are as follows: https://maverickav.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqd--vrjgpEtPbxx8Wm7A4_7HmtguzNeIm.

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In addition, the WSR Project Team has made available a Virtual Reality (VR) Open House where you and your members can access further information about the project, the studies being undertaken and provide comments. Please visit: https://www.supplyroad.ca/aroland.

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On behalf of the WSR Project team, we wish you and your community continued health and wellness.

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June 7, 2022

Dear Chief Sutherland,

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We will be offering a community information session, via Zoom, on **Monday, June 20 between 12pm and 1:30pm** for Constance Lake First Nation, where 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. Details for the information session are as follows: https://maverickav.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqcuyuqzIuG9O6hreA-XtIQFFCjKmAQ9g2.

We encourage you and your community members to listen, for this will give your community members the opportunity to ask questions. You may text during the radio show at 1-844-424-0500. You may also call into the zoom session at 1 (204) 272-7920 or 1 (647) 374-4685. Upon calling in, you will be asked for the following information: Meeting ID: 817 5565 9417 & Passcode: 455530.

In addition, the WSR Project Team has made available a Virtual Reality (VR) Open House where you and your members can access further information about the project, the studies being undertaken and provide comments. Please visit: https://www.supplyroad.ca/constancelake.

If you want additional engagement sessions with your Council, members, advisors and staff, we would be available to meet virtually or in-person following COVID protocols.

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June 13, 2022

Dear Chief Taylor,

As you may know, the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project was approved on October 8, 2021. Since the ToR was approved, the WSR Project Team has been working on the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment (EA/IA) phase of the Project. The Project Team would like to share with you and your community 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.

We will be offering a community information session, via Zoom, on **Monday, June 27 between 12pm and 1:30pm** for Ginoogaming First Nation, where 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. Details for the information session are as follows: https://maverickav.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErcOqhqDIiEtXDDLlEKt5ppRU_tCbhhEFQ.

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In addition, the WSR Project Team has made available a Virtual Reality (VR) Open House where you and your members can access further information about the project, the studies being undertaken and provide comments. Please visit: https://www.supplyroad.ca/ginoogaming.

If you want additional engagement sessions with your Council, members, advisors and staff, we would be available to meet virtually or in-person following COVID protocols.

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June 27, 2022

Dear Chief Sainnawap,

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We will be offering a community information session, via Zoom, on **Monday, July 11 between 12pm and 1:30pm** for Kingfisher Lake First Nation, where 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. Details for the information session are as follows: https://maverickav.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYud-qqrT4uE91qahNqcnv55vhfAOY4FPBE.

We encourage you and your community members to listen, for this will give your community members the opportunity to ask questions. You may text during the radio show at 1-844-424-0500. You may also call into the zoom session at 1 (204) 272-7920 or 1 (647) 374-4685. Upon calling in, you will be asked for the following information: Meeting ID: 823 0323 5499 & Passcode: 780816.

In addition, the WSR Project Team has made available a Virtual Reality (VR) Open House where you and your members can access further information about the project, the studies being undertaken and provide comments. Please visit: https://www.supplyroad.ca/kingfisher/.

If you want additional engagement sessions with your Council, members, advisors and staff, we would be available to meet virtually or in-person following COVID protocols.

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July 4, 2022

Dear Chief Desmoulin,

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We will be offering a community information session, via Zoom, on **Monday, July 18 between 12pm and 1:30pm** for Long Lake #58 First Nation, where 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. Details for the information session are as follows: https://maverickav.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrfuyuqD4uGt2OD3KMUFa2PXJXo6FLau2z.

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In addition, the WSR Project Team has made available a Virtual Reality (VR) Open House where you and your members can access further information about the project, the studies being undertaken and provide comments. Please visit: https://www.supplyroad.ca/longlake58/.

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July 25, 2022

Dear Chief Sainnawap,

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We will be offering a community information session, via Zoom, on **Monday, August 8 between 12pm and 1:30pm** for Wapekeka First Nation, where 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. Details for the information session are as follows: https://maverickav.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrdu6spzoiHNYEtrT6Xm3er-dLe64bXR61.

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In addition, the WSR Project Team has made available a Virtual Reality (VR) Open House where you and your members can access further information about the project, the studies being undertaken and provide comments. Please visit: https://www.supplyroad.ca/wapekeka/.

If you want additional engagement sessions with your Council, members, advisors and staff, we would be available to meet virtually or in-person following COVID protocols.

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Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

November 30, 2022

Dear Chief,

We would like to bring up a number of activities related to the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) project that will be of interest to your community.

Biweekly Radio and Livestreaming Series is Back

The WSR Project team will be resuming the live streaming and radio call-in show next week. The topic of the upcoming session is: **WSR Presents: Cumulative Effects – An Explanation and Illustration.**

The WSR live phone-in radio show will be broadcasted through **Wawatay News** on **Tuesday, December 6th, 2022 at 11:00am – 12:00pm (EST).** We encourage you and your community members to listen, for this will give your community members the opportunity to ask questions. You may text during the radio show at 1-844-424-0500. You can also email your questions to mckenna@indigenousengagement.ca.

In addition, a livestreaming event is scheduled on the same day as the above radio show at **1:00pm – 1:30pm (EST)** which is accessible on the WSR Project Website: https://www.supplyroad.ca/stream/. You may also call with questions on the same toll-free number provided during the live stream.

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

As the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project is currently in the Environmental Assessment/Impact Assessment (EA/IA) phase, the WSR Project Team is requesting to meet with you and your team to discuss the WSR EA/IA process, provide project updates, and seek input and feedback to help inform the EA/IA. We are available to meet and discuss the EA/IA in detail at your convenience, and in any method that you and your community prefers.

The WSR Project Team is offering opportunities for engagement in the proposed methods below. We understand that at this time some communities may not wish to participate in the form of in-person meeting and engagement given current public health concerns. Therefore, the WSR Project Team will continue offering both virtual and in-person methods of engagement. Please identify which of the options would be appropriate to engage with you, your team, and your community, as well as suitable dates and times to engage to discuss the EA/IA process.

Engagement Options

Method	Description
Focus Group Sessions	Open discussion with 4-6 participants (Council, staff, community members, or technicians) to discuss the EA/IA. The session will be facilitated by the WSR Project Team to gain feedback from the perspective of diverse population groups (women, elders, youth, land users, etc.)
Community Sessions	Community information sessions can be conducted, whereby the WSR Project Team will discuss the EA/IA with a question-and-answer period at the end of the presentation.
Drop-In Sessions	Community members can drop-in at a safe location to discuss the EA/IA with the WSR Project Team.
Virtual Focus Groups	Open discussion with 4-6 participants

	(Council, staff, community members, or technicians) to discuss the EA/IA facilitated by the WSR Project Team using either Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet, GoToMeetings, Skype, Webex, or any other videoconferencing platforms that Indigenous leaders and staff are currently using to meet with government officials, health agencies, lawyers, advisors, board meetings, tribal council meetings, Chiefs assemblies, online conferences, etc.
Virtual Community Presentation	Using the above range of videoconferencing platforms, the WSR Project Team will discuss the EA/IA to community members with a question-and-answer period at the end of the presentation.
One Hour Teleconference	Using a phone and fax, the WSR Project Team will fax you the EA/ IA process presentation and set up a conference call to go through the presentation based on the area of interest your team wants to focus on and answer any questions
Local Radio Call In Show	Using the local community radio, the WSR Project Team can present the EA/IA process with a local translator that the WSR Project team will pay for to explain the EA/IA. We can also provide a translator on our end.
Online Surveys	Using online survey methods, community members can provide feedback on the EA/IA.

At any time, you can access additional information on the WSR website: **supplyroad.ca**

Creating Community Awareness of Upcoming Engagement

To help create awareness, facilitate postings, and increase participation for the WSR's engagement options for your community members, the WSR Project Team is attaching a WSR poster so that your staff can post it on your community website, community Facebook page, and other in-community locations where hardcopy notifications, job postings, and advertisements are typically posted. If printing is an issue, let us know if you need hardcopies of the WSR poster and we can mail them to your community for local distribution.

Other Ways to Stay Up to Date

You can also stay tuned with the WSR Project by following our social media channels:

Facebook	Instagram	Twitter
facebook.com/wfnsupplyroad	instagram.com/wfnsupplyroad/	twitter.com/wfnsupplyroad

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 807-472-6147 or at michael.fox@supplyroad.ca.
On behalf of the WSR Project team, we wish you and your community continued health and wellness.

Sincerely,



Michael Fox

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Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.
Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

December 14, 2022

[redacted]

Dear Chief [redacted]

We would like to bring up several activities related to the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) project that will be of interest to your community.

Consultation Progress Report Round 1

On October 28, 2022, the WSR Project Team sent a package via Canada Post to your community containing the Consultation Progress Report (hard copy and USB), which summarizes and documents Round 1 of the Engagement and Consultation Program with Indigenous communities on the Project. On November 2, 2022, a notice card was left indicating when and where to pick up the package. As of today, December 14, 2022, the package has not been picked up by your community.

The Consultation Progress Report is provided as per the requirements of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) process and specifically the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) ToR Notice of Approval that requires the proponent to provide Consultation Progress Reports to Indigenous communities at three key milestones throughout the EA.

The Consultation Progress Report provides an overview of engagement activities to-date, as well as community-specific summaries of engagement and community feedback and input provided by community members. Consultation Round 1 of the Engagement and Consultation Program occurred in Spring/Summer 2022. Key milestones and 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 (e.g., wildlife, fish, health, etc.);
- Criteria and indicators for evaluation and selection of a preferred route and Project effects assessment;
- Approach for evaluation of alternatives (e.g., routes, aggregate source areas);
- Overview and status of baseline studies;
- Indigenous Knowledge / Indigenous Land and Resource Use (IKLRU) Program; and,
- Consultation approach and next steps.

Engagement Opportunities

Webequie First Nation is committed to ongoing engagement with your community through the EA/IA process. Our Project Team is available to discuss the contents of the Consultation Progress Report, and we hope this provides an additional opportunity for the community to learn about the Project and to raise any concerns or comments about potential effects to your community and the environment more broadly that should be considered in the EA/IA.

The WSR Project Team is offering opportunities for engagement in the proposed methods below. We understand that at this time some communities may not wish to participate in the form of in-person meeting and engagement given current public health concerns. Therefore, the WSR Project Team will continue offering both virtual and in-person methods of engagement. Please identify which of the options would be appropriate to engage with you, your team, and your community, as well as suitable dates and times to engage to discuss the EA/IA process.

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Online Surveys	Using online survey methods, community members can provide feedback on the EA/IA.

We welcome any feedback and input your community may have on the Consultation Progress Report, so that issues or concerns can be addressed in the EA/IA process for the Project. Should your community have any questions or comments on the Consultation Progress Report, please feel free to contact me at 807-472-6147 or michael.fox@supplyroad.ca.

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Sincerely,



Michael Fox

Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie Supply Road

c.c. Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

March 2, 2023

Dear [redacted],

As you may know, the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project was approved on October 8, 2021. Since the ToR was approved, the WSR Project Team has been working on the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment (EA/IA) phase of the Project. The Project Team would like to share with you and your community the EA/IA activities including: project update, consultation and engagement to date, alternatives assessment process, and next steps.

We will be offering a community information session, via Zoom, on **Monday, March 13th from 2:00pm-3:00pm EST** for [redacted], where there will be a presentation on the WSR Project activities for Consultation Round 2. We anticipate the community information session to be approximately 1 hour 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. Details for the information session are as follows: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86260115933.

We encourage you and your community members to listen, for this will give your community members the opportunity to ask questions. You may text during the session at 1-844-424-0500. You may also call into the zoom session at 1 (204) 272-7920 or 1 (647) 374-4685. Upon calling in, you will be asked for the following information: **Meeting ID: 862 6011 5933.**

In addition, the WSR Project Team has made available a Virtual Reality (VR) Open House where you and your members can access further information about the project, the studies being undertaken and provide comments. Please visit: **https://www.supplyroad.ca/aroland/**

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On behalf of the WSR Project team, we wish you and your community continued health and wellness.

Sincerely,

Michael Fox

c.c. Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.
Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

March 7, 2023

Dear Chief [redacted]

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We will be offering a community information session, via Zoom, on **Monday, March 20th from 2:00pm-3:00pm EST** for [redacted], where there will be a presentation on the WSR Project activities for Consultation Round 2. We anticipate the community information session to be approximately 1 hour 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. Details for the information session are as follows: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86762300311

We encourage you and your community members to listen, for this will give your community members the opportunity to ask questions. You may text during the session at 1-844-424-0500. You may also call into the zoom session at 1 (204) 272-7920 or 1 (647) 374-4685. Upon calling in, you will be asked for the following information: **Meeting ID: 867 6230 0311**

In addition, the WSR Project Team has made available a Virtual Reality (VR) Open House where you and your members can access further information about the project, the studies being undertaken and provide comments. Please visit: **https://www.supplyroad.ca/constancelake/**

To help create awareness, facilitate postings, and increase participation for the community information session, the WSR Project Team is attaching a poster so that your staff can post it on your community website, community Facebook page, and other in- community locations where hardcopy notifications, job postings, and advertisements are typically posted. If printing is an issue, let us know if you need hardcopies of the poster and we can mail them to your community for local distribution.

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May 17, 2023

Dear Chief,

We would like to bring up a number of activities related to the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) project that will be of interest to your community.

Radio Show and Livestream

The WSR Project team will be resuming the live streaming and radio call-in show next week. The topic of the upcoming session is: **WSR Presents: Evaluation of Alternatives for Supportive Infrastructure (i.e., camps, laydown areas, aggregate/rock sources, access roads).**

The WSR live phone-in radio show will be broadcasted through Wawatay News on Wednesday, May 24th, 2023 at 12:00pm – 1:00pm (EST). We encourage you and your community members to listen, for this will give your community members the opportunity to ask questions. You may text during the radio show at 1-844-424-0500. You can also email your questions to mckenna@indigenousengagement.ca.

In addition, a livestreaming event is scheduled on the same day as the above radio show at 2:00pm – 2:30pm (EST) which is accessible on the WSR Project Website: https://www.supplyroad.ca/stream/. You may also call with questions on the same toll-free number provided above during the live stream.

To help create awareness, facilitate postings, and increase participation for the WSR's engagement options for your community members, the WSR Project Team is attaching a WSR poster so that your staff can post it on your community website, community Facebook page, and other in-community locations where hardcopy notifications, job postings, and advertisements are typically posted. If printing is an issue, let us know if you need hardcopies of the WSR poster and we can mail them to your community for local distribution.

As the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project is currently in the Environmental Assessment/Impact Assessment (EA/IA) phase, the WSR Project Team is requesting to meet with you and your team to discuss the WSR EA/IA process, provide project updates, and seek input and feedback to help inform the EA/IA. We are available to meet and discuss the EA/IA in detail at your convenience, and in any method that you and your community prefers.

The WSR Project Team is offering opportunities for engagement in the proposed methods below. We understand that at this time some communities may not wish to participate in the form of in-person meeting and engagement given current public health concerns. Therefore, the WSR Project Team will continue offering both virtual and in-person methods of engagement. Please identify which of the options would be appropriate to engage with you, your team, and your community, as well as suitable dates and times to engage to discuss the EA/IA process.

Engagement Options

Method	Description
Focus Group Sessions	Open discussion with 4-6 participants (Council, staff, community members, or technicians) to discuss the EA/IA. The session will be facilitated by the WSR Project Team to gain feedback from the perspective of diverse population groups (women, elders, youth, land users, etc.)
Community Sessions	Community information sessions can be conducted, whereby the WSR Project Team will discuss the EA/IA with

	a question-and-answer period at the end of the presentation.
Drop-In Sessions	Community members can drop-in at a safe location to discuss the EA/IA with the WSR Project Team.
Virtual Focus Groups	Open discussion with 4-6 participants (Council, staff, community members, or technicians) to discuss the EA/IA facilitated by the WSR Project Team using either Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet, GoToMeetings, Skype, Webex, or any other videoconferencing platforms that Indigenous leaders and staff are currently using to meet with government officials, health agencies, lawyers, advisors, board meetings, tribal council meetings, Chiefs assemblies, online conferences, etc.
Virtual Community Presentation	Using the above range of videoconferencing platforms, the WSR Project Team will discuss the EA/IA to community members with a question-and-answer period at the end of the presentation.
One Hour Teleconference	Using a phone and fax, the WSR Project Team will fax you the EA/ IA process presentation and set up a conference call to go through the presentation based on the area of interest your team wants to focus on and answer any questions
Local Radio Call In Show	Using the local community radio, the WSR Project Team can present the EA/IA process with a local translator that the WSR Project team will pay for to explain the EA/IA. We can also provide a translator on our end.
Online Surveys	Using online survey methods, community members can provide feedback on the EA/IA.

Virtual Information Sessions for Round 2

The WSR Project Team has started conducting virtual information sessions for each community. These are one-on-one sessions where the Project Team shares 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 session consists of a presentation on the WSR Project activities followed by a question-and-answer period. The WSR Project team also has a platform to allow for real time translation to accommodate community members during the session.

You can visit **www.supplyroad.ca/sessions/** to view the upcoming schedule. In the weeks prior to your community's session, the Project Team will send a link to your session's registration page and to the Virtual Reality (VR) Open House created specifically for your community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 807-472-6147 or at michael.fox@supplyroad.ca.

On behalf of the WSR Project team, we wish you and your community continued health and wellness.

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April 4, 2023

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We encourage you and your community members to listen, for this will give your community members the opportunity to ask questions. You may text during the session at 1-844-424-0500. You may also call into the zoom session at 1 (204) 272-7920 or 1 (647) 374-4685. Upon calling in, you will be asked for the following information: **Meeting ID: 875 8731 3586**

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ABORIGINAL AND / OR TREATY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD (WSR) • **MARTEN FALLS COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD** (MFCAR) • **NORTHERN ROAD LINK** (NRL)

YOU ARE INVITED!

ABORIGINAL AND / OR TREATY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS FORUM
Led by Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation
Funded by Ontario, our Treaty partner

Thunder Bay
Valhalla Inn, 1 Valhalla Inn Rd

November 21 - 23, 2023

Building on the momentum of the first Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum in February 2023, Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation encourage you to participate in a follow-up Forum to discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests as they relate to the following Projects:

Webequie Supply Road (WSR) • **Northern Road Link** (NRL) • **Marten Falls Community Access Road** (MFCAR)

Participant Funding

The Province of Ontario will fund up to 3 representatives from your community to attend the Forum, including travel, accommodation and meals. All questions about funding or the coordination of funding should be directed to the Province of Ontario at **ea.participant.fund@ontario.ca**.

Additional community representatives are welcome to attend.

Purpose

The Purpose of this Forum is to create a respectful, culturally-sensitive, and collaborative space to develop and/or confirm our understanding of the Project areas (WSR, MFCAR, and NRL) as your Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests may be impacted by these Projects. *Please note the purpose of this event is to discuss Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests and not to collect Indigenous Knowledge.*

Who Should Attend from your Community

Representatives who are knowledgeable about and comfortable speaking to the Rights and Interests of your community in any of the Project areas. Representatives who can continue this dialogue with their community to better understand and share Rights and Interests in any of the Project areas are also encouraged to attend.

On Day 3 of the Forum, we will be hosting a half-day discussion on Cumulative Effects as they relate to the Projects.

RSVP to ea.participant.fund@ontario.ca by October 23rd, 2023 to reserve your room at the Valhalla Inn. *(Later RSVP for Forum attendance is OK!)*

WSR WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

NRL Northern Road Link

Ontario

June 3, 2024

Dear Chief [redacted],

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We encourage you and your community members to listen, for this will give your community members the opportunity to ask questions. You may call into the zoom session at 1 (204) 272-7920 or 1 (647) 374-4685. Upon calling in, you will be asked for the following information: **Meeting ID:** 853 9652 8144 **Passcode:** 718315

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June 11, 2024

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https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83073075880?pwd=30OHaVeUbgBbuUYPlrdrMAXM1J4VwO.1

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June 18, 2024

Dear Chief [redacted],

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We will be offering a community information session, via Zoom, on **Tuesday, July 2nd from 11:00-11:45am EST** for [redacted] where there will be a second presentation on the WSR Project activities for Consultation Round 3. We anticipate the community information session to be approximately 45 minutes 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. Details for the information session are as follows: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88360529050?pwd=UeSawTAd8Qw0r4cAal3hebrvYRZuB6.1

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June 25, 2024

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July 3, 2024

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We will be offering a community information session, via Zoom, on **Monday, July 15th from 1:00-1:45pm EST** for [redacted] where there will be a second presentation on the WSR Project activities for Consultation Round 3. We anticipate the community information session to be approximately 45 minutes 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. Details for the information session are as follows:
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July 15, 2024

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Grocery code of conduct could spur investment

BY ROSA SABA
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two of the grocery code of conduct's biggest advocates say they believe it could spark more investment and innovation by food manufacturers in Canada, hedging against shortages and price volatility in the future.

"The code is not a silver bullet or a panacea for every problem globally," said Michael Medline, chief executive of Sobeys parent company Empire Co. Ltd.

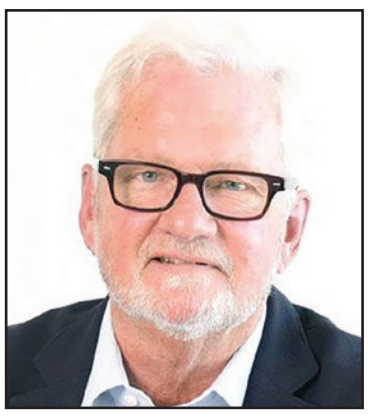
"But when you look at what the code can achieve in the medium- and long-term, it should lead to lower prices, shorter supply chains and more choice for Canadians."

The grocery code of conduct is a voluntary agreement for suppliers and retailers meant to create guidelines for fair dealings and level the playing field for smaller businesses. Work on the code began in response to calls from some in the industry to address fees charged by large retailers to suppliers.

Though Empire and Metro had expressed early support, there were several months of uncertainty over whether the other major grocers would be on board, with government pressure ramping up and threats of making the code mandatory. Loblaw, Walmart Canada and Costco confirmed their support earlier this year.

Talk of a grocery code predated the COVID-19 pandemic, but the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back came in 2020 when Walmart and Loblaw introduced new fees for suppliers to help pay for infrastructure investments.

Not long after, Medline became the first major grocery executive to call for a grocery code of conduct, saying the "unhealthy" relationship between suppliers and retailers was discouraging innovation and investment in Canada.



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Michael Graydon is the chief executive officer of the Food, Health and Consumer Products Canada association.

Medline worried not only about whether such fees were fair, but also about an "exodus" of manufacturers from Canada, resulting in lost jobs, risks to prices, and longer supply chains.

"I was worried that . . . if the industry couldn't clean itself up, that government was going to get involved," he said.

Medline told The Canadian Press in a joint interview with Michael Graydon, CEO of the Food, Health and Consumer Products Canada association, that the industry can only benefit from clearer rules over negotiations and disagreements.

Graydon led the group that created the code and now chairs its interim board.

He said the grocery retail industry in Canada has consolidated over time, resulting in a power imbalance between retailers and suppliers. Graydon believes the cost implications of that imbalance for suppliers has resulted in a reduction in capital investment and innovation.

One of the code's provisions deals with forecasting and ordering, with the aim to bring more discipline to the process and reduce compliance fines for short orders, Graydon said. He believes the code could lower costs for manufacturers by reducing the number and scale of fines they face from retailers.

There are some large companies whose Canadian manufacturing capacity is much less than it used to be, said Graydon, as it's been moved to the U.S.

"If that financial security and economic certainty is there, then I'm hopeful we're going to see much more economic investment and innovation and capital investment in their plans from those big multinationals."

The code is set to be officially in place next June, with the creation of an office to oversee it underway.

Hiring for the grocery code adjudicator has begun, and the team is working on a more detailed dispute resolution process, Graydon said. There will be mechanisms for arbitration and binding arbitration, but he's hoping most disputes will be ironed out before it comes to that.

Rising energy prices boost TSX

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TORONTO — Energy prices helped the TSX post a gain Monday, while U.S. markets were mixed as the Dow posted a record high.

Big tech names weighed down U.S. indexes on what was otherwise a mostly positive day for markets, said Mike Archibald, vice-president and portfolio manager with AGF Investments Inc.

"Despite the market looking like it's weak, many stocks are actually positive on the day," he said, noting the tech sector makes up a large proportion of the S&P 500.

"(Tech stocks are) really what's dragging the index in the U.S. to the downside."

In New York, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 65.44 points at 41,240.52. The S&P 500 index was down 17.77 points at 5,616.84, while the Nasdaq composite was down 152.03 points at 17,725.77.

The S&P/TSX composite index closed up 62.89 points at 23,348.97.

Semiconductor giant Nvidia is set to report earnings on Wednesday, noted Archibald, in what may be the "catalyst" of the week.

"Obviously, the stock's done extremely well this year," he said, adding that there tends to be a lot of volatility leading up to the company's earnings report, and afterward.

Energy prices rose significantly, with the energy index on the TSX rising 1.6 per cent as the price of oil was up 3.5 per cent.

A week with several economic data reports on the schedule kicked off with a surprisingly strong report showing that orders for long-lasting goods from U.S. factories, including cars, jumped in July. This week investors will also get reports on consumer confidence, economic growth, and personal consumption and expenditures.

But Archibald said market watchers are now more invested in jobs data, with the U.S. Federal Reserve seemingly set to start cutting interest rates next month amid fears the central bank has waited too long to lower them.

This week will also bring earnings from most of the big Canadian banks, after TD kicked it off last week with a big charge weighing on earnings from the ongoing investigation into its anti-money-laundering program.

The Canadian dollar traded for 74.18 cents US compared with 73.92 cents US on Friday. The October crude oil contract was up US$2.59 at US$77.42 per barrel and the October natural gas contract was down five cents at US$2.13 per mmBTU.

The December gold contract was up US$8.90 at US$2,555.20 an ounce and the December copper contract was up three cents at US$4.28 a pound.

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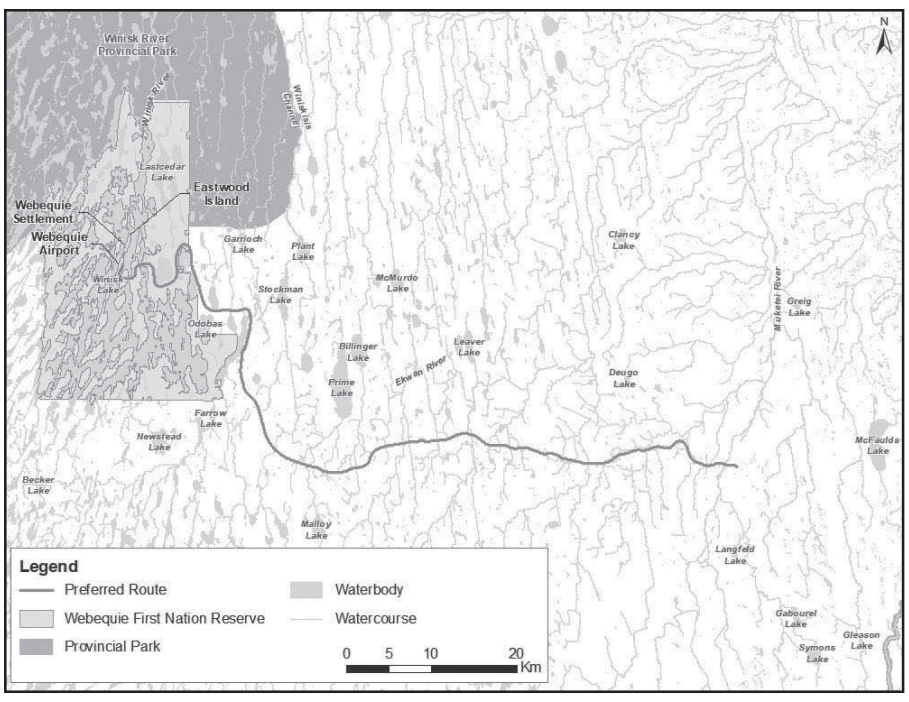
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PROVINCES LEAD ON CANNABIS REFORM WHILE FEDS DITHER

A lack of meaningful reform since legalization risks tarnishing PM's legacy



Cannabis legalization remains a cornerstone achievement of the Trudeau Liberals, but the lack of meaningful reform and engagement with industry since legalization risks tarnishing this legacy. *THE CANADIAN PRESS FILES*

OMAR KHAN

When the Cannabis Act became law back in 2018, it was hailed by the federal Liberals as a bold move that would keep cannabis out of the hands of youth, protect public health and safety, and reduce criminal activity. The idea was that by creating a regulated industry, illicit operators would either jump on the bandwagon and go legal or be pushed out of the market by a newly created legal sector. Some progress has been made on this front.

A 2022 study by Deloitte estimated that between 2018 (legalization) and 2021, the industry contributed $43.5 billion toward Canada's GDP while sustaining over 150,000 jobs nationally. Despite this, almost six years on, the industry continues to face serious challenges, with many feeling that the federal Liberals have washed their hands of the industry they helped to create.

According to Statistics Canada, the illicit market still accounts for about 35 per cent of total sales nationally. Another recent study by Deloitte found that the average price in the illicit market remains 20 per cent lower than in licensed stores, which deters price-conscious consumers from going legal. This poses real risks to Canadians as revenues generated by the sale of illicit market cannabis often find their way into the pockets of organized crime.

Despite this, the federal government continues to ignore the advice of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance, which in February recommended adjustments to the excise tax structure aimed at improving the ability of the legal cannabis sector to compete with an entrenched illicit market.

And product from the illicit market is risky. A 2022 study by the National Research Council on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police found that a random sampling of seized illegal cannabis contained high levels of unauthorized pesticides. Add to this, the fact that many of the products they sell are packaged to look like popular junk food brands to appeal to youth, and it's clear that more work is needed.

After the creation of a Cannabis Industry Forum within the Department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development this past February, some industry players expressed cautious optimism about increased federal engagement. But the minister has yet to attend a meeting, signalling political indifference to an already skeptical stakeholder group.

The good news is that Canadian provinces, many of which have Conservative or NDP governments, have decided to fill the void created by federal inaction and have begun taking decisive steps to help ensure the long-term viability of their legal operators.

In September 2023, for instance, Ontario reduced the average wholesale mark-up it charges licensed producers. It then doubled the number of stores a licensed retailer can operate and allocated $31 million over three years to fund a Provincial Joint Forces Cannabis Enforcement Team targeting illicit market stores and websites across the province.

The Alberta government has boldly allowed licensed retailers to sell products at festivals or trade shows closed to minors — opening up another opportunity for responsible consumer engagement. In June of this year, the province announced that certain legally licensed retailers could sell private label products, usually sold at lower prices to appeal to a more cost-conscious consumer.

In 2023, Manitoba eliminated a six-per-cent levy on legal cannabis sales, which had driven prices up unnecessarily.

As helpful as these provincial changes are, they cannot fully compensate for a lack of federal action.

In March of this year, the recommendations of a statutory review of the Cannabis Act were released (more than a year late), with the federal government's expert panel confirming that " ... the illicit cannabis market remains entrenched, and too many illicit retailers continue to operate both online and physical stores." Legitimate cannabis retailers, who are on the front lines of the fight against illegal operators, know this all too well with more and more cannabis companies filing for bankruptcy protection in 2024.

Cannabis legalization remains a cornerstone achievement of the Trudeau Liberals, but the lack of meaningful reform and engagement with industry since legalization risks tarnishing this legacy. With a federal election just over a year away, there is still time for federal action to help ensure the sustainability and success of an industry they helped to create. Only time will tell if they follow the lead of their provincial counterparts.

Omar Khan is the Chief Communications and Public Affairs Officer at Calgary-based High Tide Inc., the second-largest retailer of legal cannabis in the world by store count. He previously served as Chief of Staff to Ontario's Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and Minister of Economic Development and Trade, and Senior Adviser to Ontario's Attorney General.

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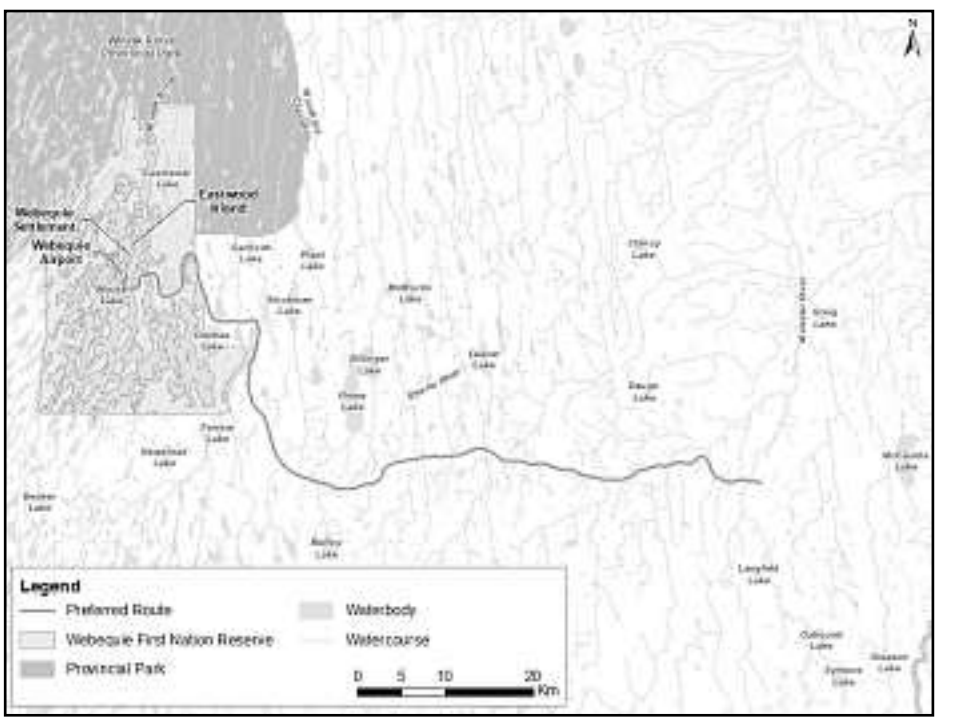
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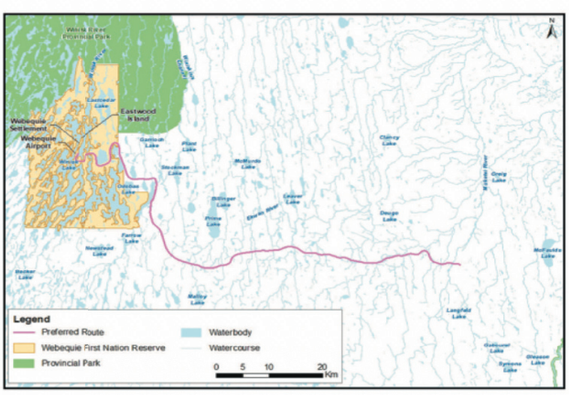
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REPORT FROM PARLIAMENT HILL

Eric Melillo
MP, Kenora Riding

Dear Constituents

It was great to visit the Kenora Chiefs Advisory's Youth and Family Wellness Camp. The camp offers activities to keep youth engaged and promote their mental health. Thank you to the staff for a tour of the grounds.

I was in Pikangikum First Nation for a meeting of the Independent First Nations Alliance Chiefs, which includes Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, Muskrat Dam, Pikangikum, Lac Seul, and Whitesand First Nations. We discussed their local priorities and how a Conservative government will work in partnership with them to advance reconciliation.

We also celebrated provincial leadership in supporting the all-season road and Berens River Bridge project. This project will connect seven remote First Nations to the provincial road system year-round. The project also paves the way for the start of mining developments and will create jobs that provide workers with powerful paycheques.

I ended the week in Dryden to attend the Fall Fair. It was great to chat with residents and see many more come out to support local agriculture in the community.

The NDP-Liberal Government Fails To Build The Homes Canadians Need

After nine years of this NDP-Liberal government, Canadians are living in a housing crisis. They have failed to build enough homes for Canadians to live in, resulting in the cost of downpayments, mortgages and rent all doubling in the time that they have been in government.

Recently, Statistics Canada confirmed once again that their housing plan has failed. This new report showed that the number of dwelling units created had fallen from 27,625 in May to 24,933 in June. This represents a drop of 9.7 percent.

On top of this, when comparing June 2023 to June 2024, the number of dwelling units created has collapsed by 22.4 percent. The housing crisis is even more severe in Canada's most expensive provinces. In Ontario, when comparing the last 12 months with the previous 12 months before that, the number of dwelling units created is down 7 percent.

Under this NDP-Liberal government, Canada is failing to build enough homes to match Canada's growing population. There are currently fewer homes being built than there were in the 1970s when Canada's population was half the size. The government has tried to fix this problem by throwing billions of dollars at the gatekeepers who caused the housing crisis in the first place in exchange for pointless photo-ops.

The NDP-Liberal government is not worth the cost. Only Common Sense Conservatives will build homes Canadians can afford by reducing red tape and tying federal infrastructure funding to housing starts.

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If you're planning to be in Ottawa and are interested in attending Question Period or taking a tour of Parliament, please let me know and my office can help reserve Question Period and tour tickets.

As always, if there is anything my office can assist you with, please call me at 807-223-2182 (Dryden) or 807-468-2170 (Kenora) or email me at eric.melillo@parl.gc.ca.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #3

Public Information Centres (PIC) are being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the ongoing EA/IA study, planned next steps and to provide feedback. The PIC will consist of a presentation followed by an informal open house format with display information about the Project. Project Team representatives will share information on EA/IA activities, results of consultation and engagement activities to date, preliminary effects assessment results for the Project, and future consultation and engagement opportunities. You are invited to attend the PIC, which have been scheduled as follows:

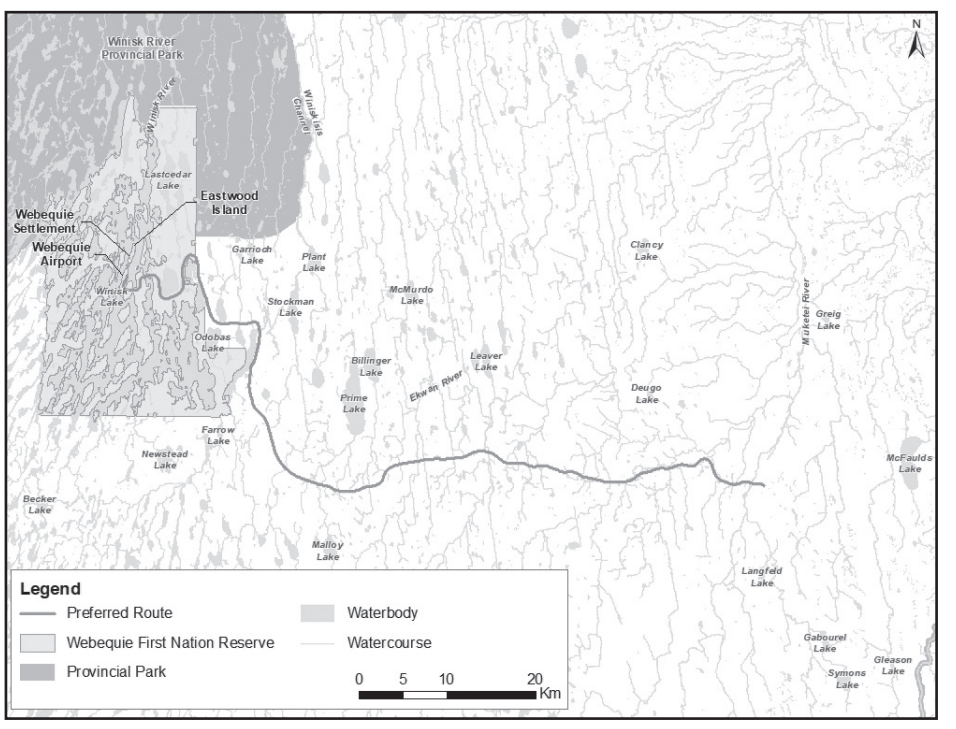
Timmins Open House

Tuesday, September 10, 2024
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Best Western Premier Northwood Hotel, Meeting Room 1,
Main Floor, 245-A Airport Road, Timmins

Thunder Bay Open House

Thursday, September 12, 2024 (Public and Stakeholders)
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, September 13, 2024 (Indigenous Off-Reserve Community Members)
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
The Superior Inn Hotel & Conference Centre, Regency C,
555 West Arthur Street, Thunder Bay



Key Plan – Location of Webequie Supply Road Preferred Route

The Public Information Centre venues are wheelchair accessible. The PIC livestream will be available on the project website: www.supplyroad.ca. If you cannot attend the in-person sessions, you can also find the information on the study progress and updates on our website.

CONTACTS

If you are unable to attend the PIC, or have any comments or questions regarding the study, you are welcome to contact the following:

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November 1, 2024

[redacted]

Re: Round 3 Consultation Progress Report
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment

Dear Chief [redacted]

We hope that this letter finds you and your community well.

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is the proponent of the Webequie Supply Road Project (WSR or the Project), a proposed 107 km all-season road that will facilitate the movement of materials and people from the Webequie Airport to the mineral deposit area near McFaulds Lake. An Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* and an Impact Assessment (IA) under the federal *Impact Assessment Act* is being conducted to identify and assess how the Project may affect the natural environment as well as the health, socio-economic and cultural well-being of communities.

We are providing the attached Consultation Progress Report 3 (electronic and hard copy), which summarizes and documents Round 3 of the Engagement and Consultation Program with your community for your review and comments.

The Consultation Progress Report 3 is provided as per the requirements of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the provincial EA process and specifically the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) ToR Notice of Approval that requires the proponent to provide Consultation Progress Reports to Indigenous communities at three key milestones throughout the EA/IA process. The Consultation Progress Reports 1 and 2 for Consultation Rounds 1 and 2 were provided to Indigenous communities and the MECP in October 2022 and January 2024, respectively. In the MECP approval letter with the ToR Notice of Approval, dated October 8, 2021, the Ministry acknowledged “the concerns expressed by several Indigenous communities about the consultation process for the ToR, about their role, and input in the EA process for the proposed Project going forward, impacts on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, and about Ontario’s obligations and efforts to meet the duty to consult.” For more information on the Minister’s approval, go to https://www.ontario.ca/page/webequie-supply-road-project.

The Consultation Progress Report 3 provides an overview of engagement activities in Consultation Round 3, as well as community-specific summaries of engagement and community feedback and input provided by community members. Consultation Round 3 of the Engagement and Consultation Program occurred from April 2024 to September 2024. Key milestones and topics covered in this round of consultation included:

- Summary of input received from Consultation Round 2;

- Summary of preliminary effects assessment for select valued components, including cumulative effects;
- Incorporation of IKLRU information into EA/IA;
- Proposed mitigation, and follow-up monitoring program; and
- Next steps in EA/IA process.

Webequie First Nation is committed to ongoing engagement with your community through the EA/IA process. Our Project Team is available to discuss the contents of the Consultation Progress Report 3, and we hope this provides an additional opportunity for the community to learn about the Project and to raise any concerns or comments about potential effects to your community and the environment more broadly that should be considered in the EA/IA.

Next steps in the engagement and consultation program for the Project will involve various engagement and consultation options for communities to review assessment findings in the draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement (EAR/IS), including targeted sessions with Indigenous communities for feedback and input on the results of the cumulative effects assessment for the Project. Future engagement and consultation sessions for communities are tentatively scheduled to start in Winter of fiscal year 2024/2025 and will coincide with the release of the draft EAR/IS for review and comments. 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.

We welcome any feedback and input your community may have on the attached Consultation Progress Report 3, so that issues or concerns can be addressed in the EA/IA process for the Project. Should your community have any questions or comments on the Consultation Progress Report 3, please feel free to contact me at 807-472-6147 or michael.fox@supplyroad.ca.

Thank you very much and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Michael Fox

Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie Supply Road

c.c. Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
Sasha McLeod and Dorothy Moszynski, Special Project Officers, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Craig Wallace, Project Manager, AtkinsRéalis Canada Inc.

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Valhalla Inn
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February 19th & 20th 2025

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Day 1: Three Road Projects Overview, Consultation Panel, Individual Community Breakout sessions & Project Expo

Day 2: ATRI Panel Discussion, Individual Community Breakout sessions & Project Expo

PARTICIPANT FUNDING

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Gathering is to create a comfortable, respectful, and collaborative space for consultation to continue to build an understanding of the three road projects and their potential impacts by:

- Creating opportunities to engage directly with the Project proponents and consulting teams who will be sharing information about the Projects and discussing the draft EAR/IS circulation and review for WSR and MFCAR, soliciting preliminary feedback and answering any questions participants may have
- Discussing the approach consideration and evaluation of Alternatives for the NRL Project.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND FROM YOUR COMMUNITY

Representatives who are knowledgeable and comfortable speaking and sharing information about the road projects and the potential impacts on your community are encouraged to attend.

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APPENDIX B

On Reserve Meetings

Materials and Summaries

Mushkegowuk Council
September 12, 2019

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ON-RESERVE MEETING

Mushkegowuk Council
September 12, 2019

OVERVIEW

Michael Fox and Melanie Laforest of Indigenous and Community Engagement (ICE) and Don Parkinson and Marian Tibor-McMahon of SNC-Lavalin met with Mushkegowuk Council at the Mushkegowuk Council Office. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Environmental Assessment Process, the Terms of Reference (ToR) and completed and upcoming field studies. The Project Team made a presentation and a question and answer period followed.

Questions and feedback from the Council was related to: (1) changes due to the Impact Assessment Act; (2) clarification on details of the WSR Project; (3) information sharing; (4) environmental studies; (5) scheduling of next meeting; (6) aquatic life and habitat; (7) environmental impacts; and (8) cumulative impacts.

The Project Team will: (1) set up a technical presentation and meeting with Mushkegowuk Council; and (2) update Mushkegowuk Council of any meetings planned with Mushkegowuk First Nation communities.

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Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference

Mushkegowuk Council Meeting

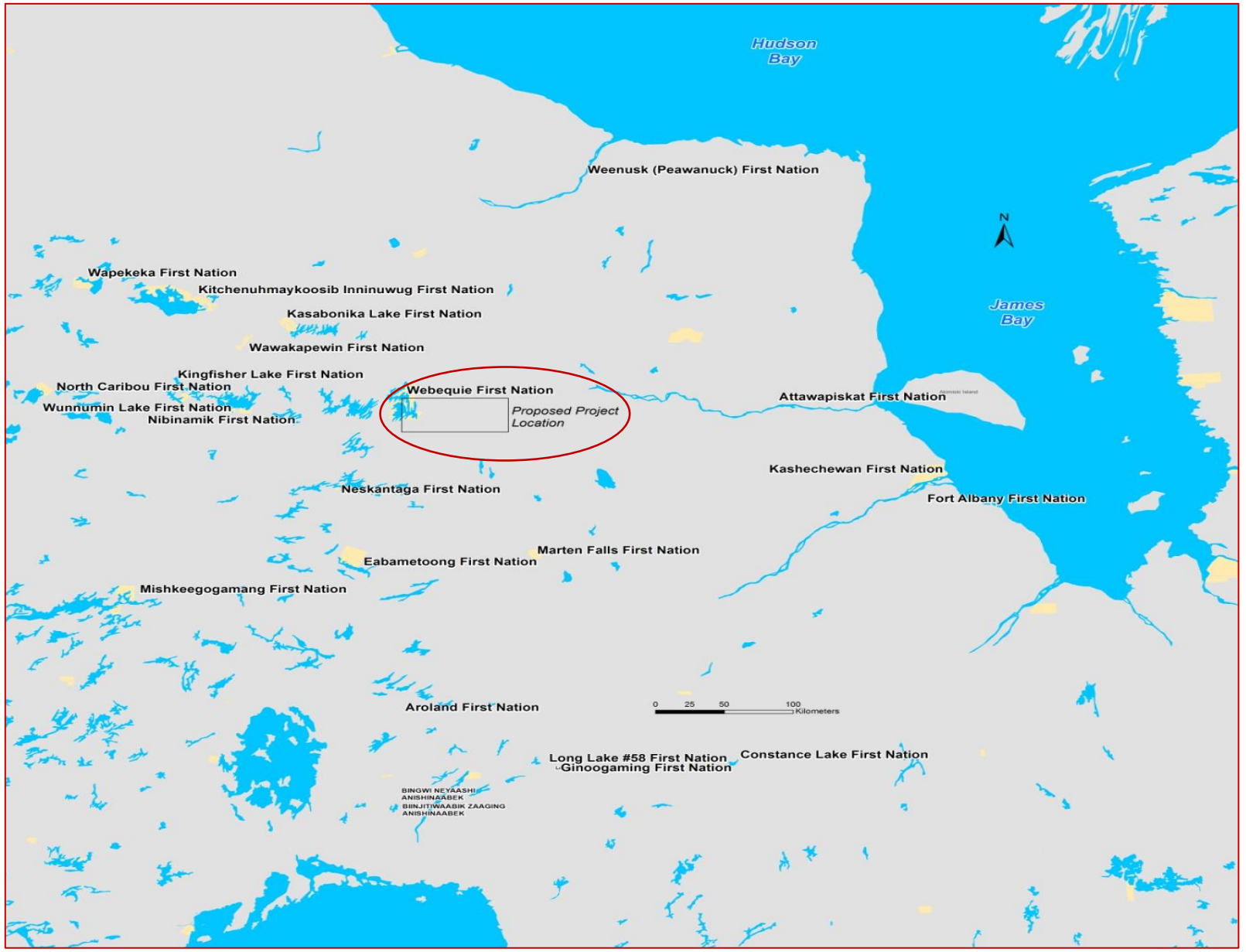
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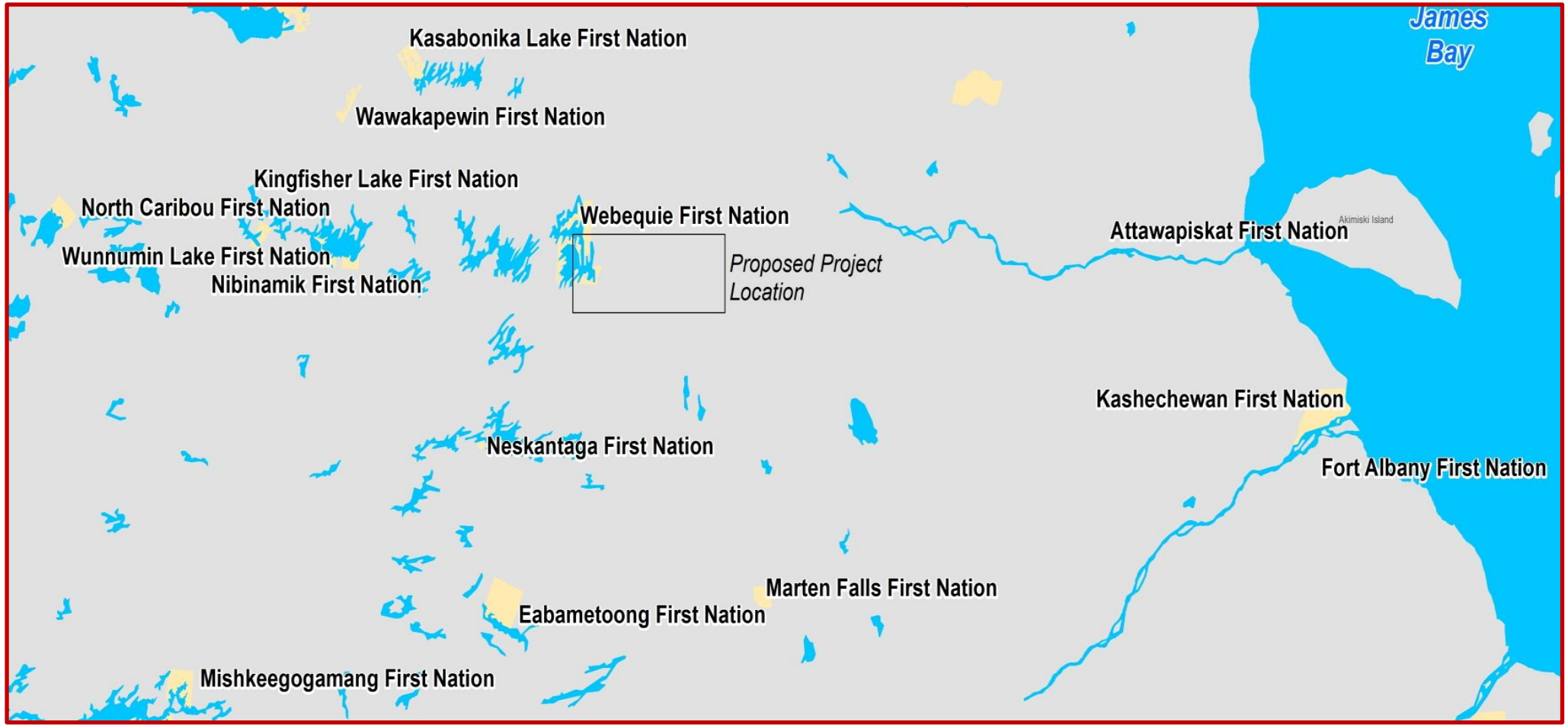
BACKGROUND

- This is not an environmental assessment for the proposed Ring of Fire mining developments
- This is not an environmental assessment for a road connecting to the provincial road network
- This is a Supply Road connecting Webequie First Nation (WFN) to the Ring of Fire
- The purpose of the Supply Road is to *allow WFN to benefit from opportunities associated with the planning, development and operation of any mines that might be developed in the area, as well as mineral exploration activities*.

PROJECT SETTING - REGIONAL

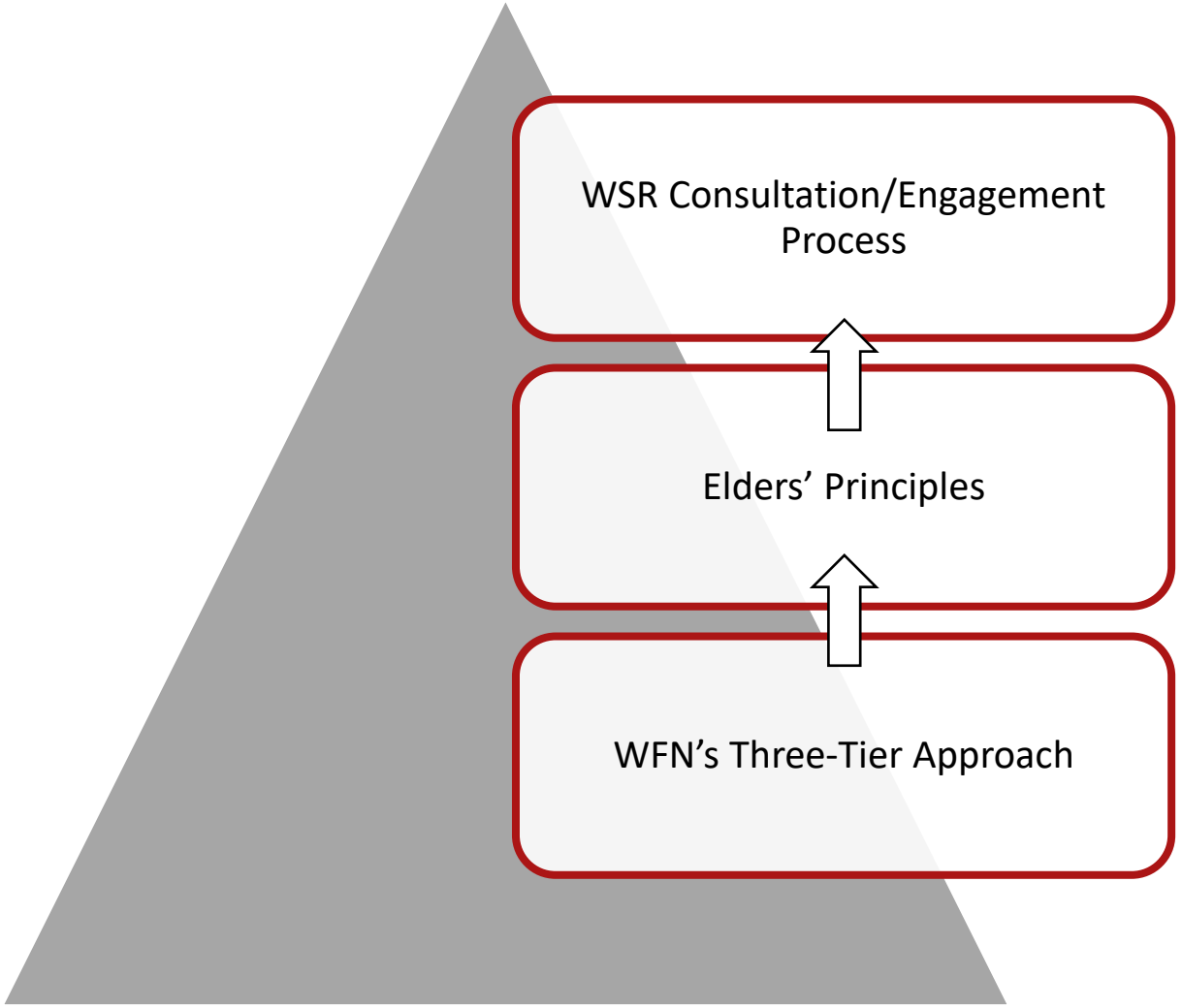


PROJECT SETTING - LOCAL



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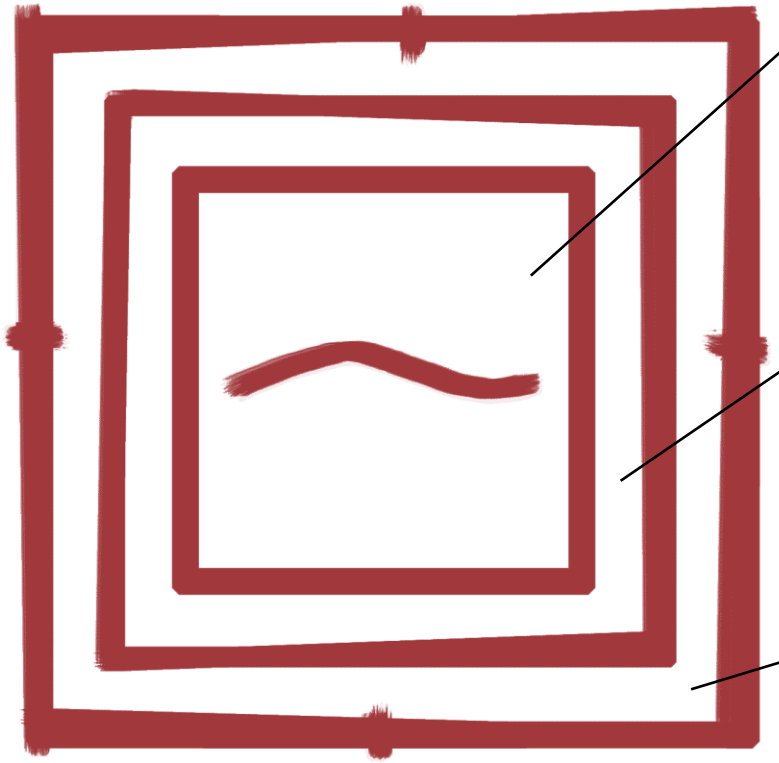
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WEBEQUIE'S THREE-TIER APPROACH

The three tiers are closely connected and depend on each other.



CORE TIER: *The Community and their Overall Well-Being*

- Physical health
- Mental health
- Social health
- Education
- Employment opportunities
- Income

RELATIONAL TIER: *Preserving the Indigenous Culture of the Community*

- Increasing understanding of the culture by others
- Language
- Traditional cultural activities
- Ancestral knowledge inheritance - recording and passing down knowledge down from the elders

FOUNDATIONAL TIER: *Treaty and Partnerships*

- Fair sharing of benefits from the land with government and industry

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ELDERS' PRINCIPLES

The Elders' Principles are infused in our approach to consultation

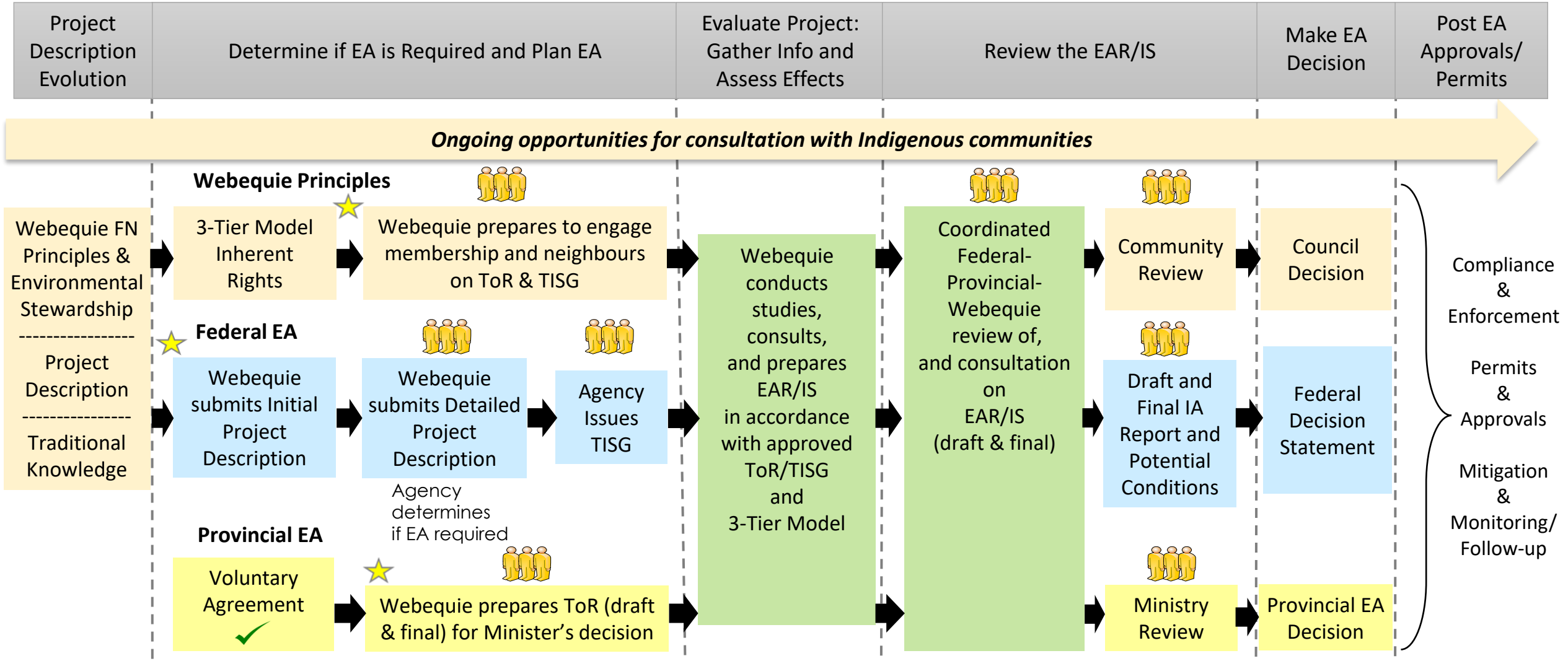
- Mutual recognition of inherent rights
- Mutual recognition of ancestral knowledge
- Mutual recognition of traditional knowledge and practices
- Mutual recognition of clan families and relationships
- Mutual recognition of sustainable livelihood
- Mutual recognition of traditional protocols

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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Coordinated Webequie-Federal–Provincial EA Process

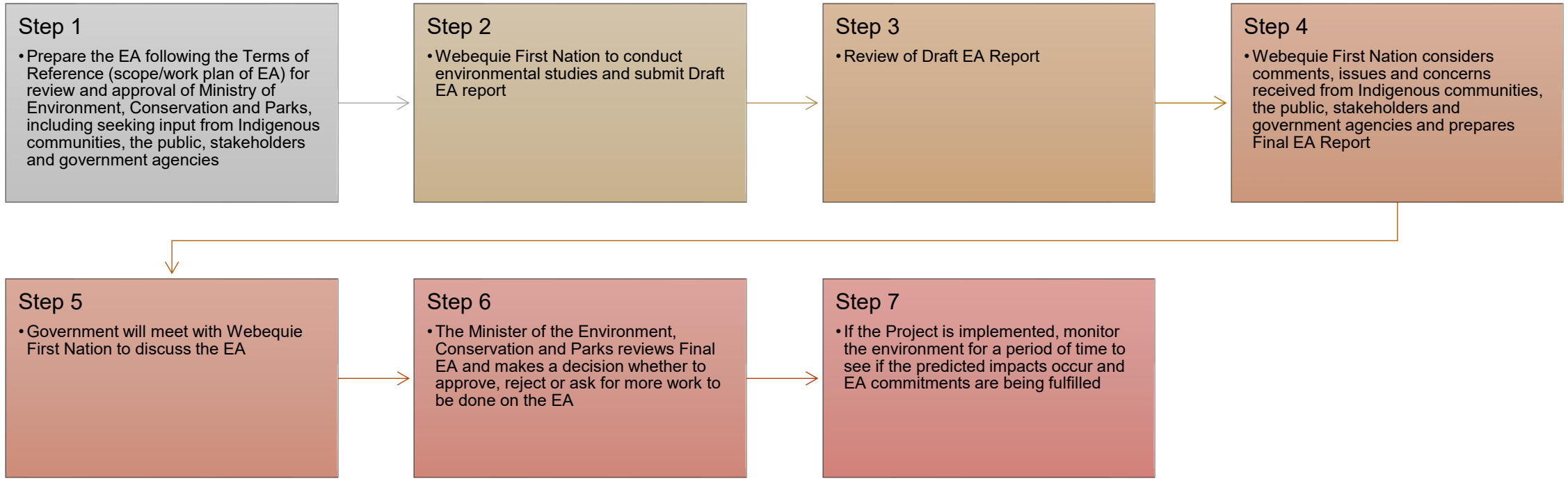


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You are here ☆ **Step completed** ✓ **Formal opportunity for Indigenous consultation & public participation**

Acronyms:
ToR = Terms of Reference
TISG = Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines
EAR/IS = Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement

Ontario Environmental Assessment Process



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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference document is the ***work plan*** for the environmental assessment.

It describes what is going to be done in order to understand any impacts of the Project on the environment (natural, cultural, social and economic).

Your comments are important because they help determine what will be done during the EA.

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How are Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Prepared?

Look at the Project



Identify Project Activities



Identify Potential Effects of Project Activities



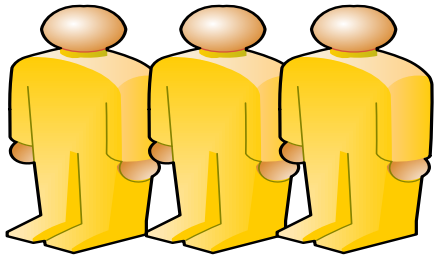
Identify Ways to Prevent Impacts





Identify Studies Required to Assess Impacts

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Prepare Consultation Plan



Draft EA Terms of Reference Submitted to Ontario for Public and Technical Review

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Input from Public on Draft EA Terms of Reference
Why we need to hear from you

Do we know everything about environmental effects at this point?
Do we know everything about the land where the project may be built?

No, we don't- that is why we want to talk to you.

You, as community members and neighbours, ***know the land*** and ***have a deep connection with the land***

Things to consider (good and bad):



Environmental Impacts



Social/Cultural Impacts



Economic Impacts

Description of the Project - What does the Project Include?

It is not just a road…

Project Component	Description
All-Season Road	107 km from WFN Airport to McFaulds Lake – two-lane gravel surface
Road Corridor within WFN Reserve Lands	17 km of the road corridor is within WFN reserve lands
Preliminary Corridor Width	2 km
Final Corridor Width	Corridor is 35 metres (m) wide •35 m for two-lane gravel surface all-season road
Water Crossing Structures	Bridges and culverts
Aggregate Extraction and Processing Areas (temporary and permanent)	Includes pits and quarries, as well as access roads
Construction camps (Temporary)	Accommodation and catering facilities for construction crews
Storage and Laydown Yards (Temporary)	Used for storage of equipment and materials

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Project Phases

Construction



- Field surveys, staking and layout
- Clearing and grubbing of trees and other vegetation
- Construction of storage / laydown yards, access roads, construction camps and aggregate extraction areas
- Construction of the road and water crossings
- Emissions, discharges and waste transport
- Handling and storage of fuel for equipment and vehicles
- Storage, handling and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous waste, domestic wastewater and sewage
- Air and noise emission from equipment and vehicles
- Erosion from exposed soils

Operations and Maintenance



- Visual inspections of the road and structures
- Road surface repairs
- Dust control
- Control of vegetation/brush within the road corridor
- Winter maintenance- snow clearing
- Clean-out / repairs to culverts, ditches and outfalls
- Road use controls:
  - Road security / enforcement
  - Access to and use of nearby lands
  - Vehicle and operator licensing requirements
  - Insurance coverage requirements and general liability

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Components and Activities of the Project

Project Component/Activity	
Field Surveys and Investigations To understand the land and water, as well as where things are. Includes LiDAR survey, Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey, geotechnical and environmental.	 
Clearing and Grubbing of Trees and Other Vegetation To clear the area within the road corridor, and the areas for temporary and permanent infrastructure to support the road, including stockpiling of excess soil and management of timber and brush (reuse, chipping, scattering).	
Construction of Supportive Infrastructure • Storage and laydown yards • Access roads • Construction camps	

Components and Activities of the Project (cont'd)

Project Component/Activity	
Development of aggregate extraction and processing areas, including the transport and delivery of materials to the road corridor	
Road construction • Earth excavation and grading activities, including drainage ditches • Permanent culverts and bridges at minor and major waterbody crossings • Placement, grading and compaction of aggregate material for roadbed • Clean-up and restoration of corridor	
Decommissioning and restoration of areas used for temporary supportive infrastructure	

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Components and Activities of the Project (cont'd)

Project Component/Activity	
Road operation and maintenance • Inspection and maintenance/repairs of road and structures at waterbody crossings, including emergency repairs • Regular summer road maintenance activities (grading/aggregate resurfacing) and winter road maintenance (snow ploughing) • Management of vegetation	
Environmental effects and compliance monitoring during construction and operation phases. Are the predicted project effects occurring, and are EA commitments being fulfilled?	

Baseline Studies to Establish Existing Conditions

Purpose

- To identify what the ***condition of the environment*** is ***right now***

- To give us ***something to compare to*** when looking at potential impacts of the Project

    - When we do environmental monitoring, if we don't know what the current conditions are, then we don't really know if the project is having an impact on the environment

    - We also don't know if some of the methods we are using to control environmental impacts are working if we don't have something to compare to.

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Baseline Natural Environment Studies

Name of Study and Purpose	
Winter Aerial Woodland Caribou Survey To identify woodland caribou winter habitat, moose and moose habitat, raptor stick nests, as well as make observations and note locations of other wildlife such as: Marten, Wolverine, Gray Wolf, Lynx, Fisher and Otters.	
Waterfowl Survey To observe migrant waterfowl use in waterbodies. Record waterfowl species observed and associated number.	
Summer Woodland Caribou Calving Survey Survey road corridor for potential Woodland Caribou calving and nursery habitat. Map potential habitat and note any actual calving/nursery activity.	
Bat Surveys - Hibernaculum Screening/Maternity Roost Habitat/Acoustic Surveys Identifying where bats hibernate in winter and where they roost (live) when pregnant.	

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Baseline Natural Environment Studies (cont'd)

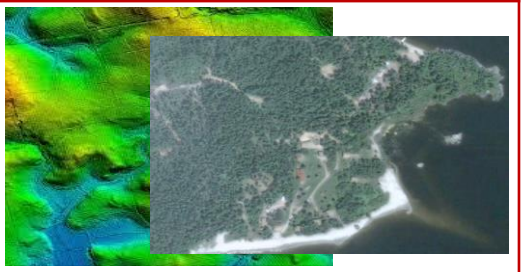
Name of Study and Purpose	
Breeding Bird Survey To count migratory and year-round resident bird species that are expected to nest. Done at locations in different habitat types, such as coniferous forest, mixed forest, deciduous forest, open country, and thicket.	
Marsh Bird Survey To identify wetland bird species in the Study Area.	
Reptiles and Amphibians Survey Reptile and amphibian observations will be done during breeding bird surveys and other ground surveys within accessible amphibian habitat breeding features, such as marshes, fens, bogs, thicket swamps, and treed swamps.	

Baseline Natural Environment Studies (cont'd)

Name of Study and Purpose	
Aquatic Habitat Survey To understand fish habitat at potential road crossing locations. Will be conducted in segments of rivers or streams at or near the proposed crossings. Fish community (species and count) sampling will be done where possible.	
Vegetation Survey To identify vegetation communities within the Study Area. Surveys are done in defined areas (plots). Vegetation species, area covered by each species, tree height and diameter are recorded.	

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Physical Environment Studies

Name of Study and Purpose	
Ground Penetrating Radar Survey To understand the thickness and area covered by peat in the lowland areas	
LiDAR Survey Using a plane to collect high-resolution information on the height of the land as well as high-resolution pictures of the land	
Geotechnical Drilling To understand the types of soils at different depths in order to properly design the road and the water crossing structures (i.e., bridges and culverts)	
Surface Water Sampling In water physical measurements of temperature, pH, conductivity, total dissolved solids, dissolved oxygen and turbidity). Lab analysis of samples for water chemistry (to tell us levels of chemicals in water)	

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Socio-Economic Environment Studies

Name of Study and Purpose	
Consulting and Engaging with Community Members Getting feedback from the community about perceived positive and negative aspects of the road.	
Reviewing Previous Studies A number of studies have been done in the area on all-season roads.	
Collecting Information from Government and First Nation Organizations Information available from First Nation websites, regional First Nation and Métis organizations, Statistics Canada, Indigenous Services Canada, etc.	Statistics Canada Statistique Canada UNITY-STRENGTH-SUCCESS

Cultural Environment Studies

Name of Study and Purpose	
Traditional Knowledge To collect information on traditional land use areas, sacred sites and other cultural important locations in the Study Area.	
Archaeological Potential - Stage 1 Assessment To identify potential for archaeological resources (i.e., tools).	
Review of Previous Studies Information available from First Nation websites, regional First Nation and Métis organizations, Statistics Canada, Indigenous Services Canada, etc.	

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Potential Environmental Effects

Project Component or Activity	Potential Effects	Mitigation / Control Measures
Field surveys, staking and layout	Soil compaction and increased rates of erosion (soil loss) from equipment use and exposed soils	• Erosion control blankets, seed and cover/mulch to prevent erosion and/or control soil from entering waterways
Clearing and grubbing of trees and other vegetation	Loss of vegetation from clearing and associated loss of wildlife habitat	• Chipping, leaving in place and small wood scattering • Avoid vegetation clearing during migratory bird nesting period and/or sensitive life cycle periods for Species at Risk (e.g., caribou, bats, etc.)
Construction of infrastructure including storage and laydown yards, access/haul roads, construction camps and aggregate extraction areas	Changes or disturbances to wildlife habitat (e.g., migratory birds, species at risk)	• Restore disturbed areas related to temporary infrastructure (e.g., access road, construction camp)
Construction of the road, including permanent and temporary waterbody crossings	Changes to surface water quality and flow, and/or fish habitat Negative impacts on environmentally significant or sensitive areas	• Protect fish during the spawning and rearing period by avoiding work in water during certain time periods • Install erosion and sediment control measures and use best management practices • Isolate and temporarily shift water flow away from work zone • Use appropriate capture, handling and release techniques to avoid harm to fish

Potential Environmental Effects (cont'd)

Project Component or Activity	Potential Effects	Mitigation Measures
Transport, handling and storage of fuel, disposal of waste oil, lubricants and other fluid Storage, handing and disposal of hazardous waste and non-hazardous domestic waste, domestic wastewater, sewage Operation of construction equipment and vehicles Blasting (to obtain rock for crushing to build road)	Impact to groundwater level, quality, and/or contribution to waterbodies or wetlands Spills of oil, gasoline and other chemicals that contaminate soil, groundwater or waterbodies Dust and exhaust emissions from equipment and vehicles Increase in noise levels during construction and operation phases, with potential impact to wildlife Blasting can disrupt community activities, wildlife behaviour, or harm fish/fish habitat where near a waterbody	• Store, handle and dispose of all excess materials in a manner that prevents release to the environment • Operate, maintain and store (e.g., fuel, lubricates, waste oils) all equipment and materials using best management practices (the accepted most responsible ways to do things) • Maintain vehicles and equipment • Control dust • Provide timely notification to residents and control blasting in environmentally sensitive areas
Operations and maintenance, such as road repairs, vegetation management		
Rehabilitation/restoration of temporary infrastructure		
Wildlife mortality (death) due to vehicle collisions during operations		

Potential Environmental Effects- Socio-Economic Environment

Positive Effects/Benefits
Economic • Employment and economic benefits to community members and businesses of neighbouring Indigenous communities during construction and operation/maintenance (i.e., heavy equipment operation, environmental monitoring, catering, camp operations) • Emergence of economic opportunities along the road (i.e., gas stations, restaurants) • Opportunity for WFN and other First Nations to own and/or construct, and operate and maintain the road, including opportunity for revenue generation and potential for subsequent investment in economic development opportunities
Education/Training • Opportunities for capacity building and business training • Opportunity for youth - employment and training opportunities • Possible higher overall educational levels and capacity
Social • Higher household incomes from increased economic activity allowing for improved standard of living

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Potential Environmental Effects- Socio-Economic Environment (cont'd)

Negative Effects
Social/Health • May offer easier access to undesirable substances, possibly causing more health and social issues in community • More outsiders coming into area causing possible social issues
Economic • Possible loss of government transfer payments currently paid to community due to remote isolation status • May facilitate more outsiders coming into community, such as resource users, that put strain on traditional territories for hunting, fishing, mineral resource exploration, as well as pressure on wildlife populations and movements
Culture • Loss of disruption to current traditional land and resource uses such as hunting, gathering, fishing, trapping (from possible direct project impacts to wildlife and fish habitats, plants, or navigation at watercourse crossings) • Easier access to outside influences that could put pressure on traditional language, traditions and culture; and/or decrease interest and participation in traditional land use activities (e.g., trapping, hunting, fishing, etc.) • Possible for outsiders to access and use cultural/spiritual/sacred sites

Preliminary Criteria and Indicators for Evaluation
Natural Environment

Criterion (way to evaluate)	Indicator (measurement method)
Upland Ecosystems, Riparian Ecosystems and Wetlands	• Effects to upland ecosystems, riparian ecosystems and wetlands • Ecosystem availability • Ecosystem distribution • Ecosystem composition
Fish and Aquatic Habitat • Brook Trout • Lake Trout • Walleye • Lake Sturgeon	• Number or area of waterbodies crossed • Effects on fish spawning, nursery or rearing areas • Habitat quantity • Habitat quality • Abundance
Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat	• Area (ha) of significant wildlife habitat crossed or fragmented • Habitat availability (i.e., quantity and quality) • Habitat distribution (i.e., arrangement and connectivity) • Survival and reproduction
Species at Risk (SAR) • Woodland Caribou habitat alteration • Caribou nursery areas • Other SAR including regionally and locally rare species	• Effects on Woodland Caribou habitat areas (ha) • Area within the corridor which is known by Indigenous community members to be frequented by caribou • Number and type of SAR including regionally and locally rare species (plants, animals, fish)
Significant Ecological Area (defined by Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry)	• Number of area of Significant Ecological Areas affected
Migratory Birds	•Areas (ha) of migratory bird flyways, feeding habitat and resting areas

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Preliminary Criteria and Indicators for Evaluation
Socio-Economic Environment

Criterion (way to evaluate)	Indicator (measurement method)
Traditional Land and Resource Uses (hunting/fishing/trapping)	• Disruption (number of sites) or loss (ha) of intensively used areas supporting traditional land use activities by community members • Number of fish spawning areas affected • Number of seasonal hunting areas affected • Number of moose mating areas affected • Area (ha) used for harvesting of plants for medicinal or human consumption affected • Number of trap lines affected
Commercial Activities and Labour Market	• Effects to business related activities and local employment • Training opportunities
Mineral and/or aggregate resources	• Area of significant aggregate deposits affected (ha) • Number of mining claims in Local Study Area
Recreational activities (camps, trails, outfitters, movement of small watercraft)	• Number of activities affected
Provincial Parks, Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI's) or Conservation Reserves	•Number of Provincial Parks, Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI's) or Conservation Reserves affected

Preliminary Criteria and Indicators for Evaluation
Cultural Environment

Criterion (way to evaluate)	Indicator (measurement method)
Aboriginal and treaty rights and interests	• Changes in preferred harvested species • Changes to, or restrictions on, preferred harvesting methods • Changes to quantity and quality of cultural use locations and access routes • Changes in the experience of lands and resources for cultural purposes
Archaeological resources	• Number and/or area (ha) of Indigenous sacred, burial or spiritually significant sites effected as identified by communities • Number or area (ha) of Euro-Canadian archaeological sites effected

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Preliminary Criteria and Indicators for Evaluation
Technical Considerations

Criterion (way to evaluate)	Indicator (measurement method)
Safety and reliability of road	• How well road alignment meets Provincial road safety standards and provides reliability for users
Constructability	• Terrain and soil stability
Cost	• Construction capital cost • Operations and maintenance cost
Location of road supporting infrastructure (aggregate supply areas, camps, laydown/storage yards, access roads)	• Closeness to corridor for assessment of alternatives for aggregate source sites, including quality of deposits • Limits to haulage/movement of materials and equipment • Length (km) of temporary and permanent access roads

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What are Examples of Ways to Limit Potential Environmental Effects During Design?

Project Component	How to minimize environmental effect
Water Crossings	• Changing type of structure • Length of span (to avoid having bridge supports/piers in water) • Lifecycle - build structure to last longer • Construction staging methods - change order of construction activities to minimize impacts to fish and fish habitat
Road	• Adjust horizontal alignment (i.e., curves, straight sections) • Adjust vertical alignment (i.e., steepness or slope) • Adjust cross-section – shape/width of the road if you sliced through it • Width of the corridor (the "footprint" of the road)
Alternative Sites for Temporary Supportive Infrastructure	• Adjusting locations and sizes of storage / laydown areas and associated access roads to limit project "footprint"

What are Examples of Ways to Limit Potential Environmental Effects During Design? (cont'd)

Project Component	How to minimize environmental effect
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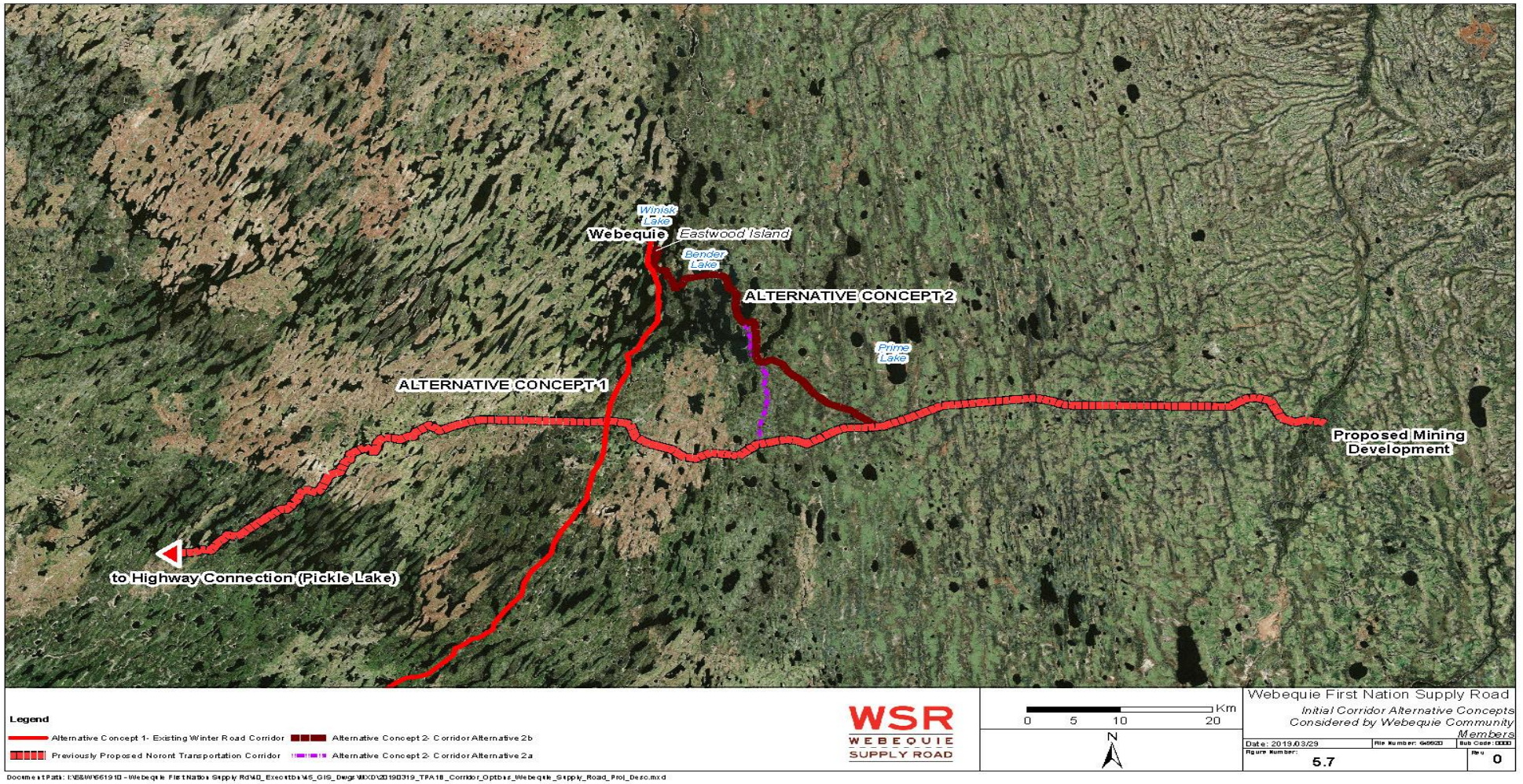
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Alternative Concepts



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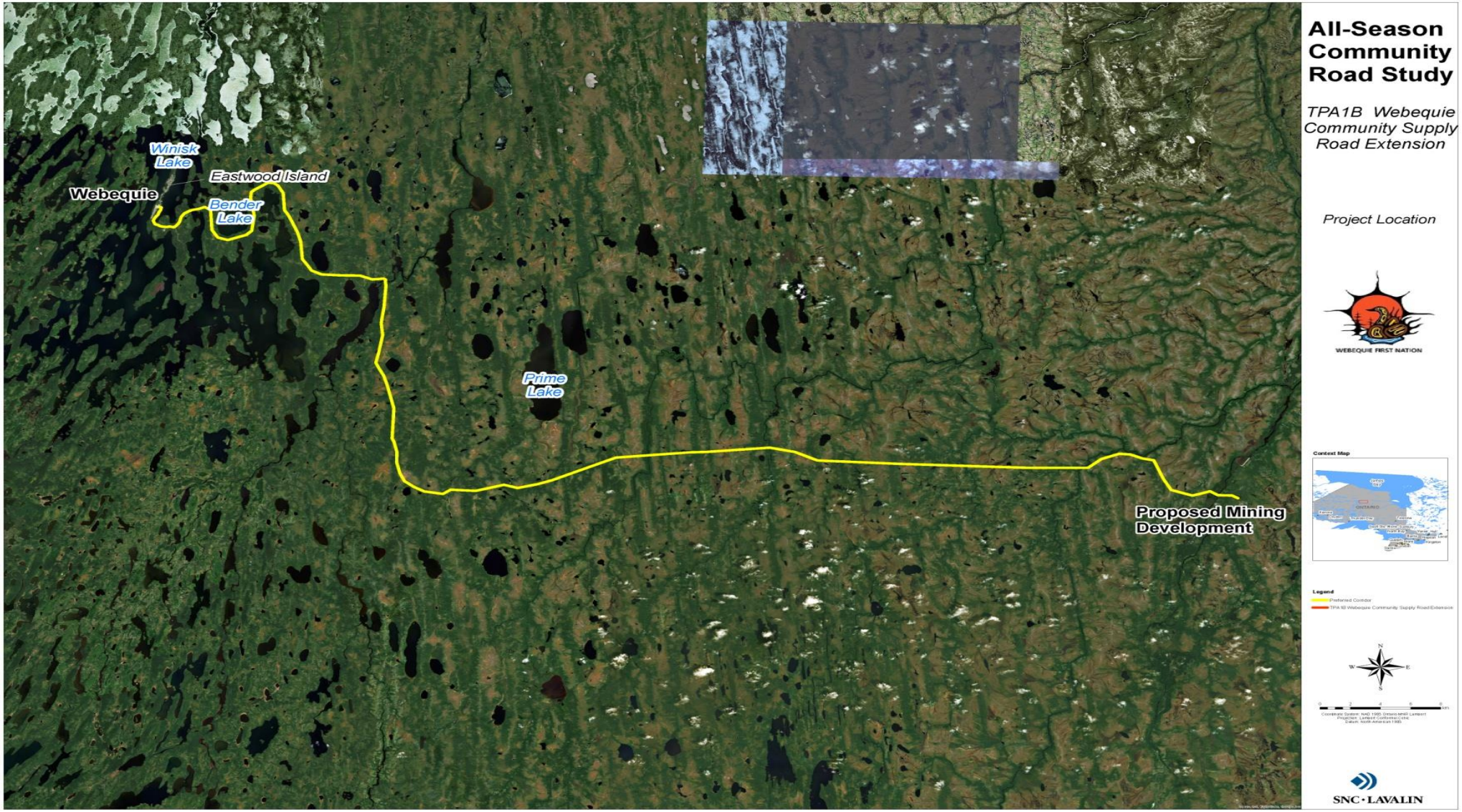
Screening of Alternative Concepts - Webequie Community Input

Key factors considered:

- Caribou habitat
- Culturally significant features (natural or built)
- Areas used intensively for traditional activities
- Fish spawning areas
- Seasonal hunting areas
- Moose mating areas
- Community source of spring water

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Preferred Corridor Based on Community Input



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Reason for Preliminary Preferred Corridor Alternative

- Avoids existing caribou habitat east of Webequie by following a more linear north-south alignment, rather than a southeast alignment that would reduce road length
- Runs east of areas used intensively for traditional activities south of community
- Does not run through significant moose mating areas located south of the community and north of the proposed East-West segment
- Waterfowl staging/hunting areas east of the community and north of Bender Lake are avoided, as the route travels around the south end of Bender Lake
- Significant fish spawning areas just east of the community are avoided through a northern crossing from Eastwood Island to the mainland
- Proposed corridor runs east of a land user's home/cabin
- Route runs east of an important source of spring water southeast of the community

Development of Sub-Alternatives - Different Versions of the Preferred Alternative

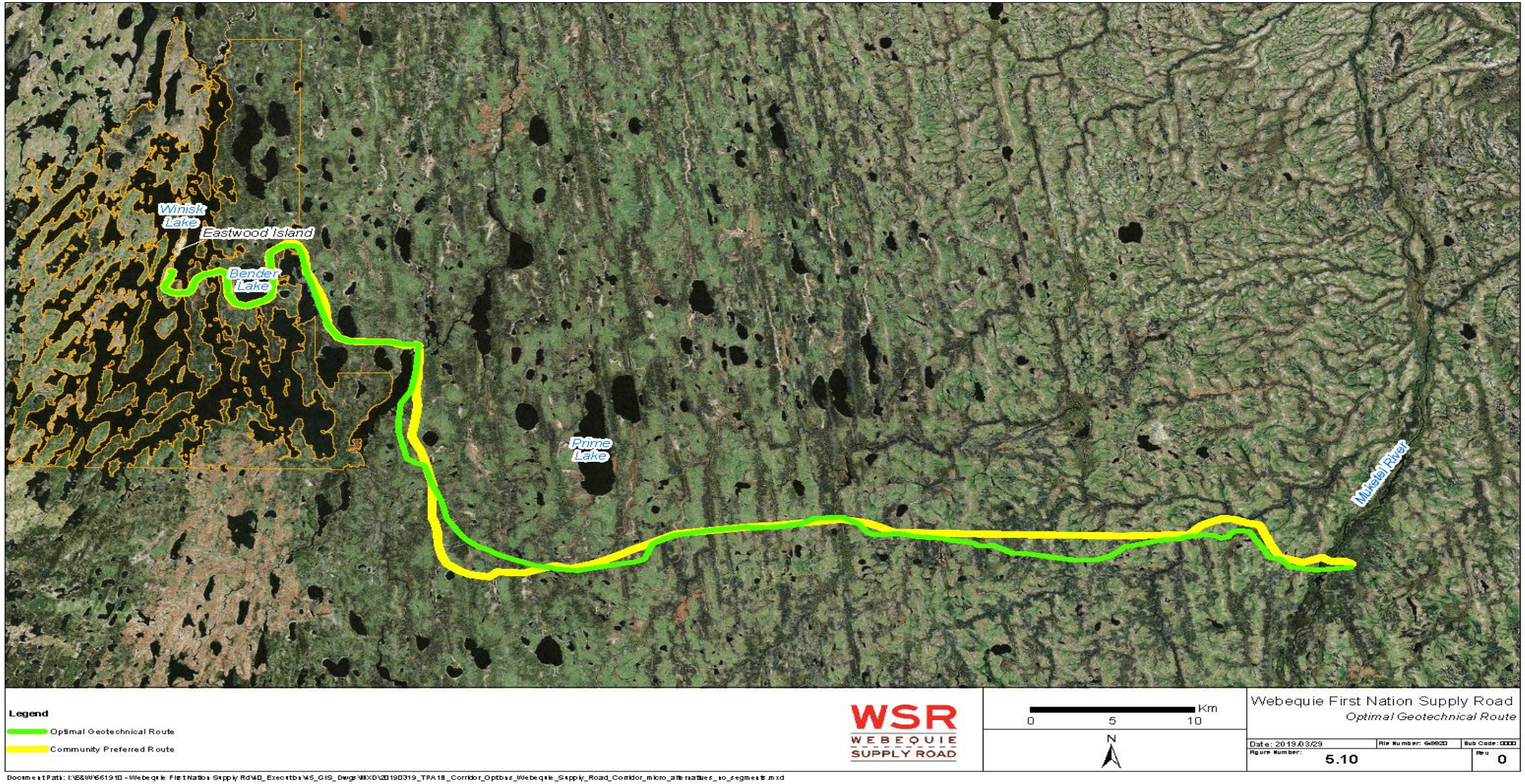
• Type of land (soil/terrain) the road travels through and where the road crosses water are key factors that determine the cost of construction and maintenance

• Based on the community-preferred corridor as a reference, terrain/land analysis was done to look at:

- Route length
- Surface soils
- Topographic relief (the height of the land) and slopes (steepness of the land)
- Availability of bedrock borrow (i.e., lack of borrow in some locations)
- Large wetland and marshy areas
- Wide river crossings
- Closeness to potential aggregate sources

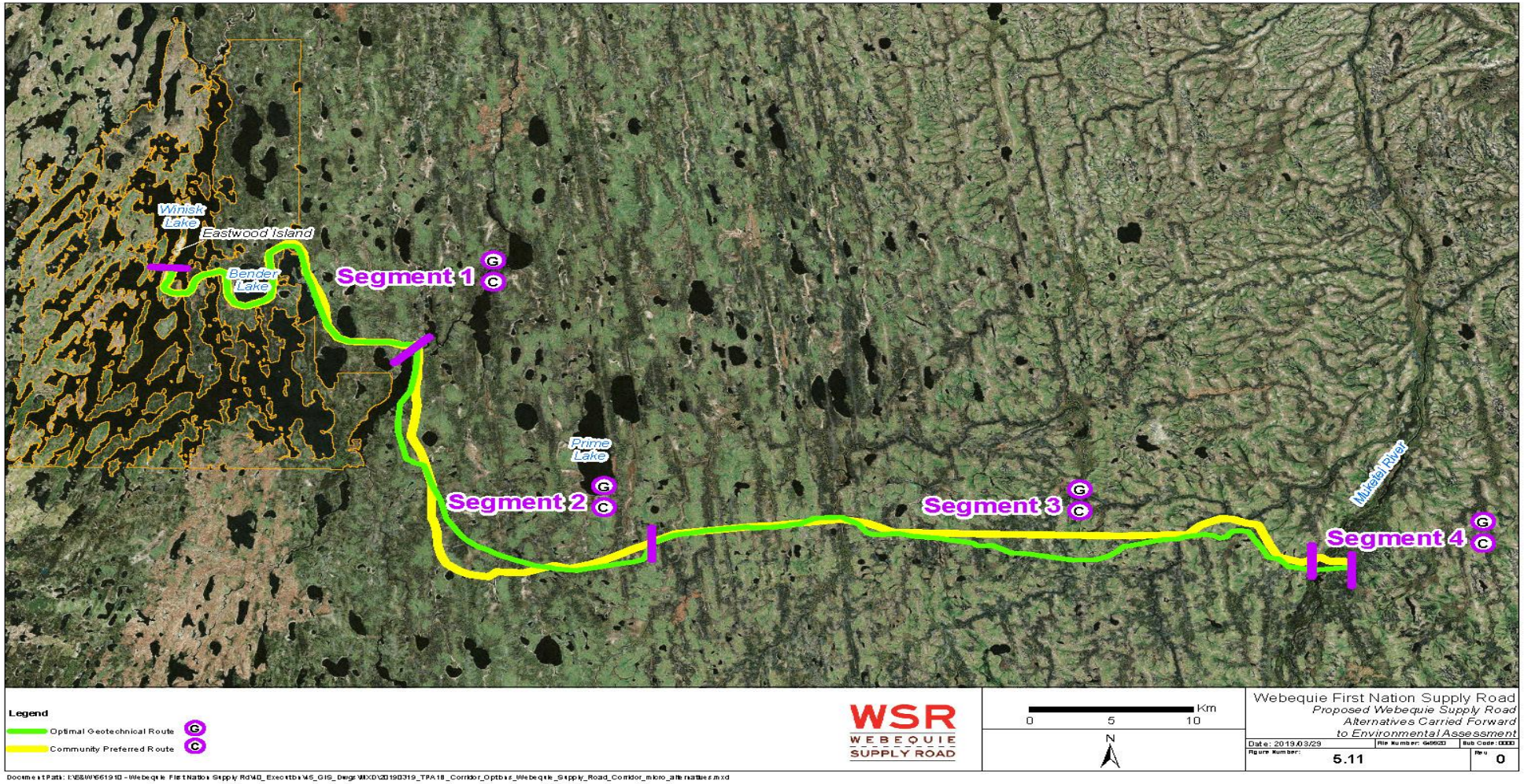
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Best Route Based on Terrain/Soils (in green)



Supply Road Alternatives Carried Forward for Environmental Assessment

The corridor between Webequie and the McFaulds Lake area has been divided into the following segments to provide flexibility in selection of the preferred alternative:



Environmental Commitments and Monitoring

- If the EA is approved, there are commitments that WFN has to meet before, during and after construction of the road

- These commitments are developed based on input from consultation with Indigenous communities, the general public, stakeholders, government agencies and the Webequie technical team during the EA process - ***we need to hear from you!***

- These commitments may relate to:

    - Project construction
    - Operation and maintenance
    - Mitigation measures (to control environmental impacts and effects)
    - Ongoing consultation/engagement
    - The need for other technical investigations during subsequent design phases of the Project
    - Post-construction environmental monitoring

- The approved EA will include both ***the commitments and how the commitments will be fulfilled***

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Summary

- The Webequie Supply Road Project is a road to the McFaulds Lake mineral exploration and mine development area for WFN economic development purposes, not the mine development project

- The environmental assessment (EA) identifies and evaluates potential environmental impacts and effects of the Project. To do this, a number of technical studies, including gathering Traditional Knowledge from First Nations communities, will be conducted

- The EA Terms of Reference document is the **work plan** for the environmental assessment

- While we already know many of the environmental impacts of a project like this and how to control or limit these impacts, we don't know the area as well as you do

- You ***know the land*** and ***have a special connection with the land*** - we need to hear from you on the EA Terms of Reference

- An approved EA will include both ***the commitments and how the commitments will be*** **fulfilled**, such as environmental monitoring and additional consultation and engagement

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Provide comments through the Website (www.supplyroad.ca)
- Speak with the Project Team after the presentation
- Fill out a Feedback Form

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ON-RESERVE MEETING

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OVERVIEW

Michael Fox and Cathy Banning of Indigenous and Community Engagement (ICE) and Don Parkinson and Marian Tibor-McMahon of SNC-Lavalin (SNC) and the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team had videoconference with Fort Albany First Nation (FAFN) Chief, Council, Legal and Technical Advisors. The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team with descriptions of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process, the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) and his preparation, as well as the need from input from Indigenous communities. Don Parkinson and Marian Tibor-McMahon presented the ToR presentation, providing a high level description of the contents of the ToR. Both during and after the presentation, a series of questions were asked related to: (1) Three-Tier Approach; (2) Coordinated EA process; (3) Field studies; (4) Regional Roads; (5) Baseline studies; (6) Criteria and Indicators; (7) Funding; (8) Cumulative Effects Assessment; (9) Rights Impact Assessment; (10) Three Northern Road Projects; (11) Inclusion of perspectives of other First Nations; (12) Groundwater impacts; and (13) Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines.

Based on the questions and responses, the Project Team committed to: (1) Provide FAFN with text describing agreement processes for sharing of Indigenous Knowledge (IK); (2) Comments via the federal process will be incorporated in the ToR/federal/provincial consultation section; (3) Communication protocols between FAFN and Webequie First Nation chief and councils; (4) Arrange community meeting with FAFN; (5) Project Team to provide elevation range of the road.

Additionally the Project Team committed to providing updates and continue consultation and engagement process with FAFN.

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Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Virtual Community Meeting
September 29, 2020

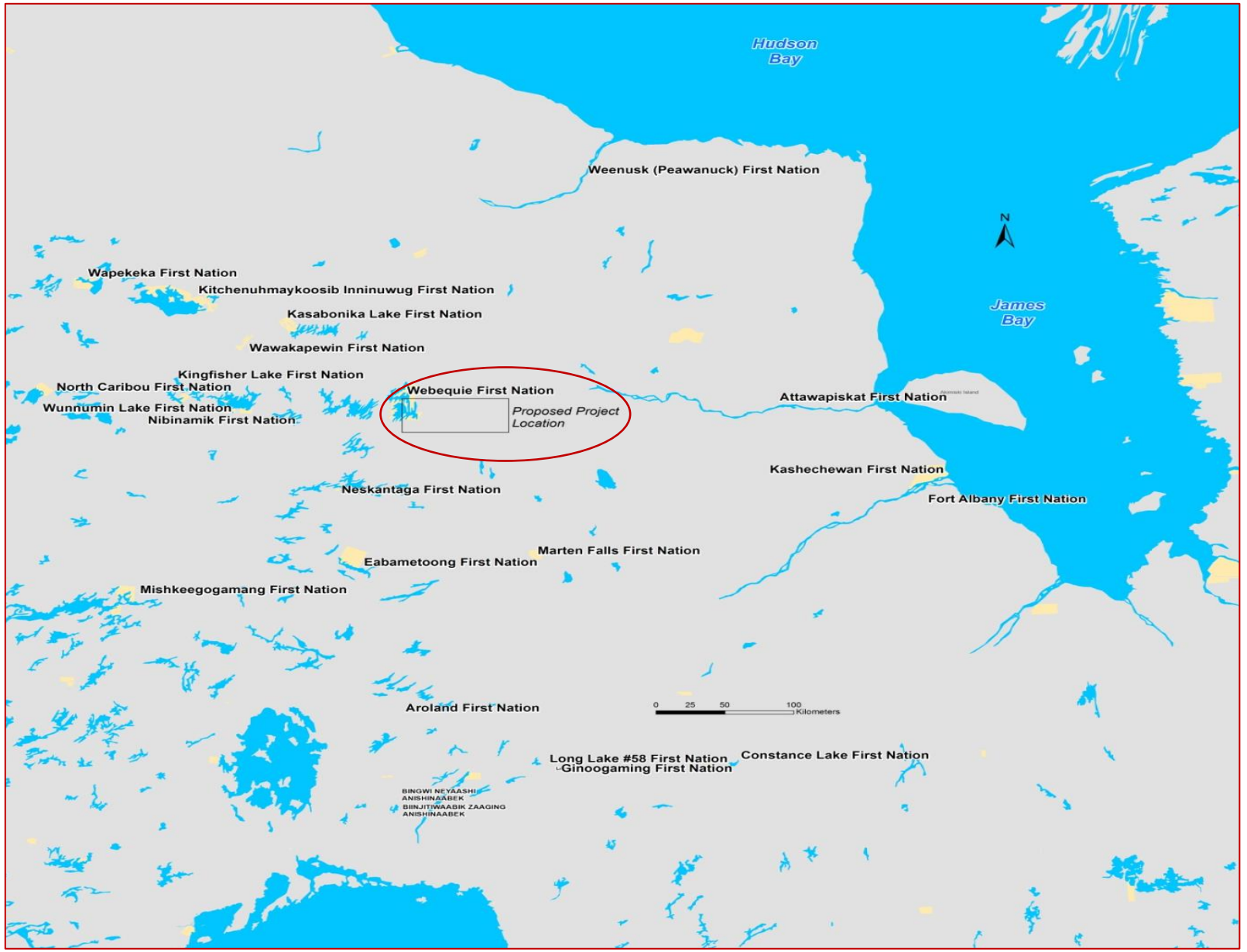


BACKGROUND

- This is not an environmental assessment for the proposed Ring of Fire mining developments
- This is not an environmental assessment for a road connecting to the provincial road network
- This is a Supply Road connecting Webequie First Nation (WFN) to the Ring of Fire
- The purpose of the Supply Road is to *allow WFN to benefit from opportunities associated with the planning, development and operation of any mines that might be developed in the area, as well as mineral exploration activities*.

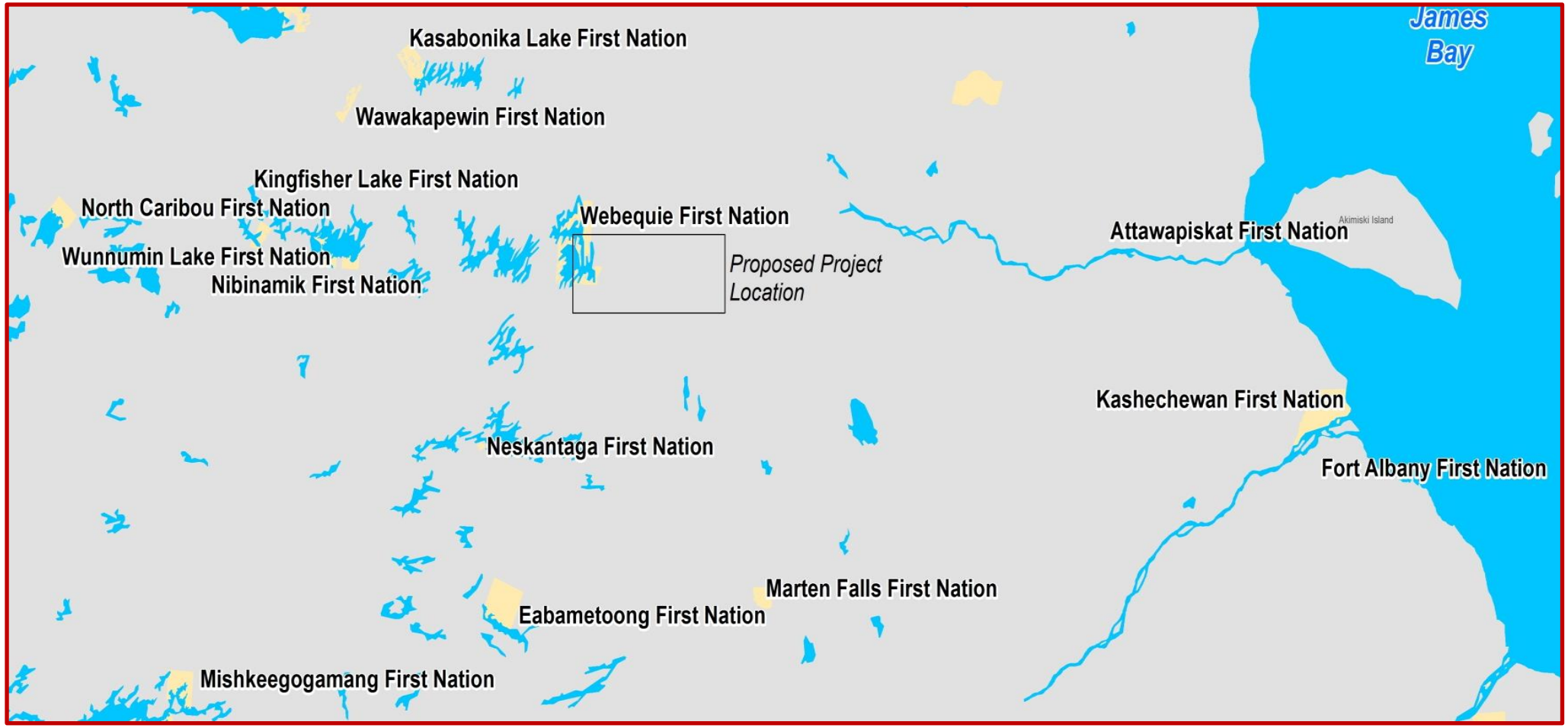
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PROJECT SETTING - REGIONAL



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PROJECT SETTING - LOCAL

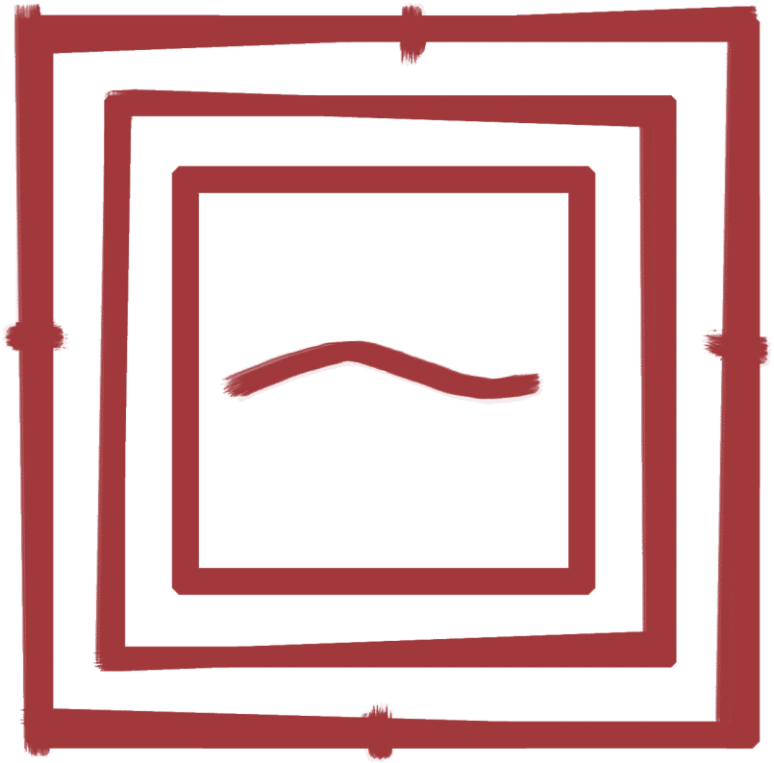


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WEBEQUIE'S APPROACH TO ENGAGEMENT

WEBEQUIE'S THREE-TIER APPROACH

The three tiers are closely connected and depend on each other.



CORE TIER: *The Community and their Overall Well-Being*

- Physical health
- Mental health
- Social health
- Education
- Employment opportunities
- Income

RELATIONAL TIER: *Preserving the Indigenous Culture of the Community*

- Increasing understanding of the culture by others
- Language
- Traditional cultural activities
- Ancestral knowledge inheritance - recording and passing down knowledge down from the elders

FOUNDATIONAL TIER: *Treaty and Partnerships*

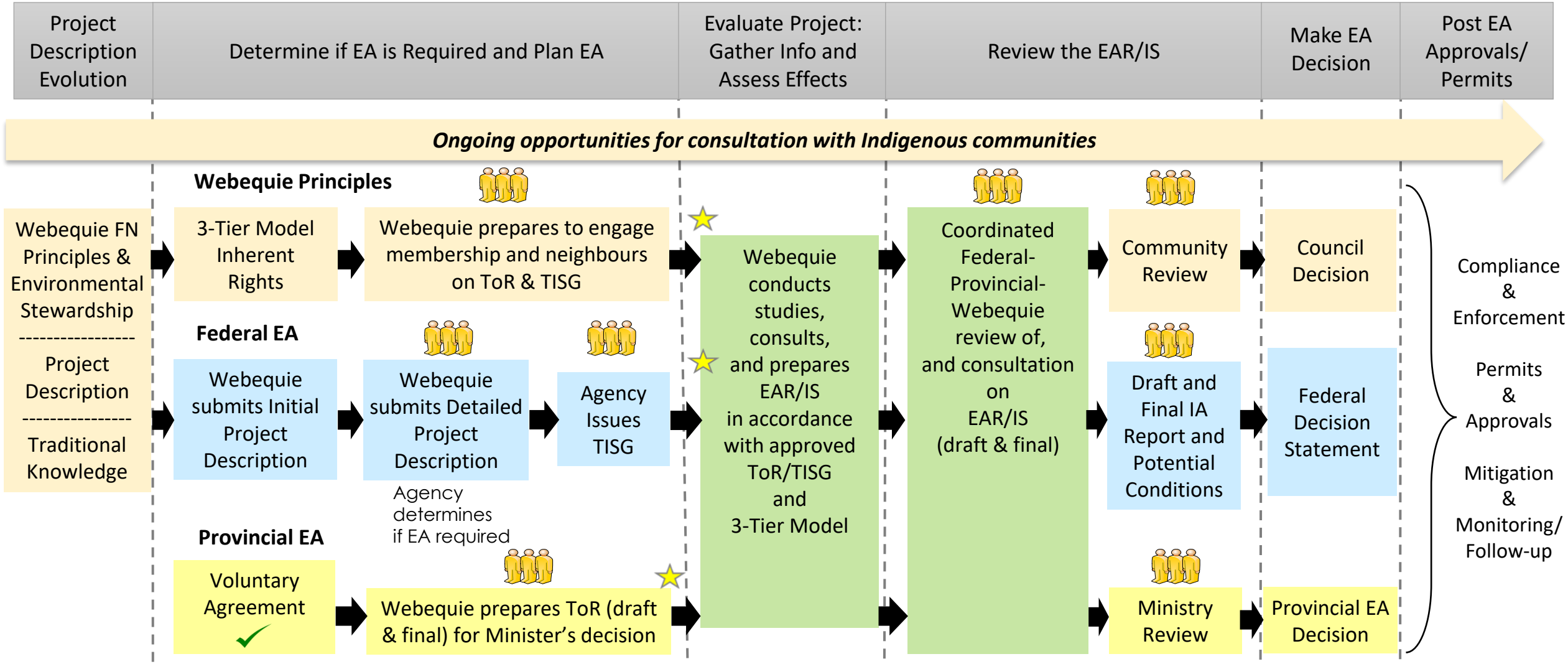
- Fair sharing of benefits from the land with government and industry

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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Coordinated Webequie-Federal–Provincial EA Process

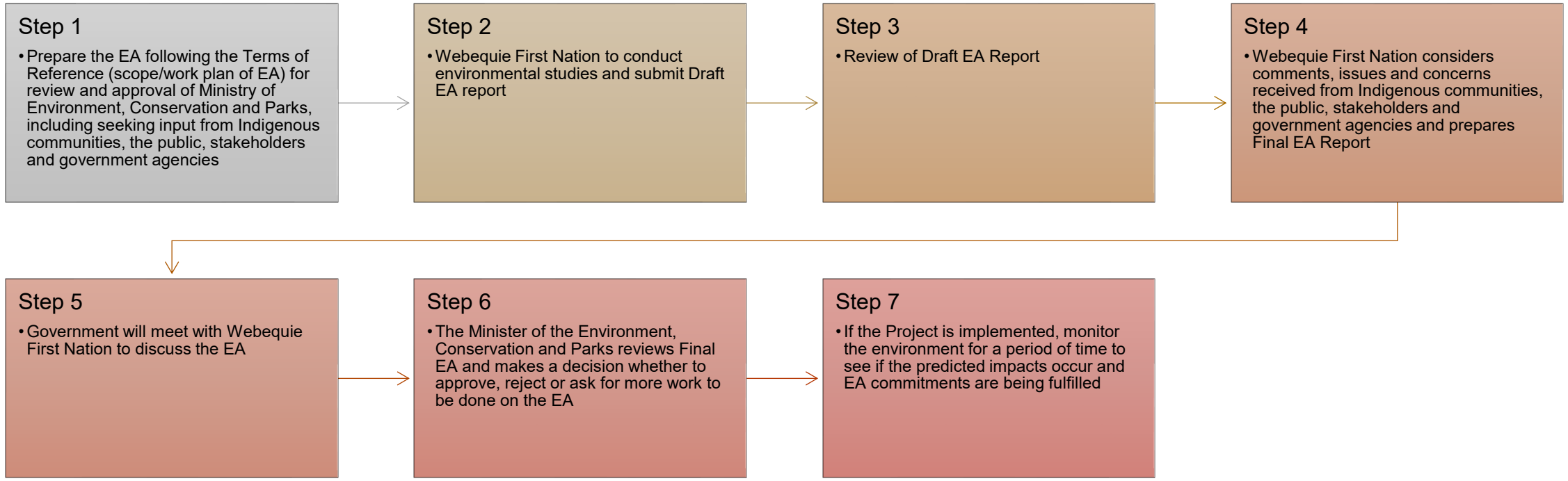


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You are here ☆ **Step completed** ✓ **Formal opportunity for Indigenous consultation & public participation**

Acronyms:
ToR = Terms of Reference
TISG = Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines
EAR/IS = Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement

Ontario Environmental Assessment Process



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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference document is the ***work plan*** for the environmental assessment.

It describes what is going to be done in order to understand any impacts of the Project on the environment (natural, cultural, social and economic).

Your comments are important because they help determine what will be done during the EA.

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How are Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Prepared?

Look at the Project



Identify Project Activities



Identify Potential Effects of Project Activities



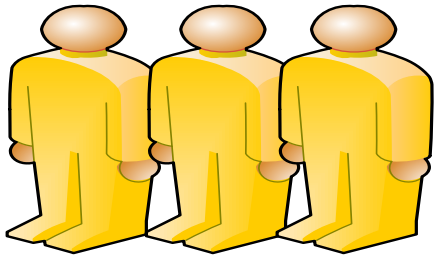
Identify Ways to Prevent Impacts





Identify Studies Required to Assess Impacts

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Prepare Consultation Plan



Draft EA Terms of Reference Submitted to Ontario for Public and Technical Review

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Input from Public on EA Terms of Reference
Why we need to hear from you

Do we know everything about environmental effects at this point?
Do we know everything about the land where the project may be built?

No, we don't- that is why we want to talk to you.

You, as community members and neighbours, ***know the land*** and ***have a deep connection with the land***

Things to consider (good and bad):



Environmental Impacts



Social/Cultural Impacts



Economic Impacts

Description of the Project - What does the Project Include?

It is not just a road…

Project Component	Description
All-Season Road	107 km from WFN Airport to McFaulds Lake – two-lane gravel surface
Road Corridor within WFN Reserve Lands	17 km of the road corridor is within WFN reserve lands
Preliminary Corridor Width	2 km
Final Corridor Width	Corridor is 35 metres (m) wide •35 m for two-lane gravel surface all-season road
Water Crossing Structures	Bridges and culverts
Aggregate Extraction and Processing Areas (temporary and permanent)	Includes pits and quarries, as well as access roads
Construction camps (Temporary)	Accommodation and catering facilities for construction crews
Storage and Laydown Yards (Temporary)	Used for storage of equipment and materials

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Project Phases

Construction



- Field surveys, staking and layout
- Clearing and grubbing of trees and other vegetation
- Construction of storage / laydown yards, access roads, construction camps and aggregate extraction areas
- Construction of the road and water crossings
- Emissions, discharges and waste transport
- Handling and storage of fuel for equipment and vehicles
- Storage, handling and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous waste, domestic wastewater and sewage
- Air and noise emission from equipment and vehicles
- Erosion from exposed soils

Operations and Maintenance



- Visual inspections of the road and structures
- Road surface repairs
- Dust control
- Control of vegetation/brush within the road corridor
- Winter maintenance- snow clearing
- Clean-out / repairs to culverts, ditches and outfalls
- Road use controls:
  - Road security / enforcement
  - Access to and use of nearby lands
  - Vehicle and operator licensing requirements
  - Insurance coverage requirements and general liability

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Baseline Studies to Establish Existing Conditions

Purpose

- To identify what the ***condition of the environment*** is ***right now***

- To give us ***something to compare to*** when looking at potential impacts of the Project

    - When we do environmental monitoring, if we don't know what the current conditions are, then we don't really know if the project is having an impact on the environment

    - We also don't know if some of the methods we are using to control environmental impacts are working if we don't have something to compare to.

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Baseline Natural Environment Studies

- Winter Aerial Woodland Caribou Survey
- Waterfowl Survey
- Summer Woodland Caribou Calving Survey
- Bat Surveys - Hibernaculum Screening/Maternity Roost Habitat/Acoustic Surveys
- Breeding Bird Survey
- Marsh Bird Survey
- Reptiles and Amphibians Survey
- Aquatic Habitat Survey
- Vegetation Survey

Physical Environment Studies

- Ground Penetrating Radar Survey
- LiDAR Survey
- Geotechnical Drilling
- Surface Water Sampling

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Socio-Economic Environment Studies

- Consulting and Engaging with Community Members
- Reviewing Previous Studies
- Collecting Information from Government and First Nation Organizations

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Cultural Environment Studies

- Traditional Knowledge
- Archaeological Potential - Stage 1 Assessment
- Review of Previous Studies

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Potential Environmental Effects…Some Examples

Project Component or Activity	Potential Effects	Mitigation / Control Measures
Field surveys, staking and layout	Soil compaction and increased rates of erosion (soil loss) from equipment use and exposed soils	• Erosion control blankets, seed and cover/mulch to prevent erosion and/or control soil from entering waterways
Clearing and grubbing of trees and other vegetation	Loss of vegetation from clearing and associated loss of wildlife habitat	• Chipping, leaving in place and small wood scattering • Avoid vegetation clearing during migratory bird nesting period and/or sensitive life cycle periods for Species at Risk (e.g., caribou, bats, etc.)

Preliminary Criteria and Indicators for Evaluation Some Examples…*Natural Environment*

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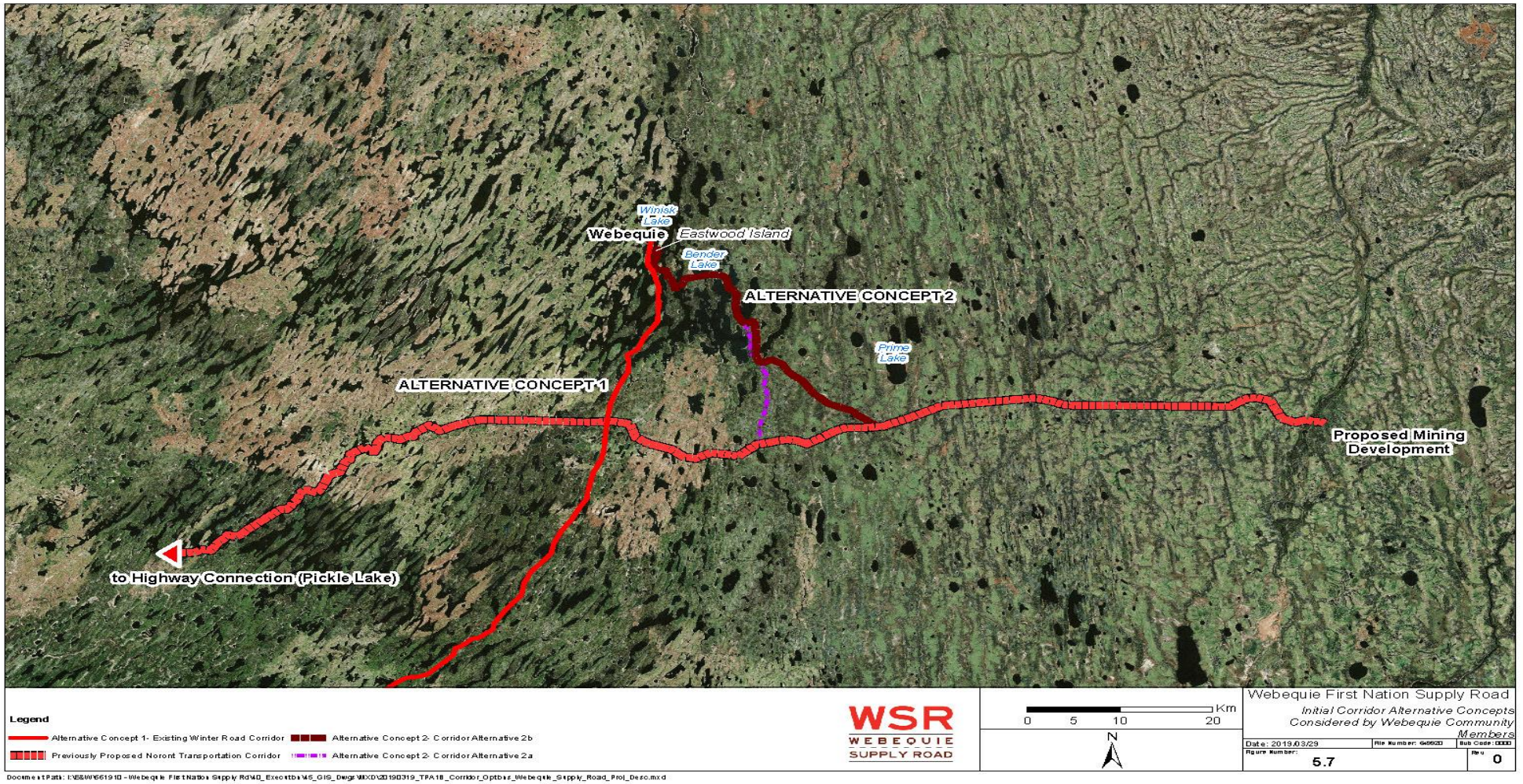
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Alternative Concepts



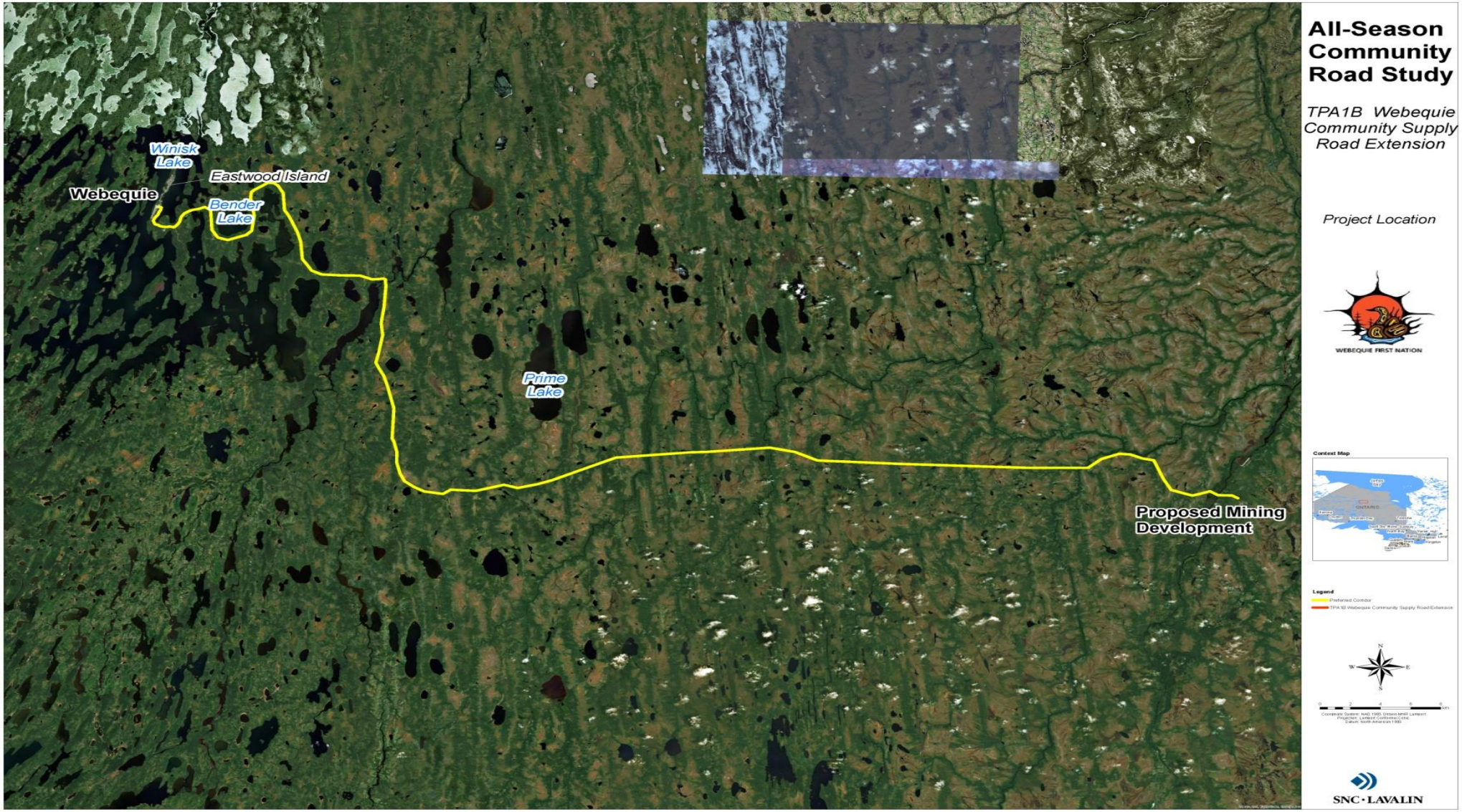
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Screening of Alternative Concepts - Webequie Community Input

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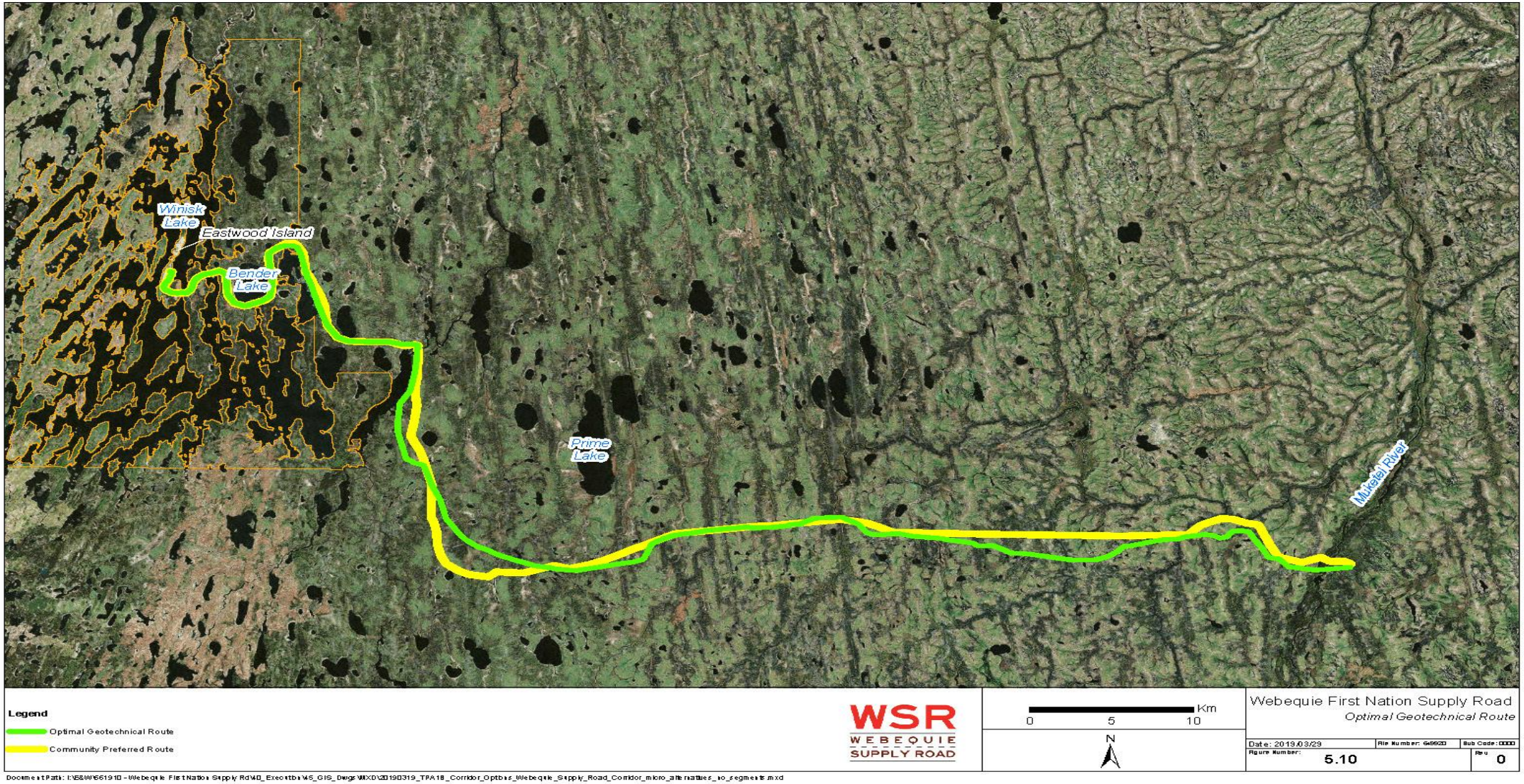
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Preferred Corridor Based on Community Input



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Best Route Based on Terrain/Soils (in green)



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    - Mitigation measures (to control environmental impacts and effects)
    - Ongoing consultation/engagement
    - The need for other technical investigations during subsequent design phases of the Project
    - Post-construction environmental monitoring

- The approved EA will include both ***the commitments and how the commitments will be fulfilled***

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Summary

- The Webequie Supply Road Project is a road to the McFaulds Lake mineral exploration and mine development area for WFN economic development purposes, not the mine development project

- The environmental assessment (EA) identifies and evaluates potential environmental impacts and effects of the Project. To do this, a number of technical studies, including gathering Traditional Knowledge from First Nations communities, will be conducted

- The EA Terms of Reference document is the **work plan** for the environmental assessment

- While we already know many of the environmental impacts of a project like this and how to control or limit these impacts, we don't know the area as well as you do

- You ***know the land*** and ***have a special connection with the land*** - we need to hear from you on the EA Terms of Reference

- An approved EA will include both ***the commitments and how the commitments will be*** **fulfilled**, such as environmental monitoring and additional consultation and engagement

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Provide comments through the Website (www.supplyroad.ca)
- Speak with the Project Team after the presentation
- Fill out a Feedback Form

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October 27, 2021

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Webequie First Nation – Community Meeting

Acoustic Environment, Visual Environment, Climate Change/Air Quality and Cumulative Effects Study Plans
October 27, 2021 – 12:00 – 2:00 pm

OVERVIEW

The WSR Project team, consisting of Don Parkinson of SNC-Lavalin and Michael Fox of ICE, visited Webequie First Nation for a community meeting on October 27, 2021 from 12-2 pm.

The purpose of the community meeting was to discuss a number of federal impact assessment study plans, including acoustic environment, visual environment, climate change/air quality and cumulative effects. These are required as part of the federal impact assessment process and detail the technical approach taken for the respective studies that comprise the basis for the impact assessment.

Don Parkinson delivered a presentation that began with a project update, explaining that the Proposed Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference had been approved and the project's next steps. Next, each of the study plans was discussed, explaining their purpose and providing details of some the activities associated with each study plan. Finally, upcoming community visits were described and community members were encouraged to participate further in the project by visiting the project website and looking for upcoming events via social media.



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ACOUSTIC, VISUAL, CLIMATE CHANGE/AIR QUALITY AND CUMULATIVE EFFECTS WORK PLANS

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Where we are now

- The Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment (EA) Terms of Reference (ToR) was approved by MECP this past Friday

- This means that the work plan for the EA has been approved and we can now focus on completing the EA report since we now know what is expected of us

- Over the next few weeks, we will be visiting the community to explain each of the work plans that are required to be prepared as part of the federal impact assessment process

The Acoustic Environment Work Plan

What is acoustics?

- A science that deals with the production, control, transmission, reception, and effects of sound

Description of the work

- To understand the potential effects of the project on the current acoustic (noise) environment, such as impacts on traditional activities such as hunting, trapping or fishing)
- Looks at impacts during different project phases (i.e., construction, operations
- Field team will be installing acoustic recording equipment to determine baseline (current) noise conditions or levels in different locations
- If impacts are identified, practical or realistic ways to control or limit impacts will be identified.



Acoustic recording equipment

The Visual Environment Work Plan

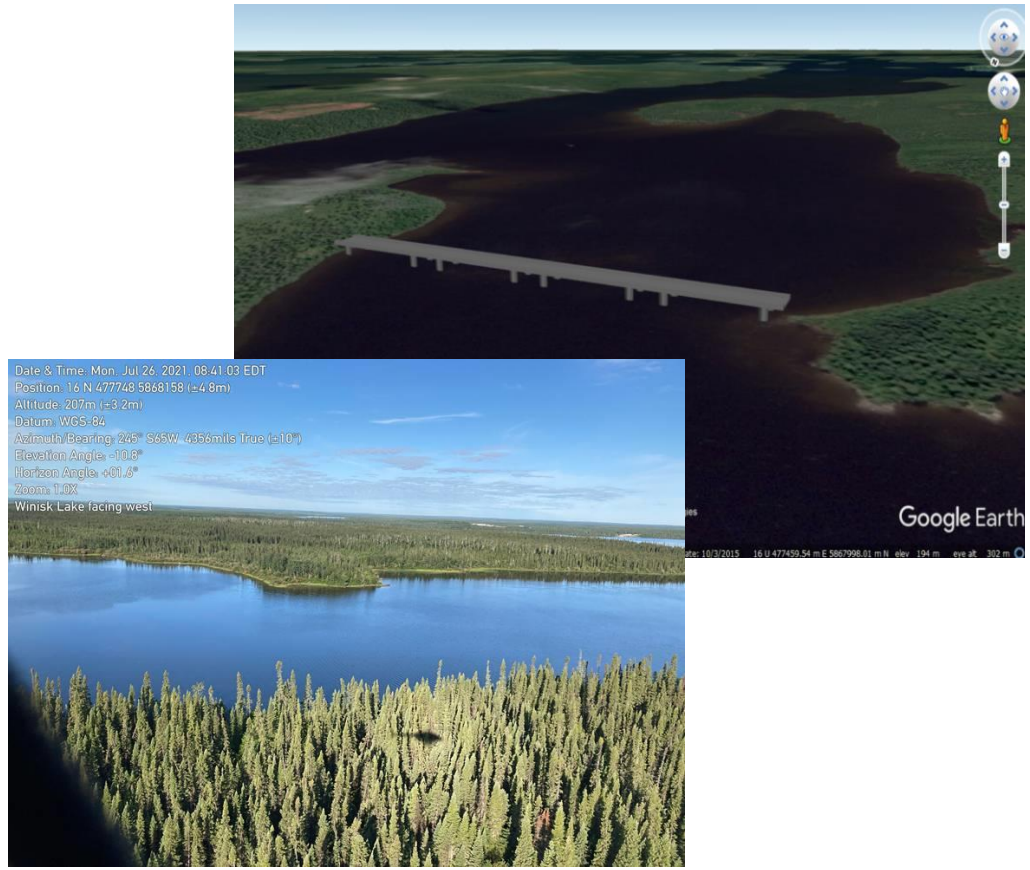
- Examines possible impacts on aspects of the visual environment from the WSR Project. Effects could include impacts on landscape views from important land or water-based viewing locations.

- Example- major water crossings where bridges would be used, locations
  of pits or quarries

- Looks at visual impacts of project on the landscape during all phases of the project, construction and operations

- Uses tools such as LiDAR data (height of the land) to identify what can be seen from different locations that are important to community members

- Information generated identifies areas where adjustments need to be made to routes or water-crossing structures, for example



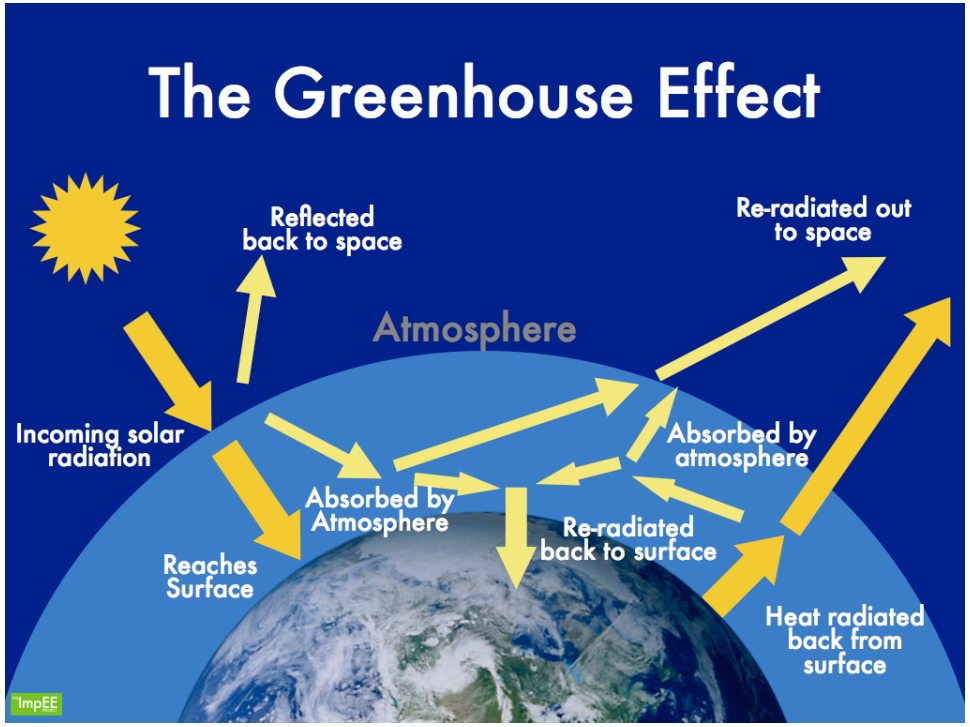
The Climate Change and Air Quality Work Plan

There are three key goals of this work:

(1) Determine the greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) the project is expected to produce.

(2) Determine how sensitive and durable the Project and its environment are to changing climate conditions.

(3) Determine the Project's production of air contaminants and their impact on air quality in the project area.



The Climate Change and Air Quality Work Plan

Sources of air contamination/potential emissions:

- Exhaust from construction equipment and road vehicles during the WSR construction phase
- Exhaust from public vehicles along the road, and the vehicles and equipment involved in maintenance of the road during the operations phase
- Heavy machinery used for vegetation clearing, material handling, road construction
- Aggregate extraction and processing during construction
- Blasting activities (dust and explosives) during construction
- Diesel generators (power source) at the construction camps and maintenance yards.



The Climate Change and Air Quality Work Plan

Climate Change considerations for road design:

- Height of road
- Height of bridges
- Size of culvert pipes
- Use of larger stone to protect from high flows

Timeframe for evaluating potential effects:

- Short-term
- Long-term
- Construction phase
- Operations phase



The Cumulative Effects Work Plan

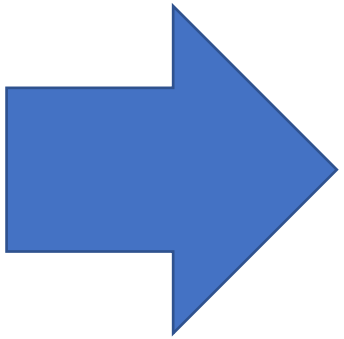
Step 1: Scoping

Step 2: Analysis

Step 3: Mitigation

Step 4: Significance

Step 5: Follow-up



- Does the project affect something that is important to community members (valued component or VC)? If yes, then decide the area to investigate and the timeframe
- Within the area and/or the timeframe, are there other projects (past, present or future) that will affect the VC ?
- If there are VCs that will be affected, these become part of the analysis phase of the process
- The next step is to figure out how the project will affect the valued component
- Next identify how to eliminate or control the effect and how significant it is
- Monitor the area to see if the impact is being controlled

Examples of Cumulative Effects

Fish & Fish Habitat: destruction of habitat of the same fish population from multiple physical activities.

Aquatic Species: shoreline destruction from multiple physical activities resulting in the removal of several patches of a marine plant.

Socio-Economic Conditions: environmental effects from multiple physical activities resulting in the decline of a bivalve population on which an Indigenous group depends as a source of income.

Physical and Cultural Heritage: damage caused to sites associated with the creation of legends, ceremonial functions, personal vision quests etc. as a result of multiple physical activities.

Current Use of Lands and Resources: effects on use of traditional fishing grounds owing to decreased fish population which results from multiple physical activities.

Archaeology: disturbance of an archaeologically significant site due to construction activities associated with multiple physical activities.

Engagement and Consultation

The Project Team will be providing information using communication materials such as:

- Fact sheets
- Project website
- Public notices
- Notification letters

There will be opportunities for public participation and Indigenous engagement and consultation. The Project Team will engage with Indigenous communities to obtain Indigenous Knowledge, determine potential effects on Treaty Rights, and receive input and feedback on the Human Health, Socio-economic and other EA workplans.

Coming Up

Upcoming WSR community meetings and topics:

Geology, Terrain, Soils / Vegetation / Groundwater & Surface Water / Aquatic Habitat work plans-
November 10

Caribou and Wolverine / Wildlife & Wildlife Habitat / Species at Risks / Breeding Birds work plans-
November 24

Webequie First Nation
May 13 & 14, 2024

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD
Webequie First Nation Community Project Update and Review and Validation of Socio-Economic and Heath Existing Conditions Preliminary Results

Webequie First Nation, Band Hall
May 13 & 14, 2024

OVERVIEW

On May 13-14, 2024, representatives of the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team visited Webequie First Nation to provide an update about the Project and to talk to community members and request feedback on the draft socio-economic and health baseline study reports that were circulated to the community leadership. The Project Team also heard from community members about concerns and issues related to potential effects of the WSR Project on the community.

The Project Team hosted community meals and discussions at the Webequie Band Hall over two days, where presentations by technical specialists were followed by Q & A sessions on the following topic areas:

- General update on the WSR Project with presenters Jennifer Ashawasegai-Pereira (AtkinsRéalis) and Samson Jacob (Webequie First Nation);
- Socio-economic existing conditions of Webequie First Nation with presenter Mark Knell (AtkinsRéalis); and
- Community health existing conditions of Webequie First Nation with presenter Faiza Waheed (Intrinsik).

Additionally, breakout focus groups were held with participating community members to discuss in further detail the results with the community, including:

- Women and land users focus group; and
- Men and land users focus group.

Other focus groups were advertised for youth, two-spirit people but there were no attendees that participated. An Elders and individuals with disabilities focus group after the agenda was modified to allow for more open dialogue with all attendees in the community meeting.

Two Elders provided an opening prayer and pipe ceremony. One of the Elders reinforced spirituality by talking about the significance of the pipe and what it stands for. Loyalty, kindness and strength – the woven braid of the sweetgrass is together strength (the three braids individually for loyalty, kindness, honesty).

About 20 people attended the sessions each day to hear updates and participate in focus groups.

The Project Team is grateful for the ongoing participation of community members for providing essential input and direction to informing the environmental assessment/impact assessment process for the WSR Project.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Issues, concerns and comments raised by Community members, as well as discussion, responses and outcomes, are summarized below:

Project Update

- Engagement materials
    - You need to improve communications for project updates by providing more pictures, and other ways people will understand because many in community are visual learners.
    - Need more focused community specific studies, more visuals for presentations, better approach to these community meetings, open-house style where people can walk around and look at project posters (ex. Bringing in biologist to link traditional IK and western science – habitats).
    - Study areas, specific concerns, where a crossing occurs what are the impacts? Indigenous knowledge – streams, crossings, cumulative impacts in these areas are a major concern to community members.
    - Is community membership driving these studies? Better community engagement.
    - For future presentations, bigger lunch, bring KFC, don't recycle information.
    - Consultation should be there's a budget for lunch, travel, translators, Elders. We need to do more, we need to do better.
    - Broadcast each meeting so everyone can listen in, older people the cold bothers them and they're unlikely to join but could listen in if it was broadcasted.

- Valued components
    - Comment: What does habitat mean?
        - Response: For example, the areas where sturgeon like to live.

- Community decision making
    - Where is the community's involvement in the decision making? Who is going to make that decision? What does it look like? How does the community get involved? A vote?
    - Show capacity and ability as a community to take on that project, generate revenue from said project, can benefit the community.

- EA/IA process
    - Talked about how the EA/IA process for this project would occur at the government level and decision-making – who makes it, the changes from the SCC decision.

- Control mechanism for Control and Access system put in place in agreement with Ontario or Canada for ex. The WSR.

Socio-Economic Existing Conditions

- Baseline methods
  - A community member wondered where the baseline was starting: pre-contact or pre-colonialism.

- Housing, Services and Infrastructure
  - Some of the members expressed their experiences and concerns about housing shortages. Growing families are having a hard time accommodating their living arrangements due to smaller spaces and other factors.
  - Need for critical infrastructure, need a new school.
  - 500 homes that are prepped for the ring of fire development.
  - Health infrastructure needs to desperately improve.
  - Chief and council needs proper funding.
  - Must be implemented before Ring of Fire project commences.
  - Lack of services in the community.
  - Not being recognized or supported by government.
  - Education is deteriorating, we need a college/university in the community at home instead of sending our kids away.
  - All these things need to be put in place prior to development so we aren't catching up after the fact.
  - If it's not working, can put the road off until all these things are in place first.
  - Only two people work for housing, complaining about the noise, causes mental health issues for the community, so there's not enough people currently working for housing. And then there's a lot of noise and the community members were saying that the excessive noise is affecting mental health.
  - They're looking for a new potential place for the dump.
  - There's an issue of lack of space in the community.
  - Mitigation measure to relieve stressors could include looking at a more spread out community and infrastructure, but the feds are squeezing us into a little compressed community only because they are trying to save money as much as possible and that does not address community well-being.

- Cost of Living
  - Residents stated that the cost of living is high; gas prices, and inability to purchase healthy food are an increasing issue. There is also an issue with limited variety. With only a single store there aren't any facets for competitive pricing or options for community essentials.
  - Safety, well-being of our community, don't have wood to heat our homes.
  - The Northern store is too expensive. Need higher incomes. Junk food is cheaper. Some prefer fast food over traditional food.

- Employment
    - Lack of employment was a concern stated several times during the focus group. Some of the residents stated that they would like to see an increase in jobs related to information technology engineering and mechanics.
    - Cannot miss these things or ignore them, funding is needed now.
    - Need new job openings.
    - Promote jobs in the community, not halfway across the country.

- Community Safety
    - Winter road season presents instability in community due to alcohol and drugs. WSR will exacerbate this.
    - What would the mitigation measures be? Treatment centers are needed.
    - There's no crisis centre.
      No permanent doctor; doctor only comes every so often.

- Mitigation measures
    - What are the social problems, and what are the mitigation measures? How is the government going to be committed to? The community will always be left to struggle, historically speaking the government is not true to their word. What's in it for the community?

- Indigenous knowledge and way of life
    - Historically used to harvest ice to build ice huts to preserve food.
    - Use sawdust to preserve the ice and prior to that used moss.
    - Tools and IK and how they survive and sustain themselves here in the Weenusk River area, lots of skilled people who used to do these things. The elders have passed on the knowledge, those things should be written down to preserve way of life and culture.

Health Existing Conditions

- Health survey
    - Community member asked why asthma isn't included in our common health conditions? Based on community health survey where only ~40 people filled out the survey. An elder feels that illnesses in the community are due to design gaps in the infrastructure, poor air quality. He has had these conditions since year 2000 and have not improved.
    - Since 1993, been having arthritis problems and nursing station tells her that's fine and there's nothing to do; although its been years, so either there's something wrong with the diagnosis or is not receiving proper and consistent treatment.
    - Need to do more in terms of gathering data (close to 1200 members, only 40 surveys filled out), maybe use a translator to play a part in that. Try something different to encourage more surveys.
    - Was the survey available in a different language? Did the school administer it?

- Non-traditional Healthcare Systems and access to health services
    - Some of the participants expressed their dissatisfaction with the current health system. Residents noted that they don't have regular access to doctors. It was also stated that the system is just enough to sustain itself, but is not inclusive enough to include traditional methods, research, and medicines.
    - It was noted that a large percentage of Webequie residents (67% of residents) believe the road will increase access to dental care.
    - Shouldn't allow any development in our territory without a full review and a place for our wellbeing where everything has been reconciled, the damages repaired, correct the treaties.
    - Government, policeman, Christians, told them to cut their hair short.
    - If this health study is not going to do anything, then there won't be any mining or development in our backyard, until we live in a better environment for our children.
    - So they need to educate the consultants who they've hired, studies after studies, numerous pages, we have to do more.
    - Whether reconciliation will actually happen or if it's just pen and paper and talk.
    - Don't have proper spaces – nursing stations, school, airport, band office, admin buildings. Been asking the government for expansion like a new admin building, every time a proposal is submitted it goes 'under review', and to figure out finances.
    - Bureaucratic bs still happening today.
    - Community not given an opportunity to bring back their own healing system, traditional medicine, settlers don't allow that. Claims there's no money and yet universities across the country get millions of dollars a year.
    - A lot of work ahead of us.
    - Question asked – how healthcare is accessed differently in Toronto compared to Webequie.
    - Question about validation of the information from the health survey when only 40 people have taken the survey? Should there be a higher target for # of responses?

- Cost of living and availability of healthy food options
    - Elders of the community commented on their experiences struggling to adopt a healthy diet prescribed to them by their doctor due to high cost of living.
    - Participants noted that diabetes is a prominent issue in the community.
    - Type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure are rising this year (.
    - The Northern store is too expensive, need higher incomes, junk food is cheaper. Some prefer fast food over traditional food.
    - When the airport was built, promises were made that better access would be a benefit since everything could be flown in. Concerned that same thing will happen with the road. Series of broken promises from the government after the airstrip was built.

- Declining Population
    - Participants of the focus group noted that they are experiencing a decline in population. Couples are having fewer children than previous generations some of the reasons they noted were due to illnesses and high cost of living.

General Discussion

- Previous airport project and cost of living
    - When the airport was built, promises were made that better access would be a benefit since everything could be flown in. Concerned that same thing will happen with the road. Series of broken promises from the government after the airstrip was built.
    - WSR project program, wants to see someone independent to review the work, to see if its enough or overdoing it.

- Infrastructure
    - More funding needed for well-being like picnic grounds, renovations, housing, docks. If funding isn't received, might as well push off the project for decades.

- Cost of living
    - What are the benefits from the road to the Ring of Fire area (would need the rest of the connection, NRL, to bring prices down, to bring services that are so desperately needed that have been mentioned through the community presentation, otherwise the benefits aren't obvious).

- Environment
    - What are the impacts of the road? There's a lot of peat, not easily replaced, impacts to peat system will have impacts to the ecological environment and water systems.

- Income, employment and well-being
    - Having to rely on the welfare system, each individual has their own set of unique problems.

- Health, diet and cost of living
    - New and emerging illnesses observed over the years.
    - Cannot meet doctors recommendations for their required diets to fight said illnesses because the price of food is so high, only one store (Northern store) with prices increasing monthly, a fixed income that is not sufficient, probably similar for those on welfare.
    - Due to remoteness of community, expenses of the freight.

- Engagement events with health activities
    - Yoga instructor or dietician brought in as part of the meeting sessions, that allows community members to do their exercises during short breaks. Could have a protocol for this.

- Mental health and physical health connections
    - A vicious circle trying to achieve well-being, raised stress levels.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the sessions.

1. Project Team to develop plain language presentations, with illustrations or images to enhance understanding.
2. Re-work the population trajectory.

NEXT STEPS

Intrinsink and AtkinsRéalis will adjust the noted projections based on comments received during the focus group studies.

AtkinsRéalis will develop plain language presentations and display materials.

Marten Falls First Nation
August 08, 2024

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD
ON-RESERVE MEETING

Marten Falls First Nation
August 8, 2024

OVERVIEW

Don Parkinson of AtkinsRéalis and the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) project team met with Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Elders via a Zoom call. Translation services (English / Ojibway) were provided in real-time by a MFFN community member. Don Parkinson delivered the project update presentation, providing a project background, followed by a discussion of the various consultation efforts made to date and a description the general themes of feedback received on the project to date from First Nation communities in the region. The presentation then moved on to an explanation of current activities to identify possible effects of the project and how these fit into the overall environmental/impact assessment process. The presentation concluded with a discussion and explanation of the cumulative effects assessment, followed by a list of the projects to be included in this assessment and next steps in the project.

Once the presentation was complete, a Q&A session ensued, with no questions or comments received. Approximately 20 members attended the session.



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WSR Project Update- Marten Falls First Nation
August 8, 2024

PURPOSE OF THE WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD



Move materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the McFaulds Lake area



Provide local employment and economic development opportunities to Webequie.



Provide experience/training opportunities for youth to help encourage the pursuit of additional skills through post-secondary education

PROJECT DESCRIPTION



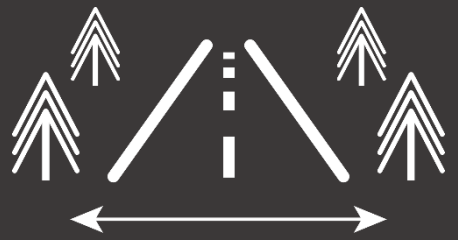
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All-season road from Webequie First Nation (WFN) Airport to McFaulds Lake



17 km

Length of road corridor within WFN Reserve Lands

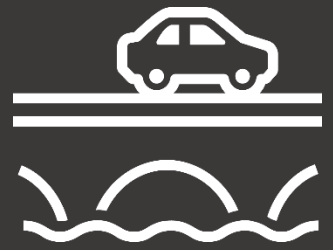


35 m

Final corridor width (right-of-way) for two lane surface

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION



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Major waterbody crossings with bridges (and 25 other waterbody crossings) requiring culverts



Includes temporary and permanent aggregate pit/rock quarry areas with equipment for processing, as well as access roads to these areas



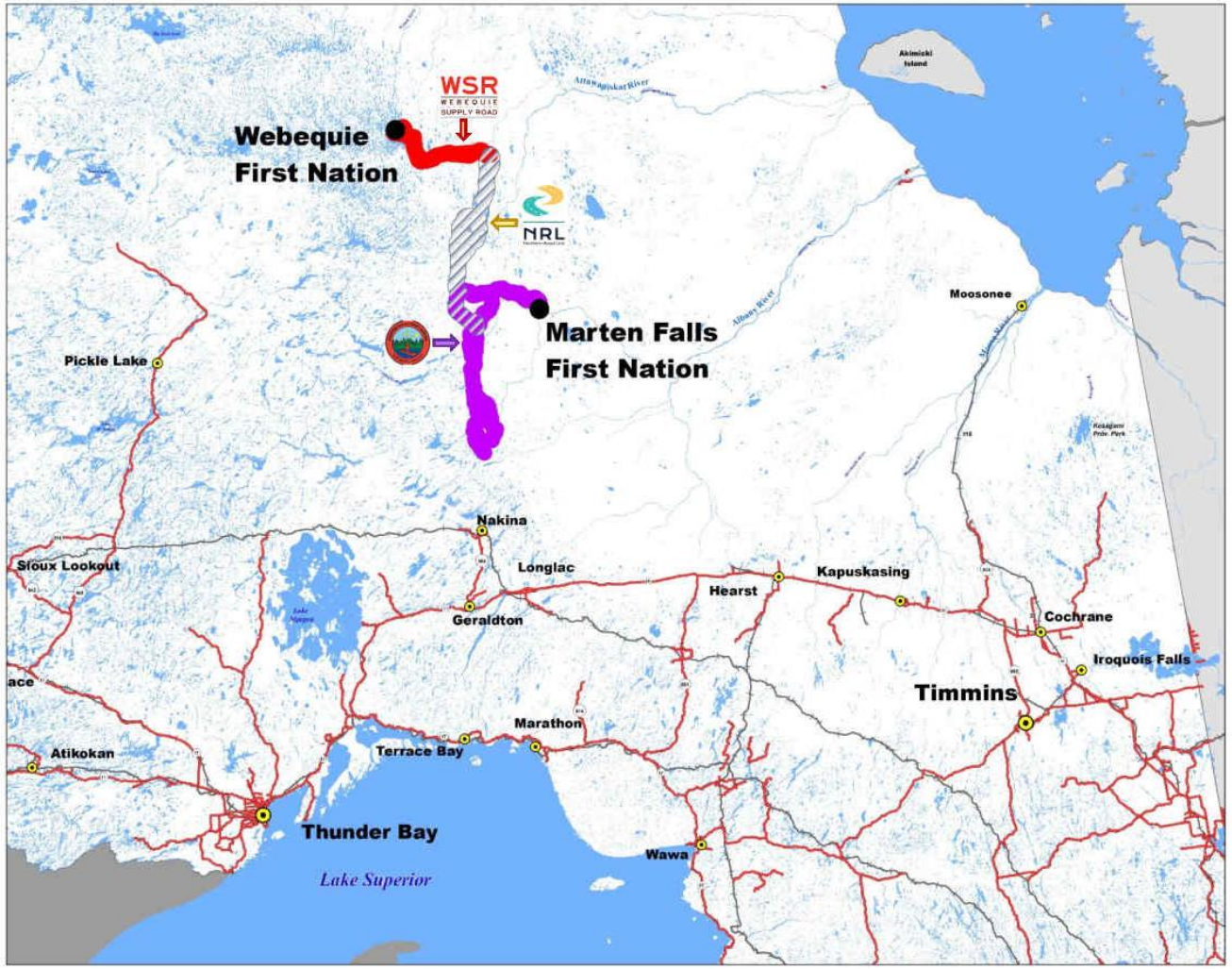
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Construction camps (temporary) to accommodate construction crews, with 1 site being repurposed to act as permanent operation/ maintenance facility



Storage and laydown yards (temporary) for equipment and materials

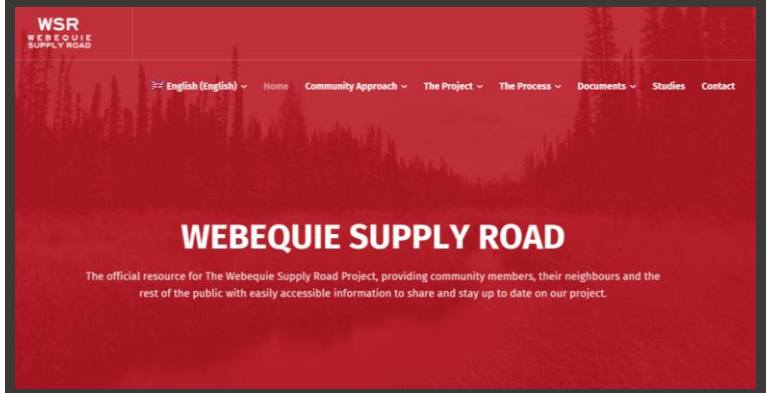
OTHER ROAD PROJECTS IN THE AREA



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ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

During Consultation Rounds 1 (2022), 2 (2023) and 3 (2024), the following engagement/consultation activities occurred:



The Project website was updated with project information www.supplyroad.ca/

Notices were published and distributed to 22 Indigenous communities as well as all involved parties (municipalities, the Government Review Team, the public, and other stakeholders).

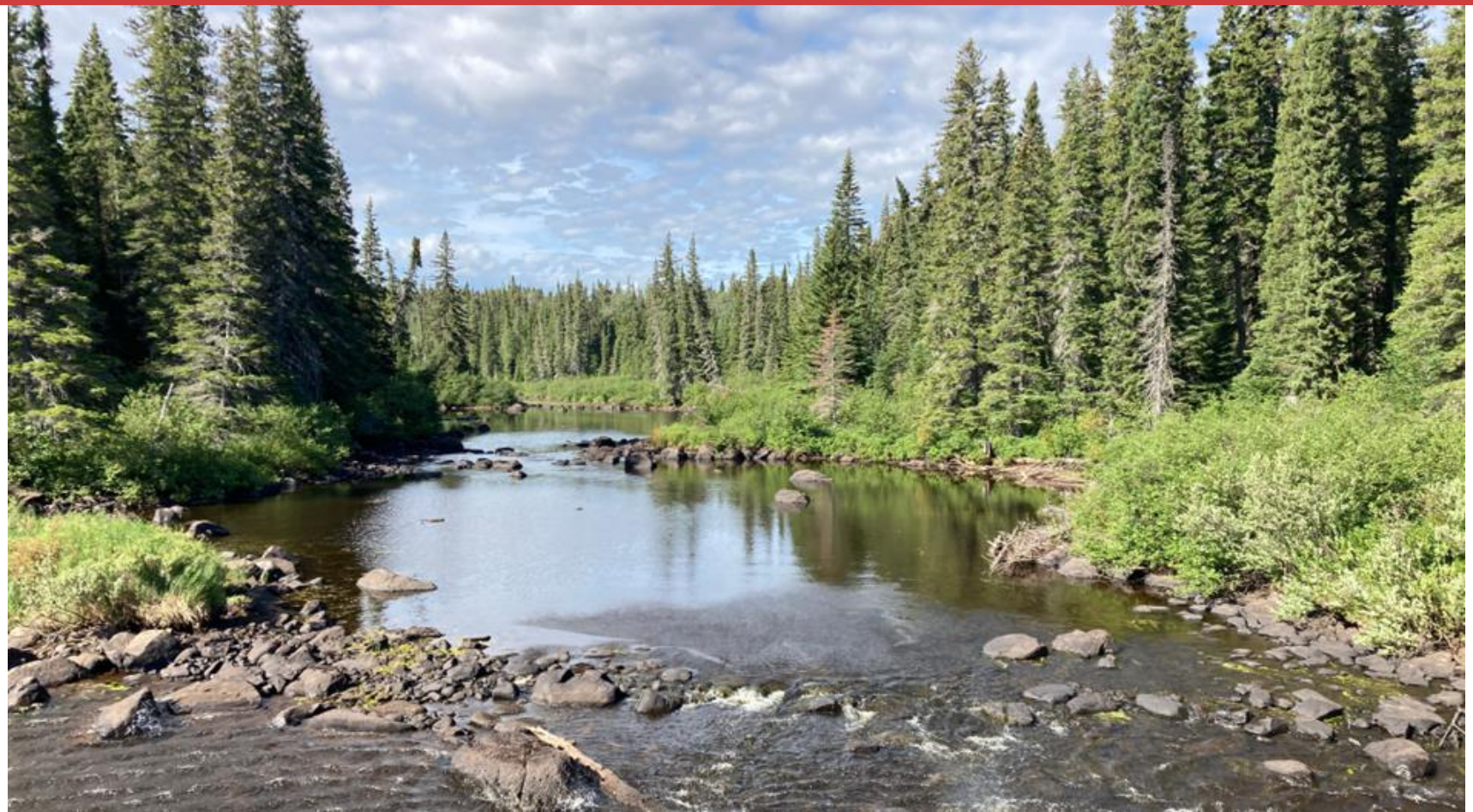
In-person and virtual meetings, open houses, community specific information sessions and streaming sessions were facilitated with Indigenous communities, the public, and stakeholders. Communication materials and follow-ups were distributed.

WHAT WE HEARD – KEY THEMES

- Post-road construction- who will maintain/police/secure the road?
- Impacts of climate change
- Local and regional employment opportunities associated with road construction and operations
- Commercial opportunities for Webequie to provide construction material (i.e., gravel and rock) to project
- Project impacts on Treaty rights
- Potential downstream impacts to coastal communities
- Social impacts from building a road
- Cumulative effects of development in the Project region



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT / IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EA/IA)



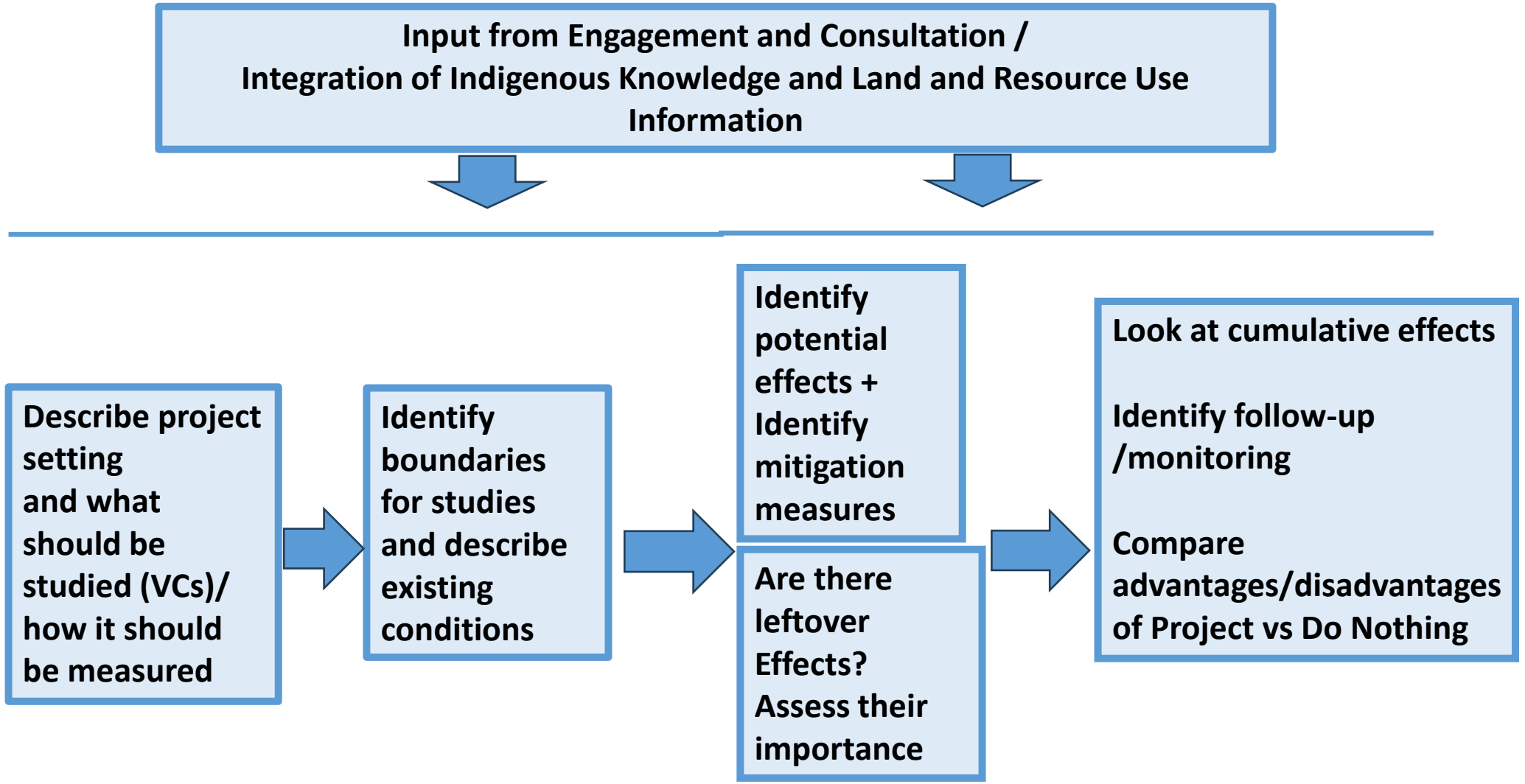
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SCOPE OF ASSESSMENT

- **Assessment of effects on Valued Components (VCs)- *What are the possible effects on what has been identified as important such as water and wildlife?***
- **Assessment of Other Effects**
  - *Accidents and malfunctions* (human error – spills) ***What are the possible effects of human error / things going wrong (i.e., spills)?***
  - *Effects of the Environment on the Project* ***What possible effects could the environment have on the project (i.e., climate change, flooding)?***
  - *Effects of Project in Context of Canada's Environmental Obligations* –***What are the possible effects on things that that Canada has made promises to protect (i.e., species at risk)?***
  - *Project's Contribution to Sustainability* – **How does the project make things better (i.e., improve social and economic well-being?**

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EFFECTS ASSESSMENT STEPS



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CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ASSESSMENT

What is a cumulative effect?

"*Cumulative effects are changes to the environment that are caused by an action in combination with other past, present and future human actions..*" *Cumulative Effects Assessment Practitioners Guide CEAA (February 1999)*

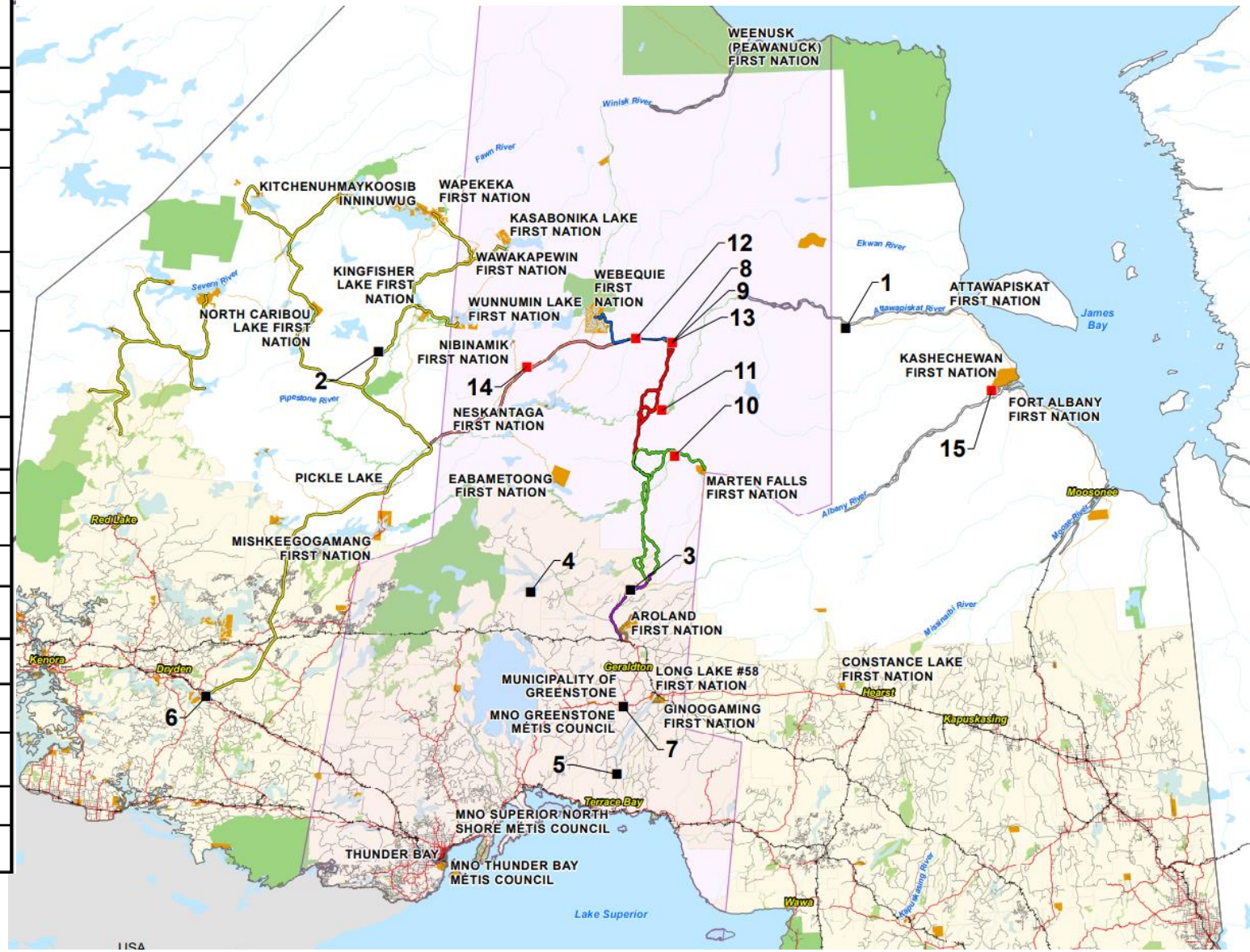
A cumulative effects assessment:

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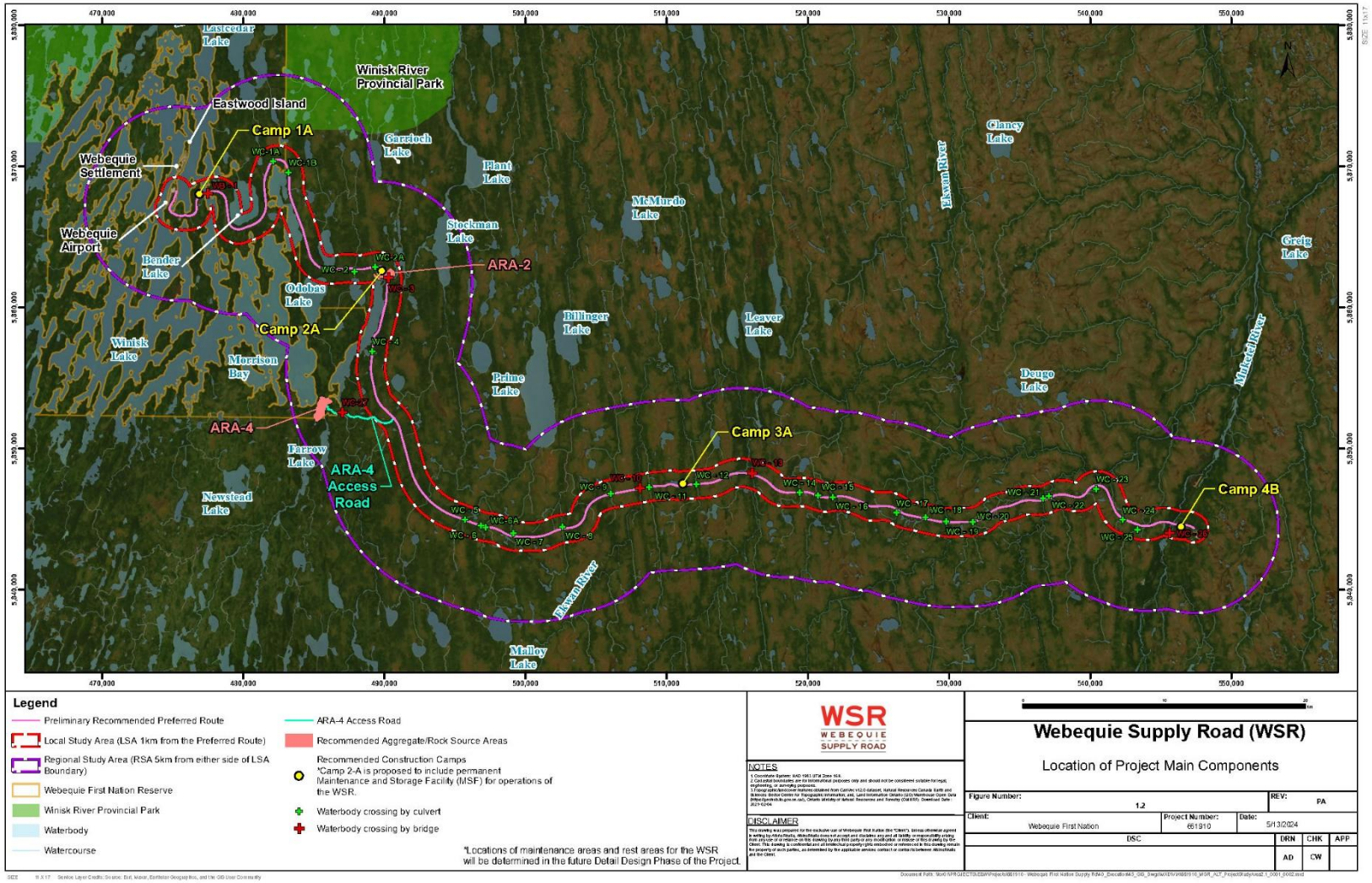
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Marten Falls First Nation
July 21, 2025

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD
ON-RESERVE MEETING

Marten Falls First Nation
July 21, 2025

OVERVIEW

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The primary objectives of the community meeting were to share updates on the NRL and WSR projects, gather feedback from Marten Falls First Nation members, and address questions and concerns related to environmental, cultural, and economic impacts.

Ange Brooks provided an update on the status of the WSR Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment (EA/IA). Her presentation covered an overview of the WSR project and its engagement with Marten Falls First Nation. She outlined several key issues raised during the assessment process, including wildlife and wildlife habitat, the social and economic environment, non-traditional land and resource use, cultural heritage and archaeological resources, and cumulative effects. The presentation also explained how these concerns are being addressed within the Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement (EAR/IS) and concluded with a timeline for the release and review of the draft and final EAR/IS. Community members expressed concerns and interests related to environmental impacts such as wildlife and river ecosystems, cultural heritage and land use, safety issues including the transport of explosives, and economic opportunities for local employment and development. Comparisons were also made to other road projects, including those in Red Lake and Pikangikum, to understand potential community impacts. Commitments made during the meeting included providing maps of the Ekwan and Muketei Rivers, clarifying terminology such as non-traditional land use, exploring case studies of other road impacts, and continuing engagement and consultation with the community to ensure transparency and responsiveness.



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WSR Environmental / Impact Assessment Project Update

Marten Falls First Nation

July 21, 2025

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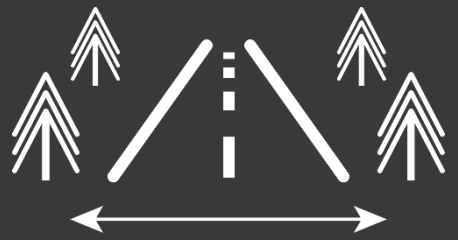
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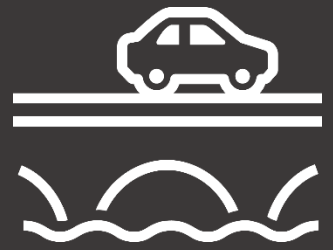


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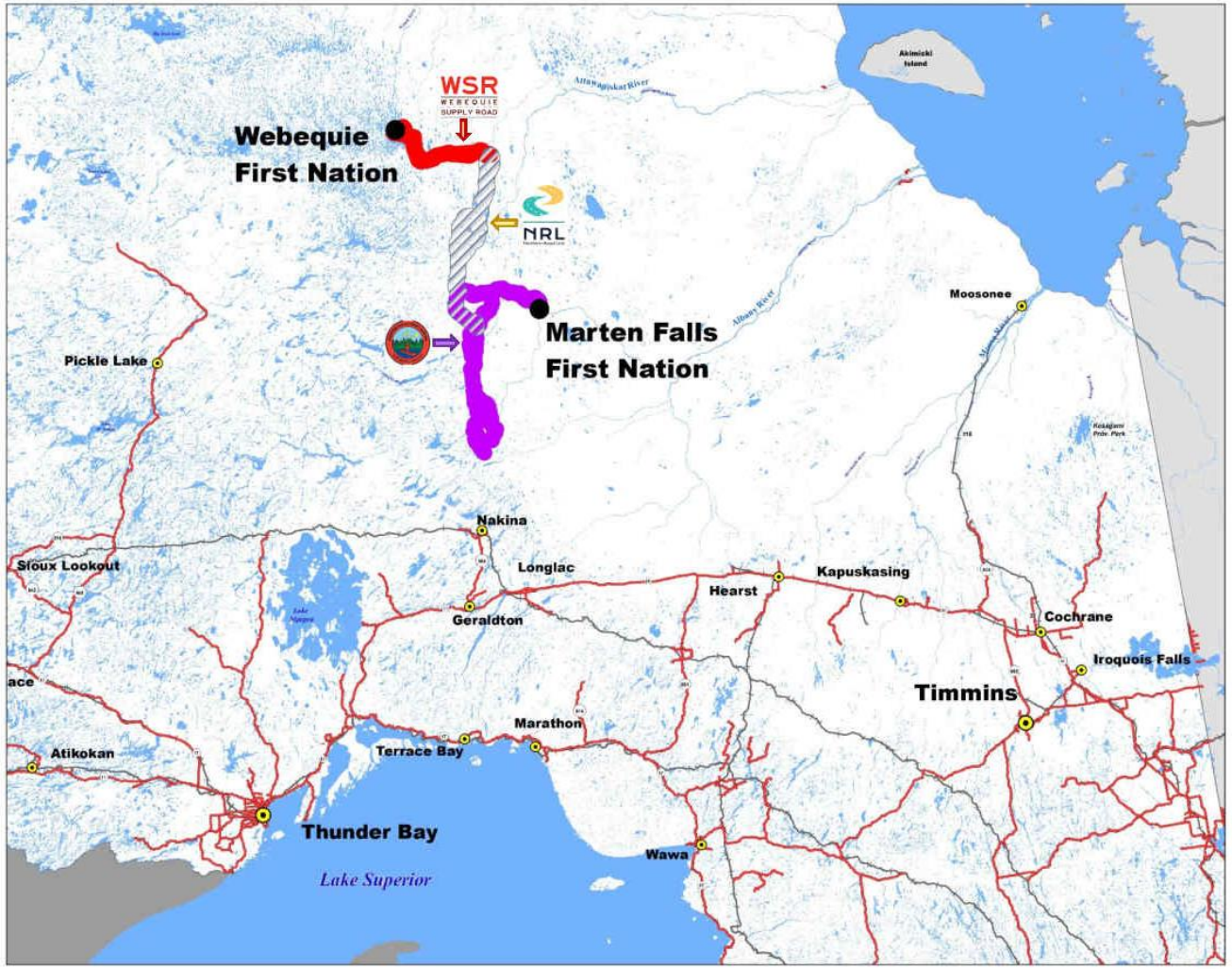
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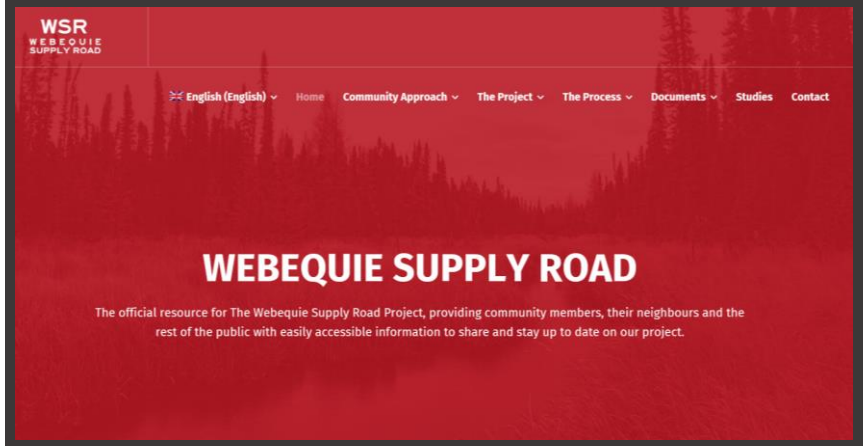
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WEBSITE

NOTICES

MEETINGS

+ WAWATAY RADIO SHOWS + INTERNET SHOWS (LIVESTREAMS)

WE HEARD FROM YOU Marten Falls First Nation

- We heard from the community at different points in the project
- The input that we received was considered and addressed in the full Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Assessment (IA) document
- The next slides show the input we received from Marten Falls First Nation and how it was addressed in the document
- The input received is organized by valued component. Valued components are the topics studied during the EA/IA. Examples are fish and fish habitat and social environment.

WE HEARD FROM YOU- Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

Topic	Input	How it was integrated into EA Report/IS (EAR/IS)
Moose population	Declining moose population could be further impacted from collisions with cars/trucks and increased access to hunting/tourism	Proposed mitigation measures such as lower speed limits in sensitive habitat areas, not using road salt in winter, signage wildlife movement areas Net effects on population not significant
Increased access to territory	Increased “part-time” or “recreational” trapping affecting wildlife populations	Proposed mitigation measures such as road access restrictions.
Wildlife using road for travel and feeding	Wildlife will forage and travel along road, increasing chances of injury and death.	Proposed mitigation measures such as enforcing speed limits and reduced speeds in area of high use, wildlife crossings

WE HEARD FROM YOU- Social Environment

Topic	Input	How it was integrated into EAR/IS
Housing shortage	Not enough housing to address return of even some off-reserve members to community	Issue identified in report with measures to enable communities to address new or improved housing
Regional Assessment	Regional assessment needs to be done in partnership with communities	Regional assessment is a separate process from the Impact Assessment for the project
Dust	Increased dust generated by large trucks	Proposed mitigation measures identified in EAR/IS such as using trucks to spray water on road to control dust
Women's safety	Increased number of non-community members could threaten safety of local women	Proposed mitigation measures identified in EA/IA document: Safety and Security Plan for vulnerable community members (women, children), training program for workers focused on safety of women and girls.

WE HEARD FROM YOU- Economic Environment

Topic	Input	How it was integrated into EAR/IS Report
Employment and commercial opportunities	Lack of information available	Opportunities identified in EAR/IS on employment and business opportunities
Community readiness to participate in employment / commercial opportunities	Need lead time to ensure workforce is trained/prepared so that they can participate in partnerships, for example	Identified in EA/IA document. Community Readiness Plan to be further developed with First Nations with the aim help Webequie First Nation and other communities benefit from the Project's opportunities

WE HEARD FROM YOU- Non-Traditional Land and Resource Use

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Employment and commercial opportunities	Lack of information available	Opportunities identified EA/IA document
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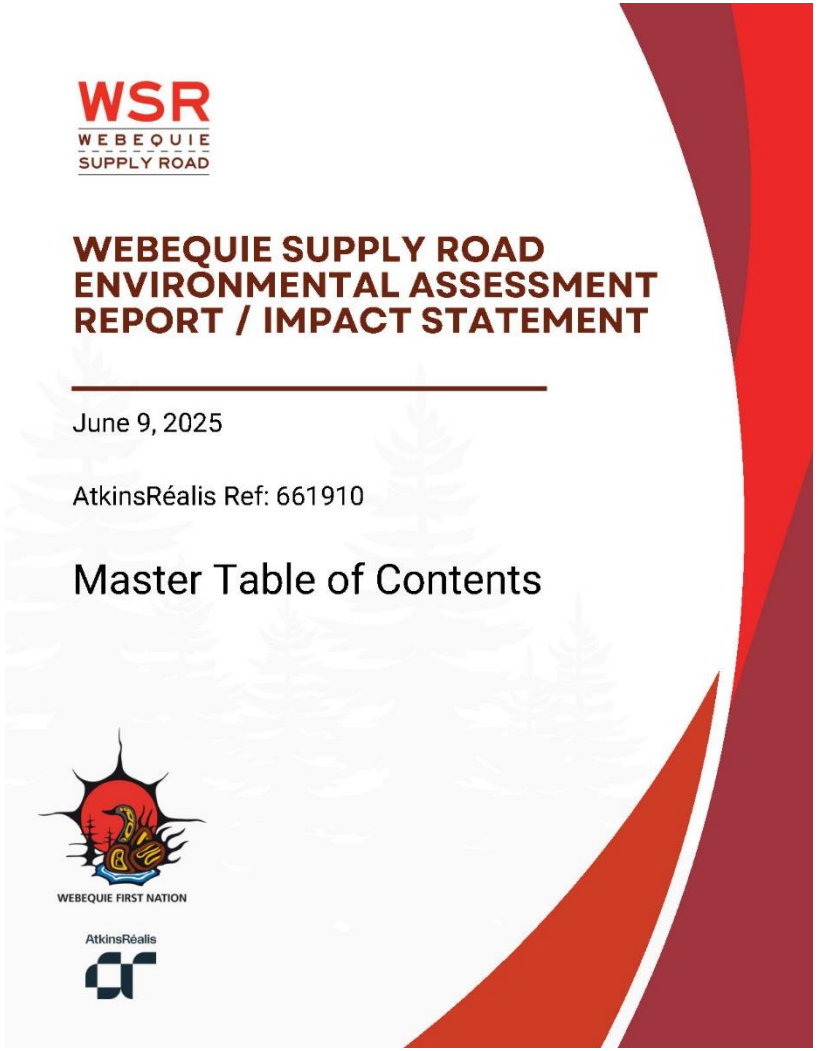
WE HEARD FROM YOU- Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Resources

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Cultural heritage and archaeological resources	Engage with communities to identify these further	Information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use was collected as part of EA/IA and is documented in the EAR/IS

WE HEARD FROM YOU- Cumulative Effects Assessment

Topic	Input	How it was integrated into EA/IS Report
Consideration of other infrastructure projects being in the same corridor	Ensure that these other potential projects are being included in the assessment	All reasonably foreseeable past, present and future projects were considered in the cumulative effect assessment
Consideration of mineral development projects in assessment	Ensure that mining projects are being included in the assessment	All reasonably foreseeable past, present and future mining projects were considered

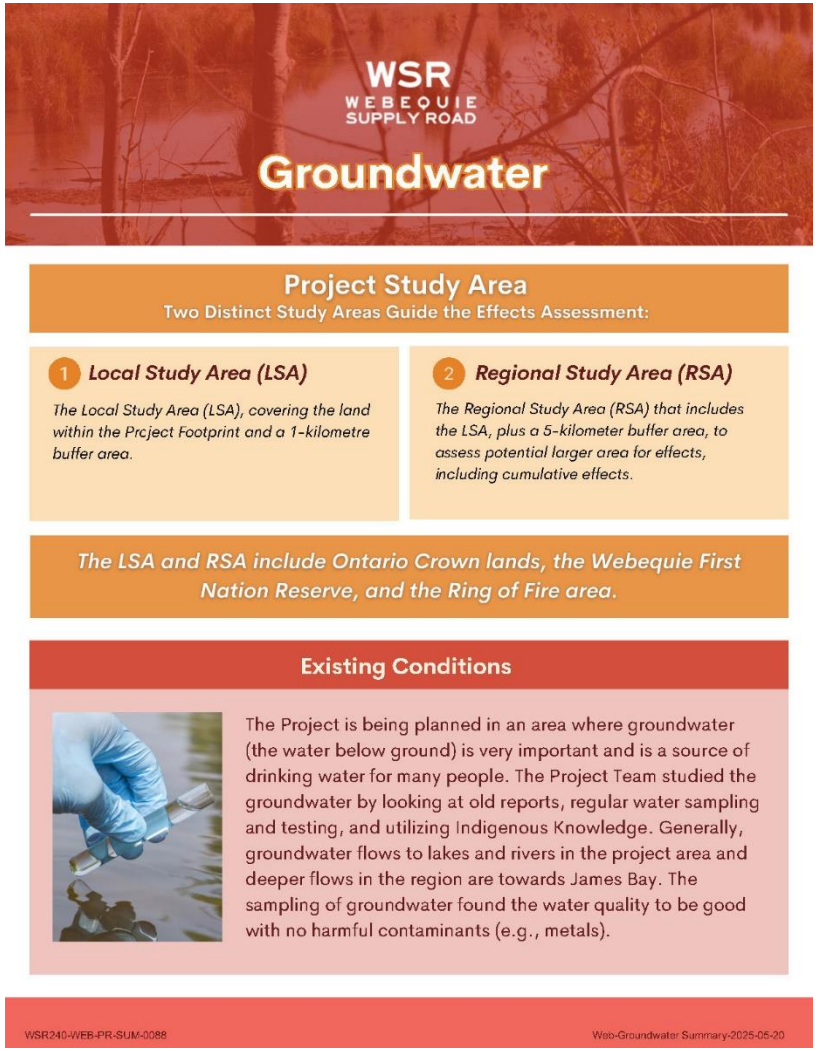
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Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement- *Full Document*

- *Early Access for Indigenous Communities: 120-Day Review Period, June 9 to October 7, 2025*
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- *Available on the project website www.supplyroad.ca*

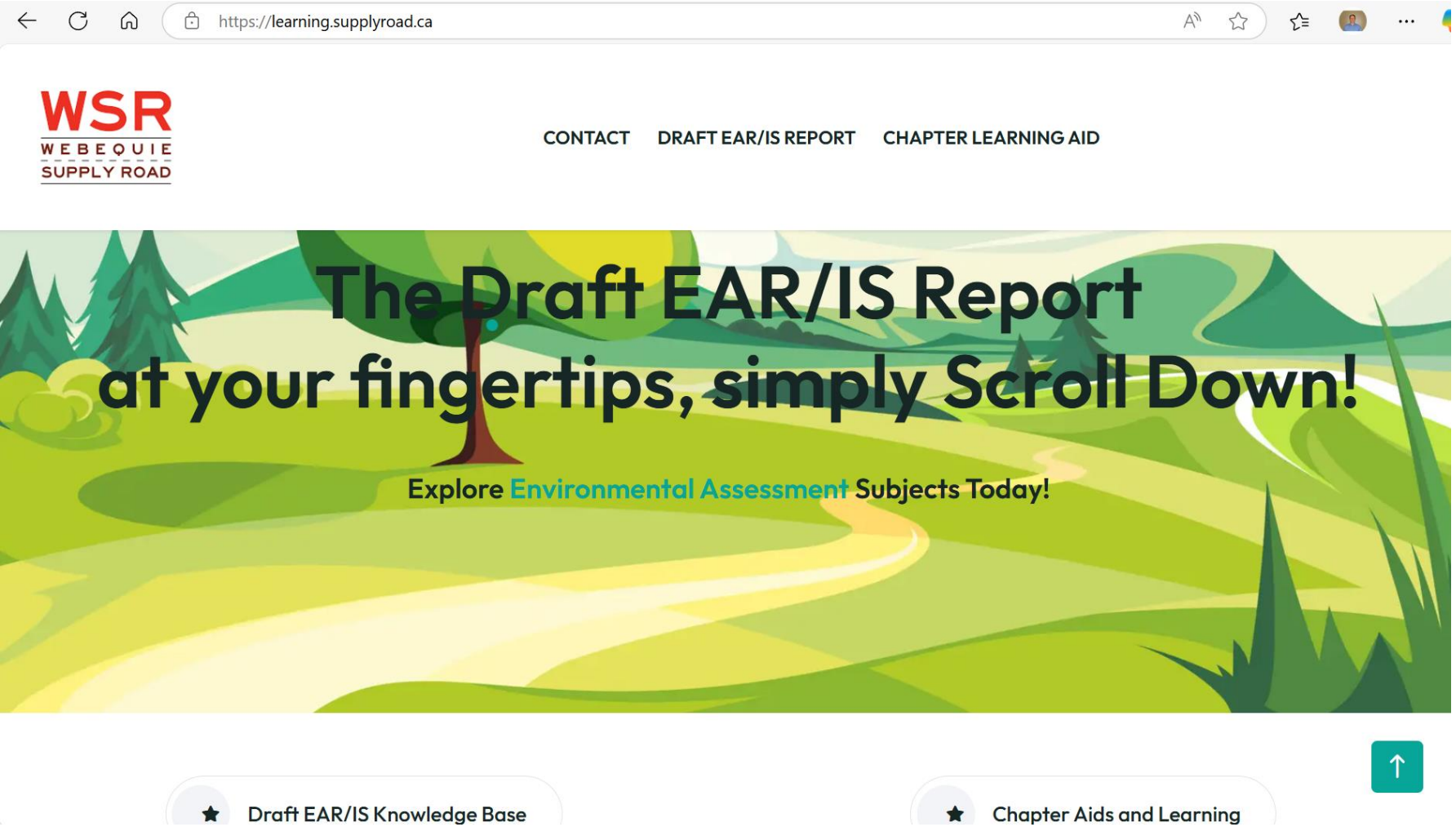
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Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement- *Plain Language Summaries*

- *Written in plain language to help with understanding the technical information in the full document*
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WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW? *EA / IA Learning Tool*



Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement- ***Online Learning Tool (https://learning.supplyroad.ca)***

- *The full EA/IA document in a searchable format with videos and other learning tools to help with understanding the technical information*
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TIMELINES / SCHEDULE

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2026

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Federal / Provincial decisions on Impact Assessment / Environmental Assessment

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APPENDIX C

Off Reserve Meetings

Materials and Summaries

Nibinamik First Nation
August 06, 2024

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OFF-RESERVE MEETING

Nibinamik First Nation
Off Reserve Meeting
August 6, 2024

OVERVIEW

Michael Fox of Indigenous and Community Engagement (ICE) and Don Parkinson of AtkinsRéalis and of the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) project team met with off-reserve members and leadership of Nibinamik First Nation (NIFN) in the Viking Room of the Valhalla Hotel and Conference Centre. Don Parkinson delivered the presentation, providing a project background, followed by a discussion of the various consultation efforts made to date and a description the general themes of feedback received on the project to date from First Nation communities in the region. The presentation then moved on to an explanation of current activities to identify possible effects of the project and how these fit into the overall environmental/impact assessment process. The presentation concluded with a discussion and explanation of the cumulative effects assessment, followed by a list of the projects to be included in this assessment and next steps in the project.

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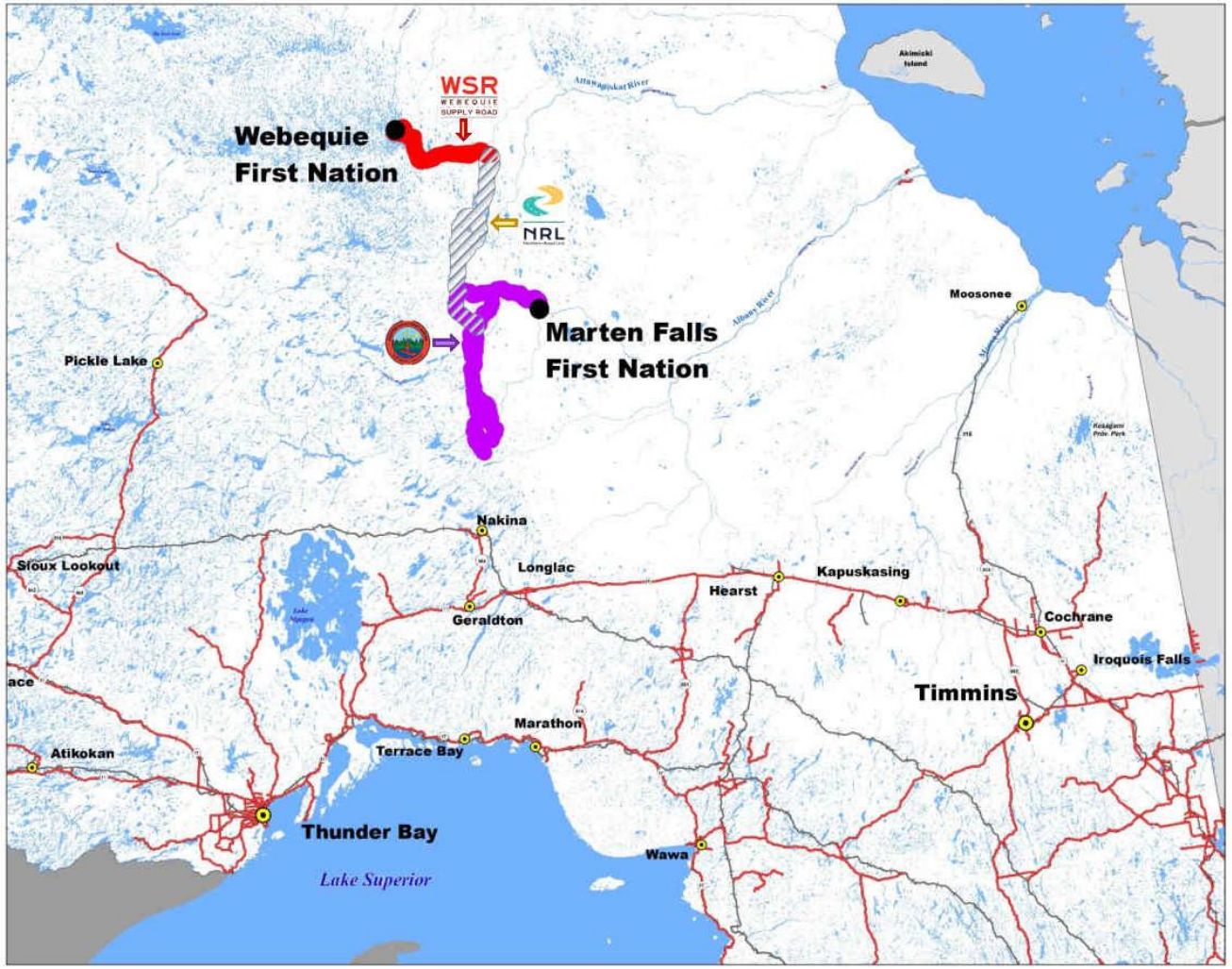


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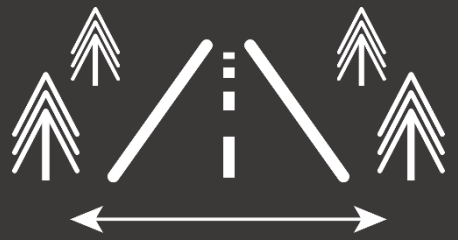
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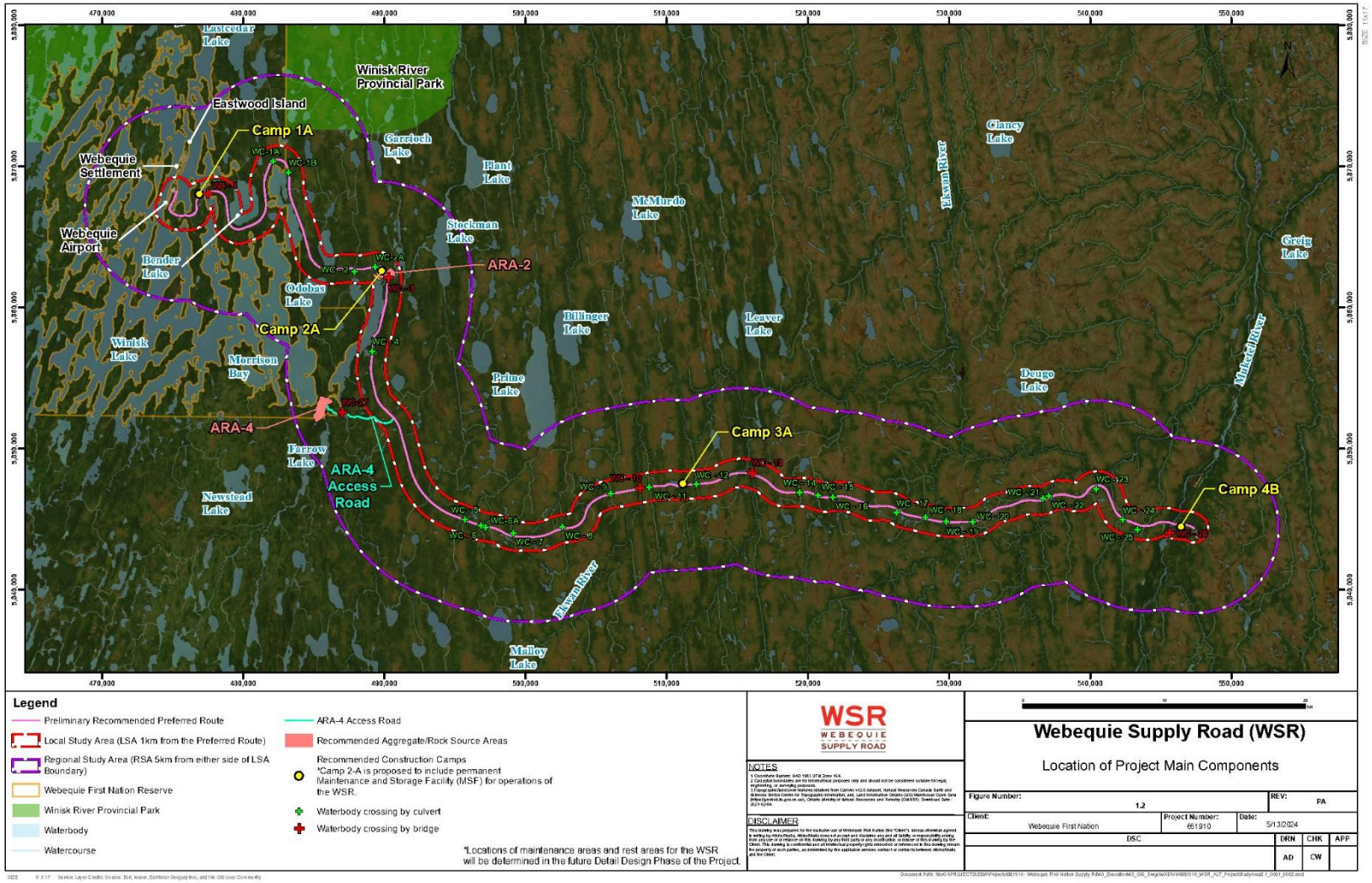


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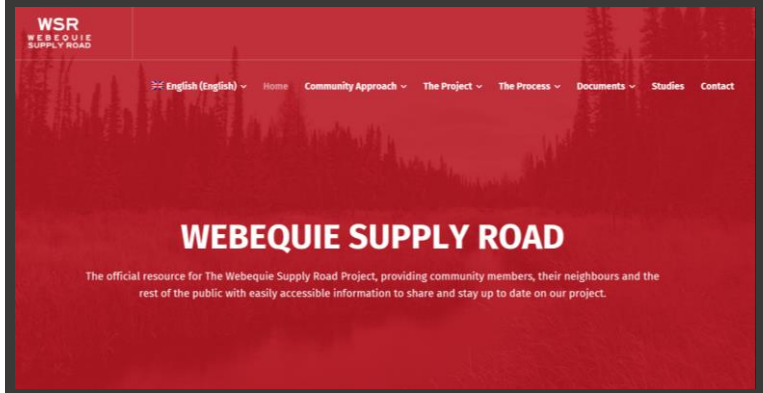
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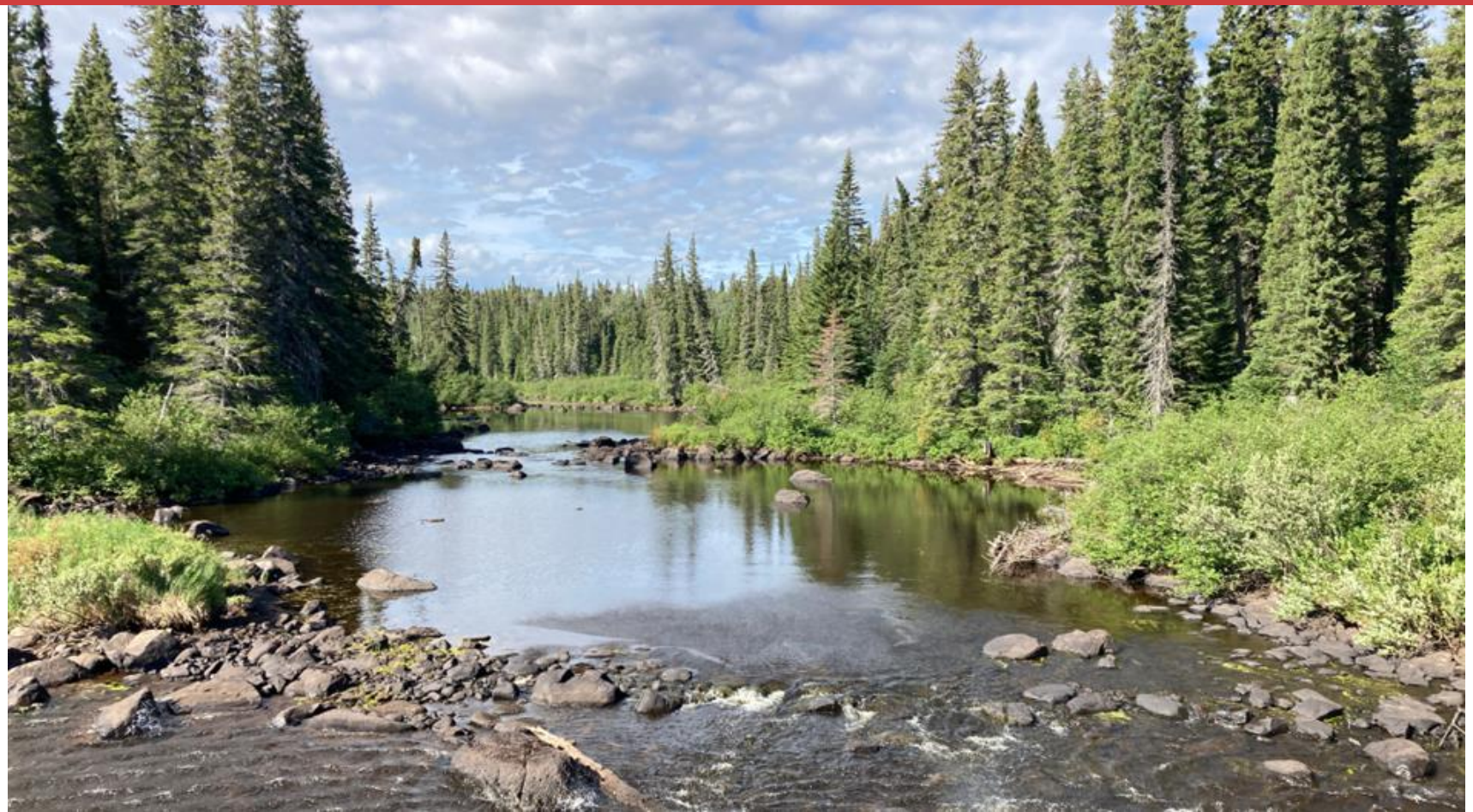
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WHAT WE HEARD – KEY THEMES

- Post-road construction- who will maintain/police/secure the road?
- Impacts of climate change
- Local and regional employment opportunities associated with road construction and operations
- Commercial opportunities for Webequie to provide construction material (i.e., gravel and rock) to project
- Project impacts on Treaty rights
- Potential downstream impacts to coastal communities
- Social impacts from building a road
- Cumulative effects of development in the Project region



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT / IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EA/IA)



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SCOPE OF ASSESSMENT

- **Assessment of effects on Valued Components (VCs)- *What are the possible effects on what has been identified as important such as water and wildlife?***
- **Assessment of Other Effects**
  - *Accidents and malfunctions* (human error – spills) ***What are the possible effects of human error / things going wrong (i.e., spills)?***
  - *Effects of the Environment on the Project* ***What possible effects could the environment have on the project (i.e., climate change, flooding)?***
  - *Effects of Project in Context of Canada's Environmental Obligations* –***What are the possible effects on things that that Canada has made promises to protect (i.e., species at risk)?***
  - *Project's Contribution to Sustainability* – **How does the project make things better (i.e., improve social and economic well-being?**

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KEY TERMS

Valued Components (VCs)

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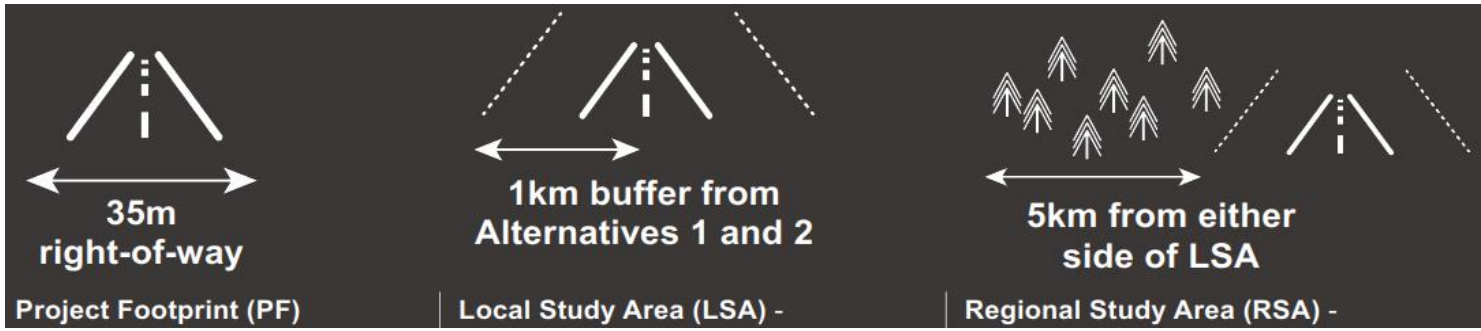
Indicators

- Represent the resource, feature, or issue related to a VC that, if changed, may demonstrate an effect on the environment
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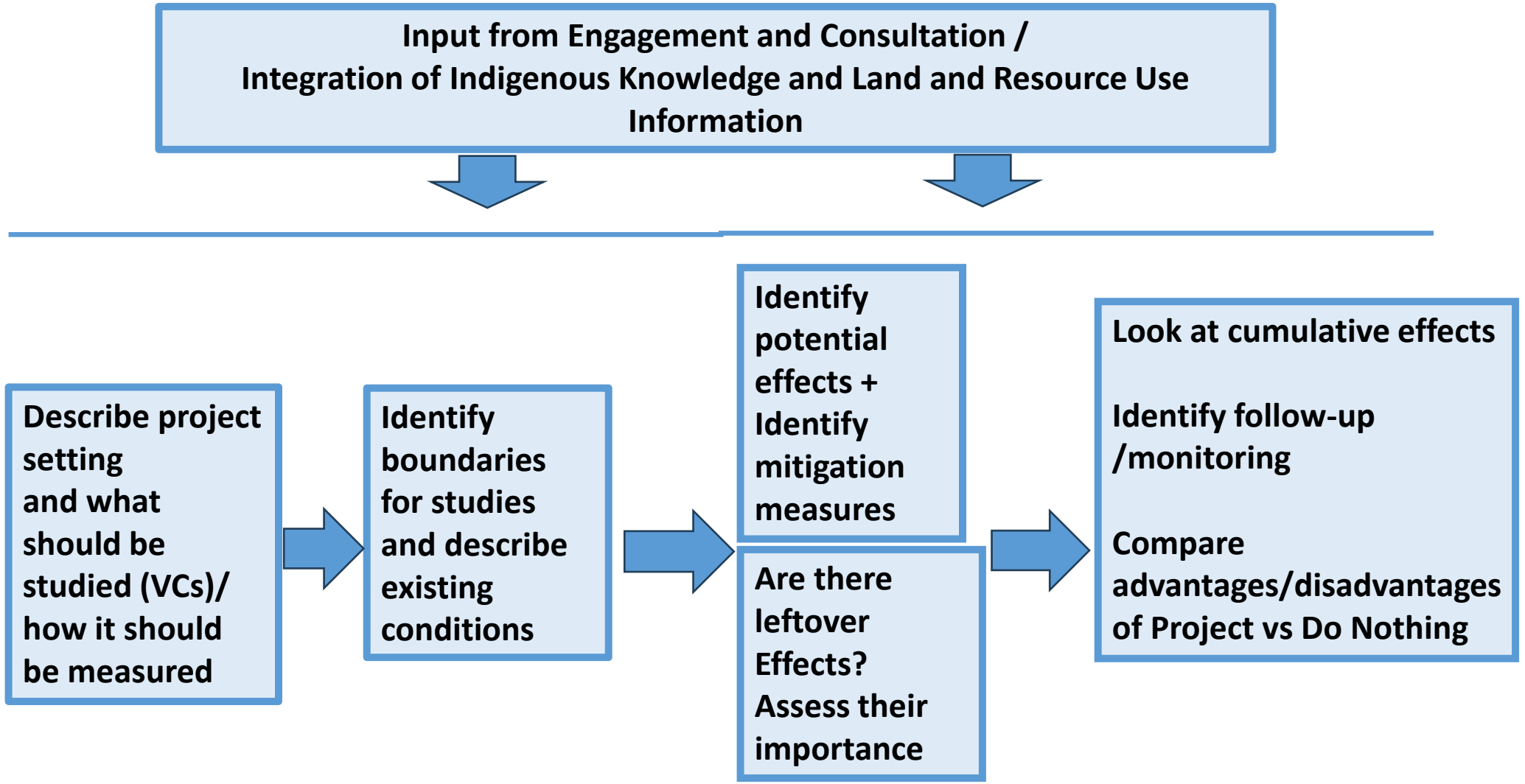
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Spatial boundaries define the geographic extent of potential effects of the Project



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EFFECTS ASSESSMENT STEPS



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CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ASSESSMENT

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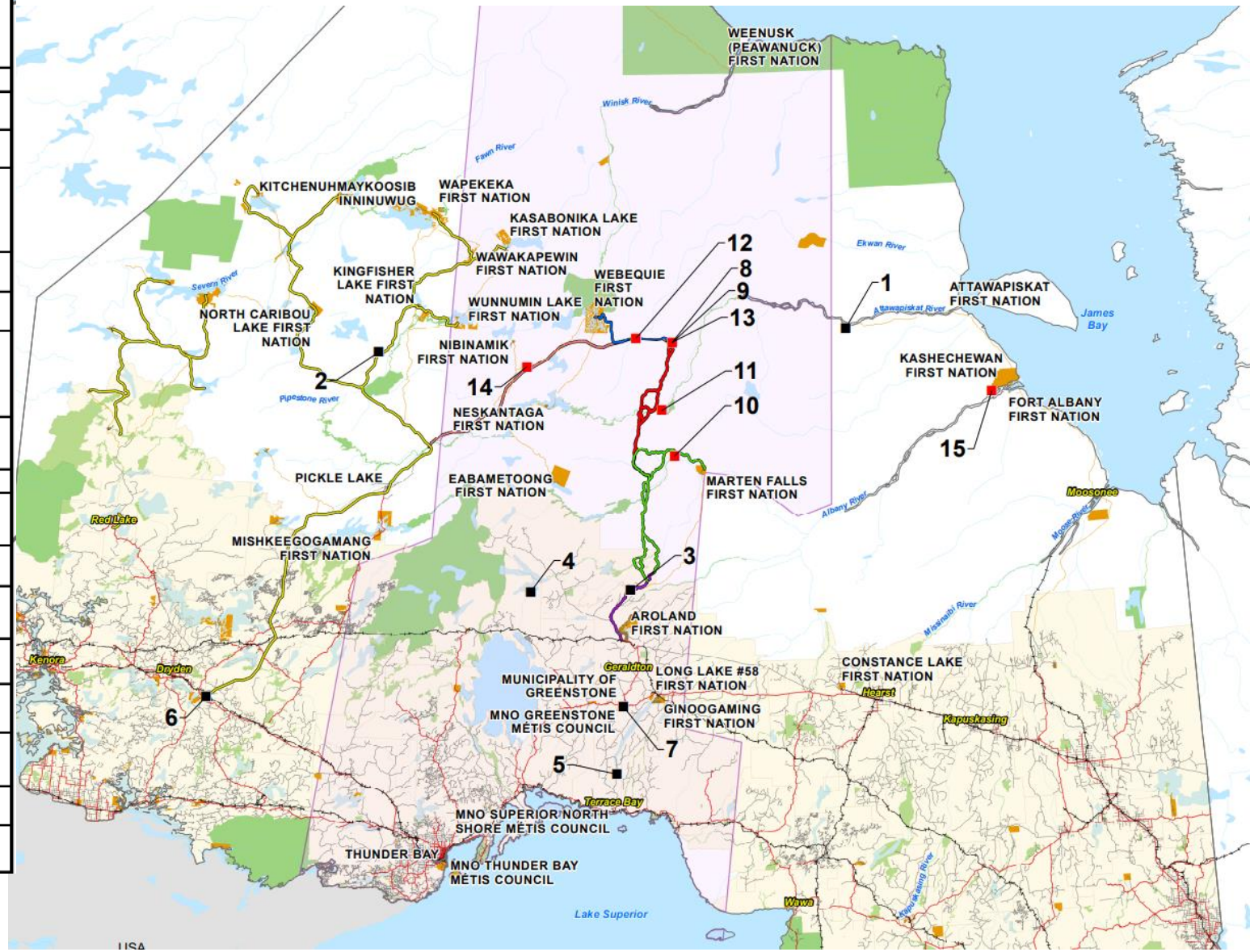
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FALL 2024/ SUMMER 2025

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APPENDIX D

Open House Materials and Summaries

Public Information Centre #3

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Open House

Timmins, Ontario

September 10, 2024

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team hosted an Open House from 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm in Timmins on September 10, 2024, at the Best Western on Airport Road.

A representative of the WSR Project Team, Chris McKay, gave a presentation for both time slots for the Open House. The presentation included an update on the Project, which was also livestreamed on Facebook. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer period at the evening session. There were no participants in person or online for the first session of the day.

Communication materials and comment forms were provided to a total of 10 attendees who also signed in. Available materials included the most recent WSR newsletter and a copy of the presentation, and feedback forms. Poster boards were also displayed for the Open House. All presentation and communication materials are included in the appendix.

QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES

- **Where can we read the effects assessment?**
  The Draft report will be released in October. There will be 60 days for communities to review and then an additional 60 days for the public to review. It then comes back with all the comments, the final report won't be released until all reviews and comments are finalized by all parties.
- **How can I provide feedback if I don't have the report?**
  Methodology and everything that has been done is available on supplyroad.ca, but we still need to finalize the Draft report which will most likely be available next year and we are looking at a decision on the road by 2027.

- **Will WSR start the construction phase? How will the materials be delivered for each phase of the road? Will it be a small window of delivering materials through the ice roads to begin construction?**
  WSR doesn't need a mine to proceed with construction as it is an Economic Development Road for Webequie First Nation as well as Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR), as it is a community access road. All roads have a different purpose.
- **Will WSR start construction first?**
  There are aggregate pits identified on reserve that will build the road.
- **So the road is being built to McFaulds, and it's an Economic Development Road, which is not tied to the Ring of Fire? I'm trying to understand.**
  WSR is a remote road. MFCAR is a community access road
  And NRL is for the Ring of Fire and will connect the other 2 roads and communities to the provincial highway network.
- **What kind of Economic Development opportunities are there aside from mining?**
  Webequie had a vision years ago when looking into building roads. This is an extension of their vision, it will provide cheaper gas, so opportunities to open businesses, maintenance to roads, cheaper groceries, etc.
- **Is it not the same as building a road say from Pickle Lake to the new community?**
  No, projects are project specific and have different purposes, building on reserve is different from crown lands, which these roads have both.
- **What is the ending to all the roads to start operations and start using the road?**
  That is the question we are all asking ourselves. All we can give is the best-case scenario, base-case scenario, and worst-case scenario. The regulatory process takes time. It's not the communities, it's the process and we can't skip steps, this is year seven going on year eight now.

Comment: Yes, things do take time, and it's good that they do. It's important, once you do these things to the land its forever, especially in remote communities, it takes time for these things to do it right.

- **Are there ongoing studies? We are starting to do water testing and fish testing in Mushkegowuk, will we have the opportunity to submit our findings into these EA's? ,**
  Most likely won't be in the WSR as that is soon., But may submit into NRL as -we are in the beginning stages of that project; socio-economic study is being done right now on NRL.

- **Is Webequie one of the communities that the Weenusk River pours into?**
  Yes

Comment: It's useful to know that Webequie First Nation is the proponent of this project.

- **How comfortable are you to build 50 km of road on the muskeg?**
  It's like a snowshoe, we do need to do more work to get the final design
- **Will heavy duty trucks be able to drive on the whole road, even on the muskeg?**
  The design needs to be finalized. There are 3 types of roads in Canada and maybe we are going to find the 4th kind in the North.
- **A floating road isn't a limitation?**
  Design, maintenance, and surface treatments need to be talked about.
- **Seems like there is a lot of ifs on this project. Wyloo, federal government, provincial government in court, with the regional assessment going through, do you see other court cases influencing this road?**
  Yes, they will.

FEEDBACK

Three people filled out comment forms:

1. **How did you hear about this Open House?**
   a. Notice - 0
   b. Word of mouth – 3
   c. Radio – 0
   d. Website - 0
2. **What was your main reason for attending?**
   a. Have not heard of this Project – 0
   b. Interested in the Project – 3
   c. Want to ask questions or express my concerns – 0
   d. Want to know how this Project will impact me – 1
3. **What are the good things about the Supply Road?**
   a. Employment opportunities - 3
   b. Business opportunities – 3
   c. Training opportunities – 2
   d. Accessibility – 2
4. **What are the bad things about the Supply Road?**
   a. Outsider access – 1
   b. Disruption to communities - 2

c. Change in traditional land and resources – 2
d. Potential environmental impacts – 2
e. Changes to way of life – 2

5. **Do you have any comments on the preferred route and the preliminary effects assessment for the Webequie Supply Road or supportive infrastructure?**
   Obviously, [route] chosen to reduce impacts with fewest culverts and bridges as possible. N.B & Cumulative effects = more than other projects e.g. climate change.
6. **Did the meeting help with your understanding of the Project?**
   a. Yes - 2
   b. Somewhat - 0
   c. No - 0
7. **Is there any information that you would like to be provided that was not presented at the meeting?**
   a. Yes – 0
   b. Somewhat - 1
   c. No – 1
8. **Were you given the opportunity to participate in the meeting – ask questions or express interest/concern?**
   a. Yes – 1
   b. Somewhat – 1
   c. No – 0
9. **What would help the Webequie Project Team improve these community meetings in the future?**
   a. Additional material (handouts, etc) - 1
   b. One-on-one discussions with the Project Team -
   c. More time for questions and answers - 2
   d. Breakout sessions – 1
   e. Provide more information – 1
10. **Additional comments**

- The material was very succinct and easy to read. Very informative.
- Connect with local development or other Timmins based stakeholders to increase participation!

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Impact on muskeg was the primary concern expressed at the Open House.

ACTION ITEMS

Follow up with Mushkegowuk Council for an information session.

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Public Information Centre

Public & Stakeholders and Indigenous Off-reserve Community Members

Thunder Bay, Ontario

September 12th & 13th, 2024

OVERVIEW

On September 12th, 2024, the Webequie Supply Road Project Team hosted Public Information Centres for both the public and stakeholders from 2pm to 4pm and again from 6pm to 8pm. On September 13th, 2024, the same team hosted Public Information Centres for Indigenous off-reserve community members at 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm, both hosted at the Superior Inn in Thunder Bay, Ontario. The information session advertising was handled in-house by community.

Consultation Lead Don Parkinson gave a presentation on the Webequie Supply Road. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer period and then the participants were able to have one on one discussions with subject matter experts around the room. There was a total of twenty five participants throughout both days.

Copies of the presentations, communication materials and comment forms were provided to attendees. The presentation was also translated into Oji-Cree, and a live presentation from our translator Fred Jacobs, happened in person on September 13th. Available materials included the most recent WSR newsletter and a copy of the presentation that was being given along with feedback forms and branded swag. Poster boards were also displayed for the Open House. All presentation and communication materials are included in the appendix.

QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES

Thursday, September 12, 2024 – 12:00pm-2:00pm

Question: What is involved with cumulative effects?

Answer: Cumulative effects will be assessed at the end. It is an evolving science to assess the cumulative effects. The cumulative effects assessment will be in the Draft Environmental Assessment when it is released.

Friday, September 13, 2024 – 1:00pm-3:00pm

Question: When you look at consultation, has the project faced any backlash or reluctance or disagreements from Indigenous communities?

Answer: It has for different reasons as there are different concerns. For example, Attawapiskat First Nation is concerned about downstream effects.

Question: Were any of the municipalities engaged, such as Geraldton or Nakina?

Answer: We have not had comments from them at all. We have had comments on caribou and effects on migration patterns. We've also had comments related to road ownership and security, which is something that is being discussed. For Road Ownership, please discuss with the province. There are concerns that these roads could open the area, like people from south coming and over harvesting in the area.

Question: Another concern I have is that you mentioned a few months ago the Premier announced Ontario is going to develop a transmission line for 5 Matawa communities. Would the transmission like be built along the road?

Answer: It would be the easiest way as there is an established corridor. However, that is still to be determined. It would still have to go through its own review process.

Question: If you drive from here to Dryden, you're driving along the transmission line. Another concern is whether it happens or not, is that Canada is heading towards a green future in 2035. What additional infrastructure would be built along the road like charging stations?

Answer: Assume that the infrastructure will be put in place.

Question: I know we're talking about the WSR; however, if you include NRL and MFCAR, what would the estimated kilometers to get from Webequie to Nakina?

Answer: It would be close to approximately 400km from Webequie to Nakina, if not more.

Comment: With a full charge, that is pushing it for e-vehicles and if it is in the winter, that is a concern.

Question: The presentation mentions job opportunities. Will job opportunities be available to neighboring communities like Neskantaga and Kasabonika Lake?

Answer: It is not an exclusive opportunity to Webequie. We've identified different jobs and when they're required for the project as well. We have a good idea of employment levels at different points in the project.

Comment: Depending on jobs and construction phase, is it on a rotational basis?

Answer: They can work 24/7 or rotations, it depends on the commitment to build it.

Question: Will there be mobile camps?

Answer: There are Four temporary camps along the route, one outside of Webequie and a couple other ones as you move through and towards the eastern end.

Questions: Has H&S been identified?

Answer: As it is released for tender, by law, the contractor will come up with H&S plans. We're doing Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) by the end of the EA as the government needs to review that as well. That serves as a guide for the contractor to conduct activities.

Question: How much baseline studies have been done?

Answer: A massive amount, covering different disciplines. We have 6 years' worth of field world from fish, plants, air quality, noise, visual environment, etc.

Question: Are there any sites identified for Stage 2 AA?

Answer: I don't believe that has been flagged but will double check for you.

Side discussions:

- Oshki Wenjack – Have been following the project throughout the years. Interested in working with Webequie to assist with training programs, etc to prepare community members. For a project like this, it requires collaboration between communities and organizations for community readiness.

FEEDBACK/COMMENTS

We support Webequie in this because the road is in their traditional territory and the watershed doesn't affect us.

Three people filled out comment forms, however, only checked boxes for questions and did not provide feedback.

Questions on comment forms:

1. How did you hear about this Open House?

a. Notice - 2
b. Word of mouth – 3
c. Radio – 1
d. Website - 0

2. What was your main reason for attending?
    a. Have not heard of this Project – 0
    b. Interested in the Project – 2
    c. Want to ask questions or express my concerns – 4
    d. Want to know how this Project will impact me – 0
3. What are the good things about the Supply Road?
    a. Employment opportunities - 2
    b. Business opportunities – 1
    c. Training opportunities – 0
    d. Accessibility – 3
4. What are the bad things about the Supply Road?
    a. Outside access – 2
    b. Disruption to communities - 0
    c. Change in traditional land and resources – 1
    d. Potential environmental impacts – 1
    e. Changes to way of life – 0
5. Do you have any comments on the preferred route and the preliminary effects assessment for the Webequie Supply Road or supportive infrastructure? No comments
6. Did the meeting help with your understanding of the Project?
    a. Yes - 4
    b. Somewhat - 1
    c. No - 0
7. Is there any information that you would like to be provided that was not presented at the meeting?
    a. Yes – 0
    b. Somewhat - 0
    c. No – 0

8. Were you given the opportunity to participate in the meeting – ask questions or express interest/concern?
    a. Yes – 3
    b. Somewhat – 0
    c. No – 0
9. What would help the Webequie Project Team improve these community meetings in the future?
    a. Additional material (handouts, etc) - 0
    b. One-on-one discussions with the Project Team - 1
    c. More time for questions and answers - 3
    d. Breakout sessions –
    e. Provide more information – 0
10. Additional comments - None

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

A middle-aged man highlighted the trajectory of electric vehicles and how gas/diesel powered vehicles are slowly getting pushed out. He expressed concern over the need for electric charging stations throughout these routes to accommodate the growing desire for electric powered vehicles.

ACTION ITEMS

Follow up with answers to community members surrounding whether or not conversations around additional infrastructure like electric charging stations are being had.

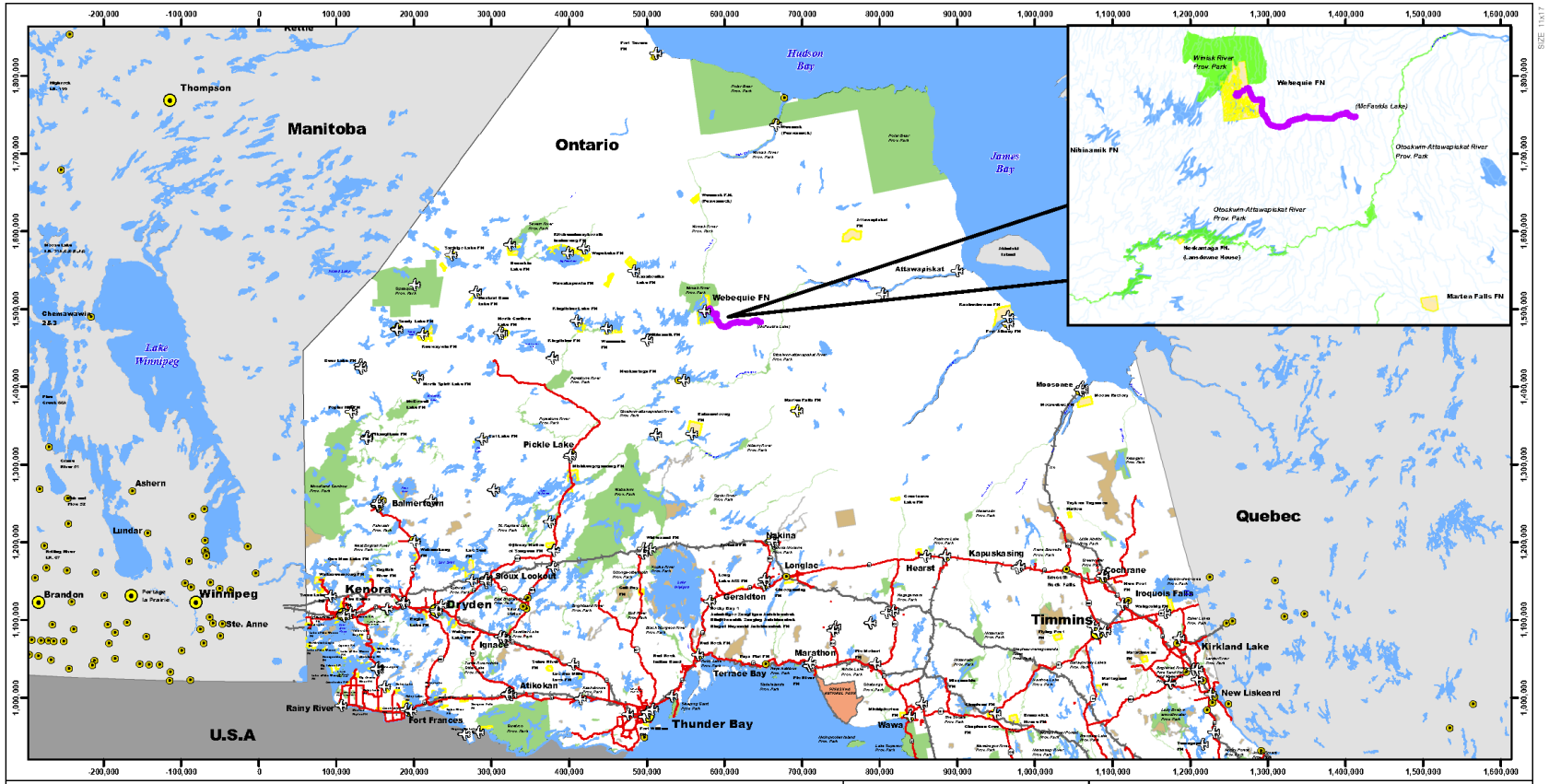


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Consultation Round 3: Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment – Part 2

PROJECT LOCATION



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PURPOSE OF THE WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD



Move materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the McFaulds Lake area



Provide employment and economic development opportunities to Webequie while preserving their language and culture



Provide experience/training opportunities for youth to help encourage the pursuit of additional skills through post-secondary education

PROJECT DESCRIPTION



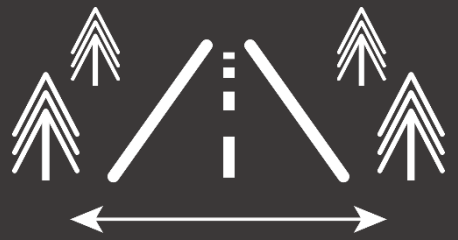
107 km

All-season road from Webequie First Nation (WFN) Airport to McFaulds Lake



17 km

Length of road corridor within WFN Reserve Lands



35 m

Final corridor width (right-of-way) for two lane surface

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION



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Major waterbody crossings with bridges (and 25 other waterbody crossings) requiring culverts



Includes temporary and permanent aggregate pit/rock quarry areas with equipment for processing, as well as access roads to these areas



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Construction camps (temporary) to accommodate construction crews, with 1 site being repurposed to act as permanent operation/ maintenance facility

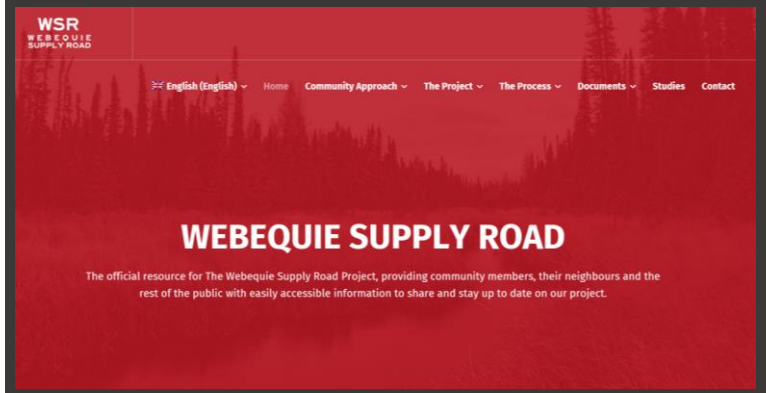


Storage and laydown yards (temporary) for equipment and materials


ENGAGEMENT
&
CONSULTATION
TO DATE

ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

During Consultation Round 1 (2022) and Round 2 (2023), the following engagement/consultation activities occurred:



The Project website was updated with project information www.supplyroad.ca/

Notices were published and distributed to 22 Indigenous communities as well as all involved parties (municipalities, the Government Review Team, the public, and other stakeholders).

In-person and virtual meetings, open houses, community specific information sessions and streaming sessions were facilitated with Indigenous communities, the public, and stakeholders. Communication materials and follow-ups were distributed.

Consultation Rounds 1 & 2, and Round 3 Part 1 – How We Reached Out

All 22 Indigenous communities were offered a full suite of engagement options, including in-person community meetings, Chief and Council meetings, drop-in sessions, local radio shows and teleconferences.

In addition to these offerings, virtual community (live-streaming) sessions were scheduled for each community on specific dates. These scheduled virtual community meetings were promoted via social media and were accompanied by invitation emails sent two weeks prior to the event.



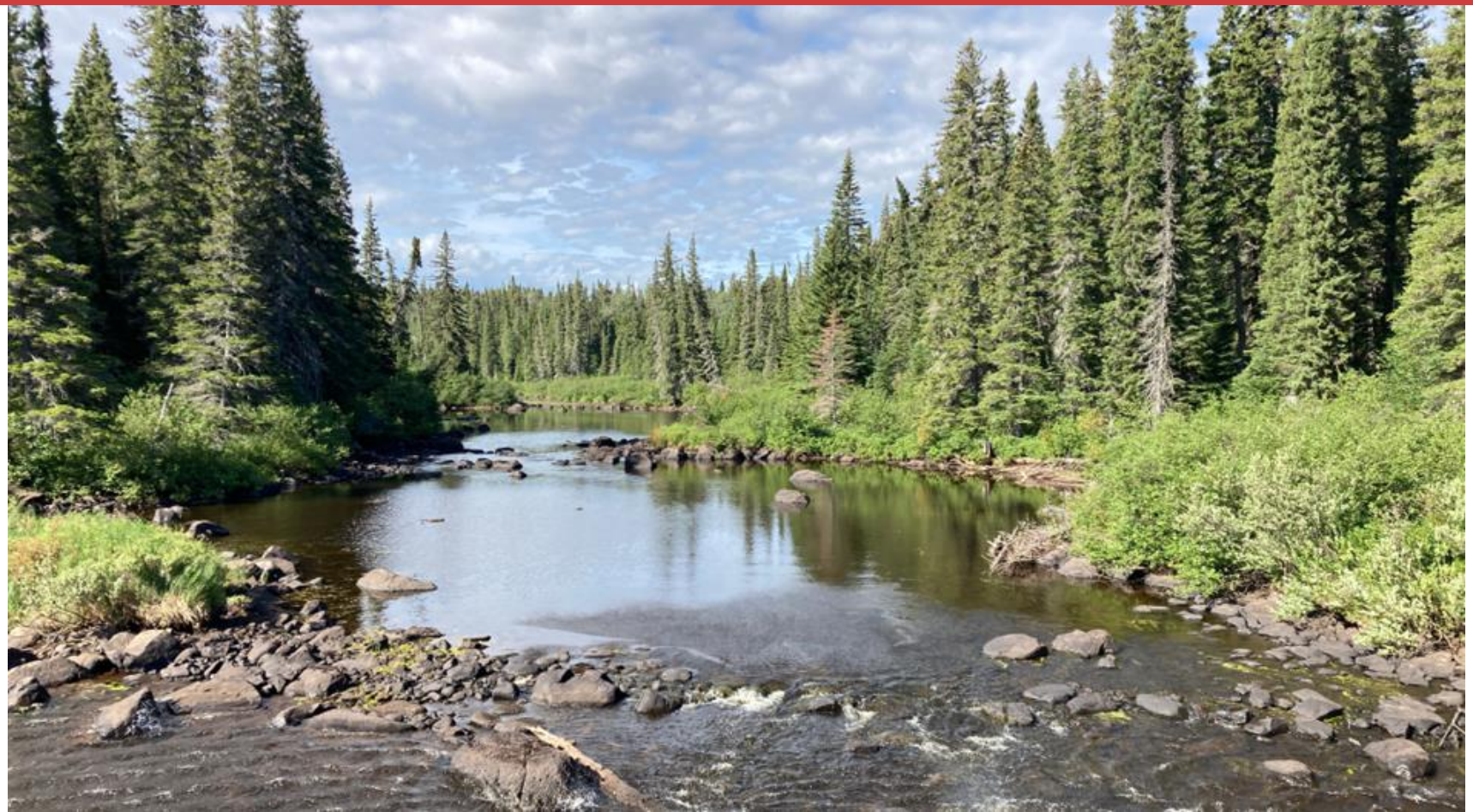


WHAT WE HEARD – KEY THEMES

- Post-road construction- who will maintain/police/secure the road?
- Impacts of climate change
- Local and regional employment opportunities associated with road construction and operations
- Commercial opportunities for Webequie to provide construction material (i.e., gravel and rock) to project
- Project impacts on Treaty rights
- Potential downstream impacts to coastal communities
- Social impacts from building a road
- Cumulative effects of development in the Project region



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT / IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EA/IA)



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SCOPE OF ASSESSMENT

- Assessment of effects on Valued Components (VCs)
- Assessment of Other Effects
  - *Accidents and malfunctions* (human error – spills)
  - *Effects of the Environment on the Project* (severe and/or extreme weather conditions/events - flooding, ice jams, fire, etc.; Projects sensitivity/resiliency to climate change)
  - *Effects of Project in Context of Canada's Environmental Obligations* – Biodiversity, Recovery Strategies and Action Plan for species at risk (caribou), Conventions on Wetland and Migratory Birds, Achieving net-zero emission by 2050
  - *Project's Contribution to Sustainability* - the ability to protect the environment, contribute to social and economic well-being (in context of Indigenous 7 generation teachings)

KEY TERMS

Valued Components (VCs)

- Valued Components (VCs) are the environmental, health, social, economic or additional elements or conditions of the natural and human environment that may be affected by the Project and are of concern or value to the public, Indigenous peoples, federal/provincial authorities and interested parties

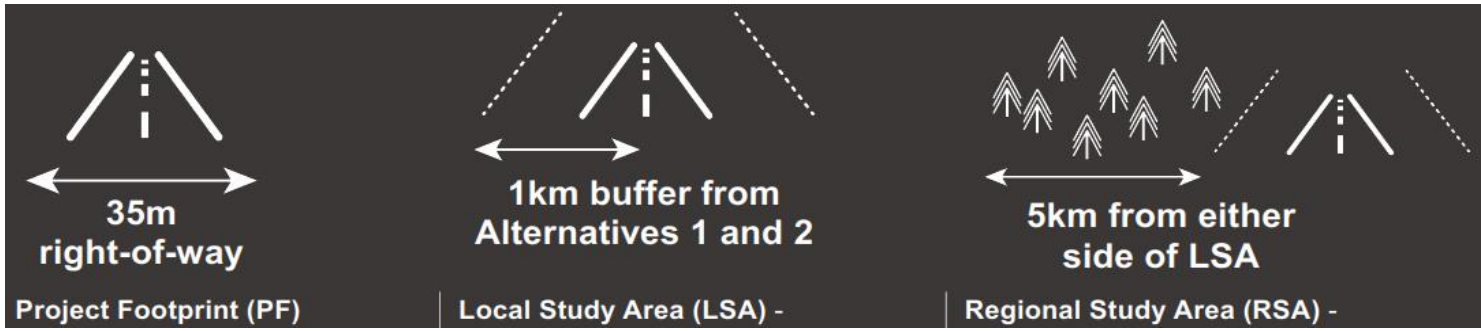
Indicators

- Represent the resource, feature, or issue related to a VC that, if changed, may demonstrate an effect on the environment
- A measurement of potential effects, to be used to assess and evaluate alternatives and the overall effects of the Project

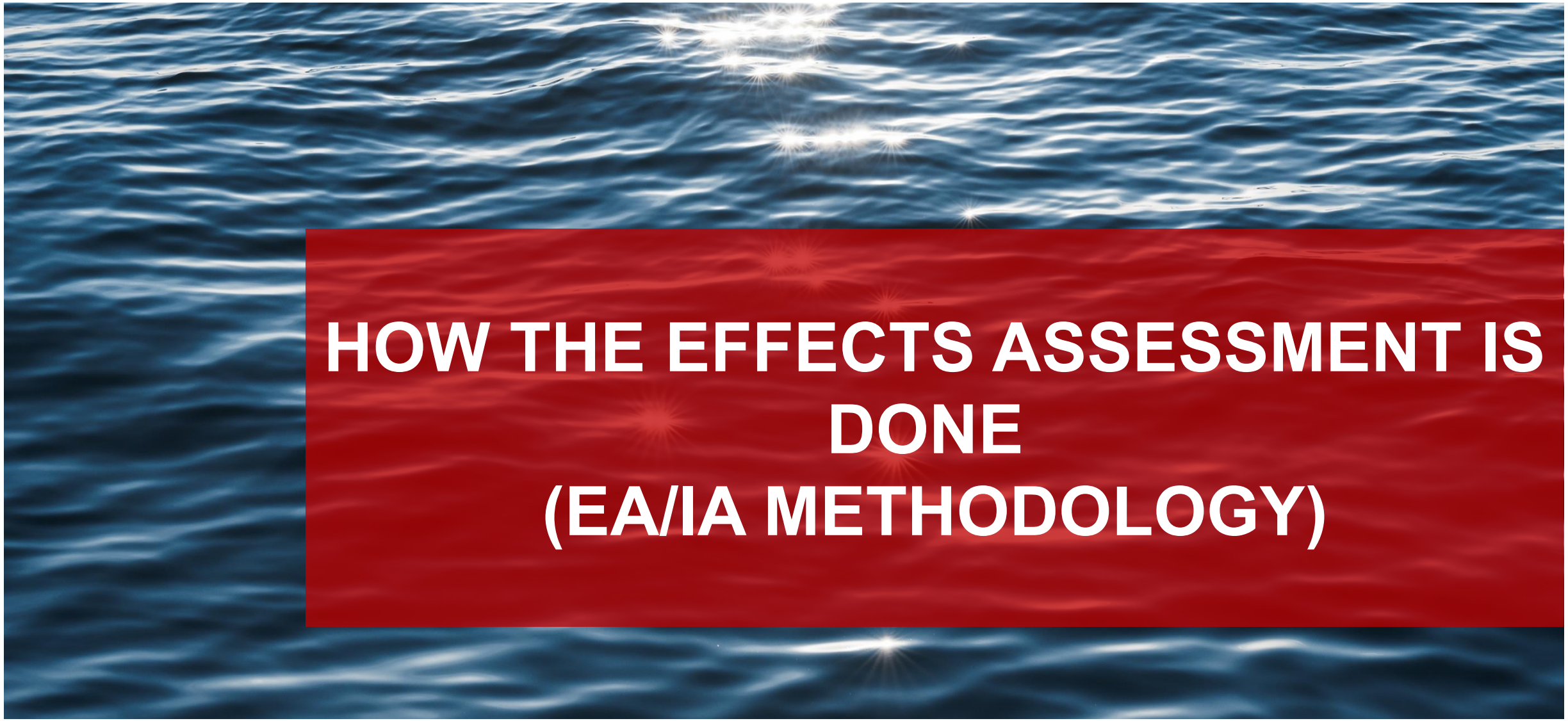
Temporal boundaries define the timelines for consideration of baseline information and potential effects of the Project

Construction Phase	**5-6 Years**
Operations Phase	**75 Years**

Spatial boundaries define the geographic extent of potential effects of the Project

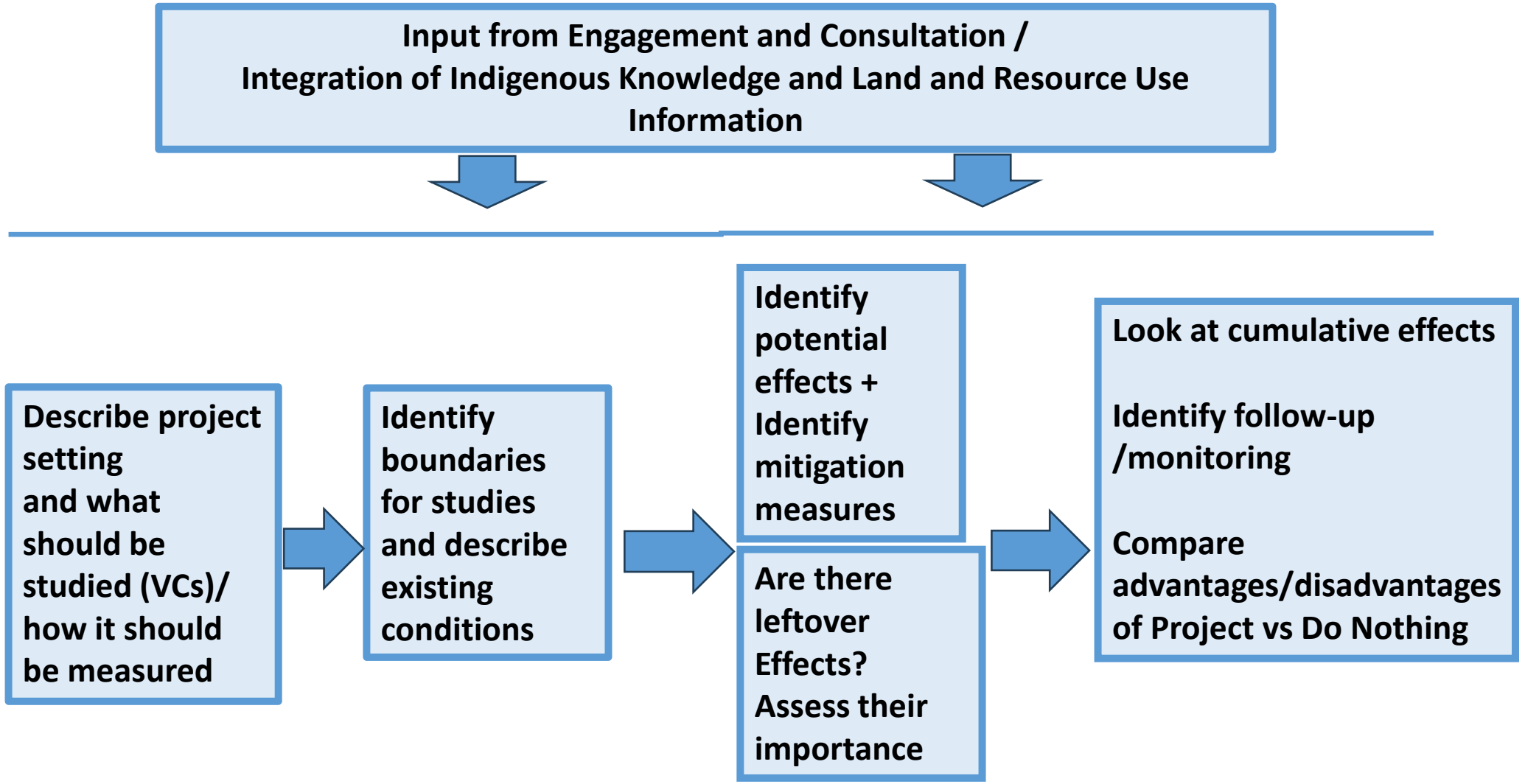


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EFFECTS ASSESSMENT STEPS



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IKLRU Information We Received To Date (examples)

- Traditional ceremonies are used for healing and renewal
  - Ceremonies include sweat-lodges, sun dance/sunrise ceremonies, or fasting lodges
  - Ceremonies are designed to nourish the mind and body as well as strengthen the connection between the person to the land and their ancestors
- At least 50-75% of some of Webequie community members' diets consist of traditional country foods
- Land users are observing changes to the river system and experiencing more frequent and intense floods, and earlier melting of snow
- Winter road forced to close earlier and earlier each year due to the instability of the ice
- By returning to their roots and establishing a connection with the land, community members can find Mino Bimaadiziwin ("the good life")

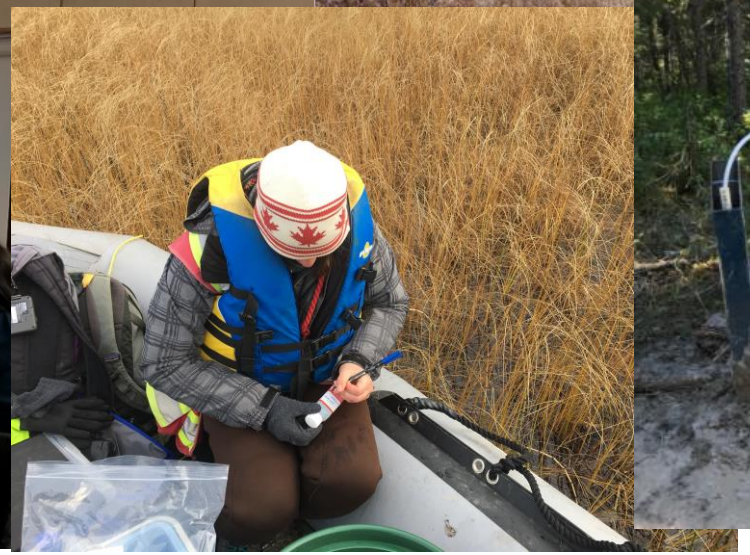
EXISTING CONDITIONS OF VCs

Existing (baseline) conditions for each VC are established based on data collected from the review of background information and studies (i.e., desktop review), field programs, engagement and consultation activities, and from IKLRU information.

Baseline studies have been completed in support of the Project between 2019 and 2023.









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POTENTIAL EFFECTS

For each VC, potential effects and project effect pathways (direct and/or indirect) are identified. The Project pathways describe how Project activities could result in a potential effect during each project phase (i.e., construction and operations).

POTENTIAL EFFECT	EFFECT PATHWAY
Groundwater VC:	
Change in groundwater quantity	*Site Grading* → *Hardening of ground surface* → *Decrease in rate of rain soaking into ground* → *Lowering of groundwater level*
Surface Water VC:	
Change in surface water quality	*Vegetation clearing and grubbing* → *Loss of vegetation cover* → *Increase in runoff, erosion, and sedimentation* → *Transportation of sediment laden runoff into waterbodies* → *Increase in turbidity (silty looking water)*

MITIGATION – How to address potential effects



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CHARACTERIZATION OF NET EFFECTS

Net (or residual) effects are the effects that remain after application of mitigation measures.

The predicted net effects are characterized using the following criteria

- **Direction** (positive, neutral or negative changes)
- **Magnitude** (degree of change - low, moderate or high)
- **Geographic extent** (in Project Footprint, Local Study Area, Regional Study Area)
- **Timing** (a specific season or time period)
- **Duration** (short term, medium term, long term, permanent)
- **Frequency** (how often – frequent, infrequent, continuous)
- **Social Context** (e.g., Indigenous cultural and historical site)
- **Input from Indigenous peoples** (view of Indigenous communities)
- **Reversibility** (reversible or irreversible)
- **Likelihood of occurrence** (unlikely, possible, probable, certain)



DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE OF NET EFFECTS

The assessment of significance of net effects is applied to each VC for which net effects are predicted, and net adverse effects or positive effects are classified as significant or not significant.

Several methodologies can be used to determine whether an adverse environmental effect is significant:

- **Collaboration** (interaction among scientific experts and Indigenous groups/knowledge holders)
- **Risk assessment** (e.g., risk to health from modelling of air contaminants – dust)
- **Aggregation**: qualitative aggregation, quantitative aggregation (applying a scale ranking to effect)
- **Reasoned argument** (well-reasoned or organized thought – affects to habitat quality and quantity for birds)
- **Professional judgement** (one's knowledge and experience with assessing effect – e.g. direct loss of or fragmentation of bird habitat due to vegetation clearing and grubbing)

These methodologies are often interrelated and can be used in combination, as appropriate, to determine whether a project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.



PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF EFFECTS ASSESSMENT FOR SELECT VALUED COMPONENTS

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VEGETATION (includes WETLANDS/PEATLANDS)

What was found

Project could potentially

- Change general vegetation community diversity (loss/alteration of wetland, upland, and riparian vegetation)
- Change community/species diversity and composition (removal/species introduction)
- Change wetland function (loss/alteration)
- Change provincially, locally rare plant species and rare vegetation communities or those that have an importance to indigenous communities (loss/alteration).

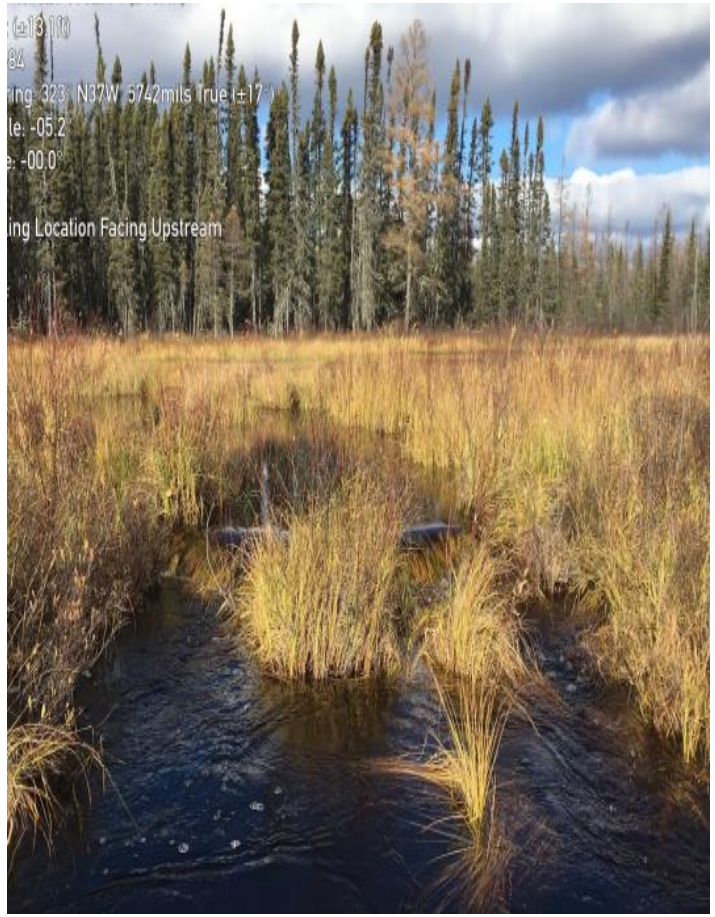


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VEGETATION (includes WETLANDS/PEATLANDS)

What we plan to do

- Known sensitive ecological features will be clearly marked (e.g., wetlands and significant wildlife habitat) with associated setbacks.
- In the event a rare plant species or a rare vegetation community are suspected or encountered unexpectedly, appropriate avoidance or mitigation measures will be applied.
- Use clearing equipment that minimizes surface disturbance, soil compaction and topsoil loss (e.g., equipment with low ground pressure tracks or tires, blade shores and brush), to the extent practicable.
- Herbicides will not be used during construction and operations of the Project.
- Management plans to reduce potential effects on vegetation and wetlands will be developed and implemented, including, but not limited to:
    - ❑ Soil Management Plan
    - ❑ Vegetation Management Plan
    - ❑ Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
    - ❑ Fuel Storage and Handling Plan
    - ❑ Spill Prevention and Emergency Response Plan
    - ❑ Construction Waste Management Plan
    - ❑ Site Restoration and Monitoring Plan



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WILDLIFE

What was found

Project could potentially

- Result in wildlife habitat loss/alteration or degradation due to clearing of vegetation, installation of bridges, culverts, aggregate pits/quarries, and development of temporary supportive infrastructure.
- Change wildlife movement due to:
    - Vegetation clearing and the use of fencing to demarcate construction areas creating short-term physical barriers to wildlife movement
    - Temporary sensory disturbance from blasting, clearing, hauling and grading activities during construction and from the road itself and traffic during operations
- Increase mortality due to vehicle collisions



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WILDLIFE

What we plan to do

- Identify critical wildlife habitat (e.g., moose, waterfowl) and avoid areas predicted to be of high use by wildlife as part of project design where feasible.
- ***Implement timing restriction on activities*** such as vegetation clearing to avoid harm to birds, their nests and habitats during the breeding bird season.
- ***Implement federal and provincial Recovery Strategies and Action Plans*** for species at risk potentially affected by the Project to help restore habitat and population of species
- Implement a **Wildlife Management Plan** with measures to avoid or reduce potential effects of sensory/noise, collisions with project vehicles and equipment and increased public access (e.g., moose hunting) on wildlife.
- Reclaim and restore temporary disturbed areas immediately after construction to allow for regeneration of vegetation. Implement a **Vegetation Management Plan** with measures for wetlands/peatlands, sensitive wildlife habitat, control of invasive plants to reduce potential effects on wildlife habitat.





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SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

What was found

Project could potentially result in:

- Change to population including mix and age of people (women, men, youth) due to in and out migration of workers.
- Increase demand for housing and temporary accommodations due to influx of workers during construction.
- Change to community services due to increased demand for services such as healthcare and recreation.
- Change to education, training and traditional learning that may focus more on skills required for Project and result in reduced interest and level of participation in learning traditional way of life.
- Change to emergency and police services due to increased demand for services.
- Change to community infrastructure due to increased use of community road infrastructure, water/wastewater treatment, electricity.
- Change to transportation due to increased traffic volumes on existing roads and increased demand for air and shipping services.
- Change to community well-being and safety as increased non-resident population may cause reduced community connection, increased risk of substance abuse and crime, reduce feeling of personal safety, increase risk of traffic accidents, and reduce well-being and quality of life (effects of noise and dust, etc.).

Positive effects of the Project include:

- Reduced out-migration due to increased employment and training opportunities
- Change in level of education, training and skills development

SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

What we plan to do

- An Environmental and Cultural Awareness and Education Plan targeted at non-local workers will be developed and implemented for the Project.
- Temporary construction camps will be utilized throughout the construction phase to reduce demand for housing and temporary accommodations.
- The Project will offer training programs prior to and during the construction and operation phases for community members who are interested in participating on the Project.
- Temporary construction camps will have first-aid facilities to address minor injuries and reduce use of community emergency services. Helicopters will also be available at camps to provide emergency evacuation to the nearest medical facility.
- Improvements to existing health care facilities and services (e.g., employing more doctors and nurses).
- The Project will include a smaller workforce during the operations phase and include local workers to reduce influx of non-local workers into the community.
- Transportation of some equipment, materials, and personnel will be done by aircraft, which will avoid interfering with community use of road infrastructure.
- Temporary construction camps will separate non-local workers from local community members and limit the number of interactions.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THE EXERCISE OF ABORIGINAL AND TREATY RIGHTS

What was found

Project could potentially result in:

- Changes in Indigenous current and historical use of lands and resources, including:
  - changes in availability of land and resources for traditional activities.
  - changes in plants and animals.
  - changes to harvesting areas.
  - Loss of visual and cultural values of the land.
- Change to culture as Project may change the land and result in:
  - loss or reduced quality and/or quantity of culturally and spiritually important sites/areas, which may decrease opportunities to transfer cultural knowledge/traditions.
  - change in availability and/or access to resources for cultural practices.





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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THE EXERCISE OF ABORIGINAL AND TREATY RIGHTS

What we plan to do

- Continue to consult and engage with Indigenous communities to identify measures in planning and design of the Project to minimize or avoid impacts to Indigenous Peoples and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and interests.
- Incorporate Indigenous Knowledge and land and resource use information in the EA/IA, project development, planning and design.
- Avoid important traditional use areas to the extent possible.
- Reclaim and restore temporary areas of disturbance after construction to allow for regeneration of vegetation.



CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ASSESSMENT

What is a cumulative effect?

"*Cumulative effects are changes to the environment that are caused by an action in combination with other past, present and future human actions..*" *Cumulative Effects Assessment Practitioners Guide CEAA (February 1999)*

A cumulative effects assessment:

- Looks at net / residual effects (after mitigation)
- Determine time and space boundaries
- Considers how close other projects are to proposed project
- Considers past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects in relation to the proposed project

The cumulative effects assessment includes consideration of, but is not limited to, the following valued components, as per the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines for the Project (*Impact Assessment Agency of Canada 2020*):

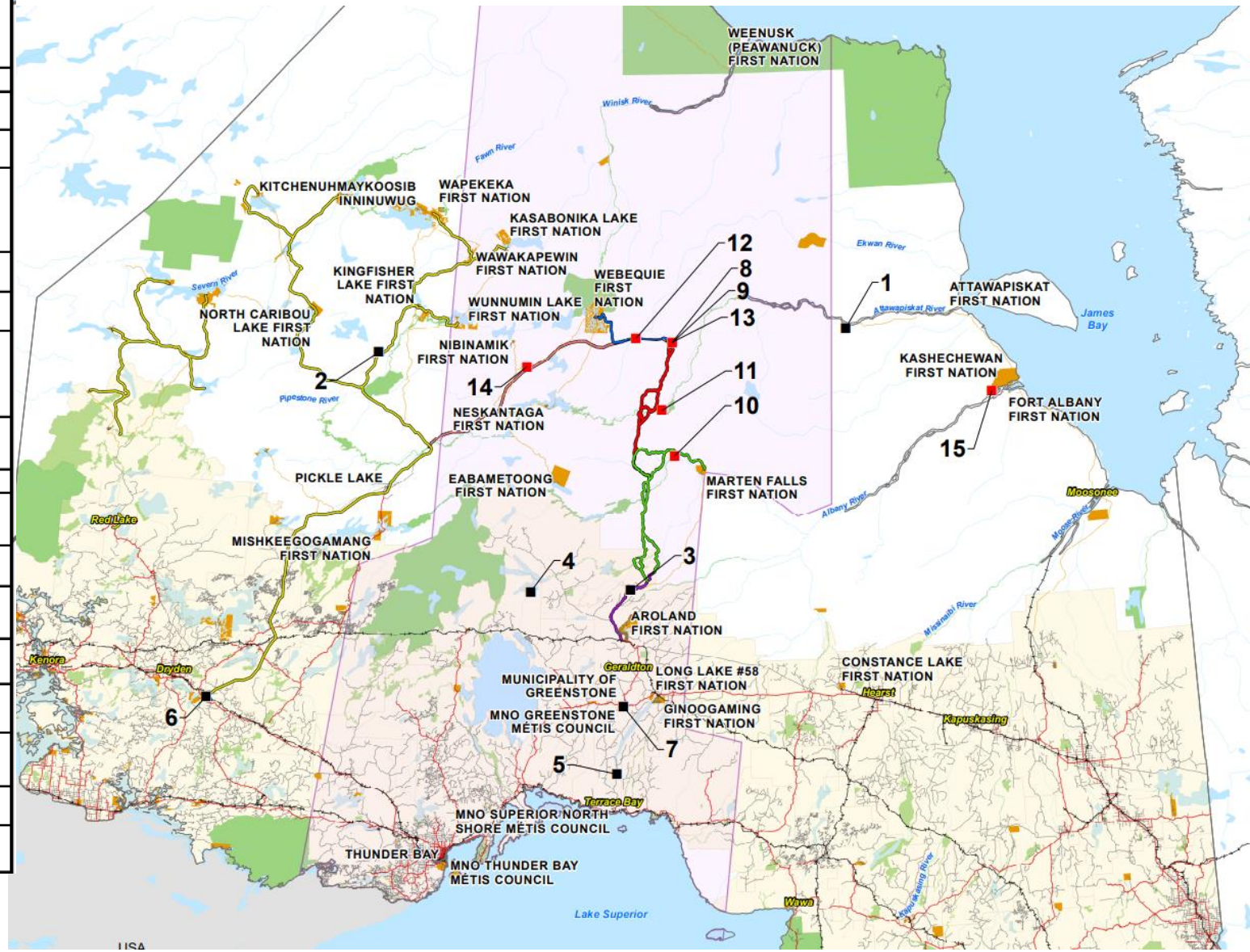
- Cumulative effects to rights of Indigenous peoples and cultures
- Cumulative effects to caribou



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Past, Present and Future Physical Activities Considered in the Cumulative Effects Assessment

Number	Project Name	Project Type	Approximate Direct Distance to the WSR
Other Past and Present Projects and Activities			
1	De Beers Victor Mine	Mining Project	160 km east of WSR
2	Goldcorp's Musselwhite Mine	Mining Project	210 km west of WSR
3	Construction of upgrades to the Anaconda and Painter Lake Forestry Access Roads	All-Season Road Project	225 km south of WSR
4	Ogoki Diversion	Hydroelectric	270 km southwest of WSR
5	Long Lac Diversion	Hydroelectric	410 km south of WSR
6	Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project (New Transmission Line to Pickle Lake)	Power Transmission Project	130 km west of WSR
7	Greenstone Gold's Hardrock Mine	Mining Project	344 km south of WSR
Other Reasonably Foreseeable Future Projects and Activities			
8	Black Horse Project and Big Daddy Project	Mining Project	Located near eastern terminus of WSR
9	Eagle's Nest Project	Mining Project	Located near eastern terminus of WSR
10	Marten Falls Community Access Road Project	All-Season Road Project	100 km south of WSR
11	Northern Road Link (NRL)	All-Season Road Project	Connects to eastern terminus of WSR
12	Webequie Supply Road (WSR)	All-Season Road Project	N/A
13	Black Thor, Blackbird, and Black Label Mining Deposits	Mining Project	Located near eastern terminus of WSR
14	East-West Road	All-Season Road Project	250 km southwest of WSR
15	Kashechewan First Nation Road to Site 5 Project	All-Season Road Project	320 km east of WSR



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CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ASSESSMENT

Preliminary results of the cumulative effects assessment for select VCs

Valued Component	Project's Net Effects	Cumulative Interactions with other Physical Activities/Projects*	Predicted Cumulative Effects	Will the cumulative effect be significant?
Surface Water Resources	Change to runoff patterns due to changes in land cover	Yes	Cumulative change to runoff patterns	NO
	Changes to flow depth and velocity around constructed water crossings	No	N/A	N/A
	Deposition of sediment into waterbodies from road maintenance activities	Yes	Cumulative deposition of sediment into waterbodies	NO
Fish and Fish Habitat	Change to riparian habitat and instream habitat	Yes	Cumulative increase in riparian and instream disturbance	NO
	Increased risk of fish mortality or injury	Yes	Cumulative increase in risk of fish mortality or injury	NO
	Increased harvest	Yes	Cumulative increase in harvest	NO
Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests	Change to Indigenous current and historical use of lands and resources for traditional purposes	Yes	Cumulative change to Indigenous current and historical use of lands and resources for traditional purposes	NO
	Change to cultural continuity	Yes	Cumulative change to cultural continuity	NO

* Yes = Potential spatial and/or temporal overlap
No = No spatial or temporal overlap anticipated

ASSESSMENT OF OTHER ASPECTS/EFFECTS

Accidents and malfunctions

Based on the project components and related activities, the following accidents and malfunctions are considered plausible:

- accidental spills of hazardous materials;
- fires and explosions;
- damage or failure of road and/or structure crossings of waterbodies;
- vehicle or equipment accidents; and
- accidental encroachments on environmentally sensitive habitat and sites such as watercourses or areas of cultural importance

What we plan to do

Implement measures and procedures in project-specific plans:

- ❑ Environmental and Cultural Awareness and Education Plan
- ❑ Fuel Storage and Handling Plan
- ❑ Spill Prevention and Emergency Response Plan
- ❑ Construction Waste Management Plan (including Hazardous, Contaminated and Controlled Materials)
- ❑ Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- ❑ Health and Safety Management Plan
- ❑ Site Restoration and Monitoring Plan

ASSESSMENT OF OTHER ASPECTS/EFFECTS

Effects of the Environment on the Project

What was found

The following effects could damage project components and cause delay of construction or close/interrupt operations:

- Extreme weather events (such as heavy rain and snowfall, flooding, blizzards, and extreme winds).
- A wildfire (depending on its severity).
- Changing climate trends (e.g., extreme temperature, increased precipitation).



ASSESSMENT OF OTHER ASPECTS/EFFECTS

Effects of the Environment on the Project – What we plan to do

- The Project is designed with consideration of existing conditions and external environmental risks including projected climate trends.
- The Project will be designed, constructed and operated according to design codes, standards and guidelines applicable to provincial highway projects.
- Emergency Response Plans for the Project construction and operations will include response procedures for extreme weather events and wildfires.
- Contingency procedures will be coordinated with the administrator or owner of the proposed road and Indigenous communities in communication with the Ontario Provincial Police if roads are closed due to unsafe conditions.



ASSESSMENT OF OTHER ASPECTS/EFFECTS

Effects of Project in Context of Canada's Environmental Obligations

Government of Canada's Environmental Obligations	Where Environmental Obligations Acts/Policy/Guidance Have Been Considered in Draft EAR/IS
Canada's biodiversity commitments: • *Species at Risk Act* • *Canada Wildlife Act* • *Fisheries Act*	EAR/IS Sections with Assessment of Effects on VCs: Fish and Fish Habitat, Vegetation and Wetlands, Terrestrial Habitat and Wildlife, and Species at Risk.
Recovery Strategies and Action Plans developed under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) for all species at risk, with caribou as being of particular importance under SARA for this Project.	EAR/IS Sections with Assessment of Effects on VCs: Species at Risk.
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance as implemented in part through: • Federal Policy on Wetland Conservation • North American Waterfowl Management Plan	EAR/IS Sections with Assessment of Effects on VCs: Vegetation and Wetlands, Terrestrial Habitat and Wildlife, and Species at Risk.
Convention for the Protection of Migratory Birds in the United States and Canada, as implemented in part through the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*	EAR/IS Sections with Assessment of Effects on VCs: Vegetation and Wetlands, Terrestrial Habitat and Wildlife, and Species at Risk.
Government of Canada's commitment to achieve net-zero GHG emissions by 2050 as contained in the *Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act* (2021)	EAR/IS Sections with Assessment of Effects on VCs: Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change Resilience.

ASSESSMENT OF OTHER ASPECTS/EFFECTS

Project's Contribution to Sustainability

- As stated in the Webequie First Nation's Community-Based Land Use Plan (CBLUP), Elders and leaders have a vision for protection and development in the area surrounding the community that originated six or seven generations ago – "Seven Generations Teachings" and "Seven Generation Stewardship"
- The goals and objectives of the proposed WSR align with strategies for sustainability described in the Webequie First Nation's CBLUP and Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP):
    - ❑ Providing education and training;
    - ❑ Protecting cultural vibrancy and traditional life;
    - ❑ Improving housing and infrastructure;
    - ❑ Protecting environmental quality and respecting relationship with the land;
    - ❑ Improving community health and wellness;
    - ❑ Strengthening family and social conditions;
    - ❑ Supporting economic development; and
    - ❑ Preserving community leadership and governance

What we plan to do

The Project's planning and development will continue to align with sustainability goals and objectives outlined in Webequie First Nation's CBLUP and CCP by the following actions:

- Continue to consult with the public and engage with Indigenous communities and groups throughout full life-cycle of Project;
- Implement priority initiatives such as addressing climate change by minimizing and/or reducing emissions and building resilience;
- Monitor, evaluate and report on progress; and
- Adjust actions and strategies to respond to new information or incorporate new direction, as necessary.

NEXT STEPS

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- Consultation Round 3 - Receive feedback on preliminary effects assessment
- Continue efforts to assess potential effects of the Project, including cumulative effects
- Continue efforts to receive Indigenous Knowledge and Land and Resource Use Information

WINTER/SUMMER 2024

- Input to preliminary effects assessment of Project
- Input to proposed impact management, mitigation and follow-up monitoring

FALL 2024/ SUMMER 2025

- Review of Draft and Final Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Provide comments through the Project Website (www.supplyroad.ca)
- Speak with the Project Team after the presentation
- Fill out a Feedback Form

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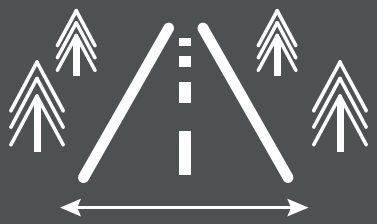
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All-season road from Webequie First Nation (WFN) Airport to McFaulds Lake



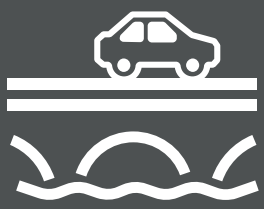
17 km

Length of road corridor within WFN Reserve Lands



35 m

Final corridor width (right-of-way) for two lane surface



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Major waterbody crossings with bridges (and 25 other waterbody crossings) requiring culverts



Includes temporary and permanent aggregate pit/rock quarry areas with equipment for processing, as well as access roads to these areas

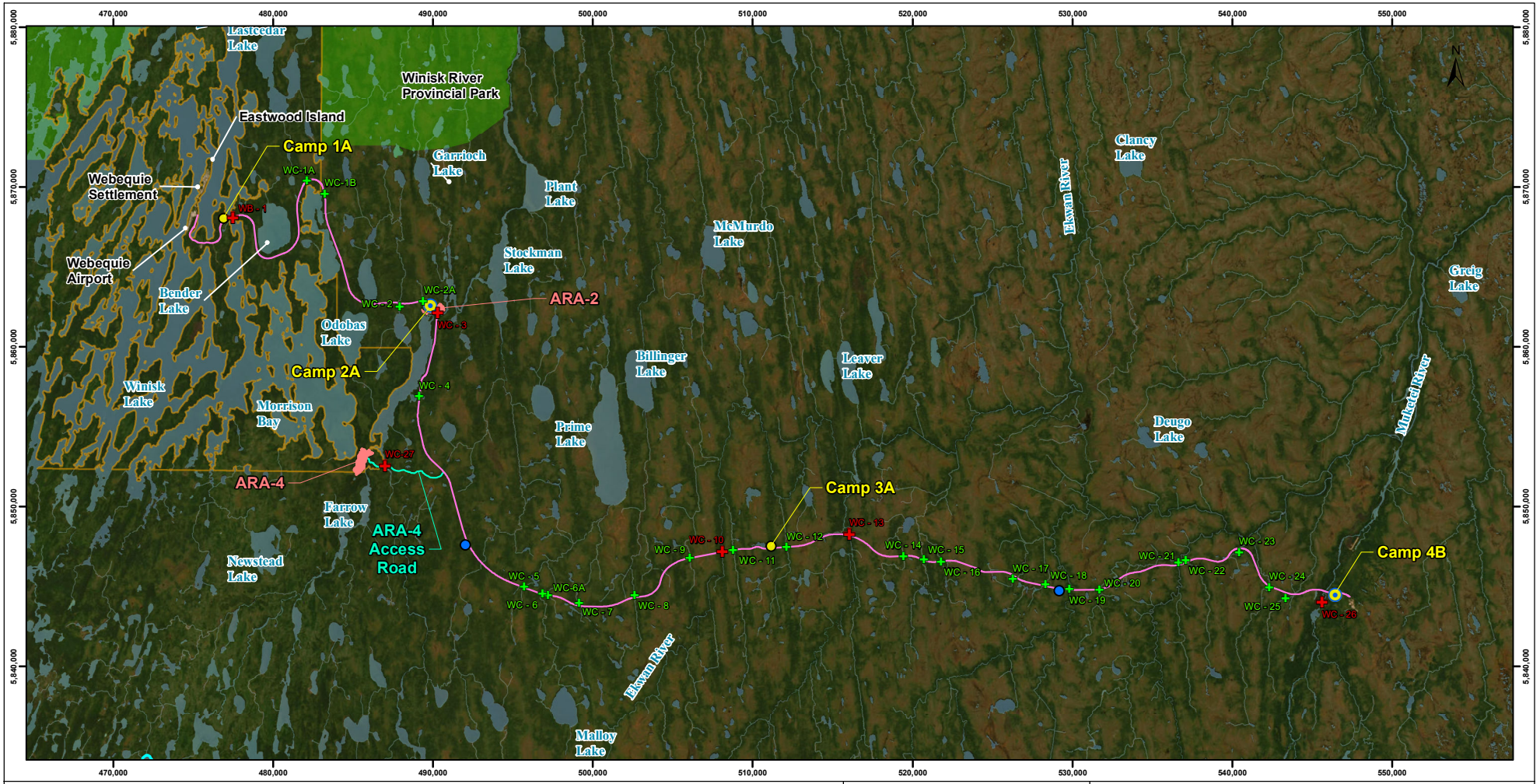


Construction camps (temporary) to accommodate construction crews, with 1 site being repurposed to act as permanent operation/ maintenance facility



Storage and laydown yards (temporary) for equipment and materials

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Legend

- Preliminary Recommended Preferred Route
- Webequie First Nation Reserve
- Winisk River Provincial Park
- Waterbody
- Watercourse
- ARA-4 Access Road
- Recommended Aggregate/Rock Source
- Recommended Construction Camps
  *Camp 2-A is to include permanent Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) / maintenance areas for operations of the WSR.
- Maintenance Area
- Permanent Rest Area for Road Users
- Waterbody crossing by culvert
- Waterbody crossing by bridge

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NOTES

1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 16N.
2. Cadastral boundaries are for informational purposes only and should not be considered suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes.
3. Topographic/cultural features extracted from CanVec v12.0 dataset, Natural Resources Canada Earth and Science Sector Centre for Topographic Information; and, Land Information Ontario (LIO) Warehouse Open Data (https://data.lio.ontario.ca/); Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNRF) ' Download Date : 2021-02-04

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Webequie Supply Road (WSR)

Location of Project Components

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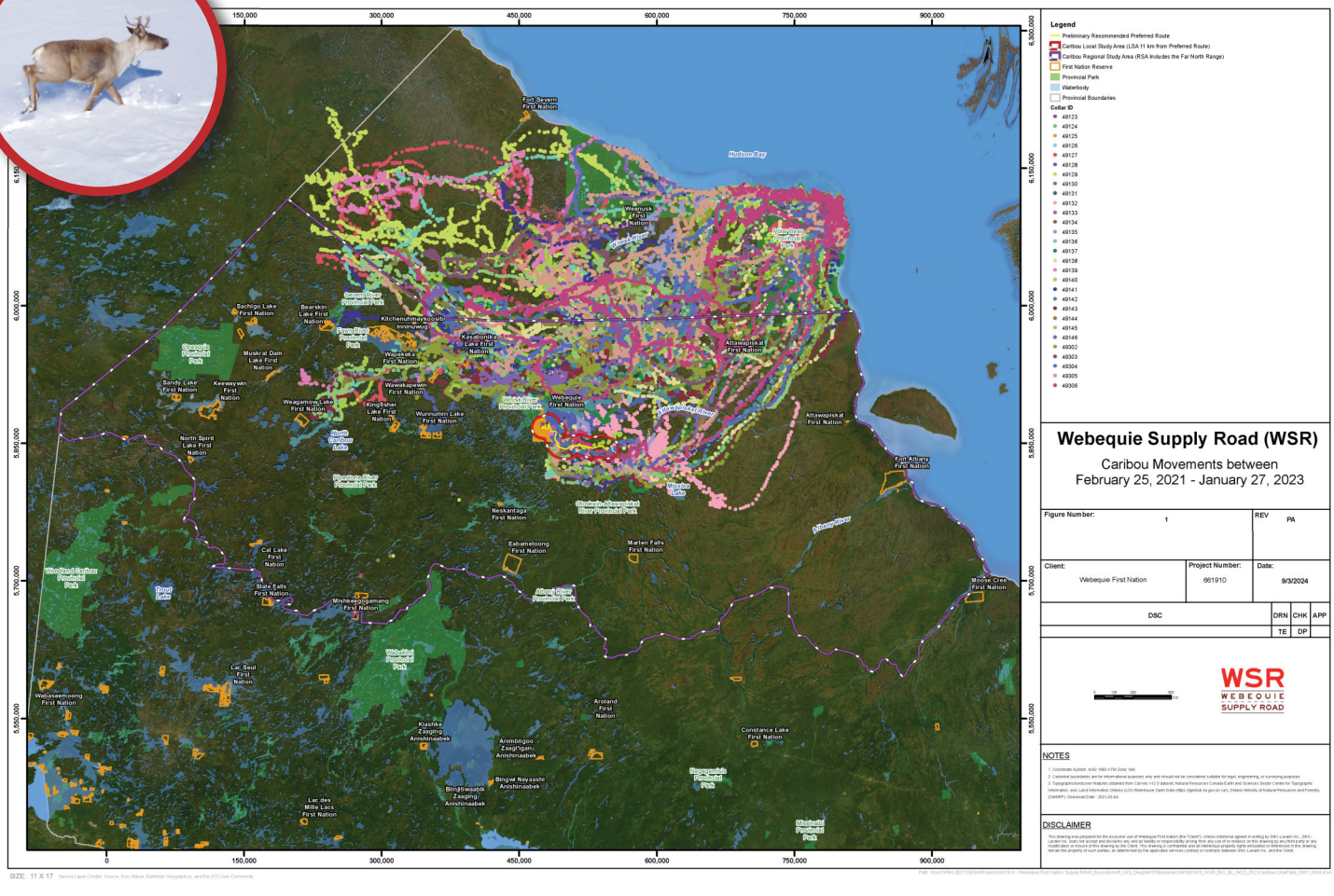
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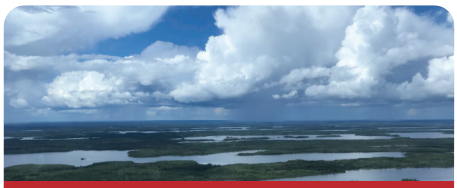
Caribou Map




Legend
Preliminary Recommended Preferred Route
Caribou Local Study Area (LSA 11 km from Preferred Route)
Caribou Regional Study Area (RSA Includes the Far North Range)
First Nation Reserve
Provincial Park
Waterbody
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Caribou Movements between
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Marten Falls First Nation
Cat Lake First Nation
Slate Falls First Nation
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Moose Cree First Nation
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Aroland First Nation
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Polar Bear Provincial Park
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Attawapiskat River
Winisk River
Ekwan River
Severn River
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Muskrat Dam Lake
Kawagama Lake
Nungesser Lake
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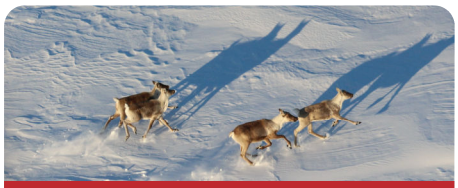
Looking At Project Effects- What Do We Think About?



The Surface Water (lakes, rivers)



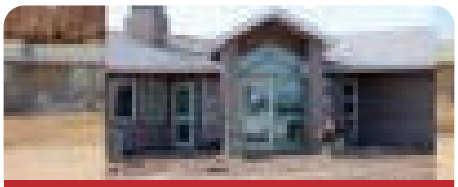
The Lands and Resources



Species at Risk



The Land- Soils and Terrain



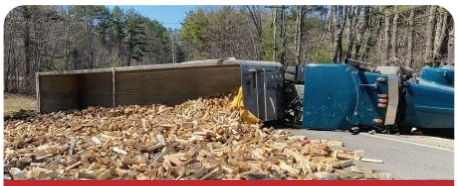
The Health of Community Members



The Environment that We See (Visual Environment)



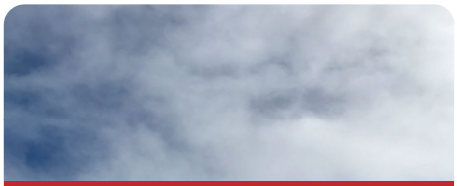
The Groundwater / Springwater



Accidents and Things that Go Wrong



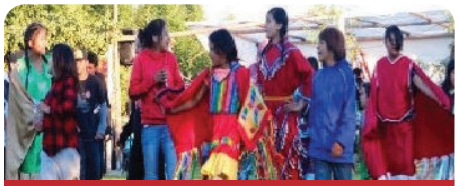
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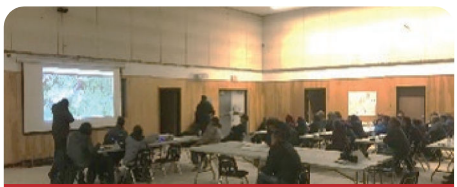
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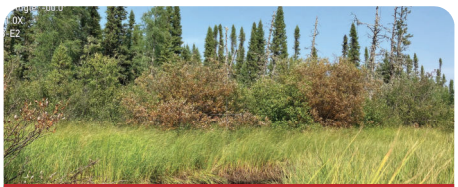
Fish and Fish Habitat (where the fish live)



Culture



The People (the Social Environment)



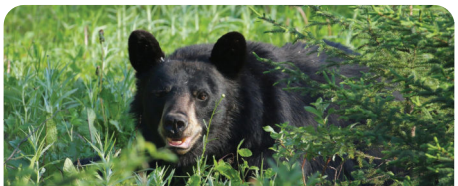
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The Effects of All Projects Together (Past, Present and Future)



The Economy



Wildlife and Terrestrial (out of water) Habitat



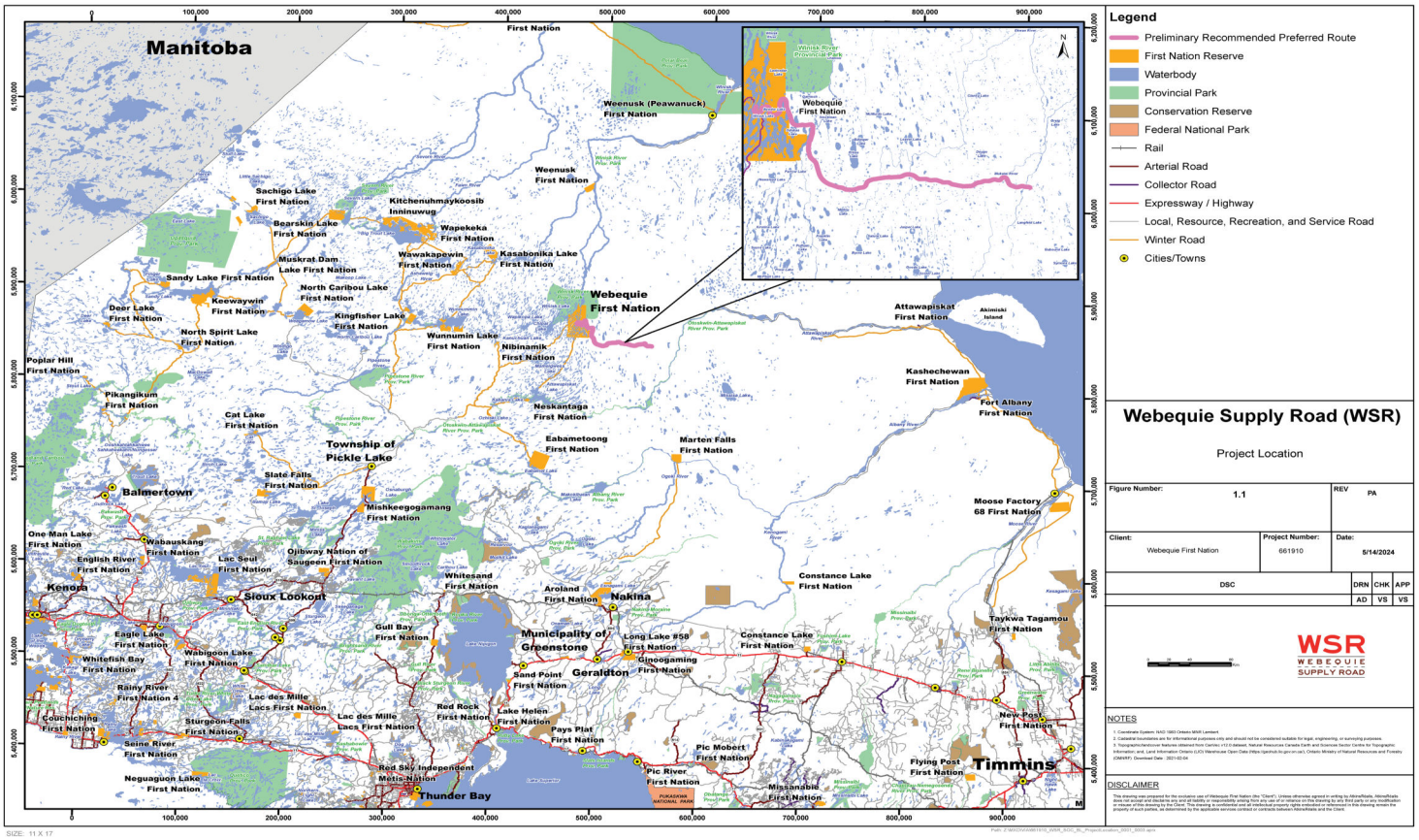
Climate Change

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Location and Purpose Map

Project Location



Purpose of the Webequie Supply Road

Move materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the McFaulds Lake area.

Provide local employment and economic development opportunities to Webequie.

Provide experience/training opportunities for youth to help encourage the pursuit of additional skills through post secondary education

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Where Are We Now in the Environmental Assessment? Doing the Effects Assessment!

- Describe the project and decide what will be studied and how it will be measured
- Identify limits of studies (land and time) and describe how things are now
- Identify possible effects of project and how these can be controlled
- Are there leftover effects?
- Look at the leftover effects from past, present and future projects (the big picture)
- Identify monitoring required
- Compare advantages / disadvantages of project versus doing nothing

Input from Community Members

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How do we deal with possible effects?

	Examples
ELIMINATE / AVOID	Move the road to another location
REDUCE	Change the way we do things such as different construction methods, or a different road design
OFFSET	Clean up an area somewhere else that has been affected by another project
	Improve habitat in another location to make up for possible effects

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Proposed Watercourse Crossings

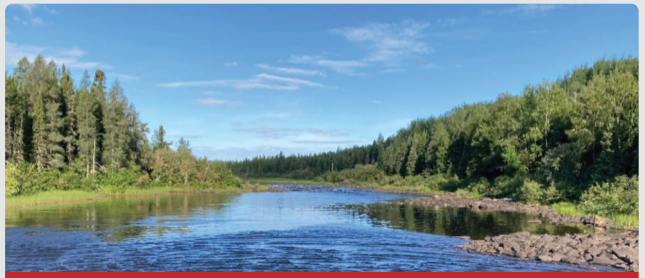
Winisk Lake Crossing


Current View


After Project View


After Project View

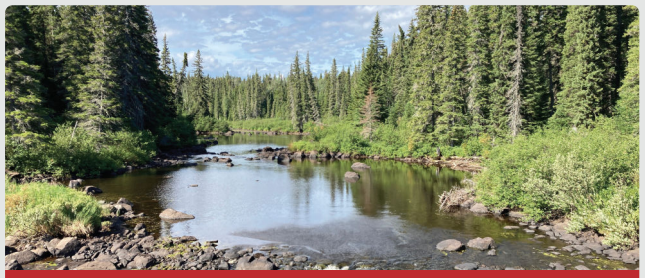
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Current View


After Project View


After Project View

Muketei River Crossing


Current View

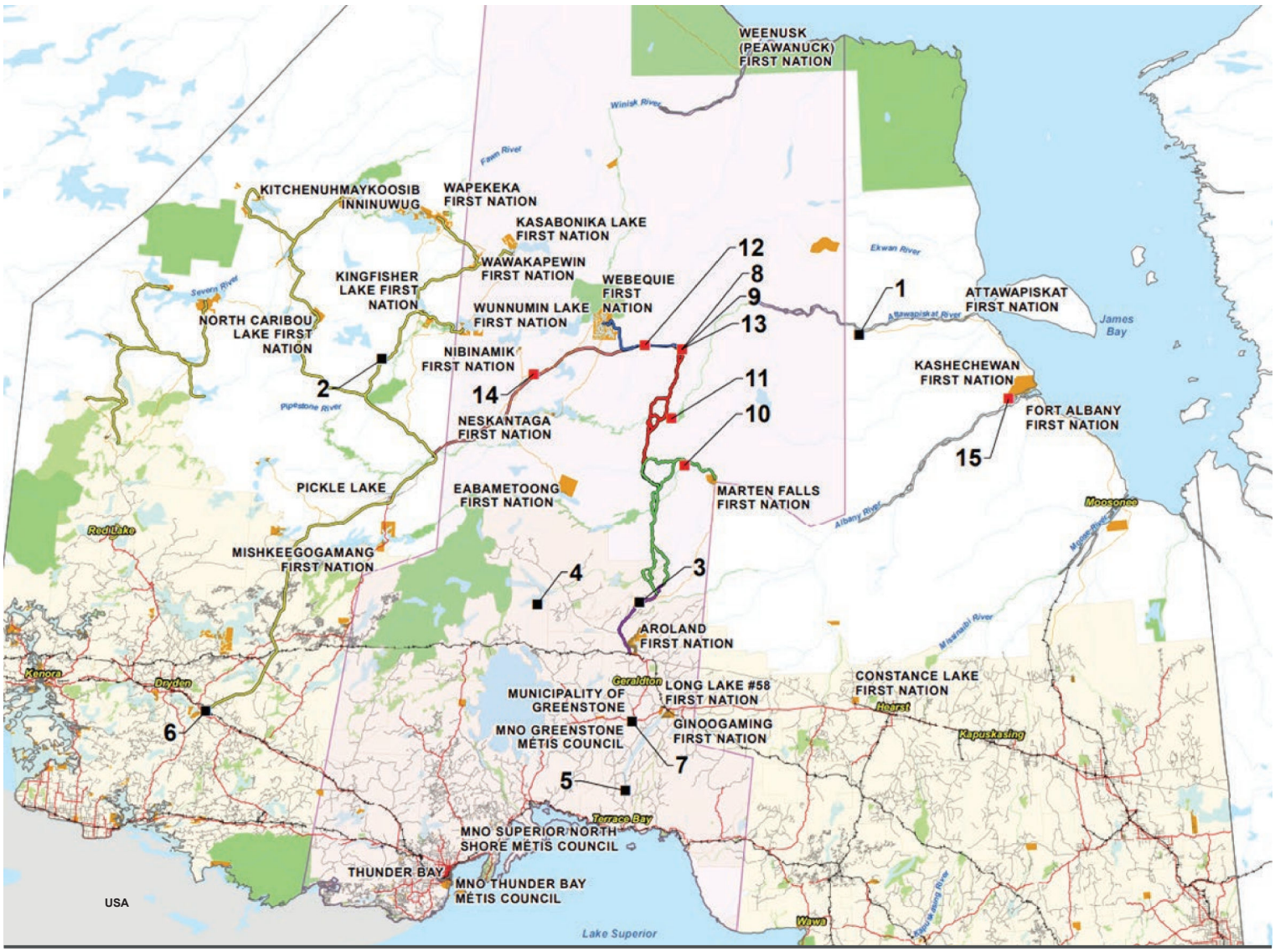

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Web-WSR Cumulative Effects Map Poster PIC 3-2024-09-12RevA

Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interest Forum #2

Report and Materials

Cumulative Effects Workshop

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFCAR) • Northern Road Link (NRL) • Webequie Supply Road (WSR)

November 23rd, 2023

The Cumulative Effects Workshop was undertaken with all community representatives present on Day 3 of the Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum in Thunder Bay held from November 21st to 23rd, 2023. The purpose of the Workshop was to introduce the concept of cumulative effects and how they would be assessed in the environmental assessment/impact assessment (EA/IA).

The Workshop opened with an overview presentation on Cumulative Effects Assessment by representatives of the three road Project Teams which was followed by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's (IAAC) overview presentation. This was then followed by a formal Q&A session where community representatives could ask questions of members of the Project Teams, for Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR), Northern Road Link (NRL), and Webequie Supply Road (WSR), IAAC staff, and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) staff about cumulative effects and the cumulative effects assessment process.

The table below outlines the comments made and issues raised by participating community representatives and the responses provided during the session by members of the MFCAR, NRL, and WSR Project Teams, IAAC, MECP, Ministry of Mines (MINES), and Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) staff. The last column provides further information from the Project Teams as overall post-forum responses considered feedback on comments shared and issues raised by participating community representatives. The table includes comments from an Attawapiskat First Nation community member who attended for information purposes only and were not representing Attawapiskat First Nation. No formal representation from Attawapiskat First Nation was present during the Forum.

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Long Lake #58 First Nation	How far in the future will you look when considering cumulative effects? For example, will you look at mining claims?	The Project Teams responded that projects built within the reasonably foreseeable future will be considered in the cumulative effects assessment as long as the project has enough information about its potential effects. The Project Teams went on to explain that the road is a permanent project.	Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFCAR), Northern Road Link (NRL), and Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Projects each have an approved Terms of Reference (ToR) and Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG). These ToRs and TISGs describe what will be included in the environmental assessment/impact assessment (EA/IA) for each road Project. MFCAR, NRL, And WSR will include a cumulative effects assessment in each of their EA/IA and will consider other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable projects and activities in the region and their potential combined effects with their respective Project. Examples of projects to be considered in the cumulative effects assessment include mining, transmission lines, railway transload facilities, other road projects, and forest management units. Each Project Team intends to consult on the projects to be included in the cumulative effects assessment with communities and will be looking for their input.
Long Lake #58 First Nation	Will potential future mining projects be considered in the cumulative effects assessment?	The Project Teams responded yes if there is enough information on the future mining project.	As described in the approved ToRs and the TISGs for MFCAR, NRL, and WSR, the EA/IA for each Project will include a cumulative effects assessment. This will consider other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable projects and activities in the region and their potential combined effects with each respective Project.

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			Examples of projects to be considered in the cumulative effects assessment include mining, transmission lines, railway transload facilities, other road projects, and forest management units. Each Project Team intends to consult on the projects to be included in the cumulative effects assessment with communities and will be looking for their input.
Long Lake #58 First Nation	Could cumulative effects be considered for a mining project ten years into the future?	The Project Teams responded yes, only if there is enough information on the future mining project.	As described in approved ToR and the TISGs for each of the road Projects, the EA/IA will include a cumulative effects assessment. This will consider other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable projects and activities in the region and their potential combined effects with the Project. The Project Teams for each Project will consider those future projects for which the potential effects can be predicted based on current knowledge and trends. Mining, transmission lines, railway facilities, other road projects, and forest management are examples of what may be considered. Each Project Team intends to consult on the projects to be included in the cumulative effects assessment with communities and will be looking for their input.
Long Lake #58 First Nation	Do the three Projects have to identify the same Valued Components to be considered for cumulative effects? Do they have to be the same ones for each	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's (IAAC) responded that the projects don't need to identify the same Valued Components (VCs) to	The EA/IA for each road Project will look at the potential effects of its respective road Projects on a variety of criteria including information shared by Indigenous

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	project? If two communities identify two Valued Components, are they still considered?	be considered for the cumulative effects assessment. In the IA process, the linkages between VCs can be assessed as well, e.g., fish can be a VC that is linked to the Valued Component of Fishing practiced by Indigenous community members that is linked to fish health.	communities and others, along with field studies and publicly available information on the Valued Components (VCs). The proponents welcome the chance to receive information on the importance of different species to the community through the ongoing consultation and engagement programs for each of the road Projects.
Long Lake #58 First Nation	There were no cultural protocols available during this event and that has made this process stressful for us and should be considered in the future.	The Project Teams noted that they did begin with an opening ceremony but that for future events they would take the guidance provided and would reach out to Elders and community leaders for guidance on cultural protocols and appropriate ceremony.	The proponents note that for future events, like the Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo held in June 2024, guidance that was provided was followed and each of the Project Teams welcome any feedback from the communities on their preferred approach to engagement.
Long Lake #58 First Nation	Representative noted that they have been speaking to some Elders and feel sorry for their people. They think about	The information was recorded by the Project Teams.	Thank you for sharing this information. The proponents appreciate the comments

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	the people/Elders who do not have proper care and children that don't have proper education. For years many of them have been sitting in broken homes, losing their culture, and losing lands. There are people reaching out and trying to create something for their community. Yes, there will be impacts, but they need to think about the people. A lot of things need to be at the forefront regarding environment and health, but going back to the land is one thing that's been forgotten. Elders are important, ceremonies are needed, having proper housing, proper dental. These roads are for the betterment of the communities. Waiting for a project to move forward is not just up to the communities. There should be access.		from the community representative and look forward to learning more from Long Lake #58 First Nation through the ongoing consultation and engagement programs for each of the road Projects.
Eabametoong First Nation	Many people were overwhelmed and experiencing stress during the Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum. Integrating cultural components into the Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum, such as ceremony, would have helped people cope with their stress.	The information was recorded by the Project Teams.	The proponents note that for future events, like the Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo held in June 2024, guidance that was provided was followed and the Project Teams welcome any feedback from the communities on their preferred approach to engagement.
Eabametoong First Nation	People need to be considered first. To support this, the development of partnerships is essential. Communities are trying to improve their conditions. People in the communities need access to proper care including health and	The information was recorded by the Project Teams.	Thank you for sharing this information. The proponents welcome any information that Eabametoong First Nation wishes to share and look forward to learning more through the ongoing consultation and

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	dental services, especially Elders and youth. People also need access to lumber and materials that are necessary to housing. There is recognition that there will be some environmental impacts from the Projects; however, the people will be ok if they remain on their toes. Many ways to improve conditions in the communities and help people, can be done simply. For example, spending time on the land, ceremonies, and Elders can help to build the strength that communities already have within themselves.		engagement programs for the each of the road Projects.
Ginoogaming First Nation	Through experience with Greenstone, the community Learned a lot. Assessments (general) and/or the associated companies have failed to provide opportunities for capacity building, and social and business development. Basic needs for First Nations are not being met. Assessments (general) consider caring for the land, but not caring for the people. Through project work, there is an opportunity to funnel the salaries and education that are being gained by organizations to First Nations. It is great that there is a focus on environment, but capacity for business development is falling behind. Members are falling behind from a socio-economic perspective. Often, long term benefits are not monetary. How can communities	IAAC responded that they would take their feedback int account and that they are trying to diversify their staff. There is a diversity gap that needs to be closed. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) acknowledged the comment and the need for capacity. They responded that the environment was broadly defined (more than just natural). It was important for communities to become involved to share what impacts to the social fabric might be. Proponents would then have to respond and address in the EA. Communities need to say what is important to them with respect to possible impacts on the	Thank you for sharing this information. The proponents welcome the chance to share information about the road Projects and to hear from communities about current and potential socio-economic impacts and benefits related to development in the region. The ongoing consultation and engagement activities for the road Projects give the proponents opportunities to share information and learn more from the communities that might be affected. This helps include community perspectives on development throughout the EA/IA process for each road Project. Each Project Team is also collaborating with communities directly to address concerns and improve follow up on identified issues to

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	build their own capacities?	communities. The Event Facilitator responded that there is a lack of communication on expectations on how the role of the proponents is to be clearly understood; when a promise is made there is follow up and accountability. Follow up and accountability are important, and we can work together on this.	support accountability.
Fort Albany First Nation	Will any of the proposed road alignments align with the existing winter road networks? Do any of the winter roads have permits and/or have undergone Environmental Assessments? Could any of the winter roads be used as a baseline? Will protocols be established for emergencies, such as potential oil spills, for the proposed road projects?	The Ministry of Mines (MINES) responded that the roads have been proposed multiple times by Marten Falls First Nation which is how the MFCAR discussions began. In the past, a road was rejected because the community did not want mine traffic travelling through Marten Falls First Nations community on their winter road, and they needed to move the winter road to higher ground. In 2010-2011, there was a corridor cut with permits using the winter road, but it was not feasible to build. There are currently winter roads on the ground which have been permitted although there need to be improvements at water crossings and some rerouting was required. MINES discussed how these winter roads went through the Class EA process with the Ministry of Natural	Thank you for sharing this information. The proponents note that as part of the EA/IA process, each of the road Projects are considering different ways to carry out the work. This includes identifying and assessing alternative routes and temporary infrastructure needed for construction. The alternative routes for each road Project are listed in their respective Terms of Reference and include information on the current winter roads and how the preferred routes will be chosen. The EA/IA process for each road Project will also identify alternative temporary infrastructure, such as quarries, borrow areas, and aggregate source areas, to support construction. It will also include mitigation measures like emergency response plans and protocols. The proponents welcome the chance to receive information on the effectiveness of

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		Resources (MNR) on the rerouting. In terms of response to potential emergencies, there are standards that have to be met (e.g., have spill kits available at certain distance intervals to address potential oil spills on the river) and standard best management practices that are implemented on road systems, would apply. The EA would be reviewed to make sure that proper protocols are met. MNR responded that they do not have tenure associated with the winter roads, so no land use permit is required. However, an EA and other permits are required for new winter roads.	these mitigation measures for the winter roads and community views on follow-up and monitoring plans and look forward to identifying and supporting opportunities for developing these measures and plans with communities. The proponents note that during the planning and design phases for each road Project, changes to the Project design are expected based on information shared by potentially affected communities.
Attawapiskat First Nation (community member)	Noted that they were not representing Attawapiskat. Representatives from Kashechewan First Nation and Fort Albany First Nation were not present at the Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum and they will be impacted. It is important for government representatives to visit each of the five affected Mushkegowuk communities to provide information and learn about communities at the grass roots level. It is important for Elders and youth to be included in discussions. When the Elders signed the treaties, they understood what the signing of these	MINES responded by requesting that communities invite government representatives to visit. Examples of how the Ministry of Mines has reached out to the communities was provided.	Thank you for sharing this information. The proponents appreciate the comments from the community member and look forward to learning more from Attawapiskat First Nation community representatives if they wish to share information on their natural laws through the ongoing consultation and engagement programs for each of the road Projects. The EA/IA for each of the road Projects will look at the potential effects of its respective Project on a variety of criteria including information shared by Indigenous

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	treaties meant - Natural Laws: to respect, to share, to love, and to work together. These Natural Laws are like religions. The Elders in the past knew the Creator and that was the religion. They respected everything around them, did not destroy and they shared everything - they knew how much to kill the animals, etc. The western laws are not Indigenous Laws. They are not Indigenous religion. Always include the youth and Elders so they can combine their understanding and educate as those are the most important people. Future leaders include youth leaders and Elders to combine their thoughts. Natural resource projects that are happening in modern times do not align with the natural laws and religious practices of ancestors which results in miscommunication. In the past, people travelled around and buried those who passed as they travelled. The Victor Mine Project disrupted burial sites and potential contaminated fish habitat.		communities. This community information could include details on their traditional practices and impacts to their activities that may have already occurred, information on mitigation measures and the discussions on their effectiveness, and/or concerns about and comments on follow-up and monitoring programs. This information will be considered in the Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement (EAR/IS) for each road Project. The proponents look forward to identifying and supporting opportunities for developing mitigation measures and follow-up and monitoring plans with communities.
Attawapiskat First Nation (community member)	Language needs to be simplified for people to understand and be able to communicate. It is the coastal communities on the shore of James Bay that are going to be impacted and are the source of the waters that give this area life. They depend on their wildlife, fish, etc.	MINES responded that they work with communities that will allow them to come and share information. There was a meeting in Timmins and a representative from Mushkegowuk was there. They would be happy to go to the James Bay communities to share information but cannot go if	Thank you for sharing this information. The proponents understand that it is important to clearly explain technical information. They are working on highlighting key EA/IA terms and creating easy-to-understand information for translators that will be simple and clear for everyone and will be

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	Example is the De Beers' Victor Mine. There used to be a lot of Caribou there, but they are no longer there. There used to be a sacred burial ground where they dug all the holes. Burial grounds are very sacred and need to be protected. There will be consequences in the future if you disturb sacred things. Years ago, they buried their loved ones while they were travelling. There was no segregation until the government told them this is going to be a family's trapline. There is a reason for everything, even the littlest insect. That little insect has a heart. Even the little rocks that have been there for millions of years. That's why we call it grandfather and it needs to be protected. Community members are not against growth but are concerned, especially about the mining companies as the people who built the Victor mine said the fish wouldn't be impacted but they are not the same. The government needs to keep this in mind and to clearly explain to the people so that they understand.	they are not allowed to by the community. Need to walk hand in hand and are ready to go but need to be invited. IAAC responded that they have reached out to Mushkegowuk communities and that they will continue to reach out. They will try to find a more simplified way to deliver information.	updated for future events and meetings as they become available. The proponents also note that for future events, like the Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo held in June 2024, guidance sought on cultural protocols was followed. Each of the EA/IAs will look at the potential effects of its respective road Project based on a variety of criteria including information shared by Indigenous communities. The proponents appreciate learning about each community's way of life and their approach to development. This information helps include Indigenous Knowledge (IK) in the assessment process. For the road Projects, information shared by communities will be used to determine potential impacts on VCs, which include Indigenous use of lands and resources and Cultural Continuity and Wellbeing. This information shared with each road Project will also help in developing mitigation measures, monitoring programs, and the design of the road Projects. The proponents welcome community views on the importance of certain species, the practice of traditional activities, Indigenous governance, cultural values, the effectiveness of mitigation measures, and thoughts on follow-up and monitoring plans. They look forward to the ongoing consultation and engagement activities that provide opportunities to learn from the communities that might be potentially affected by their respective road Project.

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Attawapiskat First Nation (community member)	Some Indigenous people may feel that they walk between two worlds (i.e., Indigenous and non-Indigenous). Ancestors who signed Treaty 9 would be saddened to see the state of things now. The way to a successful future, including the approval of the three projects is through IBAs and revenue sharing agreements as a means to address concerns. Conditions on reserve, including overcrowded living resulting in a lack of privacy for youth as well as accidental drug overdose. Attawapiskat has already experienced cumulative and residual effects. Attawapiskat is downstream of the mine and the three roads. There will be impacts because of the interconnectedness of these things. Future generations must be considered in terms of cumulative and residual effects. Mothers from the community spoke of the dilemma with the Victor Mine Project. They knew what the impacts would be, but also the need for income to improve conditions for children and grandchildren – so they went for the mine.	The information was recorded by the Project Teams.	Thank you for sharing this information. The proponents appreciate learning about each community's way of life and their approach to development as this information helps to recognize IK in the EA/IA process for each road Project. The proponents welcome community views on potential leftover (residual) and combined (cumulative) effects. While communities discuss their Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and related interests (ATRI) with the Crown, the information they share about Indigenous governance with the proponents will be considered in the assessment process for each of the road Projects. The ongoing consultation and engagement activities for each road Project give the proponents chances to share information and learn more from the communities.
Attawapiskat First Nation (community member)	Definitions need to be provided for cumulative and residual effects. Additionally, an interpreter needs to explain the definitions.	The information was recorded by the Project Teams.	Thank you for sharing this information. The proponents understand that it is important to clearly explain technical information. They are working on highlighting key terms and creating easy-to-understand

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			information for translators to make it simple and clear for everyone. The proponents will update this information for future events and meetings as they become available. The Project Teams also note that for future events, like the Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo held in June 2024, guidance that was provided was followed.
Marten Falls First Nation	Need to condense information in a way communities can understand as big documents are not their way to looking at things. The terms "residual" and "cumulative" were identified as confusing.	The information was recorded by the Project Teams.	The proponents are making sure that information about the Projects is easy to understand. They are creating fact sheets, newsletters, and plain language summaries of important documents. Some key documents are also being translated into local languages. They are working on highlighting key terms and creating easy-to-understand information for translators to make it simple and clear for everyone. Each of the Project Teams will update this information for future events and meetings as they become available. The proponents will keep trying to provide information on each of the road Projects in a simple and clear way whenever possible.
Marten Falls First Nation	It was difficult to see the presentation from where some people were located. What does the term 'valued component' mean? How much can the Rainy River (45 km	MECP responded that there are no requirements in the legislation about cumulative effects; however it is in the EA Guidelines, so there is an expectation that a cumulative effects	Thank you for sharing this information. The EA/IA for each of the road Projects will look at changes to important environmental factors, called Valued Components (VCs).

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	long and crosses the Canadian-US border) take in terms of cumulative effects of all human activity? Are 'cumulative effects' the same as a 'valued component'? What parameters are looked at?	assessment is undertaken. Valued Components (VCs) are broken down into parameters including Valued Components/Criteria and Preliminary Indicators. IAAC recognized that there are a lot of different contributors to cumulative effects, and it can be complicated. When looking at a project level assessment, the main focus is on a project's contribution to the overall effects and how to minimize or avoid contributions. However, if there are other contributors, it is expected that information will be shared on a project-by-project basis and the project's wide range of contributions are looked at and to support the development of appropriate mitigation measures. The aim is to minimize or avoid making the situation worse. If harm cannot be avoided, it is up to the decision-makers to decide whether or not the project makes sense or if there is room for mitigation. Knowing what the concerns are, so that strategies can be developed is important. Efforts should be explored to achieve management objectives. IAAC noted that mitigation will not be left to one proponent to complete.	VCs are organized into different areas such as Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests, Species at Risk, Fish and Fish Habitat, wildlife, Community Health and Wellbeing, cultural heritage, and human health, etc. These factors are important because they are sensitive to change, are of concern, or have cultural or traditional value. They are likely to be affected by a proposed project or its activities. Each Project has its own list of VCs to study and see how the Project might impact them. Preliminary criteria and indicators are used to measure these changes. These criteria and indicator help assess the current condition of a VC without the Project and predict how it might change with the Project. This helps show the difference between the current condition and the expected future condition for each of the road Projects. Cumulative effects are changes to the environment that happen when a project's impacts combine with other past, present, and future activities. The cumulative effects assessment for each road Project looks at leftover effects that might mix with other effects happening at the same time from other activities nearby. Each road Project needs to check for possible cumulative effects and use a method that follows the best practices and the federal guidelines on "*Assessing Cumulative Environmental*

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			Effects" under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012. The proponents will keep talking and collaborating with Indigenous communities to understand the potential cumulative effects that these communities are concerned about.
Marten Falls First Nation	In the past, how was the federal government involved in damming projects in the area (speaking generally about the Treaty 9 area, the Bands of the Albany and Ogoki river)? Does the federal government remain involved in a Project, after it is approved? Specifically, are there any processes or guiding principles in place to guide the actions of the federal government after a Project is approved, in terms of monitoring? As the rivers are drying up along with the Albany River, First Nation's cannot travel like they used to and can't use the rivers to travel. Fish have gone to different areas and leaving for deeper waters, because of the control of the dams. Is this what we have to look forward to with the roads and mines coming up? Does the federal government monitor when they sign off on these things, are they still involved after everything is said and done, and project is finished? All the effects that come in and affect First Nation people. Will there be a guiding principles or damage control?	IAAC responded that through the federal impact assessment (IA) process, there is a requirement for a follow up program. The content of that program is informed by the effects assessment and concerns raised. Mistakes (such as those made in the past) can be avoided with the modern IA process which can include compliance with conditions of approval in follow-up programs. The MECP responded that Provincial conditions of approval, should the Environmental Assessment (EA) be approved, would likely include monitoring/follow-up programs. The long-term requirements for follow-up monitoring depend on the type of EA and permissions compliance approvals that may be applicable. The Event Facilitator responded that every project that undergoes an EA includes a list of commitments. While	Thank you for sharing this information. The EA/IA for each of the road Projects will look at the potential effects of its respective Project on a variety of criteria including information shared by Indigenous communities. This community information could include details on their traditional practices and impacts to their activities that may have already occurred, information on mitigation measures and the discussions on their effectiveness, and/or concerns about and comments on follow-up and monitoring programs. This information will be considered in the EAR/IS for each road Project. Each EA/IA for the individual road will look at the potential effects of the of its Project based on information shared by Indigenous communities amongst other things. This includes details on mitigation measures and monitoring programs gathered through consultation and engagement. The proponents are eager to hear about the effectiveness of mitigation measures and the community's views on follow-up and monitoring plans. This information will be

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		previously, this may have been less rigorous, the process is more rigorous now. Projects change hands as they move through different phases; however, whoever ends up constructing the project is obligated to follow the commitments in the EA like monitoring, or there are penalties.	included in the EAR/IS for each Project. The EA/IA for each of the road Projects will look at the potential effects of its respective Project on a variety of criteria including information shared by Indigenous communities. This community information could include details on their traditional practices and impacts to their activities that may have already occurred, information on mitigation measures and the discussions on their effectiveness, and/or concerns about and comments on follow-up and monitoring programs. This information will be considered in the EAR/IS for each road Project. The proponents look forward to identifying and supporting opportunities for developing mitigation measures and follow-up and monitoring plans with communities.
Marten Falls First Nation	Marten Falls First Nation is open to meeting with people. It is important to speak in way that is inclusive, so that everyone can understand the concepts that are being communicated. Reciprocal understanding is important	The Project Teams responded that they try very hard to use plain language. Part of the challenge is knowing when to use plain language and when not to.	The proponents noted that for future events where possible plain language will be used as well as translated information where available. The proponents welcome any feedback the communities would like to share on their preferred way of sharing information.
Webequie First Nation	Plain language is a must going forward. There were concerns by several participants during the Cumulative Effects session as to what 'residual', 'cumulative effects', and 'valued component' actually mean. Need to come up with more understandable	MFCAR Project Team responded that there were challenges in being able to see the material included in the presentation; however, the material that was included seemed informative. Examples of VCs from a practical perspective were provided.	Thank you for sharing this information. The proponents understand that it is important to clearly explain technical information. They are working on highlighting key EA/IA terms and creating easy-to-understand information for translators to

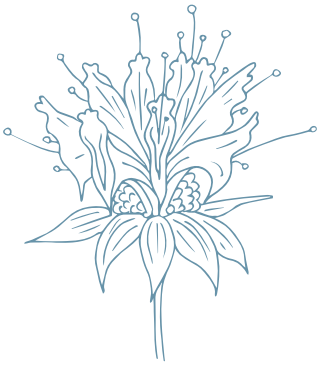
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	terms especially for residual. The Project Teams also must consider how these definitions are translated via the interpreter. The terminology and language used in the presentations was challenging to understand. English is the second language of many people attending the Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum.		make it simple and clear for everyone. The Project Team will update this information for future events and meetings as they become available.
Webequie First Nation	Webequie First Nation is the last community on the winter road network. For the Winter Road network, every spring we have a maximum 4-week window opportunity to get supplies in. We are at the mercy of the weather, as well as climate change. There are many challenges for the community related to seasonal access: climate change impacting the integrity of the winter road and the predictability of being able to move supplies; and alcohol and drugs moving into the community. Every year when the winter road opens, we experience a social crisis - influx of things like alcohol and drugs come into the community. There are concerns that the winter road already brings in drugs and alcohol to the communities. The all-season road may become a gateway and would cause a social crisis for the community. There is a need to be proactive in terms of the services that can/should be provided related to drugs and alcohol of those affected.	MECP responded that the process of cumulative effects assessment is not regulated in the provincial legislation, however, there is an expectation that a cumulative effects assessment will be conducted provincially, and this is stated in the EA guidance document. Cumulative effects are identified as concerns based on the information provided by communities and the assessment is done at the VC level. IAAC recognized that there are a lot of different contributors to cumulative effects, and it can be complicated. When looking at a project level assessment, the main focus is on a project's contribution to the overall effects and how to minimize or avoid contributions. However, if there are other contributors, it is expected that information will be shared on a project-by-project basis and the project's wide range of contributions are looked at and to support the	Thank you for sharing this information. The proponents of each of the road Projects are eager to hear any information that Webequie First Nation community members want to share. They look forward to learning more through the ongoing consultation and engagement programs for each road Project. The Project Teams will look at the combined impacts (like increased access and social issues) from the proposed road Projects along with other projects (such as mining, transmission lines, winter roads, and rail transload facilities) through the cumulative effects assessment for each Project. As outlined in the approved ToR and the TISGs for each road Project, the EA/IA will include a cumulative effects assessment. This will consider other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable projects and activities in the region and their potential combined effects with the Project.

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	In regard to cumulative effects, there are some assumptions made. Cumulative effects based on seasonal access to the community, need to be considered. Through engagement, community members have expressed concern about drugs and alcohol contributing to social crisis within the community. Cumulative effects are not a new concept for Indigenous peoples. For example, First Nations speaking English, lack of appropriate housing and healthcare, and government decisions, are all examples of cumulative effects. Cumulative effects need to consider history and residual effects need to consider impacts to culture.	development of appropriate mitigation measures. If there is a VC and a lot of projects could affect that VC, in a project level assessment would aim to minimize or avoid making the situation worse. If harm cannot be avoided, it is up to the decision-makers to decide whether or not the project makes sense or if there is room for mitigation. It is important to know what the concerns are, so that strategies can be developed.	

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WHY ARE WE HERE?

As the Proponent, we want to hear directly from Indigenous Communities so that we can better understand your Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests within the Project Area.

By understanding your Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests within the Project Area, we are better positioned to have conversations with you about potential Project impacts.

Together, we can then look at ways of avoiding, mitigating or reducing potential impacts and enhancing potential opportunities to support your Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests.

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CREATING A RESPECTFUL, CULTURALLY-SENSITIVE AND COLLABORATIVE SPACE

These are initial conversations

We know that you will need time to think, reflect and discuss with other community members on what else you want to share with us regarding your Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests.

This is a co-learning session

We are here to listen and learn from you. We are here to share information with you so that you can learn more about the Project.

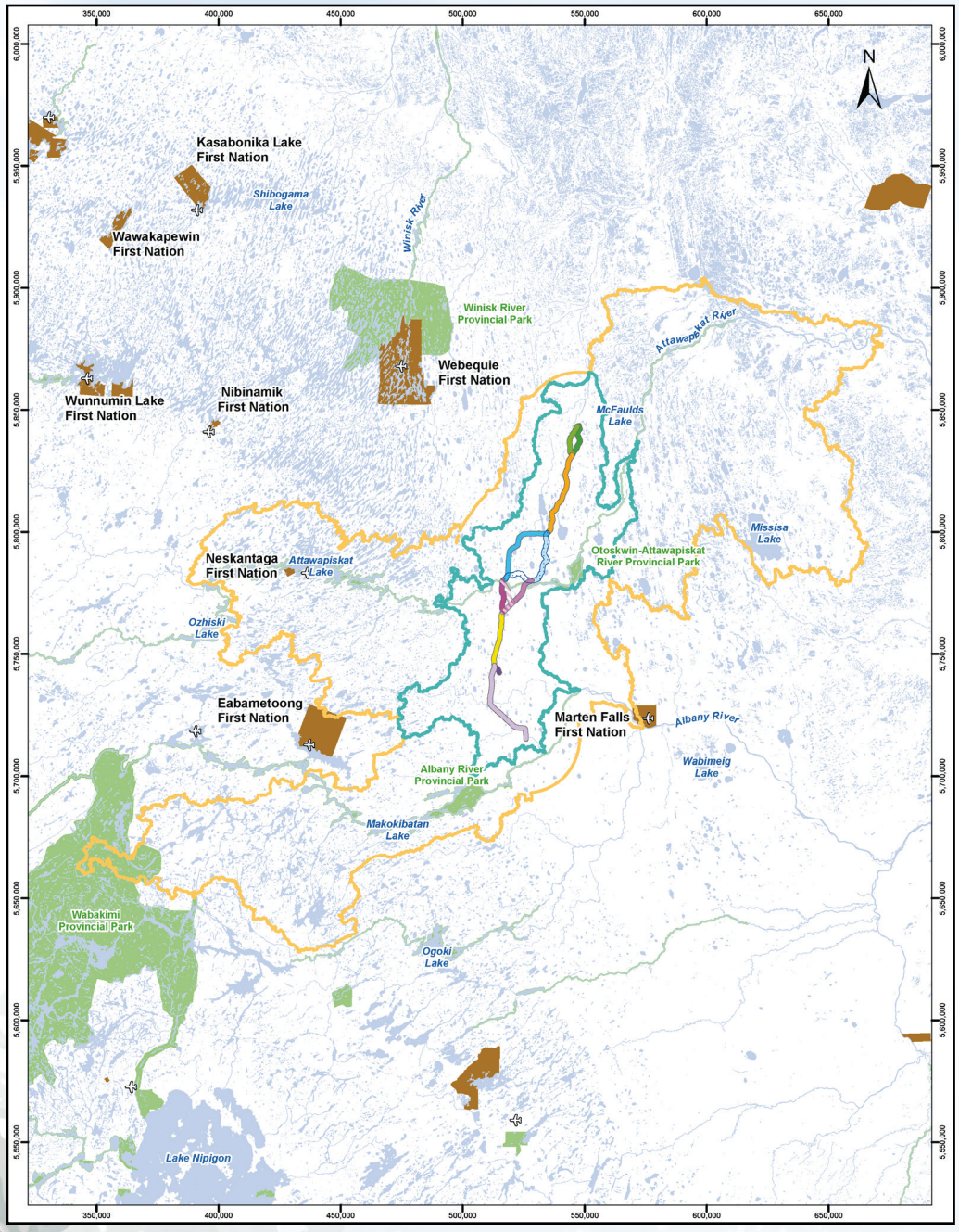
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ABORIGINAL AND TREATY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS CONNECTED TO THE PROJECT

We have a set of maps to help identify the Project Area, including the Local Study Area and Regional Study Area for us to understand how your rights and interests are exercised in these areas.



Legend:

Corridor Alternatives

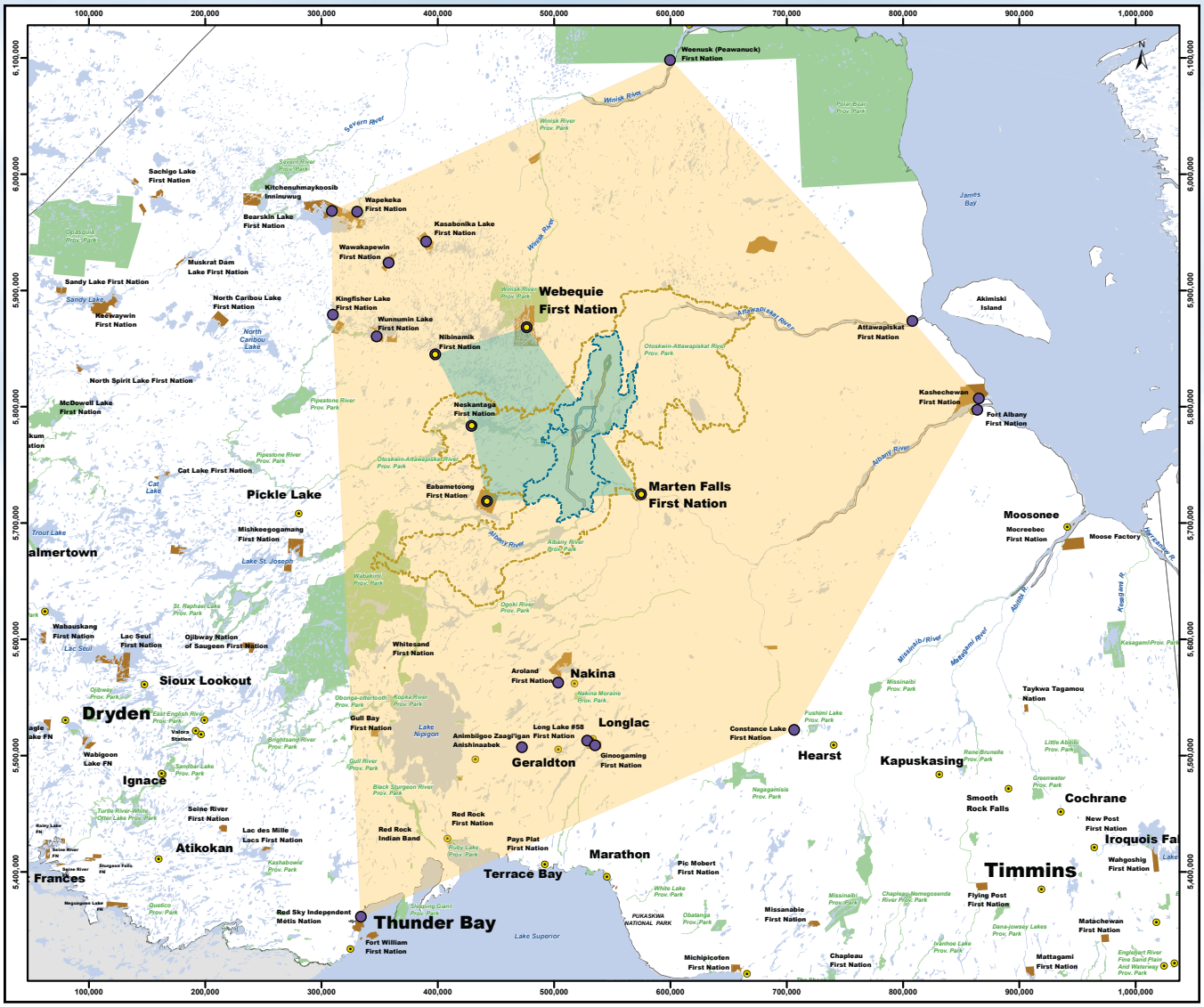
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- First Nation Reserve
- Provincial Park
- Waterbody
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Northern Road Link

Preliminary and Revised Study Areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests - Indigenous Use of Lands and Resources VC

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Corridor Alternatives

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NRL Northern Road Link

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We are not here to collect Indigenous Knowledge - that will be guided by the Indigenous Knowledge Program.

FOR DISCUSSION

One way we may want to talk about your Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests within the Project area would be to think about them in connection with:

Land and Resource Use



a. Hunting
b. Fishing
c. Trapping
d. Harvesting

Cultural Continuity and Practice



a. Special places and important sites where culture is practiced and taught
b. Sacred sites
c. Plants and animals, or environmental features associated with cultural practice

Travel



a. Important travel routes
b. Access to important sites

Economy



a. Areas of traditional economic activity (trade routes; trapping areas, etc.)
b. Species of economic significance (historical and contemporary)

Caring for Nature



a. Traditional environmental management systems and practices

Are there other Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests in the Project area that you would like to share and discuss with us?

Next Steps:

Confirm any information that was provided by your community at this Forum. As requested, set up follow up meetings to continue the conversation on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests.

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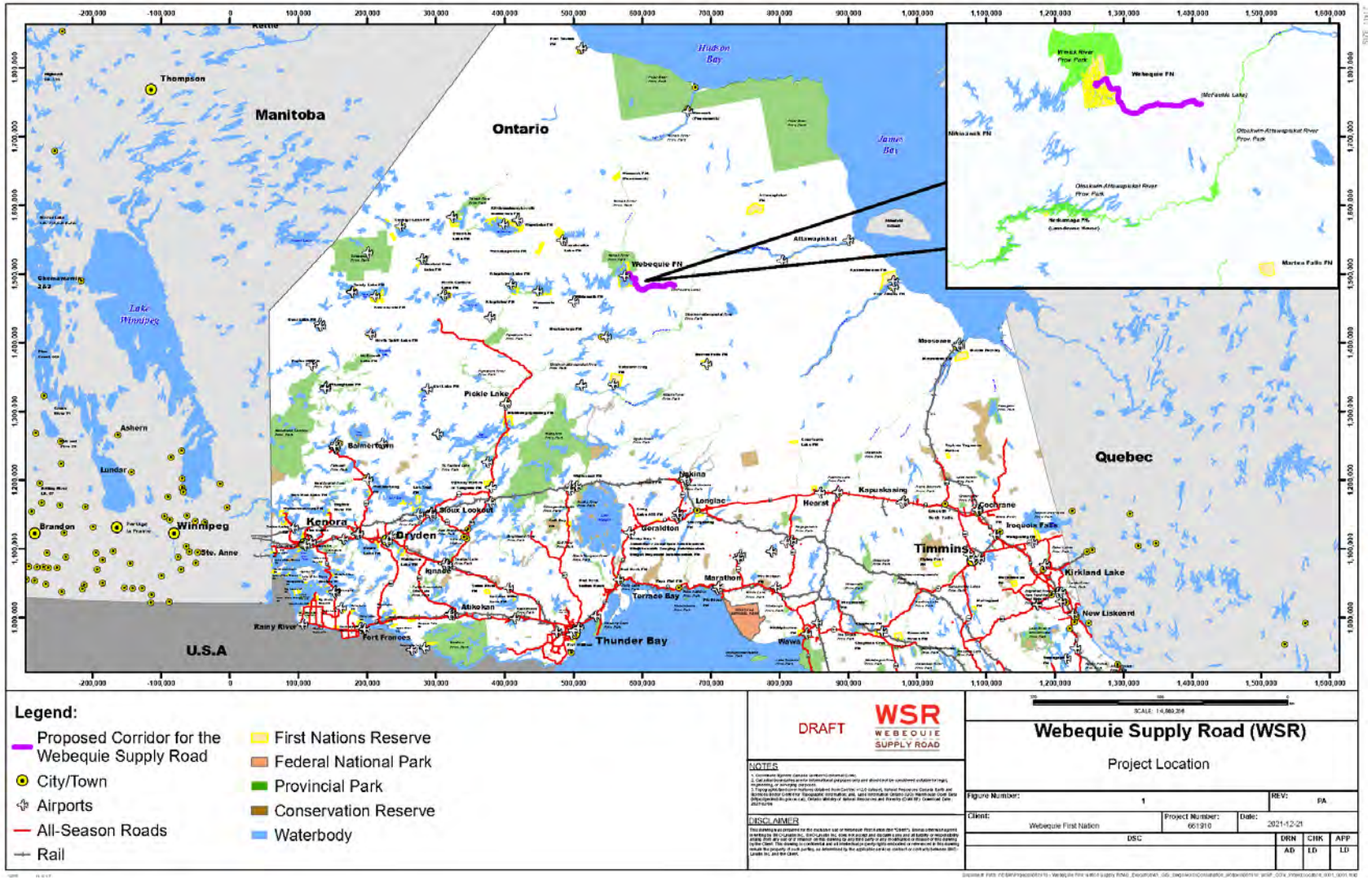
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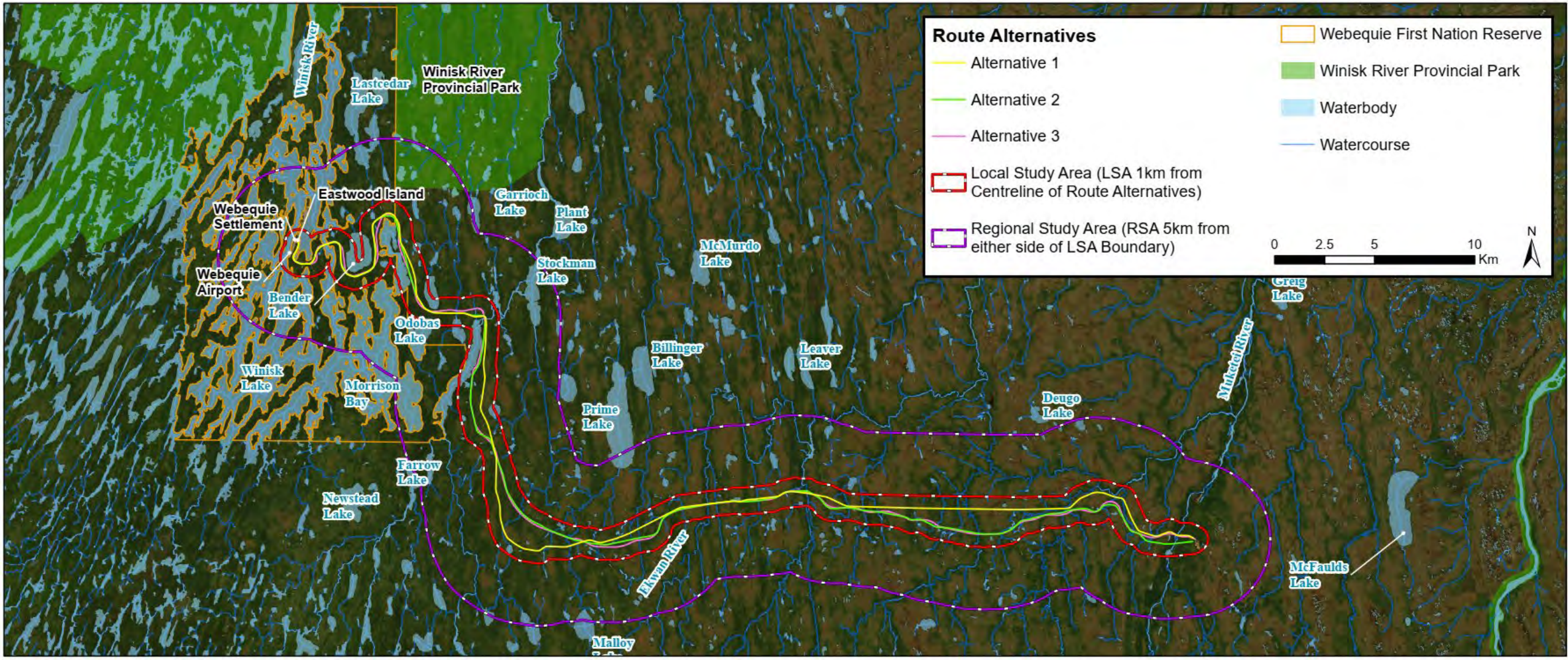
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PROJECT LOCATION



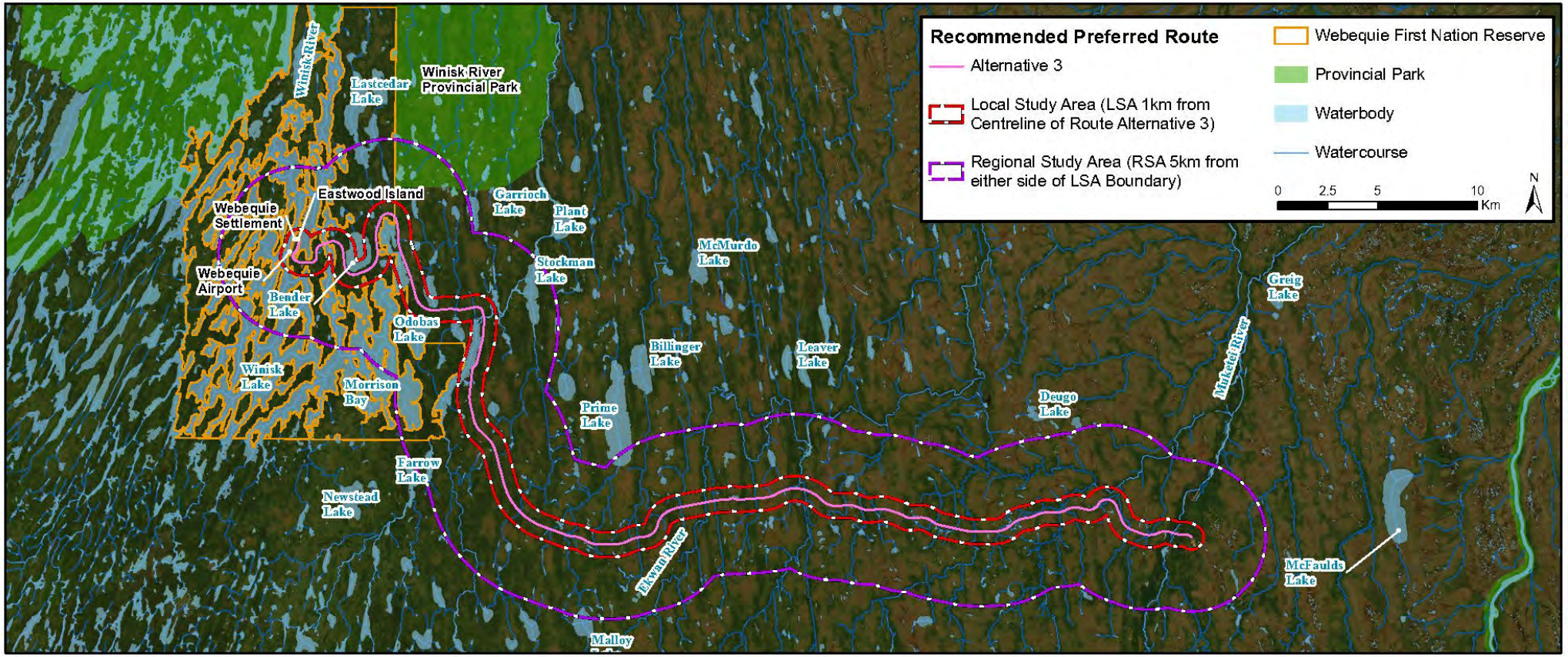
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ALTERNATIVE ROUTES IN THE PREFERRED CORRIDOR



RECOMMENDED PREFERRED ROUTE

Based on the evaluation of 3 alternatives routes using a multi-factor analysis, Alternative Route 3 is recommended as the preferred alternative for the WSR



WSR
WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

ALTERNATIVES FOR SUPPORTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

The evaluation of alternative locations for supportive infrastructure includes

- Aggregate/Rock Source Areas (Pits/Quarries)
- Access Roads
- Construction Camps with Storage/Laydown Areas for Equipment & Materials

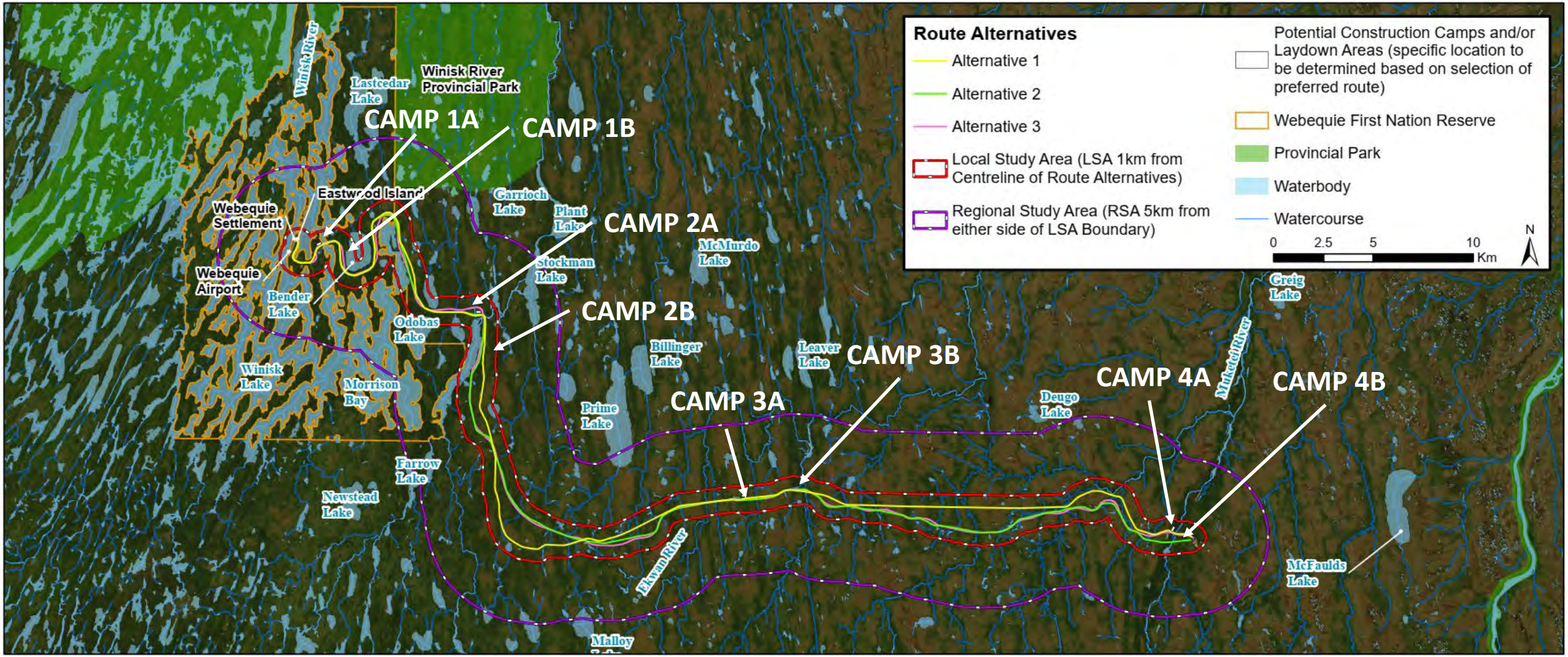




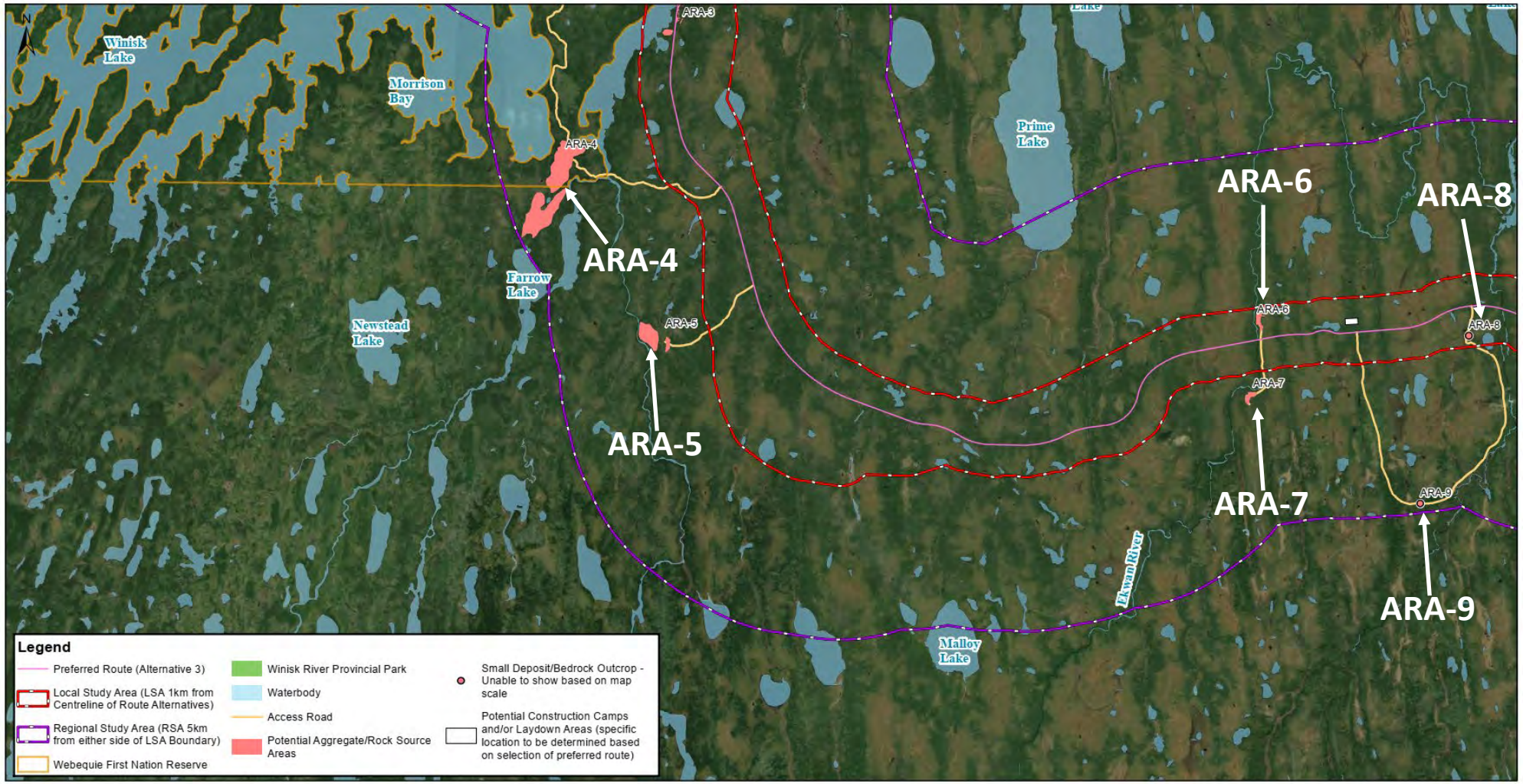


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POTENTIAL CONSTRUCTION CAMP LOCATIONS



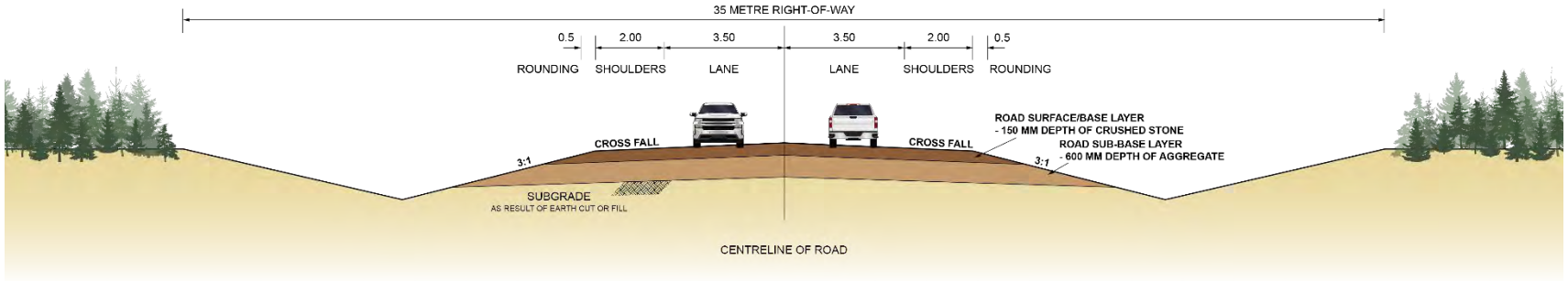
POTENTIAL AGGREGATE SOURCE AREAS (WEST-CENTRAL)



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ROAD FOUNDATION DESIGN

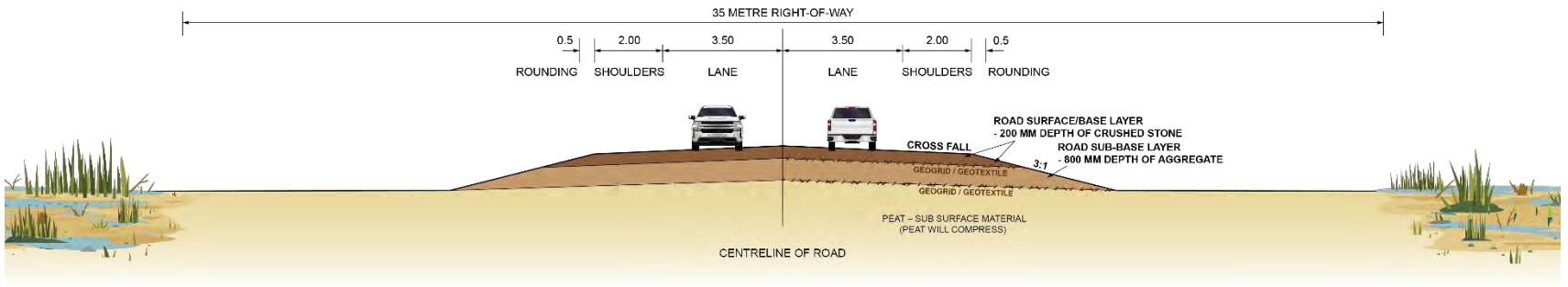
The road will have a surface layer/base layer and sub-base layer with various size of gravel/aggregate for each layer



WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

UPLAND AREA (NORTH-SOUTH SECTION)

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LOWLAND AREA (EAST-WEST SECTION)

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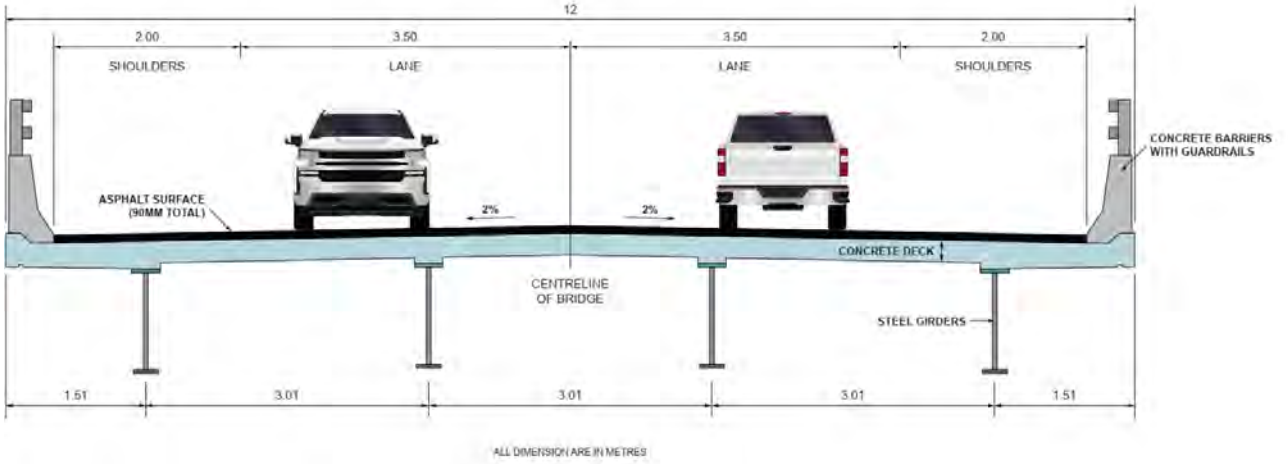
WATERCOURSE CROSSINGS - BRIDGES

The type of bridge proposed at 5 water crossings is a Composite Steel-Concrete Bridge

- Consists of foundations, abutments and piers that support steel girders, concrete deck and side barrier walls



Typical bridge proposed for WSR



View of Bridge Deck

WSR
WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

WINISK LAKE CROSSING

BEFORE



AFTER



WSR
WEBEQUIE
SUPPLY ROAD

NEXT STEPS

WE ARE HERE NOW

- Consultation Round 2 - Receive feedback to finalize evaluation of alternatives and selection of preferred route and location of supportive infrastructure
- Continue efforts to finalize baseline studies
- Continue efforts to receive Indigenous Knowledge and Land and Resource Use Information

WINTER/SUMMER 2024

Round 3 will focus on the findings of the preliminary effects assessment, including mitigation and follow-up monitoring programs, and will include information such as:

- Results of Rounds 1 and 2– what we heard and how we addressed comments/concerns
- Preliminary effects analyses, including cumulative effects
- Proposed environmental protection measures and mitigations; and recommended follow-up/monitoring programs

› Next steps in EA/IA process

WINTER 2025/ SPRING 2026

- Review of Draft and Final EAR / IS

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WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

Boozhoo! / Wachiye! Welcome!

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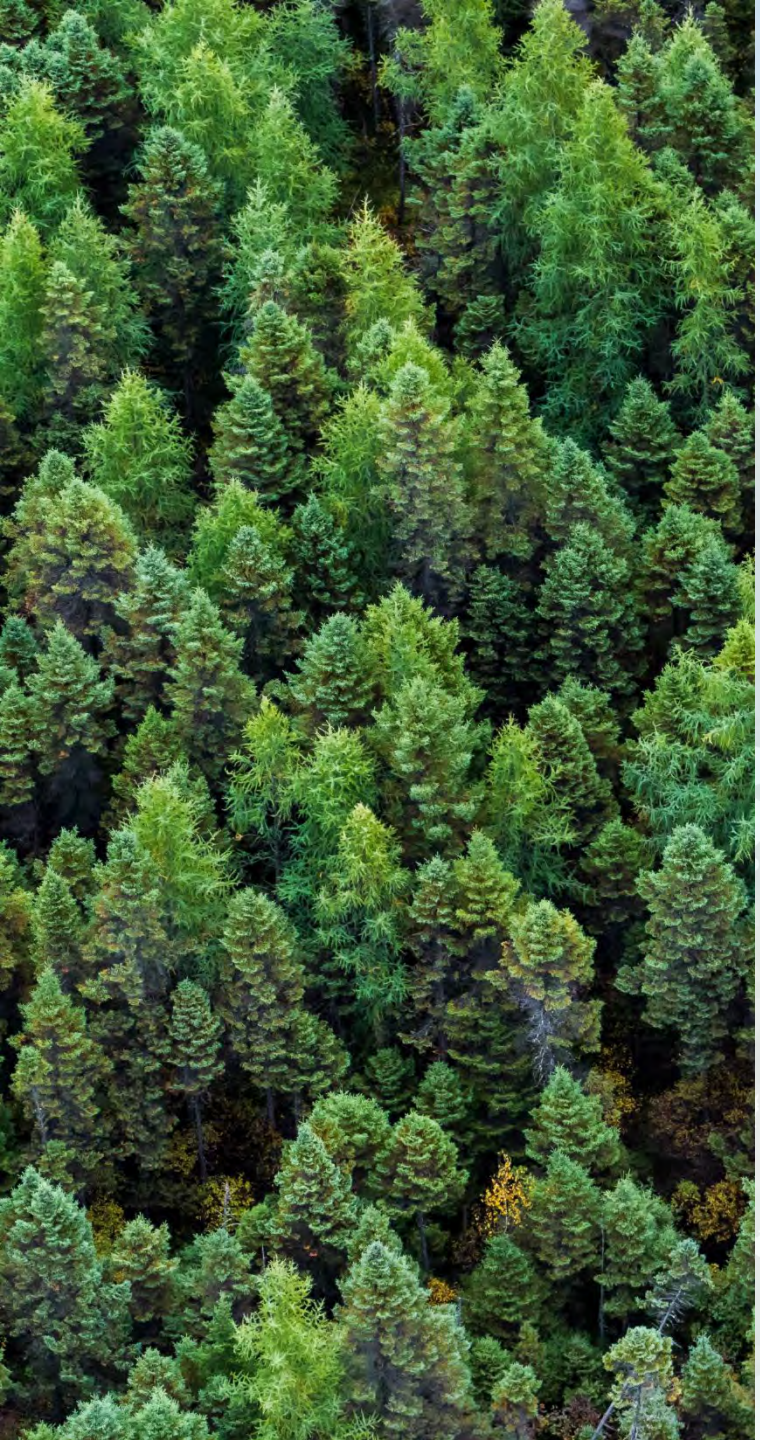
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Opening Ceremony



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Introductions

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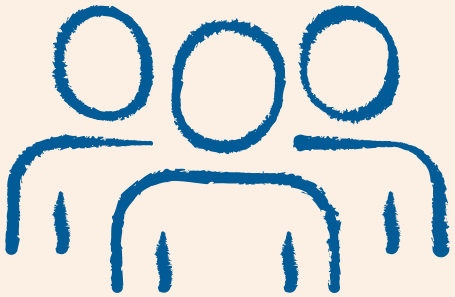


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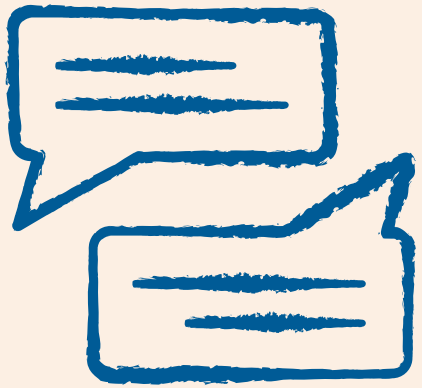


Why are We Here?
Forum Purpose & Objectives

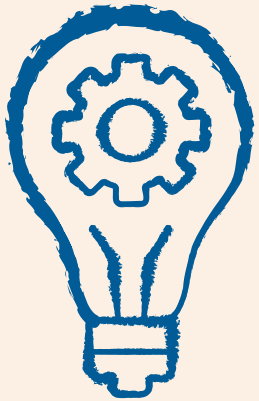
Building Relationships



Create an occasion to meet face-to-face



Provide an opportunity to ask questions and engage in conversations about the Projects



Provide space to listen and learn from each other

Creating a Collaborative Space







Ongoing Conversations

Co-learning

Confidential Space

Understanding Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests – Days 1 & 2



Developing and sharing our current understanding of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests asserted by each community within each distinct Project area



Understanding and Confirming Rights and Interests will help us in future discussions about potential Project(s) impacts



Collaborating to avoid, reduce or mitigate potential impacts while enhancing potential positive impacts to support Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interest

Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Assessment – Role of the Proponent

The **Proponents –** Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation – are ***required*** to assess the potential project impacts to Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests as part of the assessment process.



Developing Our Understanding

We are developing our understanding of Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests through:

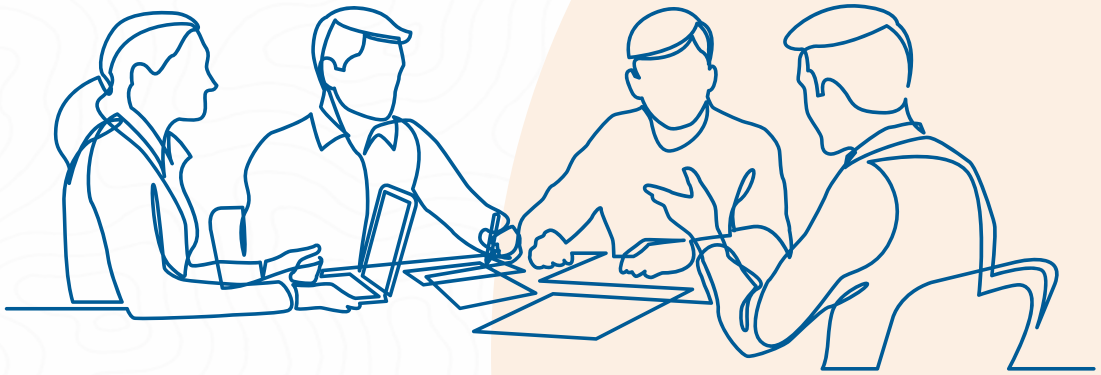
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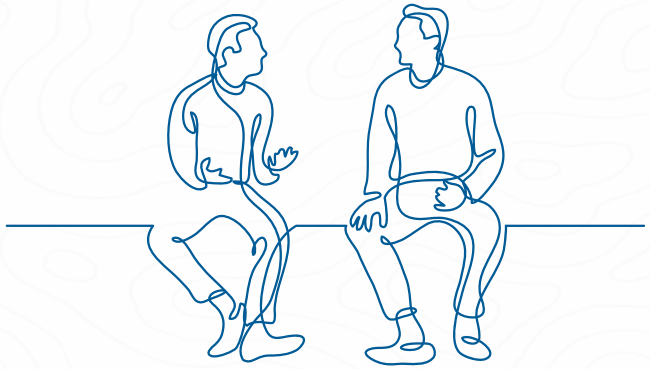
2. Research and literature review of publicly available information



Sharing Our Current Understanding

Breakout Rooms

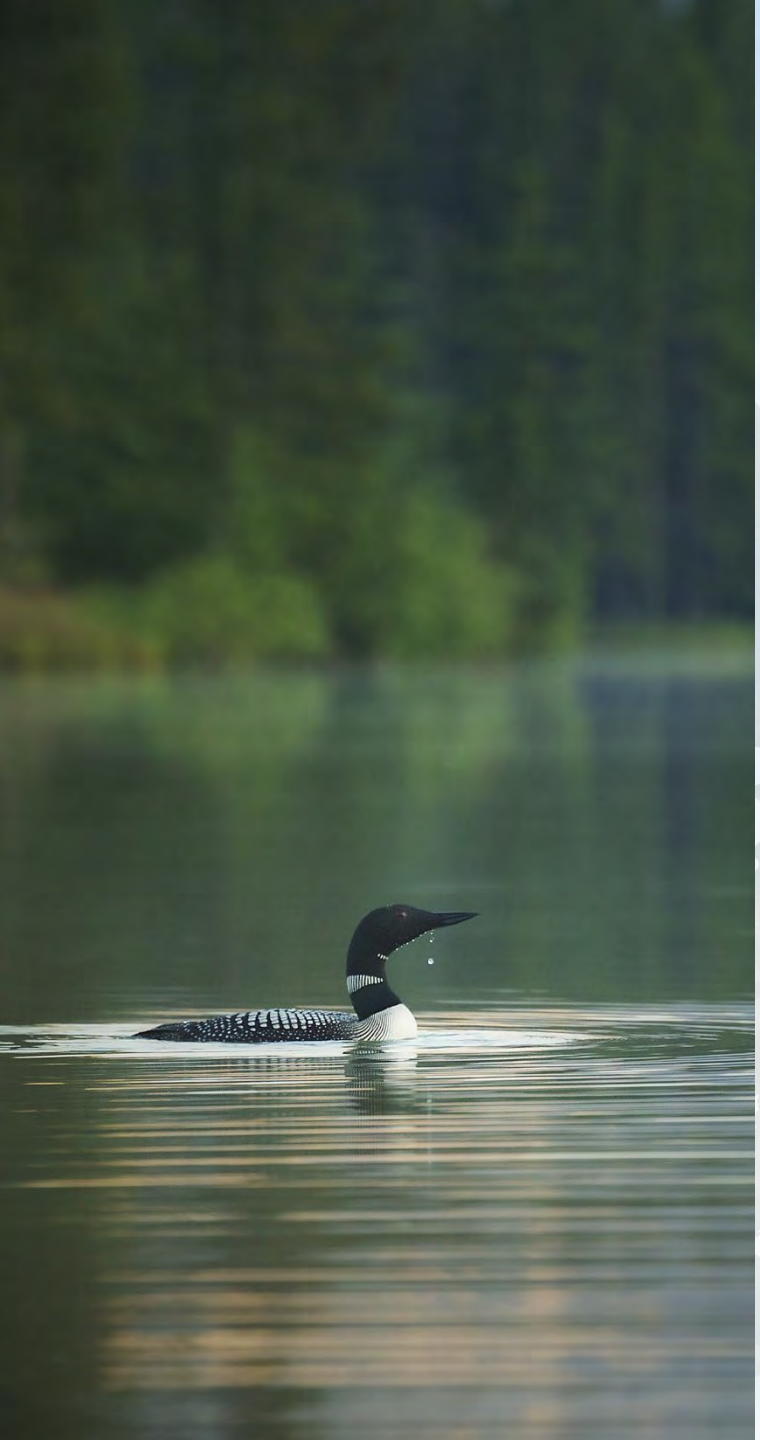




Cumulative Effects Discussion – Day 3

- To obtain a shared understanding of cumulative effects and cumulative effects assessment process.
- To have an open discussion to seek feedback, gather insights with attendees on cumulative effects in the context of the three separate road projects.





Agenda Overview

Forum Agenda



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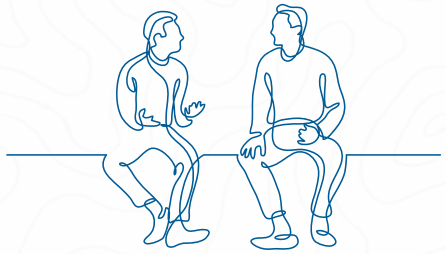
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How Does the Forum Work?

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS SIGN UP SHEET

Please register your community for an individual Breakout Session!

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10:30 – 12:00				
Contact Name and Phone Number				
1:00 – 2:30				
Contact Name and Phone Number				
2:30 – 4:00				
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PARTICIPANT SIGN IN SHEET

Name of Participant	Role	Email	Telephone Number

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Project Overviews

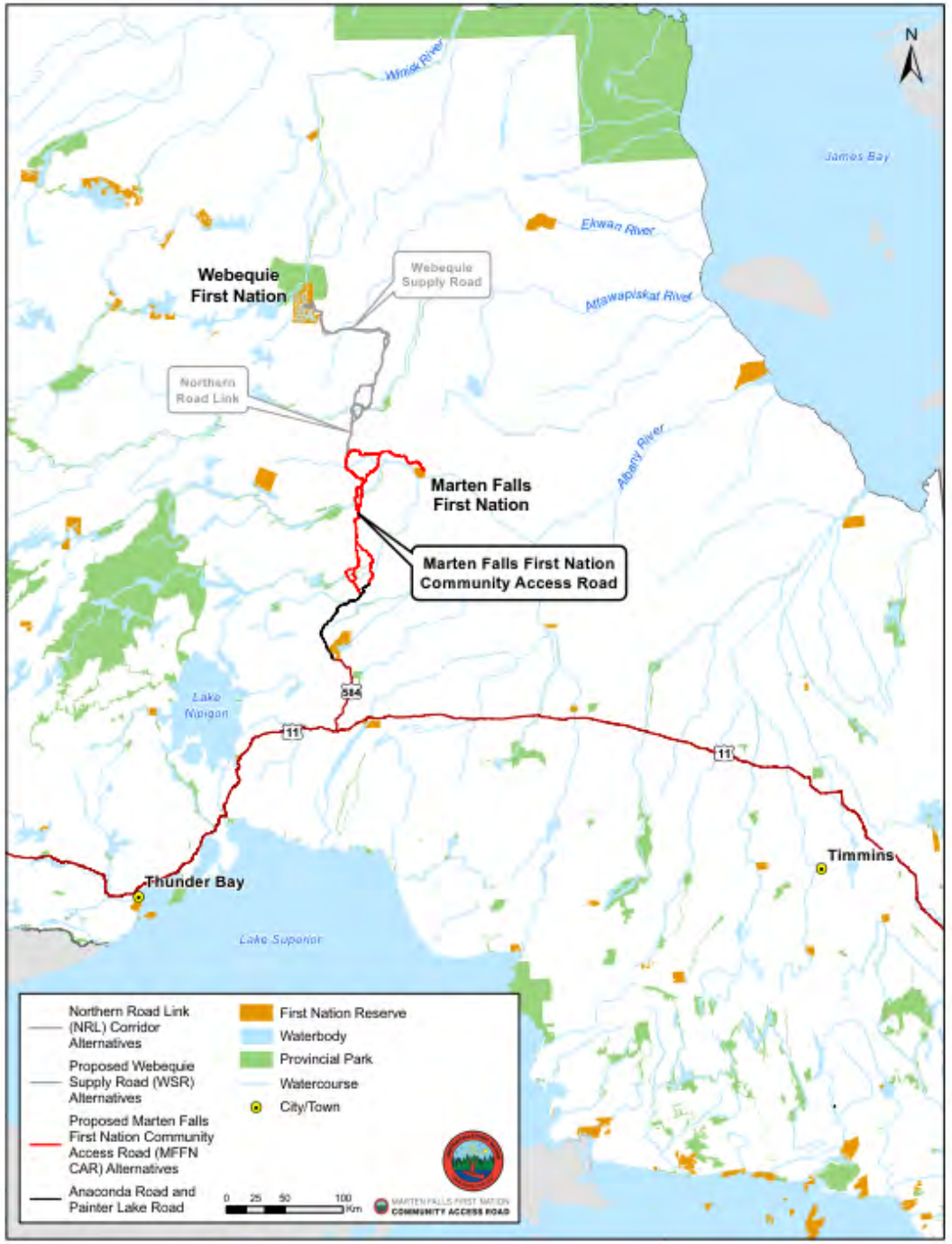
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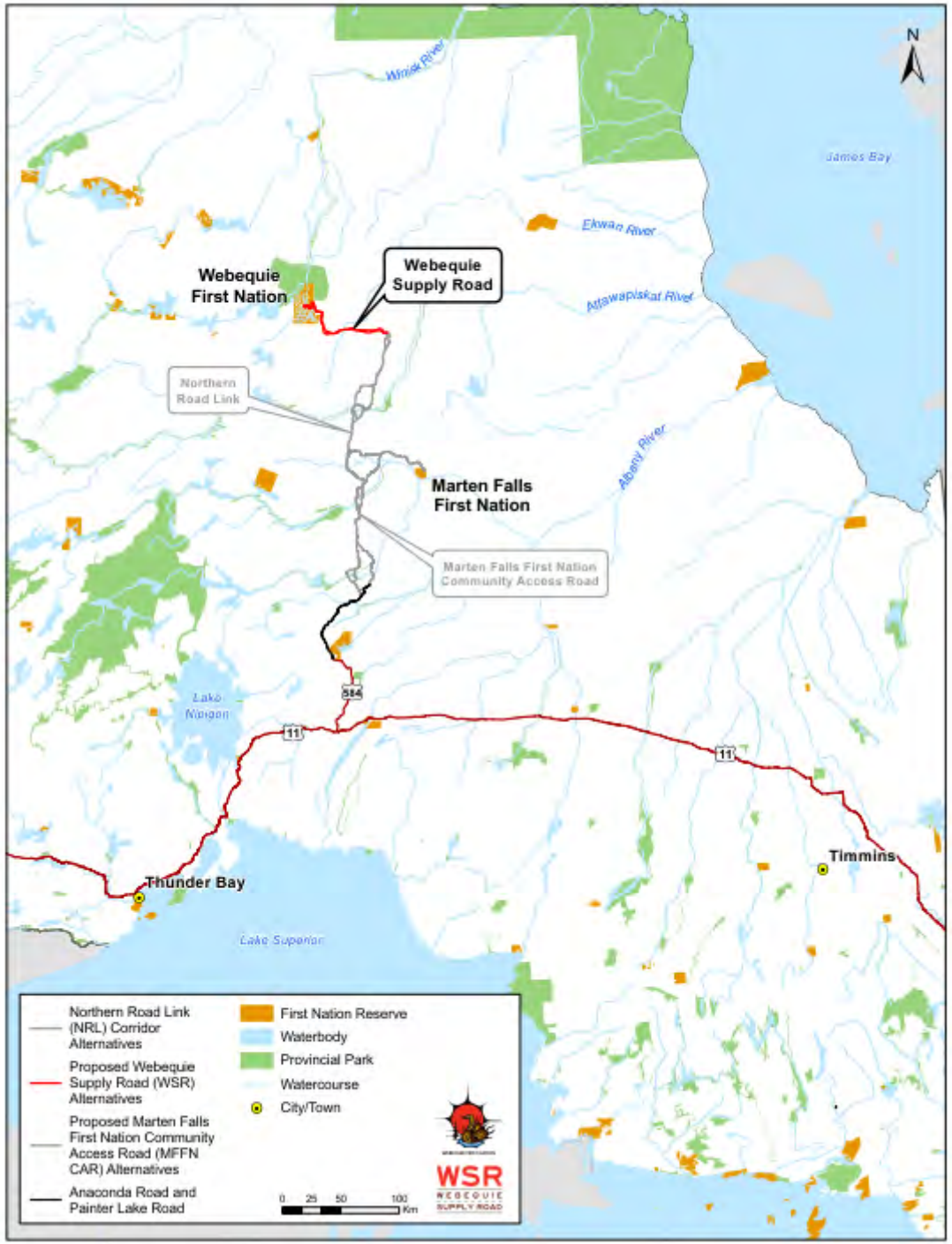
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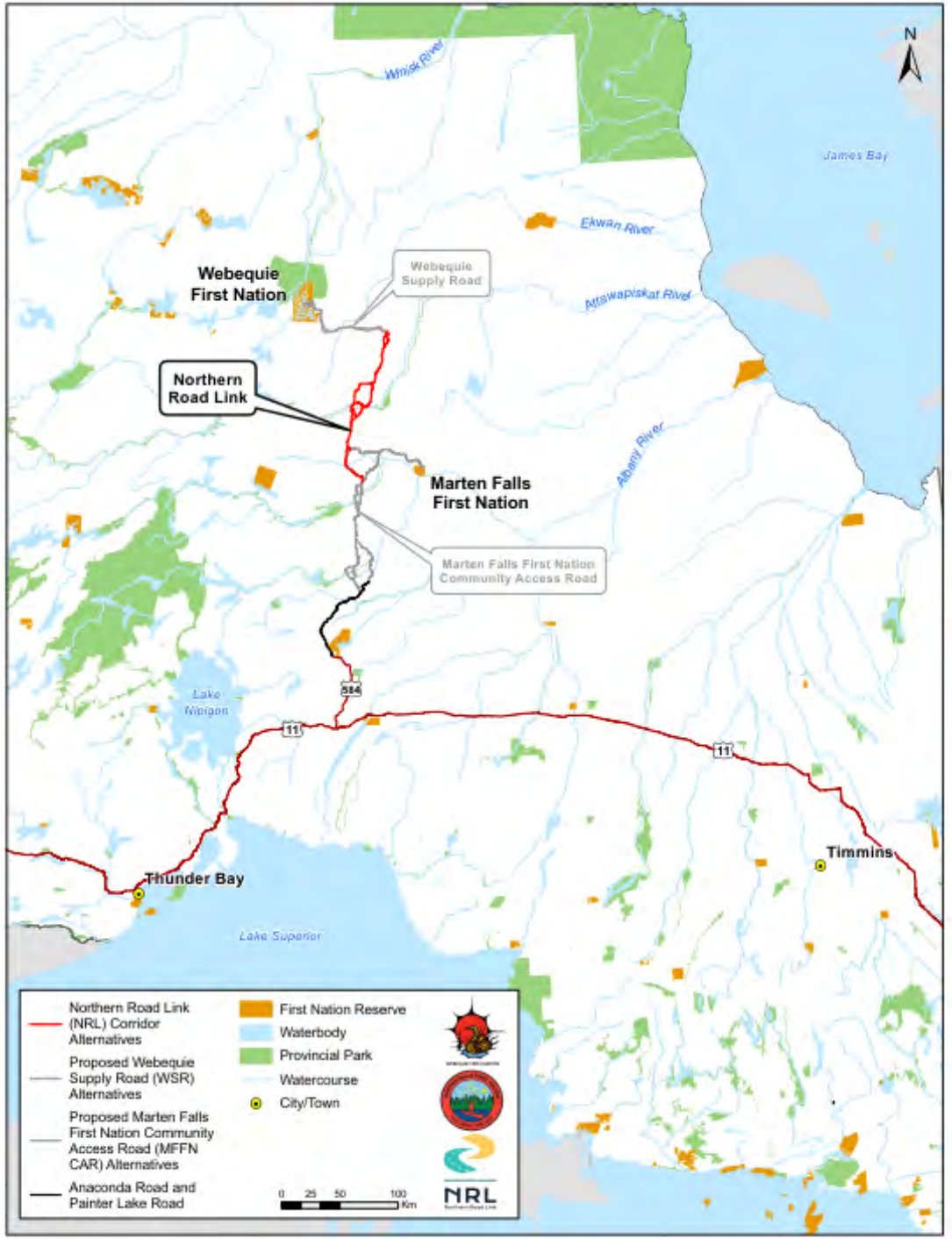
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Q & A


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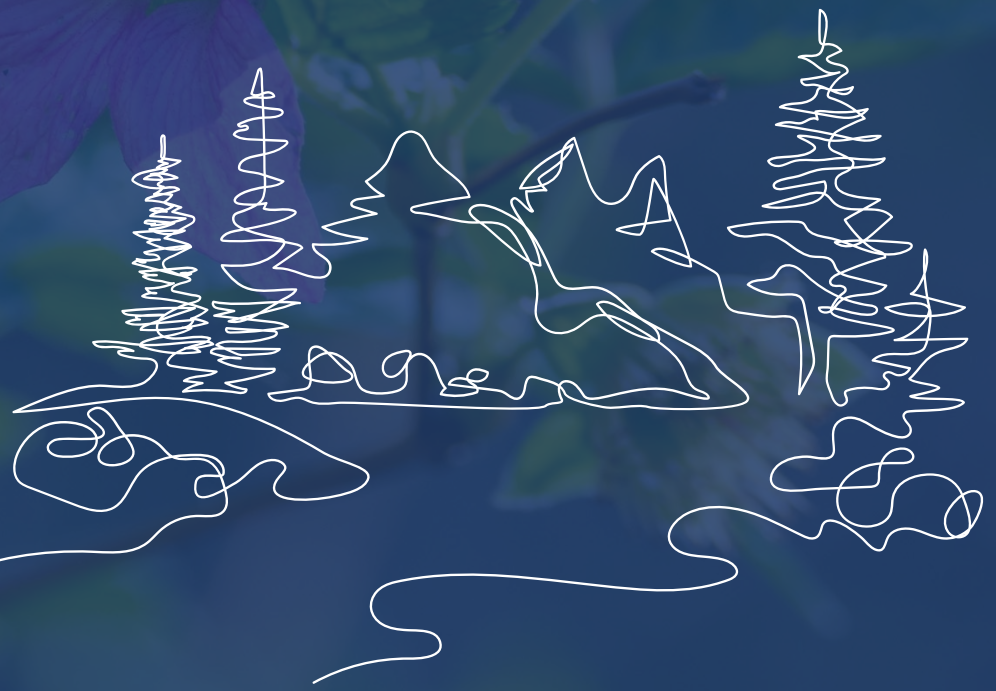
Breakout Sessions & Plenary Room: Fireside Chats / Project Updates with Q&A




Lunch Break

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MFCAR Project Update



Wellness/Relaxation Activity with Body Mind Centre



WSR Project Update

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NRL Project Update




Break time

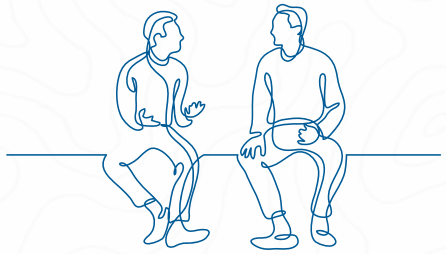
Dinner & A Movie!

Bridges to the North – a Story about Webequie and Marten Falls First Nations




Day Two
Morning Greeting!

Breakout Sessions and Plenary Room



Breakout Sessions

Representatives from NRL, MFFN CAR, WSR, and the Province with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, are each hosting separate meeting spaces for individual community representatives to discuss Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests related to each Project.



Plenary/Group Sessions

Participants not in a Breakout Session, we will be hosting a series of presentations and activities in the main Forum area.

Ontario

Province (MNRF) - Far North District and Land Use Planning Overview



NRL Project Update



Wellness/Relaxation Activity with Body Mind Centre




Lunch Break!

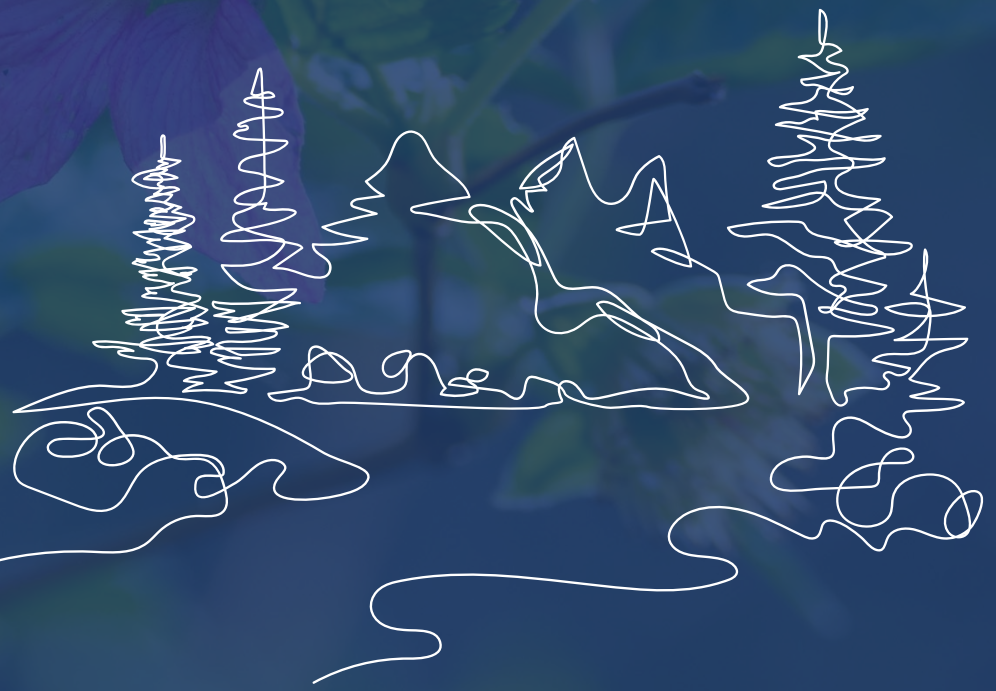
Ontario

Province (MECP & MINES) - Environmental Assessment Process and Consultation Approach



MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
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MFCAR Project Update



Wellness/Relaxation Activity with Body Mind Centre



WSR Project Update

WSR
WEBEQUIE
SUPPLY ROAD




Day Three
Morning Greeting!



Cumulative Effects Overview

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

NRL
Northern Road Link

WSR
WEBEQUIE
SUPPLY ROAD

Cumulative Effects Assessment Overview



Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

ASSESSING POTENTIAL CUMULATIVE EFFECTS OF A PROJECT FOR FEDERAL ASSESSMENTS

ATRI SESSION – DAY 3, THUNDER BAY

NOVEMBER 23, 2023


Q & A


Break time

Roundtable Discussion on Cumulative Effects



Closing Forum Comments & Lunch

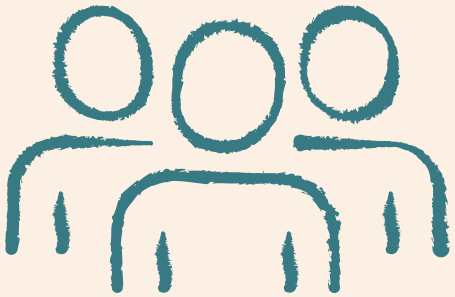




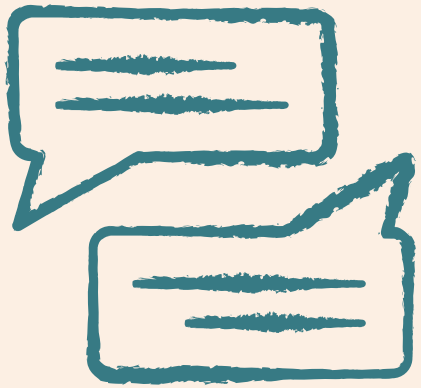
Why are We Here?

Forum Purpose & Objectives

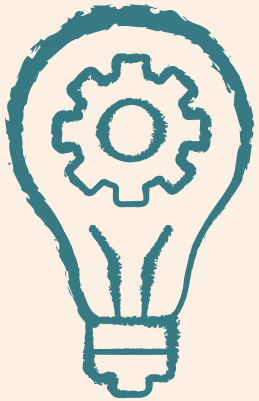
Building Relationships



Create an occasion to meet face-to-face



Provide an opportunity to ask questions and engage in conversations about the Projects



Provide space to listen and learn from each other

Creating a Collaborative Space







Ongoing Conversations

Co-learning

Confidential Space

Understanding Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests – Days 1 & 2



Developing and sharing our current understanding of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests asserted by each community within each distinct Project area



Understanding and Confirming Rights and Interests will help us in future discussions about potential Project(s) impacts



Collaborating to avoid, reduce or mitigate potential impacts while enhancing potential positive impacts to support Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interest

Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Assessment – Role of the Proponent

The **Proponents –** Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation – are ***required*** to assess the potential project impacts to Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests as part of the assessment process.



Developing Our Understanding

We are developing our understanding of Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests through:

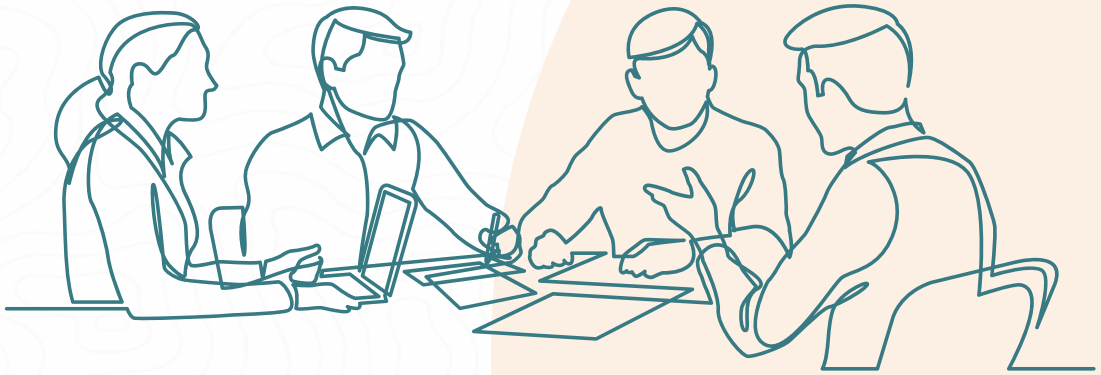
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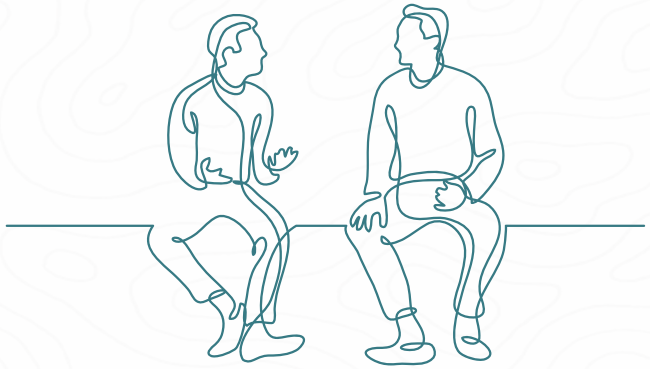
2. Research and literature review of publicly available information



Sharing Our Current Understanding

Breakout Rooms





Cumulative Effects Discussion – Day 3

- To obtain a shared understanding of cumulative effects and cumulative effects assessment process.
- To have an open discussion to seek feedback, gather insights with attendees on cumulative effects in the context of the three separate road projects.



Three Road Project and Expo #2

Report and Materials



THREE ROAD PROJECTS GATHERING & EXPO

Thunder Bay, ON - February 19-20, 2025
Timmins, ON - February 24-25, 2025

July 18, 2025

WSR WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

NRL Northern Road Link

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Acronyms, Abbreviations, Definitions

An abbreviation and an acronym are both shortened versions of something else. Both can often be represented as a series of letters. Many people are unable to tell the difference between an abbreviation and an acronym.

NRL	The Northern Link Road
WSR	Webequie Supply Road
MFCAR	Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road
WFN	Webequie First Nation
MFFN	Marten Falls First Nation
EA	Provincial Environmental Assessment
IA	Federal Impact Assessment
EA/IA	Provincial Environmental Assessment / Federal Impact Assessment
EAR/IS	Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement
IK	Indigenous Knowledge
ATRI	Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests
ILRU	Indigenous Land and Resource Use
VCs	Valued Components
LSA	Local Study Area
RSA	Regional Study Area
PF	Project Footprint

Executive Summary

The 2025 Three Roads Project Gathering & Expo successfully took place in Thunder Bay and Timmins, Ontario, on February 19-20 and February 25-26, respectively. These events served as an important platform for project updates, discussions on consultation practices, and the consideration of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests. The gatherings aimed to provide Nations with key updates on the Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR), Northern Road Link (NRL), and Webequie Supply Road (WSR) projects, facilitating productive dialogue and collaboration among participants.

Held at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay and Cedar Meadows & Spa in Timmins, the events featured large gathering rooms and breakout sessions dedicated to each project, ensuring focused and interactive discussions. Attendees, including First Nation representatives, community members, project leads, and consultants, were responsible for booking their own accommodation using existing funds, promoting cost-effective and efficient participation.

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 environmental assessment, wildlife, cumulative effects, and Indigenous Knowledge integration.

The events aimed to achieve multiple objectives, including ensuring that attendees were well-informed about the status and future of each project, emphasizing the importance of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests in decision-making, and promoting ongoing engagement and feedback. The Expo booths facilitated direct interaction with project teams, allowing attendees to ask questions, learn technical details, and provide valuable input on the projects' impacts on local communities.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Overview of the Gathering & Expo

The 2025 Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo took place in Thunder Bay, Ontario on February 19th & 20th and in Timmins, Ontario, on February 25th & 26th. Each event featured large gathering rooms, breakout rooms for each project and Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC). Attendees booked their own accommodations using existing funds. The agenda included project overviews, panel discussions on consultation and Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests, and an Expo with booths for each project and consultation processes. The events aimed to update attendees on project statuses, facilitate discussions on consultation practices, and highlight the importance of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests. Post-event, reports were written and reviewed, with final distribution to communities scheduled for three months later.

1.1.1 Locations and Dates

The Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo 2025 were successfully held at two locations: Thunder Bay and Timmins. The Thunder Bay event took place on February 19-20, 2025, at the Valhalla Inn, providing a well-equipped venue with a large gathering room and multiple breakout rooms. The Timmins event followed on February 25-26, 2025, at Cedar Meadows & Spa, offering similar facilities to accommodate the diverse needs of the attendees. Both locations were chosen for their capacity to host large gatherings and their accessibility for participants. Attendees were responsible for booking their own accommodations using existing funds, ensuring a smooth and organized experience for all involved.

1.1.2 Project Representation

The Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo 2025 showcased comprehensive project representation, ensuring that each initiative was thoroughly covered. Key project leads and subject matter experts provided detailed overviews and updates on the status and future plans of the Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR), Northern Road Link (NRL), and Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Projects.

Representation included:

WSR

ICE (Indigenous and Community Engagement)

- Michael Fox: WSR Project Lead & NRL Project Co-lead, Event Role: Consultation panel
- Serene Spence: Project Support Officer, Event Role: Logistics Coordinator
- McKenna Martinez: Project Data Analyst, Event Role: Runner/Extra Helper/Note taker
- Chris Mckay: Indigenous Engagement and Business Advisor, Event Role: Runner/Extra Helper

- Haley Rice: Engagement and Environmental Coordinator, Event Role: Runner/Extra Helper/Note taker

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- Don Parkinson: Senior Consultation Specialist, Event Role: WSR Project overview & WSR Expo booth
- Jennifer Ashawasegai-Pereira: Senior Indigenous Engagement and Traditional Knowledge Specialist, Event Role: Consultation Panel Moderator/NRL Booth
- Kyla McQuabbie: Indigenous Engagement and Traditional Knowledge Specialist, Event Role: Registration, Microphone runner
- Samantha Noganosh-Mayne: Indigenous Engagement and Traditional Knowledge Specialist, Event Role: Note taker for WSR Booth
- Arlysse Lafreniere-Wuttunee: Indigenous Engagement and Traditional Knowledge Specialist, Event Role: Run of Show
- Mark Knell: Senior Indigenous Engagement and Impact Assessment Specialist, Event Role: ATRI

TheyMedia

- Tony McGuire: A/V, Event Role: A/V
- Adrien Harpelle: A/V, Event Role: A/V

Other

- Stephen Lindley: Senior Project Advisor (WSR), Event Role: Master of Ceremonies, Event Moderator and WSR breakout session

Translators

- Fred Jacob: Live translation (Ojibway), Event Role: Live translation
- Bellamie Bighead: Live translation (Oji-cree), Event Role: Live translation
- Madeline Kioke: Live translation (Cree), Event Role: Live translation

Community Working Group Members

- Bob Baxter: MFCAR, Event Role: ATRI Panel
- Rowena Moonias: MFCAR, Event Role: ATRI Panel, MFCAR Breakout room
- Gord Wabasse: NRL, Event Role: NRL Breakout room
- Lawrence Baxter: MFCAR, Event Role: ATRI Panel
- Roy Wabasse: NRL, Event Role: ATRI Panel

The events featured dedicated breakout rooms for each project, allowing for focused discussions and in-depth exploration of specific topics. Additionally, the Expo booths offered attendees the opportunity to engage directly with Project Teams, provide feedback, ask questions, and gain insights into the technical aspects and community impacts of each project.

Expo Booths:

The Expo booths provided a platform for attendees to interact with Project Teams and explore detailed information on various aspects of the projects.

- WSR Booth: In Thunder Bay, Jennifer Ashawasegai-Pereira, Indigenous Consultation Specialist, was joined by Gord Wabasse, while McKenna Martinez took notes. In Timmins, Jennifer was accompanied by Kate Kuziak, a Social Scientist, with Haley Rice taking notes. This booth provided information on the draft Environment Assessment Report/Impact Statement (EA/IA), cumulative effects assessment, socio-economic impacts, and ATRI.

Breakout Sessions:

The breakout sessions allowed for in-depth discussions on specific topics related to each project. This structured approach ensured that all participants were well-informed and had ample opportunities to contribute to the ongoing development and consultation processes. The events aimed to update attendees on the status of the projects, facilitate discussions on consultation practices, and highlight the importance of the assessment and mitigation of potential impacts on Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights.

WSR: Mark Knell, Senior Indigenous Engagement and Impact Assessment Specialist, and Stephen Lindley, Senior Project Advisor, led the WSR breakout session with Samantha Noganosh taking notes. The session focused on the ATRI process and community-specific assessments, discussing key findings of the EA/IA and engagement options available to provide feedback from the review of the Draft EA/IA.

1.1.3 Goals and Objectives

The Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo 2025 aimed to achieve several key goals and objectives. The primary goal was to provide comprehensive updates on the status and future plans of the MFCAR, WSR, and NRL projects, ensuring that all attendees were well-informed about the progress and upcoming milestones. The events also sought to facilitate meaningful discussions on consultation practices, highlighting the various ways Project Teams have connected with Indigenous communities and the public, and how they will engage in future. By focusing on best practices, barriers faced, and future consultation efforts, the events aimed to enhance community engagement and collaboration.

Additionally, the importance of the assessment and mitigation of potential impacts on Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests was emphasized, with dedicated panels and breakout sessions exploring how these rights influence decision-making in the environmental assessment and impact assessment processes. The Expo booths and breakout sessions provided opportunities for attendees to interact directly with Project Teams, ask questions, and gain insights into the technical aspects and community impacts of each project. Overall, the events were designed to foster a collaborative environment, encourage feedback, and ensure that community-specific issues and concerns were addressed throughout the consultation efforts.

1.1.4 Venue and Format

The Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo 2025 were held at two well-equipped venues to accommodate the diverse needs of the attendees. The first event took place on February 19-20, 2025, at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay, Ontario. This venue featured a large gathering room, three breakout rooms dedicated to each project and a breakout room for government representatives. The second event was held on February 25-26, 2025, at Cedar Meadows & Spa in Timmins, Ontario. Similar to the Thunder Bay venue, Cedar Meadows & Spa provided a large main gathering room, three breakout rooms for each project, and a breakout room for government representatives.

Both venues were chosen for their capacity to host large gatherings and their accessibility for participants. A block of 30 rooms was reserved at each location to accommodate attendees, with each First Nation responsible for booking their own travel and accommodation using existing funds through PFI agreements. This arrangement ensured that all participants had a smooth and organized experience.

The format of the events was designed to facilitate comprehensive updates and meaningful discussions. Each day began with breakfast and opening remarks, followed by project overviews presented by key project leads and subject matter experts. The agenda included panel discussions on consultation practices and Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests, providing insights into best practices, barriers faced, and future consultation efforts. The Expo booths offered attendees the opportunity to engage directly with Project Teams, ask questions, and gain insights into the technical aspects and community impacts of each project. Breakout sessions allowed for focused discussions on specific topics related to each project, ensuring that all participants were well-informed and had ample opportunities to contribute to the ongoing development and consultation processes. The structured approach of the events aimed to update attendees on project statuses, facilitate discussions on consultation practices, and highlight the importance of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests.

1.1.5 Engagement and Participation Techniques

1.1.5.1 Workbooks

Workbooks were distributed to participants to capture thoughts for all sessions and included an agenda and some information about the proposed road Projects. A total of 8 workbooks were collected at the end of the gathering to compile feedback for the purposes of this Report. It was made clear to participants that they did not have to include their names on the workbooks, however, participants were encouraged to identify their affiliation, be it a First Nation, a Provincial Treaty Organization, etc., to help the Project Teams understand the perspective of comments provided. Participants had an opportunity to enter a draw at the end of the event on Day 2 to further incentivize participation. *Please note that due to the gathering in Thunder Bay and Timmins being back-to-back and the number of workbooks received were from both spaces.

1.1.5.2 Passports

Passports were handed out prior to the start of the Expo. Participants were encouraged to visit and speak with Project Team members at each Expo booth before receiving a stamp for their passports. Once the passport was filled with stamps, participants were provided with a ticket for a draw to be held at the end of the event. This strategy was designed to be used as an engagement tool.

1.1.5.3 Project Presentations

During the MFCAR project overview presentation, the MFCAR Project Team provided a summary of the Project covering key aspects such as the EA/IA process, updates on the preferred route, the draft EA/IA review process, valued components and related studies. The Project Team also emphasized the importance of gathering feedback and outlined the next steps in the process.

During the WSR project overview presentation, the WSR Project Team provided a summary of the Project, including the preferred corridor, camp and pit/quarry locations, and engagement and consultation activities undertaken to date. The Project Team also outlined the feedback received to date, the current project status, the decision-making process, next steps following EA/IA approval, the draft EA/IA review and the upcoming timeline/schedule.

During NRL the project overview presentation, the NRL Project Team provided a summary of the Project, including updates on study plans, the proposed eastern crossing of the Attawapiskat River, the alternative corridor and assessment approach, the cumulative effects assessment, and the Indigenous Knowledge/ Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Programs.

1.1.5.4 Panel Discussions

A panel discussion took place which was moderated by Jennifer Ashawasegai-Periera and included Michael Fox, the NRL Project Co-lead & WSR Project Lead and Qasim Saddique, MFCAR Project Lead & the NRL Project Co-Lead. The discussion consisted of an insightful session on the role and purpose of consultation and engagement in projects.

The ATRI Panel, moderated by Stephen Lindley and included Mishal Naseer, Indigenous Relations and Socio-Cultural Lead/ATRI & IK Program, Rowena Moonias, MFCAR Working Group member, and Mark Knell, Senior Indigenous Engagement and Impact Assessment Specialist. The ATRI Panel focused on Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests and how they are considered in each of the Three Road Projects' EA/IA. Project Teams and community representatives shared their perspectives, highlighting the importance of these rights and how they influence collaboration and decision-making in the EA/IA process.

1.1.5.5 Expo Booths

The Expo provided participants with the chance to meet with subject matter experts, explore project details, and learn about the technical aspects that drive each of the projects. The Expo was ongoing throughout both days of the gathering and participants were able to drop by the booths at any time in the afternoon.

WSR – When participants visited the WSR Expo booth they were able to explore the draft Environment Assessment/Impact Assessment Report (EA/IA) and meet Project Team members who provided information on topics such as cumulative effects assessment, socio-economic impacts and ATRI.

1.1.5.6 Breakout Rooms

The breakout sessions were situated in separate rooms with different members of the Project Teams where communities could sign up for a breakout session with projects throughout the afternoon on both days. The primary focus was to ensure the conversations were Indigenous-led and to highlight the community-specific issues and concerns that have been identified throughout consultation efforts.

1.1.6 Agenda Summary

The Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo 2025 provided comprehensive updates and facilitated meaningful discussions over two days.

Day 1

- Breakfast and Opening Remarks: Networking and setting the tone for the event.
- Project Overviews: Presentations by key project leads on MFCAR, WSR, and NRL.
- Panel Discussion on Consultation: Insights into consultation practices and future efforts.
- Lunch: Networking opportunity.
- Expo and Breakout Sessions: Interaction with Project Teams at booths and focused discussions on specific topics.

Day 2

- Breakfast and Opening Remarks: Networking and agenda setting.
- Panel Discussion on Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests: Exploration of how these rights are considered in the projects.
- Expo and Breakout Sessions: Continued interaction and focused discussions.
- Lunch: Networking opportunity.
- Expo and Breakout Sessions Continue: Additional time for engagement.
- Closing Remarks: Summary and next steps.

This agenda ensured participants were well-informed, actively engaged, and able to contribute to the consultation processes for the three road projects.

1.2 Event Communications and Registration

Effective communication and registration processes were essential to the success of the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo 2025. Various methods were employed to ensure that all potential attendees were informed about the event and could easily register to participate.

1.2.1 Email Invitations

Email invitations were sent to a comprehensive list of potential participants, including community representatives, Project Team members, government representatives and other interested parties. These invitations provided detailed information about the event, including dates, locations, agenda highlights, and registration instructions. The emails also included links to the event website and registration portal, making it easy for recipients to sign up and access additional information. Follow-up emails were sent to remind recipients of the event and encourage registration. The email campaign was designed to be visually appealing and informative, with clear calls to action and contact information for further inquiries. A copy of the Invitation send to potential participants is included in Appendix A.

1.2.2 Phone Campaigns

In addition to email invitations, a targeted phone campaign was conducted to reach out to key stakeholders and community representatives. This personalized approach ensured that important contacts were aware of the event and had the opportunity to ask questions and receive immediate responses. The phone campaign helped to reinforce the importance of the event and encouraged higher attendance and engagement. Phone calls were made by dedicated team members who were knowledgeable about the event details and could provide additional information as needed. This direct communication method helped build rapport and trust with the stakeholders.

1.2.3 MINES Communications

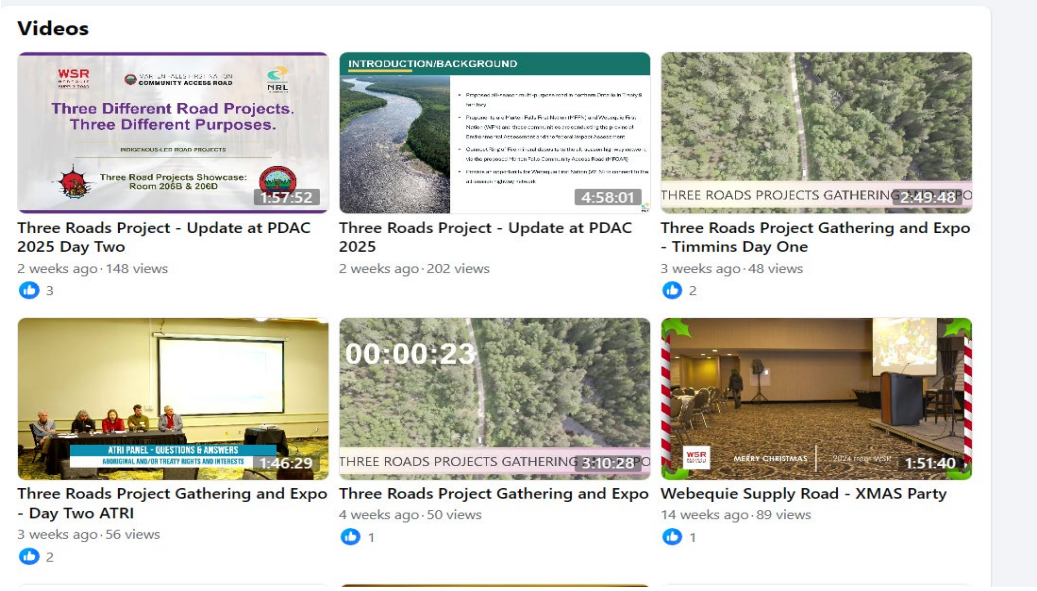
Communications through the MINES (Ministry of Mines) platform were utilized to reach a broader audience, including those who may not have been on the initial email or phone lists. MINES provided a centralized location for event information, updates, and registration links. This platform was particularly useful for reaching community members who regularly use MINES for other project-related communications. Regular updates and reminders were posted on MINES portals to keep the event top-of-mind for potential attendees. The platform also allowed for interactive engagement, where users could ask questions and receive timely responses from the event organizers.

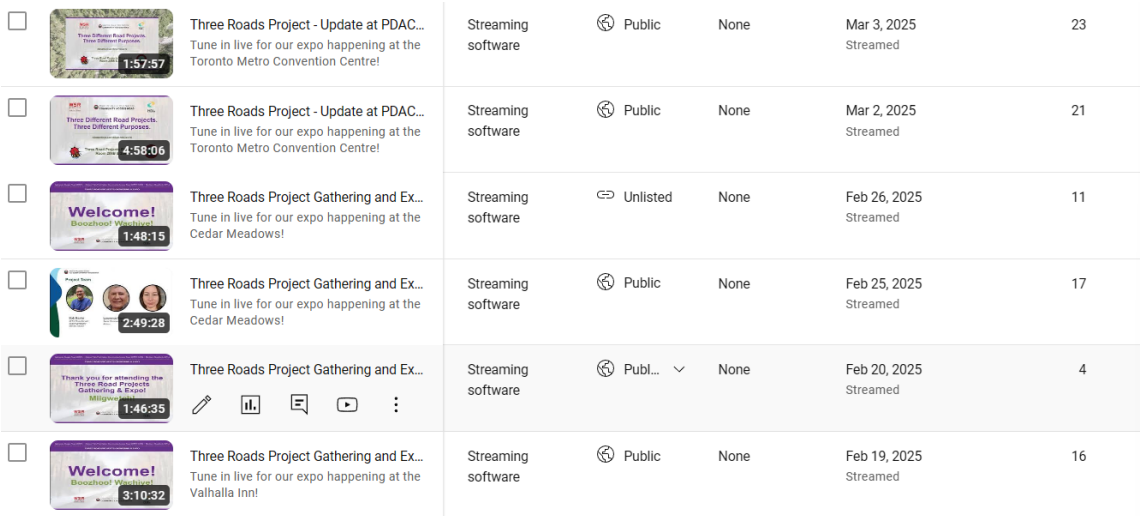
1.2.4 In-Community Lead Communications

In-Community Leads played a crucial role in disseminating information about the event to their respective communities and networks. They were responsible for ensuring that all relevant stakeholders within their communities were informed about the event and encouraged to attend. In Community Leads used a combination of email, phone, and in-person communications to spread the word and facilitate registration. They also organized community meetings and information sessions to provide detailed explanations about the event and its significance. This grassroots approach ensured that the information reached a wide audience and encouraged community participation.

1.2.5 Livestream and Radio Show

To accommodate those who could not attend in person, the event was livestreamed online and broadcasted via a radio show. The livestream was accessible through a dedicated YouTube link (https://www.youtube.com/live/tuE7Gb3Yano), allowing remote participants to watch the presentations and panel discussions in real-time. The radio show provided an audio-only option for those who preferred to listen to the event. These options ensured that a wider audience could participate and stay informed about the projects. The livestream included interactive features such as live chat, where viewers could ask questions and receive responses during the event. The radio show was broadcast by local stations to reach community members who may not have internet access.





1.2.6 Social Media Analytics

A comprehensive overview of social media performance across various platforms, including Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter, is presented. The reach and engagement of posts are highlighted, providing valuable insights into the audience's interaction with the content.

Table 1 - 1 Facebook Analytics

Date	Post	Post Impression	Post Reach
February 19, 2025	Thunder Bay Expo Video	653	392
February 19, 2025	Mike, Qasim, Jennifer photo at the Expo	127	67
February 25, 2025	Timmins Expo Video	405	321
February 25, 2025	Timmins Expo Video - 2	50	37

Table 1 - 2 LinkedIn Analytics

Date	Post	Post Impression	Engagement Rate
February 19, 2025	Mike, Qasim, Jennifer photo at the Expo	1424	7.28%
February 25, 2025	Timmins Expo Image - 2	381	11.9%

Table 1 - 3 Instagram Analytics

Date	Post	Post Impression	Post Reach
February 19, 2025	Mike, Qasim, Jennifer photo at the Expo	40	34

Table 1 - 4 Twitter Analytics

Date	Post	Post Impression	Engagement
February 19, 2025	Mike, Qasim, Jennifer photo at the Expo	39	6
February 25, 2025	Timmins Expo Image - 2	49	4

1.2.7 Registration

The registration process was designed to be straightforward and user-friendly. Attendees could register online through a dedicated portal, which collected essential information such as contact details, organization affiliation, and accommodation needs. The registration system also allowed attendees to select specific breakout sessions and Expo booths they were interested in, helping to tailor the event experience to their preferences. On-site registration was also available for those who preferred to sign up in person. Attendees received confirmation emails with event details and a personalized agenda based on their selected sessions. The registration desk at the event was staffed with knowledgeable

personnel who could assist with any issues and provide additional information as needed. Name tags and welcome packages were distributed to all registered attendees upon arrival.

These communication and registration strategies were integral to the successful organization and execution of the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo 2025, ensuring high levels of participation and engagement from all stakeholders.

2.0 Thunder Bay

2.1 Event Overview



The Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay, Ontario was on held February 19th and 20th, 2025. The first day of the gathering provided an overview of the proposed MFCAR), NRL and WSR Projects and included a panel discussion on consultation and engagement. The second day featured a panel discussion on Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) and how they are considered in the Three Road Projects' EA/IAs.

The gathering offered participants the opportunity to meet with subject matter experts and learn about the technical aspects of each project. The purpose of this gathering was to create a respectful, safe, and collaborative space for engagement, fostering an understanding of the Three Road Projects and their potential impacts.

Day 1: Project Overview, Panel Discussion on Consultation and EXPO

High level Project overviews were presented to participants in the morning of Day 1. The Project Teams provided updates on the status of the Projects. Additional information on the Project overview is presented in **Section 2.2.3.**

Following the high-level project overviews, a panel discussion on consultation and engagement was held. The discussion covered various ways the projects have connected with Indigenous Communities and the public, best practices, barriers faced, upcoming community consultation and engagement events for the WSR and MFCAR projects, and ongoing engagement and consultation opportunities for the NRL project. The outcomes of the panel discussion are presented in **Section 2.2.4.**

Workbooks were distributed to participants for them to provide questions, thoughts, and comments. The workbooks included an agenda and information about the proposed project. A total of eight workbooks were collected at the end of the gathering for the purpose of compiling feedback for this report. Participants were informed that including their names on the workbooks was optional, but it they were encouraged to provide their affiliation such as First Nation citizenship, Provincial Treaty Organization, other organizations, etc., to provide context for their comments and suggestions.

In the afternoon of Day 1, an Expo was held, providing participants the opportunity to visit various booths, meet with subject matter experts, explore project details, and learn about the technical aspects of the projects. Participants were able to have one-on-one discussions with Project Team members and share their thoughts and views. Relevant departments of the Government of Ontario and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada also had booths that participants could visit.

Day 2: Panel Discussion on ATRI and EXPO

On Day 2, a panel discussion on Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests and how these were considered in the project EA/IAs was held. During the panel discussion Project Teams and community representatives shared their perspectives, highlighting the importance of these rights and how they influence collaboration and decision-making in the EA/IA process.

An EXPO was also held on Day 2, giving participants additional opportunities to visit various booths, meet with subject matter experts, explore project details, and learn about the technical aspects driving the project.

2.1.1 Participants and Representation

2.1.1.1 Sign In Process



Participants were welcomed by Project Team members at the entrance of the gathering room. After signing in, they were given directions on the use of Workbooks and Passports, the afternoon Expo, and housekeeping details for the day.

A total of 38 individuals signed in for Day 1 of the gathering, and 42 individuals signed in for Day 2. It is noteworthy that the number of individuals who signed in does not reflect the total number of participants, as not all attendees opted to sign the sign-in sheets. Sign-in sheets and related information are provided in Appendix B.

2.1.1.2 List of Participating Indigenous Communities

The gathering included representation from a diverse array of Indigenous communities, highlighting the collaborative spirit and engagement of First Nations in the discussions. Table 2-1 below details the number of representatives from each community who participated on Day 1 and Day 2 of the event.

*Please note that this table only reflects those that attended the gathering who are registered members and/or representative of the communities listed.

Table 2 - 1 List of First Nation Representation at the Gathering

First Nation/Community	Number of Representatives	
	Day 1	Day 2
Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishnaabek	2	3
Aroland First Nation	2	2
Bearskin Lake First Nation	1	-
Constance Lake First Nation	2	3
Fort Albany First Nation	1	1

First Nation/Community	Number of Representatives	
	Day 1	Day 2
Long Lake #58 First Nation	2	-
Marten Falls First Nation	4	6
Matawa Four Rivers	2	3
Neskantaga First Nation	1	1
Nibinamik First Nation	1	1
Red Sky Métis Independent Nation	2	4
Webequie First Nation	6	10
Wunnumin Lake First Nation	2	2
Total	**18**	**36**

2.2 Engagement Results and Feedback Received

A comprehensive overview of the engagement activities and feedback received during the gathering is provided in this section. Detailed accounts of passport participation, project overviews, panel discussions on consultation approaches and Aboriginal Treaty Rights and/or Interests, Expo booth questions and comments, and general thoughts on Expo booths are included.

2.2.1 Passport Participation

Passports were distributed to participants for use throughout both days of the gathering. During the Expo, participants were encouraged to visit each booth, ask questions, and share their thoughts to foster mutual learning and understanding between the Project Teams and participants. Before leaving a booth, a stamp was placed on their passport. Once all booths had been visited and stamps collected, completed passports could be submitted for a chance to win a $500 prize in a draw. There were approximately 5 passports between each event that were submitted for the draw. ** Please note that due to the gathering in Thunder Bay and Timmins being back-to-back and the number of passports received were from both spaces.

2.2.2 Project Overviews

2.2.2.1 WSR Overview

During the project overview presentation, the WSR Project Team provided a summary of the Project, including the preferred corridor, camp and pit/quarry locations, and engagement and consultation activities undertaken to date. The Project Team also outlined the feedback received to date, the current project status, the decision-making process, next steps in EA/IA process, elements of the draft EAR/IS review process and the upcoming timeline/schedule.

Table 2 - 2 WSR Overview Presentation – Workbook notes

Source	Community Affiliation	Comment
Workbook	Webequie First Nation	I am aware of the WSR project and what stage this EA is currently at. As a community member, I see that not too many younger people attend or participate in the engagements. But it would be good to create materials for them to review about this project and the opportunities for them.
Workbook	Webequie First Nation	The community will benefit from the roads and connecting to major highways down south. They'll bring in and get their family and community supplies for all seasons. The community will access and use their land base in forests and will benefit for access to harvest their traditional means of fishing and medicines.
Workbook	Aroland First Nation	Our community is just starting to have a little bit of communications between our First Nations. AFN, WSR.
Workbook	Red Sky Métis Independent Nation	Good presentation. Again, are they replanting in the areas that have been disturbed i.e.: berries, trees so birds and animals will return.

2.2.3 Panel Discussion: Consultation and Engagement Approaches

A panel discussion took place, moderated by Jennifer Ashawasegai-Periera, and included Michael Fox, the NRL Project Co-lead & WSR Project Lead, and Qasim Saddique, MFCAR Project Lead & NRL Project Co-Lead. The discussion consisted of an insightful session on the role and purpose of consultation in projects.

The panel discussed the various ways the Project Teams have connected with Indigenous communities and the public. Participants learned about the best practices, barriers faced, and what the next 120 days of community consultation will look like for the WSR and MFCAR projects during the circulation and review of the Draft EA/IA reports (i.e., WSR EAR/IS). They also learned about ongoing engagement and consultation opportunities for the NRL Project. Feedback from community representatives during the Question & Answer (Q&A) session provided an opportunity for communities to help guide future consultation efforts across all projects.

Table 2 – 3 shows the question/topic of discussion from the moderator and corresponding answers by panel members.

Table 2 - 3 Panel Discussion: Consultation Approaches

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Date	**Associated Project**	**Panel Question**	**Panel Responder**	**In-Person Response**
February 19, 2025	MFCAR and NRL	Importance of consultation?	Qasim Saddique	People who are planning these roads it is impossible to plan in a silo. Trying to convene conversations like this to ensure the Indigenous proponent communities and the neighbouring communities have a chance to talk about the projects and what potential impacts it can have. Peoples hopes, aspirations, fears, concerns can be discussed and this means having tough conversations in a forum as well. This is what consultation is about. It enables and guides us and creates the decisions on the roads.
February 19, 2025	WSR and NRL	Importance of consultation?	Michael Fox	WFN and MFFN had a set of principles guiding the projects, for WFN they have the three-tier model which is a worldview that they hold and are adopting on the projects. This is included in the Terms of Reference, and the three-tier model recognizes that neighbouring First Nations have shared language, culture, history, land use. This is part of the fundamentals driving consultation on these projects. The province delegates procedural aspects of consultation to proponents. WFN and MFFN have to consult their own members and other communities.
February 19, 2025	MFCAR and NRL	Tools in consultation being used?	Qasim Saddique	One of the tools unique for these projects, is the fact that First Nations are leading these projects. Consultation does not happen without nation-to-nation conversations. Leadership talking together helps facilitates the ability to go into communities to consult. Alignment between leadership

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				about what the intent is behind the engagement and the Project itself. This is only possible as an Indigenous proponent and using. the relationships that exist in this room as well. Many of us have worked together on different initiatives for over the years and this has been enabling for the projects. The unique challenges that we face in the remote north, such access to internet through Starlink has changed how we consult allowing for. collecting feedback online, releasing videos, and making things more accessible. Of course, there is no substitute for direct face to face engagement with communities.
February 19, 2025	WSR and NRL	Tools in consultation being used?	Michael Fox	EA and IA are planning tools for government. WFN and MFN are also integrating their own Indigenous principles as tools as well in the EAs/IAs for WSR and NRL. Listening is a tool to understand the Indigenous worldview. WFN and MFFN are using their own tools and the planning tool of government to serve their own purposes. Another important tool for consultation is time and money that allows more time for Indigenous reviews and engagement activities. The Crown is providing the capacity resources to enable Indigenous communities to participate in the EA/IA process.
February 19, 2025	MFCAR	Which activity do you find we have had the most engagement on?	Qasim Saddique	Engagement activity has been a function of what stage the project is in. At the early stages of the MFCAR project we had difficulty getting into communities to consult. The early days were lean in terms of opportunities to consult with community members. In early

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				phase remote communications was used effectively. This including such things are email blasts and then videos to communicate the issues and studies. Once the project evolved, further engagement and participation occurred with an uptick in Open Houses and in-community sessions.
February 19, 2025	WSR and NRL	Which activity do you find we have had the most engagement on?	Michael Fox	There are 22 communities with different constituencies, and therefore different methods need to be used to engage across the demographics. Today is an example of a different method. ATRI forums started a few years ago and have been integrated within the EA and IA processes. This is the fourth 3 Road Projects event. Pre-Covid we were going into communities (pre-TOR submission), then Covid happened, and we had to pivot because we could not go into communities. The approach with communities involved at this time involved online methods, teleconference, fax etc. including providing translations. Now that we are allowed back in communities, engagement is a multi-dimensional approach. We give a range of options for communities to engage.
February 19, 2025	MFCAR	120 days of consultation	Qasim Saddique	The 120 days is the time available to communities to review the Draft EA/IA reports (WSR – EAR/IS). Communities will review in their own way, using community experts, leadership, key contact people, as well as external experts. The project teams can meet with communities directly in person to discuss the report and hear feedback from community

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				members. Individual First Nations can identify how they want to consult on the draft reports. The project team will prepare responses to the concerns brought up from reviews and will show how concern will be addressed in the final EA/IA report, which is an interactive process.
February 19, 2025	WSR	120 days of consultation	Michael Fox	If you read the ToR notice of decisions for the projects, what was unique is that Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks) wanted WFN and MFFN to prepare three different reports along the environmental assessment process (Milestone reports) on progress and outcomes of consultation. Targeted consultations on the cumulative effects assessment were also required and is being conducted. All of this is documented in the draft EA/IA report, including the Record of Consultation.

Following the panel discussion, participants were provided with the opportunity to ask questions. Table 2 – 4 details the comments raised by participants and initial responses provided by panel members during the panel discussion on consultation and engagement.

Table 2 - 4 Consultation Panel Discussion Questions/Comments

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Date	**Comment**	**Responder**	**In-Person Response**
February 19, 2025	I am a trapper and hunter; I am in politics for all my life. I am glad to be here. I was asked to come out to help out, based on the teachings from the Elders that I work with. At the time of the Ring of Fire crisis when the discovery happened (August 2007) everybody was running around. Three years later I was listening to an Elder from MFFN, his stories were written down	Jennifer A-P	Thank you for sharing your community's perspective. Miigwetch.

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	and put on papers and he made some statements about who we are as Indigenous People regarding our homelands and everything else. He called upon everybody to pause and to think about the homelands of ancestors and future generations. Knowing what will happen, how much activity will take place, how much responsibility will be taking place, when you talk about the control of the area, how much do we want when we want something from them? and he said that we have to think about this for the next ten years. In 2020, we had meetings back and forth, we had a meeting with government officials and federal officials and provincial officials, so often times they can't listen to our priorities and issues. we created our own issues and seen that what our children will need for the next 30, 50, 100, 5000 years, what kind of education will they want to get for themselves to survive. to follow the natural law, the Creator's law. That's why you don't see any tall buildings in our homeland, we were living in the natural law. Everything in it is contained in our minds and souls and spirits, in our women and elders. it is important that we incorporate everything in this process. Our culture and language are so important to incorporate into the planning of this project ahead of us. But it will happen however it had to be and in the hands of our leadership. We don't want to repeat what the colonial system did to us, everything was done for us, we could hardly do much at the time dealing with Indian Affairs and social services and the police. They did a lot of damage to our nation still happening today. Residential school survivors have generational impacts. They are in crisis every single day because we lost our identity, culture, natural law and teachings. We lost everything. They have to do that now before they go into our homeland. They have to understand. The top government is always dictating what we are interested in		

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	terms of our priorities and the things we need to work on, and it is hurting our people back home. Everything is being dictated now by these governments. They don't want to meet with us, have face to face meetings because they know what they are going to be told. They will be told you are not going to decide our future anymore. This is a mistake what happened. Even our Elders were taken away and left the issue on the table still there. The priorities should be healthy living and it's not happening. So, we want to see all of these priorities be addressed and implemented and delivered right to our homes. Also respecting how our traditional ways and life. And it's sad and every time we go sit down with government people; they don't take our word. I talk to my Chief and Council and Elders all the time. So, this for the next 120 days is only in the best interest of the government, not our people. They see us before, they heard us before, this is not our way. When we want to go something for better and they know what to say. And also, the mining they will have to be equal for these homelands where the mining will happen. We all know the mining act and trade law what that is going to do. We only get what is left over after the profits. Our money has been mismanaged in Ottawa and even in Ontario. Our members have never seen it. We could have built our roads and mines a long time ago.		
February 19, 2025	I am a member of Council. I am going to tell a story in my own language. The aspirations of the members starting with Chief Eli Moonias when he was Chief, spoke about how he wanted to help the members of Marten Falls with costs. The first road he made was a snowmobile trail to Nakina to lower some costs, but he can only bring so much on the trail, so the other means of travel that came into play was the tractor train that used to bring in supplies. 3 or 4 sleighs with supplies. That was too slow. They decided to build a winter road. It was a lot better and faster but there is only a small	Jennifer A-P	Miigwetch.

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	window of usage and getting worse all the time. Now a fourth project with the all-season road right now. the Chief envisioned that along with this road, the people would benefit from jobs, ownership of things, most of all the hauling of equipment and supplies. To this day we are still working on the aspirations to alleviate some of the concerns at the community level. An all-season road will be useful for future generations. This is what he would like to see. Supplies will be cheaper and there are always the negative effects like drugs or things like that but that is to be expected. Miigwetch.		

Consultation and Engagement Panel Discussion Questions/Comments from Workbooks

Source	Community Affiliation	Comment
Workbook	Webequie First Nation	Good panel and good discussion from each of the projects. Many ways how to go about engaging First Nation communities. I know that some communities are very careful of the word “consultation” including communities who are not fully on board of these road EA/IA studies. All First Nation communities deal with consultation in many ways and community protocols they follow for consultation.
Workbook	Constance Lake First Nation	River + Provincial Park. Have a say in projects around. Bob – comm lead project – provide the ‘ok’ go through land. People – on guard of development.
Workbook	Webequie First Nation	Panel members are doing a good job by having an open discussion on the topics of participants/ attendee’s interests. Need more input from younger generation. Young people, women and Elders.
Workbook	Aroland First Nation	Very good.
Workbook	Red Sky Metis Independent Nation	Information was good. I think information delivered should be in a summary format in simple terms so they can truly understand what is in the summary. Some First Nations feel not listened to or understand their needs.

2.2.4 Panel Discussion: Aboriginal Treaty Rights and/or Interests

The ATRI Panel focused on Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests and how they are considered in each of the EA/IAs for the three road projects. Project Teams and community representatives shared their perspectives, highlighting the importance of these rights and how they influence collaboration and decision-making in the EA/IA processes.

Moderator:
Steve Lindley, Senior Project Advisor
Panel Members:
Mishal Naseer, Indigenous Relations and Socio-Cultural Lead,
Mark Knell, Senior Indigenous Engagement and Impact Assessment Specialist,
Rowena Moonias, MFCAR Community Representative

Table 2 – 5 provides a detailed analysis of the questions and responses from the panel members, offering insights into their perspectives and the collaborative efforts involved in addressing Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests.

Table 2 - 5 Panel Discussion: Aboriginal Treaty Rights and/or Interests

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Date	**Associated Project**	**Panel Question**	**Panel Responder**	**In-Person Response**
	MFCAR	Intro	MFCAR Community Representative Rowena Moonias	When it comes to development on our lands, we have to be involved. You hear people from Toronto say, "there's nothing up there, we can develop up there". There are good people who have been living here for generations. I feel a heavy weight on my shoulders. The landscape and what we knew will change. it's very crucial that we never lose sight of the knowledge that we have as First Nations People as sometimes ignored by government and industry.
	MFCAR	What is the difference for the Indigenous proponency?	MFCAR Community Representative Rowena Moonias	They made a dam at the beginning of the river, the provincial park they put in, we didn't have any say in these, and these are directly on our territory. Being proponents, that won't happen again, we will have the ultimate say.
	MFCAR	What is the difference for the Indigenous proponency?	MFCAR Community Representative	I've always had an issue with "community led project". I think I look at it differently because yes, we provide the OK to go through our

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Date	**Associated Project**	**Panel Question**	**Panel Responder**	**In-Person Response**
			Rowena Moonias	lands but in order to proceed in that direction, we have to negotiate funding with the government. What it means to the people, when you're used to and always on guard about what the government is going to do without the knowledge of First Nations people, you are always on guard. When we started our land use planning and the ring of fire, our members said we might as well do what we can because they are going to go ahead without our permission just like they did with parks. There is always that mistrust going forward. Right now, we are doing our land use planning. been at it for 15 years now. Each year something develops, explorations are still going on. There doesn't seem to be any pull back from a development perspective and that is why we did our land use planning at the advice of our members what protections they wanted around the areas where they were born. So, we talk to them, and we try to provide protection as much as we can along the lakes and rivers with the tools that we have at our disposal at the moment. and I am sure more will come in the future. It is better to be part of something and moving forward and putting in our members say. Not just standing on the sidelines. We just get run over. Any movement of any kind provides a positive and negative and it is when we come to those challenges when we have to think about how best to address them.
	MFCAR	What is your perspective on how the ATRI was done on MFCAR? What	MFCAR Community Representative Rowena Moonias	The EA report just came out, so the community has not read it yet, so hard to say if they feel their perspectives are reflected. Hard to say how others think or feel. But we have reflected a lot of fears from

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		advice to do you have for NRL?		members but also the positive impacts they are looking forward to. Fears around drugs and alcohol, but we already had that. We are looking forward to access to health care via the road and not relying on planes. They are completely dependent on the weather. The community is supportive of MFCAR for the most part because of these positive impacts.
	MFCAR	As they have been going through the process, is there still a fear in the community that they are not reflected in the process?	MFCAR Community Representative Rowena Moonias	When you go to meetings sometimes in your own community, not all members show up. It has been a challenge. But I think a lot of them, like the lady who stood up here yesterday, she stood up and asking what is going to happen to certain areas. There is a general interest from each clan/family. They are very interested in the aspects that affect their areas. When we had these meetings, the main considerations were around the influx of non-native people in the area and drugs/alcohol, policing of the roads, ownership of the road. People have their own concerns one by one.
	NRL	What inputs are required in order to conduct the impact assessment on ATRI? Specifically, the way the TISG and ToR were provided.	Mishal Naseer	The thing that came to me yesterday as we were presenting the Project Overview is we launched the Indigenous Knowledge program. The goal of that program is to understand what information communities to share in terms of their ATRI and how they want to collaborate. Providing inputs into the setting of the baseline conditions. We showed a diagram in our presentation, and it shows the tools we have to take in existing information communities want to share with the Project. For example, CBLUP, information from previous projects. This kind of existing knowledge base is what we hope

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				communities will share with us. In situations we don't have access to this information, we are looking at other publicly available sources (desktop research). These are the inputs in terms of existing knowledge base. For the IK program, another aspect is Project-specific information, in Project study areas. Information communities find important and willing to share. When we have the Open Houses, we explain that we have a field monitoring program that involve community members going out into the field with the Project monitoring teams. Some communities have shared mitigation measures they want to see. IK can inform any of the valued components being considered in the project.
	WSR	What inputs are required in order to conduct the impact assessment on ATRI? Specifically, the way the TISG and ToR were provided.	Mark Knell	Mark spoke about the baseline and how information is considered from communities. We try to work through this regulatory process in a way that keeps the assessment real to the communities in terms of what we mean by baseline, effects assessment, mitigation, and other technical terms. Trying to make it as grounded and accessible as possible so that the project team can get input. The idea and understanding of EA/IA are there, but the technical language can keep people from sharing their knowledge.
	NRL	Two-eyed seeing, integrating Indigenous and western info and concepts into things like fish and water. Can you talk about this method of information	Mishal Naseer	When we do outreach with communities, whether they come to the table or provide the information in an aggregate format. We take that information back and we put it on our own internal maps and work through the overlay of this information with the Project information/data. For example, talking about a water crossing and fish spawning areas on

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		collection and how impacts and mitigations are then assessed?		a map. Indigenous science and knowledge are driving our process. The WSR, MFCAR and NRL are very innovative projects because they are community led, and the approach is informed by the proponent communities. We look at what an effect would be and how we would mitigate, including how communities' concerns are addressed. We look at how the project can impact a community member land-use activities in the area. In general, the project teams try to look at holistic impacts on community. As part of the EA/IA we e go back and validate information we receive from communities. Communities are very focused on how they are impacted by these projects. For those of us with experience working on multiple projects, we have a sense now that the process has to be holistic, not all rights and interest can be put into a box, as they are part of an ecosystem. Our approach of going back to the community is to help us understand if we are doing it right with regards to baseline information and assessment of impacts.
	WSR	Give us a sense of how you go from the baseline information and move it through the assessment process to address the potential impacts to ATRI	Mark Knell	The project team as part of the EA/IA looks at change and how when you introduce an activity or Project in a community, there are going to be changes that can be positive and negative (also different for different communities or members). What we try and do is look at a clear and accessible way of presenting what that change can look like. We to look at what changes will take place and then what you end up with afterwards. The EA language originated more in a science environment. What we are talking

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				about in the EA/IA I how communities can be impacted and how communities can have their social services, economic livelihood, health affected by Projects, in their rights as protected under the section 35 rights of the constitution. We take a similar model where we think about the changes but what we need to do is really fit our understanding into how the community views its values, how they are expressed and from there we look at having a flexible approach to how rights can be affected. For the projects that we have been working on, it's important to look at it holistically. Not just how communities will be affected regarding hunting/fishing/trapping, but also about wellbeing of communities and how rights can be expressed when community conditions are not good or lacking in some ways. By looking at it from a holistic perspective we can begin to understand effects on communities and then looking at through a lens of rights that are held by Indigenous communities and how those rights can be affected adversely by these projects. Working through EA/IA process is a way where we draw out the community values and how those can be impacted.
	MFCAR	What is the process on the community side for reviewing the EA and telling the analysts if they achieved the ATRI objectives, we have been discussing this morning?	MFCAR Community Representative Rowena Moonias	The MFCAR Project that we working is a means to really understand where the First Nations are coming from and you have to walk in their shoes. It important that you go to their communities and live with them and talk with them to fully understand as each community is different. They have different visions about how they want to proceed. With the tools that were provided to us, and with all the information we have gathered, we

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				want to deliver the EA/IA in a way that the community will understand. I want to reach out to all of our members as I don't feel right that we say we engaged with the community when, so few people show up to the community meetings. We try our best to voice this because I want them to truly understand where we are going and if they are on board with it. The sessions we have in our community meetings, and through newsletters, radio, Facebook etc. we don't always get feedback. You get some but you wish you had more. To really understand the aspirations of the people, it's about being with them. This is how you know what First Nations people all are about. Some of our members married non-native people and I met one of these and non-native people that had a full understanding of what native people were all about because he lived in the community. There is a lot of work to be done, and I don't find it a perfect system as it's got flaws. From what I have seen through the years of working has evolved. My Dad was Chief of MFFN for a while and went to a NAN conference. They asked him a question about how to proceed. He was very blunt and said to this point the old leaders messed up and it is up to the next generations to pick up where we left off and keep moving forward. This is what I see now as younger people are growing up and the leadership in them. They have more understanding, and they see they have their rights. When we talk about Treaty, you need to understand when they were signed by the governments and leaders at the time, and that we were just told to sign.

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				The treaty was made by the governments and Ontario is the one that moved it toward what would benefit them and not the First Nations People. Right from the beginning there was mistrust, with governments trying to obtain their own interests and not for our people. It is crucial that we as First Nations people really educate our people now about what is going to come once this road is built. It's not a black and white approach and is a complex issue. I can't say all members understand and are okay with the project. Older people are saying they like the land the way it is, but the younger people want freedom.
	WSR	What happens next? We talk about net effects. There is still some residual concern. When you add all of those up and all the mitigation measures. How do community members know that these mitigations will be followed through?	Mark Knell	Hearing about this in the breakout rooms yesterday where some communities were asking will there be follow up and concern raised that request to review 1000 pages of the EA/IA report and assuming community members will understand these commitments to mitigation that are sprinkled throughout is not realistic. What the Project Team wants to do is understand where communities are at. We have heard a lot from Webequie and other communities about needs and opportunities to be engaged as part of the Project. What we have been working on is taking the outcomes of these assessments where potential negative effect or positive effects are possible, and we are creating a Community Readiness Plan (the Plan). Taking these commitments in the Plan and moving them into a space where you can talk to the community about their concerns and how the project will be planned for at the community level. For example, planning for safety for

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				vulnerable groups, training youth for the right jobs etc. We will of talking to communities to get their input into the Plan and have them be owned by the community. The Plan is tied into commitments through the EA/IA. WFN has done a lot of community planning, so aligning the Community Readiness Plan with their existing community plans is important.

ATRI Panel Discussion Questions/Comments			
Date	**Comment**	**Responder**	**In-Person Response**
February 20, 2025	We are concerned about the engagement process in the provincial EA. I've been involved in my community leadership and governance since 1973. Community engagement and consultation has been happening for various external interests and projects with various departments. But we are dealing with the same people. The biggest number participating maybe 30-40 of 800 people. We are different as Anishinaabe people. We are not the colonial system; we are inherently empowered by the natural laws. Our leaders were our grandmothers. Today we talk about Section 35.1 (1982). He made a big mistake. We said no, took opposition to that but it went ahead. We affirm and recognize ATRI in Canada. We have to look at this, thousands of young people. They want to call us Elders, but they have not given us a certificate yet. Anyway, we have to look at this as the next generation. They would want a good governance, education, socio-economic, political - not external interference. They want their own good livelihood. We knew what we had before. We knew our process of governance. Our relationships with external governments. Wellbeing for everyone - we are one. They are going to need a good economic	Stephen Lindley	Miigwetch

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	program. Our livelihood is so important. We have to keep that. Canada and the provinces, this is your job, you must protect ATRI. Working on this for over 40-years. It's a hard job. I really appreciate your comments from the panel.		
February 20, 2025	Thank you for the information. I do have some comments and a question. I've been writing some stuff here during the panel. I often see people coming in, governments, agencies, and they do a lot of interviews of Elders and young people. As far as I can remember, I don't know what they are looking for. The treaty that was given to us by the government. But before that we had our own treaty and exercise to practice on our land. To hunt, fish, snowshoes and all that. We survived out on the land. Even before the hunting, we had our own way of catching the fish in the river or creeks, fish traps. I remember seeing that when I was young. That was one of the best ways to catch fish, from the creator to use as Anishinaabe people.	Stephen Lindley	Miigwetch

ATRI Panel Discussion Questions/Comments from Workbooks		
Source	**Community Affiliation**	**Comment**
Workbook	Webequie First Nation	This was an excellent panel and the discussion they had maybe bring in other FN/Groups that can share their experience. Maybe invite 2 or 4 youth from each community.
Workbook	Webequie First Nation	Very interesting discussion on ATRI. I like hearing some feedback on the Aboriginal Treaty Rights discussion on various topics. Need more direct engagement from youth, women, men, Elders – both male and female.
Workbook	Aroland First Nation	1. Need more Native people on the panel. 2. More time for questions. 3. People that can speak on the land for their traditional area.
Workbook	Anonymous	Monies available to do studies of I.K. Wasn't this done by the corps. Projects are Indigenous led. Can FNs join NRL? Not aware of it.
Workbook	Red Sky Metis Independent Nation	The question-and-answer session was great.

2.2.5 Expo Booth Question/Comments

2.2.5.1 WSR Booth Questions/Comments

Table 2 – 6 shows questions/comments received during the WSR Expo Booth in Thunder Bay, Ontario on February 19 & 20, 2025.

Table 2 - 6 WSR Expo Booth Questions/Comments

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Date	**Associated Community**	**Comment**	**Responder**	**In-Person Response**
February 19, 2025	Aroland First Nation	Noted that ARFN is working with MFCAR right now. Indicated that ARFN is starting to get information from Webequie FN about the WSR Project. Member asked to be included on the correspondence list for WSR updates.	Jennifer Ashawasagai-Perreira	Encouraged member to sign up for the breakout sessions. Provided community representative with presentation from the morning.
February 19, 2025	Aroland First Nation	Member indicated ARFN has had a discussion with MFFN before and is awaiting a partnership, but not Webequie FN. "We (Matawa First Nations) should all be together as one but that didn't occur. We had a good plan in place to go forward as one but that is not what happened." Member said he blames the consultants for informing the leadership wrongfully, but that is his opinion. He thinks that there should have been a vote democratically but that did not happen.	Jennifer Ashawasagai-Perreira	Recommended that member attend the break-out sessions and helped him register. Shared the project update presentation slide deck from the morning and latest newsletters. Recommended that Joe talk to Gordon Wabasse.
February 19, 2025	Webequie First Nation	Chief marked out his cabins on the map (4 cabins on his trapline). Explained that Webequie (WFN) allowed the road in hope to help future generations. Also noted that WFN members feel confined to the reserve. Chief brought up a scenario of a court case	Jennifer Ashawasagai-Perreira	No response necessary, General discussion

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		of a family who has a trapline and was in the court's favor; if this is the case for his cabins and trapline, there should be no problem. He said he is unsure what it is going to take to ensure that the territory is recognized for WFN; WFN just has to assert our rights. He said that WFN has to meet halfway and work with the government and collaborate where they can. Also commented about the winter road and how the season is short this year.		
February 19, 2025	Webequie First Nation	1) Shared concern regarding the aggregates required to build the road from WFN to the Ring of Fire. There is a natural supply within the reserve itself, and that supply may not be able to cover maintenance over the years. 2) Shared that from an aerial view, you can see barrels of fuel oil that was left in some areas from previous projects. 3) Shared that the land shifts. Elders have mentioned that the land appears sunken in as if it had been cut, the land shifts for some reason. This is the type of knowledge that Elders have passed on. 4) Explained that the land needs to be maintained for it to be healthy and the knowledge needs to be passed on. Otherwise, there are overgrowths in animal populations, etc. This is what should be taught to the young people - how to maintain what is there.	Jennifer Ashawasagai-Perreira	"1) Good question that we can ask our Project Team 2/3/4/5) General discussion with Jennifer. "

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		5) Talked about language and the need for revival. He speaks his dad's language because he was an Elder and spoke in the way that he lived it. It is something that needs to be lived to have a full understanding.		
February 20, 2025	Marten Falls First Nation	Said he was from Ogoki. Asked about 2 crossings at the Albany River.	Jennifer Ashawasagai-Perreira	Jennifer told him that the crossings were part of the MFCAR Project and referred him to that booth.
February 20, 2025	Webequie First Nation	Asked if the draft EA was available yet and if he could have it on USB.	Jennifer Ashawasagai-Perreira	Indicated it is not ready yet, but she would follow up with Craig.
February 20, 2025	Red Sky Métis Independent Nation	Comment: Impressed with the planting of natural vegetation alongside the road to ensure the road maintains its integrity (referring to presentation print out that was black and white)	Jennifer Ashawasagai-Perreira	Provided materials available at the table - newsletters, presentations.
February 19, 2025	Nibinamik First Nation	Indicated he wasn't at the event for day one. Asked a question about what the term "Indigenous Engagement" means. Noted that he could try and get a community contact to assist in scheduling a community visit for the WSR, NRL, and MFCAR teams to come into the community and do a presentation for community members. He said it was ideal for all teams to have a meeting all in one day and have an Ojibwe translator present. He said it is important that the community has a chance to hear about what is going on. Commented that the road will improve	Jennifer Ashawasagai-Perreira	Provided materials available at the table - newsletters, presentations, hand out about the draft EA. Told him we are getting ready to release the draft EA and provided the handout on how to provide feedback. Jenn explained that the team does Indigenous engagement through community visits where Don does a project update presentation, they sit with members and talk about the topics,

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		access to education, and it is important to build some economic framework to benefit the youth. Commented that the road will also improve access to mental health resources and mental health in general. Noted a community challenge of a low number of youths in the workforce. Commented that the project has to be looked at as a whole with MFCAR and the NRL. Commented about the winter road season and concern that it is getting shorter each year. The road is important for hauling things into the community each year and the window that it is open gets smaller each year.		look for feedback on what they like and don't like which they take back to the Project Teams. Explained that the team also does radio shows, livestreams, email blasts. Explained that the team tried to go to NIFN in December but the flight on cancelled due to fog, since then the team has been trying to reschedule the trip. Jennifer gave him her card.
February 19, 2025	Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek	Comment: WSR is a bit far too north for us	Jennifer Ashawasagai-Perreira	General discussion and provided all the materials - swag, 2 latest newsletters, EA information, presentation from previous day, map, WSR road facts.

WSR Expo Booth Questions/Comments from Workbooks		
Source	**Community Affiliation**	**Comment**
Workbook	Webequie First Nation	Being a Webequie Member and on FN work group, I am aware of this project way better than the other two studies.
Workbook	Webequie First Nation	Good job on the display & presentation in all areas of the road and environmental assessment process. Need more engagement with youth, women, men and Elders within 120-day period.
Workbook	Anonymous	WSR and AFN need to chat. WSR is fairly advanced. Economic opportunity. Engaged with ministry. (Could not read next sentence). Took the comprehensive assessment – 35 communities to consult – some opted out. MFFN Approach WFN for the NRL for our economic benefit. Draft report March – 120, 60 day-Nish. 1 yr for the fed/prov to approve the EA.

2.2.6 General Thoughts on Expo Booths

Table 2 - 7 Expo General Comments from Workbooks

Source	Community Affiliation	Comment
Workbook	Webequie First Nation	Good information and material/handouts. Everyone was informative and knew their roles/projects.
Workbook	Webequie First Nation	Overall is well done.
Workbook	Aroland First Nation	Good information.
Workbook	Red Sky Metis Independent Nation	Love the booths, the people are so informative.

2.2.7 Breakout Sessions

The breakout sessions were situated in separate rooms with different members of the Project Teams where communities could sign up for a breakout session with each of the three projects throughout the afternoon on both days. The primary focus was to ensure the conversations were Indigenous-led and to highlight the community-specific issues and concerns that have been identified throughout consultation and engagement efforts.

It is noteworthy that all breakout session conversations are confidential to each respective community and can be found in the individual project reports (refer to Appendix G of this report).

WSR Breakout sessions – The Project Team members discussed the ATRI process and community-specific assessments for which the team would like to further engage communities, including key findings of the EA/IA and engagement options available to provide feedback from the review of the draft EA/IA.

Table 2 - 8 WSR Breakout Session Workbook Comments

Source	Community Affiliation	Comment
Workbook	Webequie First Nation	Overall good for day 1 &2. Well done.
Workbook	Aroland First Nation, #242	Our First Nation is in the process of having talks with the First Nation. Chief and Council will start.

3.0 Timmins

3.1 Event Overview



The Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo in Timmins on February 25 and 26, 2025 at the Cedar Meadows and Spa was a significant gathering focused on the Three Road Projects.
The two-day event featured sessions designed to provide comprehensive information on three projects, including technical details and future events. Discussions covered Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests presenting insights from each project's consultation efforts. The event also aimed to hear from community members, allowing them to share information and ask questions, ensuring their voices were heard and concerns addressed.

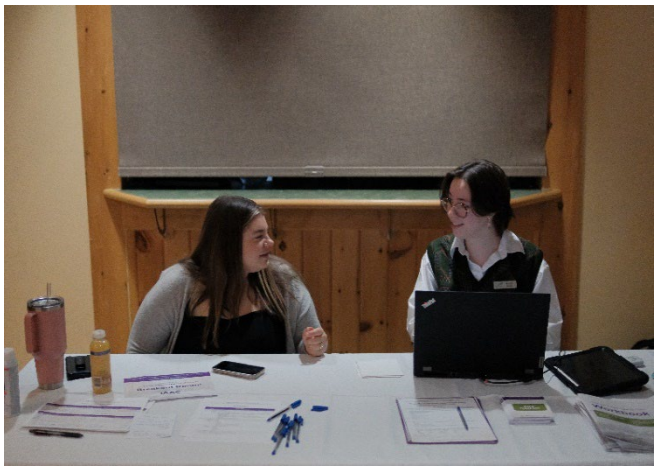
3.1.1 Agenda Summary

On Day 1, attendees received high-level project overviews and updates on the current status and future plans for all three projects. The morning included panel discussions on consultation and engagement, followed by Expo booths and breakout sessions in the afternoon. The Consultation and Engagement Panel provided insights into efforts to connect with Indigenous communities and the public and explored the draft EA/IA reports (for the WSR (i.e., EAR/IS) and MFCAR projects (EA/IS). The team discussed the role and purpose of consultation and engagement, emphasizing their connections with Indigenous communities and the public. They shared best practices, addressed barriers, and outlined the next 120 days of community consultation for the WSR and MFCAR projects during the circulation and review of the draft EA/IA reports. The Q&A session provided valuable feedback from community representatives to guide future consultation and engagement activities across all projects. Subject matter experts were available at the Expo throughout both days, offering detailed information on various topics.

On Day 2, the ATRI Panel delved into Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests, discussing its significance in the EA/IA process for the three Road Projects. Participants engaged in Expo sessions and breakout sessions to gain deeper insights into the projects and technical elements, and to share their perspectives. The event aimed to ensure Indigenous-led conversations and addressed community-specific issues and concerns identified during the consultation efforts.

3.1.2 Registration & Participants

3.1.2.1 Sign In Process



Participants were welcomed by Project Team members at the entrance of the gathering room. They signed in and received directions on Workbooks, Passports, the afternoon Expo, and housekeeping for the day. A total of 7 individuals signed in for Day 1 of the gathering, and 16 individuals signed in for Day 2.

It is noteworthy that the number of individuals who signed in does not reflect the total number of participants in the gathering, as not all attendees opted to sign the sign-in sheets. Sign-in sheets and related information are provided in Appendix B.

3.2 Engagement Results and Feedback Received

A comprehensive overview of the engagement activities and feedback received during the gathering is provided in this section. Detailed accounts of passport participation, project overviews, panel discussions on consultation approaches and Aboriginal Treaty Rights and/or Interests, Expo booth questions and comments, and general thoughts on Expo booths are included.

3.2.1 Passport Participation

Passports were distributed to participants for use throughout both days of the gathering. During the Expo, participants were encouraged to visit each booth, ask questions, and share their thoughts to foster mutual learning and understanding between the Project Teams and participants. Before leaving a booth, a stamp was placed on their passport. Once all booths had been visited and stamps collected, completed passports could be submitted for a chance to win a $500 prize in a draw. There were approximately 5 passports between each event that was submitted for the draw.

3.2.2 Project Overviews

3.2.2.1 WSR Overview

During the project overview presentation, the WSR Project Team provided a summary of the Project, including the preferred corridor, camp and pit/quarry locations, and engagement and consultation activities undertaken to date. The Project Team also outlined the feedback received to date, the current project status, the decision-making process, next steps following EA/IA approval, the draft EA/IA review and the upcoming timeline/schedule.

No questions or comments were received during this presentation.

3.2.3 Panel Discussion: Consultation and Engagement Approaches



A panel discussion took place, moderated by Jennifer Ashawasegai-Periera, and included Michael Fox, the NRL Project Co-lead & WSR Project Lead and Qasim Saddique, MFCAR Project Lead & the NRL Project Co-Lead. The discussion consisted of an insightful session on the role and purpose of consultation in the projects.

The panel discussed the various ways the Project Teams have connected with Indigenous communities and the public. Participants learned about best practices, barriers faced, and what the next 120 days of community consultation will look like for the WSR and MFCAR projects during the circulation of the Draft Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement (EA/IA). They also learned about ongoing engagement and consultation opportunities for the NRL Project. Feedback from community representatives during the Question & Answer (Q&A) session provided an opportunity for communities to help guide future consultation efforts across all projects.

Table 3 – 1 showcases questions and responses from the Consultation and Engagement Panel Discussion.

Table 3 - 1 Panel Discussion: Consultation and Engagement Approaches

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Date	**Associated Project**	**Panel Question**	**Panel Responder**	**In-Person Response**
February 25 2025	MFCAR	What is the importance of consultation?	Qasim Saddique	Consultation has helped to define the project and develop a level of understanding of what the First Nations want to achieve and a shared understanding with other communities. It has helped Project Team understand the impacts, mitigations for these impacts that is only possible through meaningful consultation and engagement. As an Indigenous proponent and one of the first road projects in the region, it meant consultation is very important with the proponent communities. We are trying to make sense of what the Proponent community wants to achieve. We have started really

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				broadly with what is purpose, intent and vision of the community. It is a new project, but MFFN has been talking about it for decades. These are long and deep conversations at the community level on this topic, and we want to try to understand and appreciate this process. The project is coming to the point where the Draft EA/IS out that assesses the preferred route for the MFCAR. We could not have gotten to this stage without strong consultation and engagement. This was a remarkable process in itself. To elaborate, we did all of our technical analysis from the environmental and social perspective, and engineering perspective. We thought we had all of the Indigenous Knowledge integrated in this, but through consultation, we were able to fine tune it quite a bit. This means a very deep and meaningful conversation about the crossing of the Albany and the impact on the visual environment and enabling members to continue to enjoy their territory. As well with Aroland First Nation, we had deep conversations with them and alignment at the leadership level. Once we were able to do this and explain what Marten Falls had done and what community feedback was received, we spent a lot of time getting feedback from Aroland FN, because it is paramount for them to be aligned with the vision of the project as it goes through their traditional territory. Without this alignment, there is not long-term success for the project.

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February 25 2025	WSR	What is the importance of consultation?	Michael Fox	It has been a journey for Webequie and included consultation with Webequie and the definition of the project they want. Part of that project definition is the reflection of their aspirations and learning from others. The hardest part was 2 years before the membership really understood that they are the proponent. When we did other studies for other roads, even in that process, the biggest challenge was getting their membership to understand it is their road. There was discussion a long time ago about an all- season road. This took years before the membership got that premise. For Indigenous-led project, therefore what principles are we going to follow. We understand the Crown principles, what are the Indigenous principles. Based on the principles of shared land, language and culture what is our list of communities to consult with. Webequie came up with their own list of First Nations to consult based on their relational networks. This started off with 8 First Nations, and the Crown identified 22 First Nations to consult with. Webequie looked at 5 Nations Energy and how they became proponents of projects (e.g., Watay Power). These are all very different models. Some delivered very little for the community. They looked at these examples, the lessons learned. It was not in isolation that Webequie pursued this. Families have ties to other communities in leadership positions and other. The journey is a collective journey with the regulators. The project description

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				and route were shaped by Indigenous Knowledge. The original maps were much more linear, and members said that there were sacred areas in that path and so the road became curvier to take into account these areas and this knowledge. This is the difference when you have an Indigenous-led project.
February 25 2025	MFCAR	What are the consultation tools that are in your toolkit?	Qasim Saddique	Fundamentally the value of relationships between communities is critical to consultation. Without these relationships, we would have struggled significantly to have discussions with neighbouring First Nation communities. One of the biggest tools as an Indigenous Led Project was the relationships between leadership of communities and memberships. The enabler of conversations were relationships. Even with this, there was initially a few years where communities near the project were not sure if this is a real project - if it was going anywhere. There was a sense of wait and see. As time went on, communities started to appreciate the roles of the Indigenous proponents. This is a really remote part of Northern Ontario and there was not a lot of infrastructure (internet, mobile connectivity). Satellite internet came through later on. With this technology, this enabled more conversations to be had. Remote community meetings are another tool - this was remarkable. Many communities took us up on this offer. People would come and ask their questions and give us an opportunity to respond. As things changed, of course we came back

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				to in person meetings. The unique tools that existed for this project, relationships and desire to meet despite challenges in the pandemic and keeping those relationships going.
February 25 2025	WSR	What are the consultation tools that are in your toolkit?	Michael Fox	With new rules, come new tools. The Impact Assessment Act provided new expectations from the federal regulators - more social studies that needed to be done. Including Indigenous Knowledge which requires engagement. When you are touching people's livelihood like that, we knew that we had to meet in person. Before Covid it was happening but it's not the same with a video. You are talking about people's livelihoods and Webequie knows that in person is the preferred method. We did do livestream and video engagement during Covid restrictions and. had community sessions in this way. We proved it could be done. Now we are back to in person, but all the engagement options are there. If a community choose virtual, this is possible. If the preference is in person, then we are there. We will go old school - we will fax a presentation and go over it on the phone with Chief and Council. We will engage in the method the community prefers. It's a process that deepens. We have done door-to-door survey for projects and that takes time. Sometimes a person could do 9 houses in a day, and other times could only do 1. As much as you want a 1-1 answer, it is storytelling and will keep talking.

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February 25 2025	MFCAR	Is there another engagement activity that has seen a lot of engagement?	Qasim Saddique	At the end of the day, in person is always best. It makes it so much more real. Centuries of evolution to see the body language. There is so much substance to being there in person. Whenever we are invited, we are extremely keen to do that. This is where the most meaningful conversations happen - including difficult conversations. This is how projects truly improve. Then there is the other challenge for these being remote projects. Some people also want to consume material in a different bite-sized way, so this momentum has been our friend as well. We have done videos and livestreams. We try to make them visual. This has had a lot of traction in community, and we have seen a lot of uptakes on this. People always bring these videos up. This has helped us get information out. The more people know, the more they want to talk to us so hopefully this feeds the in-person conversations as well.
February 25 2025	WSR	Is there another engagement activity that has seen a lot of engagement?	Michael Fox	In person without a doubt. You will see the different range of opinions come up. The concerns are really premised on a number of things. We try to tease out what these are. Where you get the best engagement is in person. One session where the open forums because open seasons with open fire. It's always the same people. I remember having big sheets of paper. Are you in favour of the process - not the project. The majority said the process worked for them. Showed that the loudest in the room was actually in the minority speaking out against. Analytics in social media are

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				helpful tool. We had an idea of weaving the community story into social media and drive traffic to the website and this worked. Community storytelling weaved with the technical information, led to a great increase in metrics through social media. We used this innovation, we put more resources towards getting more community stories to drive more traffic to the website.
February 25 2025	MFCAR	What are the barriers to community consultation?	Qasim Saddique	The biggest barrier for us has been where we have not been able to go into the communities. A lack of something - interest, time, this project is not a priority. We understand that. Every Nation has their own priorities. Some communities make time for us and others don't. This is the biggest challenge for us. Over the years we have had a lot of progress. Been to a vast majority of the communities. Some First Nations we have not been to once. This is not lack of interest and intent to be there, but every Nation has their own priorities. In person is also one of the only places where someone has communicated really positive feedback. Other communities understanding the purpose of the roads and indicating they understand what the proponents are doing and why. Trying to get people to say yes or no, it does not really come that way. Have now seen other communities starting to align with the preferred route. In person can give you the final check. Making decisions without this is precarious.

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February 25 2025	WSR	What are the barriers to community consultation?	Michael Fox	Some communities are very organized and apply best practices like booking the hall, giving you the date and suggesting bringing food, in order to engage with community members. Chief and Council involvement as well is important. Some of the James Bay and inland communities do this. Some other communities identify that they want to hear about all 3 road projects all at once. Trying to mobilize this is difficult across these different projects. We have 5 communities requesting this. Have seen disorganized practices as well. The are best practice too with e regulators. On the provincial level, when they Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks approved the ToR, they required there be 3 progress reports on consultation at key milestones in the EA/IA process to allow for input of First Nations. This enforces follow up throughout the process and provides structure and discipline to the consultation and follow up. The other best practice is the collaboration with the federal government in trying to understand what they are expecting. MINES offers participation funding with flexibility to provide communities capacity to engage in the consultation processes. There is also a Memorandum of Understanding that divides the responsibilities between the Crown and the proponents that clearly outlines expectations. This is very helpful.

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February 25 2025	MFCAR	The next 120 days of review	Qasim Saddique	The next 120 days are about reviewing the EA/IS report. The way the communities review the report, is entirely up to them. We are ensuring the communities receive the draft in the format they want. The job that the provincial regulator has is funding so that they can undertake this review. For MFCAR there is additional funding available that came from a budget that was for Traditional Knowledge, so we are deploying it again since communities didn't all take us up on that. We have also made the review more accessible by creating these folders with summaries of all of the report. There is a USB stick in it with all drafts. This is the community's process; we are at their disposal. We will talk, we will present - we will be there in person or meet virtually. If you just want to ask questions, you can do that too. We are at their disposal for this time. The first 60 days is just for First Nations. the second 60 days includes the broader public. Big priority is to service any requests from the First Nations being consulted.
February 25 2025	WSR	The next 120 days of review	Michael Fox	At the end of the day, in person is always best. It makes it so much more real. Centuries of evolution to see the body language. There is so much substance to being there in person. Whenever we are invited, we are extremely keen to do that. At the end of the day, we are looking for specificity so that we can address the community's concerns in the final EAR/IS. If we get a list of 45 issues from a community, we will then take these and look at enhanced

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				mitigation measures to address issues of concern. Will then go back to talk to the community about this. The final EA/IA approval with the Crown can come with terms and conditions to further address effects. The review process also involves engagement with communities to understand how each community does their review process. For WSR, the best way is to sit down with the communities and have the conversations around mitigation measures. The paperwork is not meaningful; it is the conversations with community members to get at the core concerns and innovative mitigation measures to address them.

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February 26, 2025	Arlysse LW	I've heard a lot of innovation with what the panelists have said, curious if you can see the innovation from Indigenous-Led projects continue to develop and do you feel this level of innovation with these projects that this will change the game for Indigenous-Led infrastructure projects in Canada?	Michael Fox	Yes, it is beyond just a project. Webequie is in discussions with Ontario beyond the typical environmental assessment process. There are discussions on shared decision making on environmental monitoring and processes. This is what they are worried about and have talked ways to involve them. We talked to the central commander in Matawa and Webequie. Will need a broader discussion about their mandates on reserve. As soon as they are off reserve, there are different expectations. Webequie don't have the resources to control roads. This is a layered discussion

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				around how the mitigations will be put in place. This is where the innovation comes in. This is the hope that innovative ideas come from the discussion's nation to nation.
			Qasim Saddique	I think projects like this are unprecedented. They have changed the landscape. The reality is that projects like this are few and far between. What this has done is created a dream and a vision of Indigenous involvement in a much more meaningful level. Communities that are looking at their own resources and initiatives can now consider themselves as proponents. It has created a dream that is a new-Ish dream. Planted a seed which is starting to grow.
			Michael Fox	I would say the majority of people are more favourable to the projects. It depends on who you are and how you think. If you think this will improve the lives of WFN and MFFN, thinking of the costs in remote communities, and limitations of travel by air, especially for healthcare. If they had a road, community members will have more access to these things. Community members know this. Those that left to come to cities, when they show up, they want to support. Non-Government Organizations show up to oppose the projects. They showed up to a session at a university with students to raise issues. It's hard to measure because they

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				are on a campaign. It's hard to measure public opinion vs the media. The media is it bleeds it leads. If it is bad news, it will be covered. I cover bright spots on LinkedIn because most Indigenous news is bad news. I'm trying to show bright spots to Indigenous youth with positive Indigenous news. It affects your psyche. There are experts on the issues. Be an expert on the solution - that's what my mom said.
February 26, 2025	Dorothy (MECP)	When you are speaking about engagement with remote and northern communities, what are the biggest differences that you have seen compared to southern communities and the broader public?	Qasim Saddique	The more urban vs remote communities. I find hopes and aspirations are very similar across. When I have been to a community and next steps on a project, people talk in a remarkably articulate and reasonable way. The problems they highlight are reasonable and if you are able to address that, they are amenable to that discussion. By and large this has been my experience in the north and the south. If you go to MFFN, people will talk about the cumulative impacts. This is a common theme with communities in the south, people will talk about all of those issues. But there may be more capacity in the consultation departments in the south.
			Jennifer Ashawasegai-Periera	Indigenous communities look at these in a much more holistic way, they look very closely at the timelines so they can have access to jobs.

3.2.4 Panel Discussion: Aboriginal Treaty Rights and/or Interests



The ATRI Panel focused on Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests and how they are considered in each of the Three Road Projects' EA/IA. Project Teams and community representatives shared their perspectives, highlighting the importance of these rights and how they influence collaboration and decision-making in the EA/IA process.

Moderator:
Steve Lindley, Senior Project Advisor
Panel Members:
Mishal Naseer, Indigenous Relations and Socio-Cultural Lead,
Mark Knell, Senior Indigenous Engagement and Impact Assessment Specialist,
Rowena Moonias, MFCAR Community Representative

Table 3 – 2 provides details of the questions and responses for the panel members, offering insights into their perspectives and the collaborative efforts involved in addressing Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests.

Table 3 - 2 Panel Discussion: Aboriginal Treaty Rights and/or Interests

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February 26, 2025	MFCAR	From your perspective, what does it feel like being the proponent of an Indigenous led Project	MFCAR Community Representative Rowena Moonias	Feels different than other projects. We have more control, more of a say in the final product/version. This is a game changer because we don't have to go along with what they give us. We have a way better chance to protect our treaty rights and interests this way.
February 26, 2025	MFCAR	From your perspective of other community members, do you think they understand what it means to be the proponent?	MFCAR Community Representative Rowena Moonias	A lot of people still don't realize what it means but they are starting to realize with the more meetings we have, more public information centres, more and more people are getting

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				involved. Where it's going to go, how it's going to be built.
February 26, 2025	NRL	Can you give us a sense of the technical aspect of ATRI assessment? What is the process of getting these inputs from the community?	Mishal Naseer	There are multiple ways we do this. Our main valued components are Indigenous use of lands and resources. This can be site specific, resource specific information. The other VC is cultural continuity and well being. This is more about the experience on the land, intergenerational transfer of knowledge. We are hoping through our Indigenous Knowledge program they can share with us information related to these VCs. We want to work with them to utilize this information. Whether through previous project work or internal initiatives, there could be an existing database of information that communities could share with us. We are also providing the capacity for additional information to be shared. Where this collaboration is still being worked through, we are also looking for desktop information that is publicly available. There are community members that are participating in surveys as well. We are happy to receive information from communities and happy to validate how they want that information used.
February 26, 2025	NRL	In order to do an ATRI assessment, you need to know what the ATRI are.	Mishal Naseer	There was a lot of feedback loops, it was an iterative exercise where

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		How did you identify what ATRI you were looking at?		communities were engaged, we were communicating with them to understand the ATRI they had.
February 26, 2025	WSR	When you received this information, what do you do with it and when you do the ATRI assessment is it n mass or is it community by community?	Mark Knell	We are trying to plug into the community especially WFN and MFFN who are the proponents. We have had a lot of input from the communities as the proponents. We have taken a lot of direction and trying to reflect how the communities' values are going to be reflected, how to do it respectfully, how to do it for all 22 communities. There is a lot that goes into relationship building and engagement for communities to provide additional knowledge or participate in studies. There needs to be a flexible approach to the assessment because each community is unique and has a unique history and has cultural and land use differences. There is a lot of variation between communities. There is variation in terms of the level of information that we get. The proponent communities and some communities that have hired consultants to submit studies have provided a lot. There are also communities that might have reviewed project information and provided feedback but not additional information. There are some communities who

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				have not engaged, either through choice or no reason. We have had to develop strategies to develop a meaningful assessment when we do not have a lot of information from certain communities. We have tried to look at communities where we have heard a lot from and trying to reflect this in the documentation. We are not assuming that if we have not heard from a community that there are no issues, we are doing the background research to understand the rights and interests potentially impacted. Without going into too much detail, we are trying to be as adaptive and transparent as possible so that once we receive the information, it doesn't just go into a vacuum.
February 26, 2025	NRL	What do you do with the technical information and net effects from the other disciplines, and what is a net effect for ATRI?	Mishal Naseer	We are running through the assessment and set the baseline conditions. We have done the effects assessment and planned the mitigations. Some communities have a lot of experience in mitigations that they have shared with us. Now we are left with net effects. This is the real meat of the ATRI work. This is where we are looking at the impact on rights. Each project is at a different stage right now. Net effects on fish for example, we will be looking at where the net effect will happen, if there

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				has been community information shared located to the sites and if there is a potential impact on the rights to fish. Is it about the access to the land or fishing in a specific spot. There is still a feedback loop even with WSR, information can still be incorporated and also to show the work of the impact assessment and validate this assessment with communities.
February 26, 2025	WSR	What are you looking for in the feedback loop of the 120-review period?	Mark Knell	We will be working with the consultation team and looking to follow up with community contacts about how the community would like to review the large EA/IA reports. There are various options available. There is capacity support for communities to hire consultants or lawyers to review with communities directly. There might also be community workshops that the project teams could organize. In person meetings could happen in community, Thunder Bay, Timmins etc. It is definitely intended to be a process where we are sharing our understanding and if there is further feedback then we would go back and update the report. With the new Impact Assessment Act, community members can get involved in writing certain sections. Can add input from communities. Communities can interact

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				directly with the Crown on a two-way basis as well.
February 26, 2025	MFCAR	What are the biggest challenges and benefits to representing your community as the coordinator?	MFCAR Community Representative Rowena Moonias	The most challenging is trying to get the most voices heard as possible. Many members do not want to come out. Reaching out to people to get more people out. But the most rewarding is when they do come out and get their voice heard and when it is reflected in the work, changes made because of the information shared, it is nice to see that people are being heard. We need that. We historically haven't been heard. Projects coming in doing whatever they wanted like the Albany Provincial Park or the Treaty. it's a lot different now and it is nice to see that this option that the government has taken has enabled this.
February 26, 2025	MFCAR	Would you say the engagement approach has been old school or new school?	MFCAR Community Representative Rowena Moonias	More new school approach to engagement. We have more than 3 meetings. In the past two years and we have had so many meetings and opportunities.
February 26, 2025	MFCAR	What happens after the Project Team leaves after meeting with the community and leave the community? Do you see an uptick in people engaging with you the coordinator?	MFCAR Community Representative Rowena Moonias	The conversation continues for the most part, always having people coming to ask me questions. Or wanting me to relay their concerns to the team. It's an ongoing conversation. We have bi-weekly meetings where I pass these on.
February 26, 2025	MFCAR	Do community members talk specifically about their concerns on ATRI	MFCAR Community Representative	Yes, this is one of the most specific concerns, being on the water, how it's going to

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			Rowena Moonias	affect the water and the land. Mostly regarding traplines though.
February 26, 2025	WSR	What do you do with the technical information and net effects from the other disciplines, and what is a net effect for ATRI? How do you ensure that the mitigation measures will be implemented? To reassure the people participating in this process the confidence?	Mark Knell	There are mitigation measures to try to eliminate or minimize the effects. Often with the social side in terms of the economics of the projects, there might be job creation, income, training and other positive infrastructure improvements. There are also enhancements that are provided as part of the project if there is an effect. Some of the effects might be eliminated at the end but you might have significant effects as well. We want to group together the mitigation and enhancement measures so that we take it a step further and get out of the EA/IA talk and more practical discussions with communities and look at what communities need, what do they want to achieve as part of the project. There might be a series of plans that come out of the project as a standard practice for example the environmental management plan. There is going to be a consideration of what training and certifications, and other licensing needs that community members might need to get jobs. So that communities are in a position to benefit from the construction and

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				operational benefits of the roads. In terms of the social negative effects, we have heard a lot about safety, vulnerable groups, potential influx of external people, that could take away from community cohesion and connection to the land. We want to think through this, setting an outline of plans and then want to go to the communities and say for those participating, have this be a part of your ongoing community planning. Part of a living document going into the future.
February 26, 2025	NRL	What do you anticipate being the community role given the fact the proponents are First Nations? Will there be differences with other projects?	Mishal Naseer	Speculating, we have heard a lot from communities, had conversations, community meetings, so we know and have done multiple events, my sense is that communities want to manage these roads themselves in some way. Whether it means policing of some kind or organizing how it's maintained, there is a lot of potential for how those commitments come into play. There is a lot of potential for community to be involved. There are also conversations on hold until we get to those stages as well. All of the conversations ongoing include how the community will participate both at large and individuals. Especially for MFCAR, they are very clear that this is a way to

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				connect the community to the highway network. Communities that are isolated, this would open up a lot of possibilities. There is a lot of hope in terms of what happens next. There is a lot coming and the tone has been mostly hopeful and looking forward to what comes next. This includes what participation communities have.
February 26, 2025	MFCAR	What is the community's view that how the EA/IA commitments will be implemented	MFCAR Community Representative Rowena Moonias	The community has their main concerns around this. We don't want a disruption to our way of life in any way on the land. We need the road to go to town, accessing healthcare is the main reason. To make life easier on reserve. Nobody wants our wants our way of life changed. We will definitely be on top of mitigation measures.
February 26, 2025	WSR	Wrap Up	Mark Knell	One thing that I was thinking for MFCAR, from the perspective of Webequie First Nation, the community has done a lot of work to reflect the work they have done previously. We need to move that understanding into the EA/IA process. They have given us a lot of understanding about the values that are important to the community, what the concerns are and also potential opportunities from the road. How they want to measure impacts in terms

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				of the significance of impacts. So that it can be understood by the community. To fit within the community model has been an important part of this. We are applying what we have done with WFN to a regional level; to understand communities we have not heard as much from. It has been an interesting experience with WFN and MFFN working on their own projects and combining their knowledge in the third project. This shared understanding is an opportunity to have a better project.
February 26, 2025	NRL	Wrap Up	Mishal Naseer	All three projects are following a similar process, the guidelines from the federal and provincial governments, all three projects are innovative in their approach in how they are consulting with communities. All three are guided by WFN three tier approach and MFFN guiding principles. As someone is working directly on NRL and watching the other two projects, we are watching and adapting. We are trying to speak to communities at their table, listen, learn and write what they are saying. To give the importance and consideration to the information being provided to us. My approach has been to be able to observe to listen and hear from the

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				communities directly. That is why I am happy to be here and to learn from community members so that we can write what they are saying and speak their truth into our process where we can.
February 26, 2025	MFCAR	Wrap Up	MFCAR Community Representative Rowena Moonias	When you asked earlier about the challenges are, the main one is how many people thought the roads were backed by the mines. Trying to explain to everyone that we were not, and the projects are not backed by the mines.

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February 26, 2025	Muskegowuk Council	I know we have inherent rights to hunting and harvesting but what do you do about the taking out clause in the Treaty? If we break it, we break our own Treaty. How do we protect this? Through conservation? How can we mitigate this even though the NAN and Chiefs of Ontario, it doesn't mean much with this taking out clause.	Steve Lindley	Our job on these three projects is to mitigate impacts to Treaty rights from a road as well as doing cumulative effects analysis. The mining is the elephant in the room. I think IAAC will have this in their Regional Assessment. We are doing everything we possibly can to ensure potential impacts to ATRI are identified and then work with communities to mitigate these impacts. There will be conversations that will happen after the EA/IAs are completed. There will be a feedback loop with communities and there may be residual effects remaining that require accommodation. This will be a political process in some ways

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				because these projects are being led by First Nations. It's important to understand that engagement with communities does not stop with the submission of EA/IAs. There will be continued engagement through construction and operation. it's an ongoing conversation.
February 26, 2025	Muskegowuk Council	The treaty also states that settlements, land, roads are a real challenge. How can we challenge this clause?	Mishal Naseer	These are discussions that communities are having within themselves. We are hoping that communities would share information that is related and how they feel this is related to the roads. For now, it is a matter of what information you are willing to share so we can collaborate on mitigations. Our understanding is based on what communities share with us.
February 26, 2025	Muskegowuk Council	The treaty also states that settlements, land, roads are a real challenge. How can we challenge this clause?	Mark Knell	What we are looking at in terms of the ATRI assessment, it looks at Section 35 rights and those rights are influenced by court decisions and evolving legal understanding of rights. Taking that into account, the direction we get from the environmental assessment requirements is that we don't make a judgement on asserted rights or established rights, just taking in information from communities about their understanding of rights and what the impacts are

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				on those rights. Reflecting what the community is saying to us. This is a good question for communities to think about in terms of how you interpret the clause. We are not lawyers but from the community impact perspective, this is what we are trying to reflect.
February 26, 2025	Muskegowuk Council	When I look at this project I look at it from afar, this affects MFFN and Webequie, but many years ago I read the summary of Voisey's Bay agreement, a tripartite agreement and as I read that summary, the federal government had to make amendments to the environmental act, when we say it is Indigenous led, in this case it was, they voiced their opinion and the government had to acknowledge them. They all sat down and made amends and to the very air that we breathe, it was included in the document. They changed part of the federal impact assessment so that all three would be in agreement. I have always voiced my concerns about the roads. It is going to affect our rivers. Getting back to the agreement, a case such as this where the impacts are going to be major because the road will go over creeks and others, to me when I read that	Rowena Moonias	I see an improved quality of life for my people. Grocery shopping is difficult. Living up north you have to put the groceries in the car then get boxes, pack them up, take them to the airport, pay extra for freight, load them in and off the plane, then take them home. Healthcare - So many horror stories of people in emergency situations and they can't get help right away and need to wait for a plane. I had a cousin who lost her baby because she couldn't get health care. She had a stillborn. The mental toll it takes being isolated. I want to see improved quality of life on reserve. People are struggling with the high cost of living. It will really improve the quality up there.

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		agreement, we got to be careful about the words that we use. If it is Indigenous led, we need to see the fruits of this being Indigenous led, where the voice of our people overpowers the bureaucrats. I have learned a lot of lessons from projects from across Canada and projects that needed to be negotiated. They passed the fast-track mining act, so that will cut the timeline of a mine in half from 15 years to 7. If we are going to say Indigenous Led, we need to see it and not just walked through a process. We need to protect our animals. We are stewards of the land and need to protect our animals, our fish, our caribou. I don't see it as being Indigenous Led. I see it as bureaucratic led, you are just leading us through the process. If you look through the Voisey's Bay agreement, you will see the changes the federal government had to make. They had to listen to the Innu and now they are satisfied with the deal that they made at Voisey's Bay. We are going to stand up for our land and our way of life. The bottom line is that if this is Indigenous led, we should see the fruit of it.		

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		I was talking to executive director Lawrence Martin, Mushkegowuk wants to help, if you can use our assistance and services, we are available to you for this process. I want to hear from Ms. Moonias. There are challenges within our own communities. What do you see at the end of it all for the people of MFFN?		
February 26, 2025	Muskegowuk Council	MFFN is the proponent. Are you guys going to own the road? Is it a private road? Would they stop treaty 9 members from using that road?	Rowena Moonias	We were wanting that initially, but we will have a say in who owns it. We are not interested in stopping Treaty 9 members. The concerns have been stopping angler hunters and fishers, MNR etc. The problem with managing the roads is that it is very expensive. We will not take over the plowing. A lot of these things have not yet been finalized.
February 26, 2025	Muskegowuk Council	Are you guys going to take into account the RA studies and what are you doing to get Ontario to the RA table? They are participating in this but not in the Regional Assessment.	Steve Lindley	We are working with the federal government and provincial government on these projects. You will need to ask them about their involvement in the Regional Assessment
February 26, 2025	Muskegowuk Council	I am from Flying Post First Nation. My reserve does not have access to all the mining revenues in Timmins and infrastructure. What are you doing to highlight the real risks to MFFN about allowing mining in their territory?	Rowena Moonias	I don't think anybody up there fully trusts if mines come out of these roads, that they will have our best interests at heart. We have seen this with DeBeers and Attawapiskat is still struggling. Greenstone has provided jobs to local First Nations, but they pay like

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				$18 per hour so it's not as good as I thought. We talk about this a lot, and we are very aware that we are going to get as much benefit as we can for our people and not end up as another DeBeers-Attawapiskat situation. Mines will take advantage. They want to pay as little as possible. We have been talking about a strategy for 20 years now. It's been a long time. We have a lot of good people working for us. It is a big concern of mine personally. Everyone talks about not getting benefit like a lot of other mining companies.

3.2.5 Breakout Sessions

The breakout sessions were situated in separate rooms with different members of the Project Teams. Communities could sign up for a breakout session with any of the projects as well as government agencies held throughout the afternoon on both days. The primary focus was to ensure the conversations were Indigenous-led and to highlight the community-specific issues and concerns that have been identified throughout consultation efforts.

WSR Breakout sessions – The Project Team members discussed the ATRI process and community-specific assessments for which the team would like to further engage communities, including key findings of the EA/IA and engagement options available to provide feedback from the review of the draft EA/IA.

3.2.6 Expo

During the Expo session attendees had the opportunity to meet subject matter experts, explore project details, and learn about the technical aspects of each project. The Expo was ongoing throughout both days of the Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo, allowing participants to visit the booths at any time in the afternoon. At the WSR Expo booth, attendees explored the draft EAR/IS and engaged with Project Team members who provided extensive information on topics such as cumulative effects assessment, socio-economic impacts, and ATRI. Below you will find the Questions and comments that were received in person during this time.

3.2.6.1 WSR Booth Questions/Comments

Table 3 – 3 shows questions/comments received during the WSR Expo Booth in Timmins on February 25 & 26, 2025.

Table 3 - 3 WSR Expo Booth Questions/Comments

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Date	**Associated Community**	**Comment**	**Responder**	**In-Person Response**
February 25, 2025	Weenusk First Nation	Had questions about caribou activity during construction and post construction and if the road will affect migration patterns.	Angela Brookes	Human activity affects caribou, and they will stay away during construction. NRL goes through category 1 winter and nursery habitat. There will be habitat fragmentation. Caribou are sensitive and we're trying to figure out how to deal with the effects.
February 25, 2025	Weenusk First Nation	Has concerns for future generations and would like to see Indigenous Peoples at the table when it comes to environmental assessments, especially on rivers. "You can't clean up a river after it's been polluted."	Jennifer A-P	Comment acknowledged.

4.0 General Notes from Workbooks

Table 4 – 1 below, shows the general notes received from participant workbooks that were handed in at the end of the gathering.

Table 4 - 1 General Workbook Notes

Source	Community Affiliation	Comment
Workbook	Webequie First Nation	I would like to see more FN community attending these sessions, but I know everyone is busy. Maybe invite Youth to attend these sessions or have leadership bring out 1 or 2 youth with them.
Workbook	Webequie First Nation	No comments
Workbook	Aroland First Nation, #242	We're going to need more funding to review the EA report and to hold meetings: ▪ community meetings ▪ leadership meetings ▪ consultants ▪ legal ▪ general Public, info sessions, tourists, business, concerns.

5.0 Event Survey Feedback and Other Feedback

A total of eight event feedback surveys were completed and received for both of the Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo events held in Thunder Bay and Timmins. Although an answer was not provided for each question at the gatherings, Table 5 – 1 provides responses each question/comment received.

Table 5 - 1 Event Survey Feedback Summary

Category	Feedback
Overall Experience	Excellent: 4 respondents Good: 4 respondents
Enjoyed Most	Breakout sessions Discussions with project leads Displays and one-on-one chats Informative content
Relevance of Topics	Somewhat: 4 respondents Very: 4 respondents
Level of Understanding	Somewhat: 4 respondents Very: 4 respondents
Speaker Engagement	Generally positive feedback Specific comments on rights and treaties explained Suggestions for improvement
Improvements for Future Events	Involvement of youth Historical family names Simpler information Audio books of summary executive
Preferred Communication Methods	Email Website/social media Open houses Newsletters Community meetings Workshops Webinars
Interest in Projects	Northern Road Link (NRL): 2 respondents Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFCAR): 2 respondents

Category	Feedback
	All three projects: 5 respondents
Understanding of Projects	Generally positive Specific comments on regulation, community input, and translation needs
Additional Information Desired	Public input Updates Revenue generation Restriction measures Translated documents
General Comments	Need for more community input Simultaneous translation units Proper name tags Shorter panels with more Q&A

6.0 Key Themes from Feedback

The feedback gathered from the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo highlights key themes related to community engagement, project transparency, and communication. Attendees expressed a desire for a variety of communication channels, such as websites, newsletters, and social media, to stay informed about the projects in the future. It was also suggested webinars as a useful platform for engagement.

Regarding the proposed projects, many participants expressed interest in all three road projects but also voiced concerns about the regulation and accessibility of the roads, as well as the potential impacts on shared territories. The feedback indicated that the gathering helped to clarify certain aspects of the projects, especially through one-on-one sessions and breakout rooms, but more community input, especially youth, and translated materials were requested for future sessions. There was also a call for better logistical arrangements, such as providing translation headsets at sign-in and ensuring more interactive presentations. In general, attendees appreciated the opportunity to voice their concerns and emphasized the importance of continued dialogue and transparency throughout the project lifecycle.

7.0 Next Steps & Commitments

The next steps and commitments following the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo should focus on addressing the feedback and ensuring continued engagement with the community. These steps may include:

Improved Communication and Information Sharing

- Develop a clear and accessible communication plan to keep communities and organizations informed through multiple channels (websites, social media, newsletters, email, and webinars).
- Ensure that translated versions of key documents (such as the EA/IA reports) are available simultaneously with the English versions to ensure equal access to information.

Further Community Engagement

- If needed, organize additional open houses, workshops, and focus groups to deepen community involvement and address any outstanding concerns.
- Hold more targeted community meetings, especially in areas where there are shared territories or specific concerns related to road regulation, usage, and safety.

Address Logistical Issues

- Ensure that translation services, including headsets for simultaneous translation, are provided at future events to improve accessibility and accessible with proper signage for usage.
- Improve event logistics by providing proper name tags and optimizing presentation formats to allow for more Q&A and interactive discussions.

Transparency and Follow-up

- Provide continuous updates on the progress of the projects, particularly regarding the development and construction timelines, as well as how feedback is being incorporated into the planning process.
- Offer more details on how the revenue generated from the roads will be allocated for their maintenance and management.

Collaboration with Indigenous Communities and Organizations

- Reach out to other First Nations communities and Indigenous organizations to discuss their potential involvement in the project, especially regarding control and oversight of the roads.
- Address concerns related to overlapping territories and work towards finding mutually beneficial solutions.

Commitment to Future Involvement

- Ensure ongoing dialogue and transparency, with clear timelines for future consultation/ engagement and project developments. This includes maintaining accessible feedback mechanisms to continue gathering community input throughout the project lifecycle.

These steps will demonstrate a commitment to ongoing community engagement, transparency, and addressing concerns while ensuring the projects progress in a responsible and inclusive manner.



Appendix A

Invitation

THREE ROAD PROJECTS GATHERING & EXPO

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD (WSR) • **MARTEN FALLS COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD** (MFCAR) • **NORTHERN ROAD LINK** (NRL)

YOU ARE INVITED!

THREE ROAD PROJECTS GATHERING & EXPO

Led by Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation
Funded by the Province of Ontario, our Treaty Partner

Valhalla Inn
1 Valhalla Rd
Thunder Bay

February 19th & 20th 2025

Continuing to build on the momentum of the last two Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Forums and the June 2024 Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo, **Marten Falls First Nation** and **Webequie First Nation** are excited to host another Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo. The Gathering and Expo will provide participants with an engaging and interactive space for consultation to learn more about the projects, ask questions, and share feedback. The WSR and MFCAR projects will focus on the circulation of the draft Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement (EAR/IS). The NRL Project will focus on the consideration and evaluation of alternatives as well as the approach to the cumulative effects assessment and other key aspects of the three projects.

You will be able to participate in one-on-one sessions with the proponent teams and/or Government representatives to ask questions, provide feedback, and engage directly. You can also engage during the Expo Session on specific aspects of the Projects.

Day 1: Three Road Projects Overview, Consultation Panel, Individual Community Breakout sessions & Project Expo

Day 2: ATRI Panel Discussion, Individual Community Breakout sessions & Project Expo

PARTICIPANT FUNDING

The Province of Ontario will fund up to 3 representatives from your community to attend, including travel, accommodation, and meals. All questions about funding or the coordination of funding should be directed to the Province of Ontario at ea.participant.fund@ontario.ca.

Additional community representatives are welcome to attend.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Gathering is to create a comfortable, respectful, and collaborative space for consultation to continue to build an understanding of the three road projects and their potential impacts by:

- Creating opportunities to engage directly with the Project proponents and consulting teams who will be sharing information about the Projects and discussing the draft EAR/IS circulation and review for WSR and MFCAR, soliciting preliminary feedback and answering any questions participants may have
- Discussing the approach consideration and evaluation of Alternatives for the NRL Project.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND FROM YOUR COMMUNITY

Representatives who are knowledgeable and comfortable speaking and sharing information about the road projects and the potential impacts on your community are encouraged to attend.

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(Later RSVP for Gathering attendance is OK!)

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NRL Northern Road Link

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1000 Norman St
Timmins

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Appendix B

Sign in Sheets

Participant Sign-In Sheet

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COMMUNITY	☑	NAME OF PARTICIPANT
Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek	##	Chief Yvette Metansinine
	##	Kyla Morrisseau
Aroland First Nation	##	Councillor Joe Baxter
	##	Jerry Shabogamik
Bearskin Lake	##	Cree Fox
Constance Lake	##	Phyllis ineese
	##	Wayne Neegan
Fort Albany First Nation	##	Sarah Beamish
Long Lake #58 First Nation	##	Ervin Waboose
	##	Amanda Misnakoshkang
Marten Falls First Nation	##	Bob Baxter
	##	Lawrence Baxter
	##	Russell Acheepieskun
	##	Alanna Downey-Baxter
Matawa Four Rivers	##	Kim Jorgenson
	##	Shannon Costigan
	##	Dan Brenzavich
Neskantaga	##	Clyde Moonias
Red Sky Metis Independent Nation	##	James Bowles
	##	Faith Bowles
Webequie First Nation	##	Roy Spence
	##	Gordan Wabasse
	##	Harry Wabasse
	##	Chief Cornelius Wabasse
	##	Glen Wabasse
	##	Leonard Beaver
Wunnumin Lake First Nation	##	Randy Wabasse
	##	Bellamie Bighead
TOTAL	**28**	

Participant Sign-In Sheet

Thunder Bay - Day 2

COMMUNITY	☑	NAME OF PARTICIPANT
Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek	##	Chief Yvette Metansinine
	##	Kyla Morrisseau
	##	Joe Donio
Aroland First Nation	##	Councillor Joe Baxter
	##	Jerry Shabogamik
Constance Lake	##	Phyllis Ineese
	##	Wayne Neegan
	##	Nelson Nakoochee
Fort Albany First Nation	##	Sarah Beamish
Marten Falls First Nation	##	Bob Baxter
	##	Lawrence Baxter
	##	Russell Acheepieskun
	##	Angus Baxter
	##	Rowena Moonias
	##	Sandy Moonias
Matawa Four Rivers	##	Kim Jorgenson
	##	Jennifer Duncan
	##	Shannon Costigan
Nibinamik First Nation	##	Stanley Oskineegish
Neskantaga	##	Clyde Moonias
Red Sky Métis Independent Nation	##	Donelda DeLaRonde
	##	James Bowles
	##	Sylvia Gomez
	##	Faith Bowles
Webequie First Nation	##	Neebin Wabasse
	##	Selena Wabasse
	##	Nicole Shoomin
	##	Roy Spence
	##	Gordon Wabasse
	##	Harry Wabasse
	##	Chief Cornelius Wabasse
	##	Glen Wabasse
	##	Tyler Shewaybick
	##	Leonard Beaver
Wunnumin Lake First Nation	##	Randy Wabasse
	##	Bellamie Bighead
TOTAL	**36**	

Participant Sign-In Sheet

Timmins - Day 1

COMMUNITY	☑	NAME OF PARTICIPANT
Attawapiskat First Nation	##	Dorothee Schreiber
Kashechewan First Nation	##	Edward Sutherland
Mushkegowuk Council	##	Ron Grech
	##	Ivan iserhoff
Weenusk First Nation	##	Councillor Paul Koostachin
	##	Rose Chookomoolin
Marten Falls First Nation	##	Rowena Moonias
TOTAL	7	

Participant Sign-In Sheet

Timmins Day 2

COMMUNITY	☑	NAME OF PARTICIPANT
Attawapiskat First Nation	##	Dorothee Schreiber
Kashechewan First Nation	##	Edward Sutherland
Mushkegowuk Council	##	Troy Woodhouse
	##	Ron Grech
	##	Ivan iserhoff
Weenusk First Nation	##	Councillor Paul Koostachin
	##	Rose Chookomoolin
Marten Falls First Nation	##	Rowena Moonias
Fort Albany First Nation	##	Sarah Hookimawillillene
Wakenagun	##	Aimee Lavoie (Timmins)
	##	Karris Nash (Wakenagun)
	##	Alex Quintanilla (Constance Lake)
	##	Summer Turner (Timmins)
	##	Dipinder Singh (Wakenagun)
	##	Darcy Mannila (Timmins)
	##	Mary Boyden (Timmins)
TOTAL	16	

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WALK-IN SIGN-IN SHEET

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Date	Community	Name (First and Last)	Signature
Feb 20, 2025	AtkinsRealis	Samantha Noganosh	SNoganosh
Feb 20, 2025	Sustop	Christine Foster	
" "	Dillon Consulting	Dani Kluenstler	
Feb 20 2025	They Media	Adrien Marcelle	
20/02/25	THEYMEDIA	ANDERS WAHL	
Feb 20, 25	Atkins Realis	Junior Nootchtai	Jeniore Nootchtai
20.02.25	AR	Jennifer Pereira	
20.02.25	AR	Mark Knell	MK
20.02.25	Theymedia	Bowen Conn	
Feb 20/25	ANIMBIIGOO ZAAGI'IGAN ANISHINAABEK	Joe Dowd	
Feb 20/25	MINES	Jason Fredette	Jason Fredette

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Feb/19/24	AECOM	Tatianna Brierley	
19 Feb 25	MNR - Far North Dist.	Alain Joseph	
19 FEB	DILLON CONSULTING	DAN KUENSTLER	
19/02/25	L. BAXTER	S. T.	
19/Feb/25	~~J. Frechette~~ MINES	J. Frechette	
19/Feb/25	MECP	Peter Brown	
"	MNR	COLIN CROWELL	
"	MNR	Nancy Berglund.	
"	MINES	Victoria Fell	
"	MTO	GARY WEISS	

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Feb 26, 2025	DILLON CONSULTING	MISHAL NASEER.
Feb 26, 2025	Nancy Berglund ⟷ MNR.	
Feb. 26	AtkinsRealis	Angie Brooks
"	"	Dan Parker
"	AUSCREVAHL	
"	~~Adrien~~ They	Adrien Manfelle
	MKicke Interpreter	MKicke
"	TheyMedia	2025
"	AtkinsRealis	MKull
	MFFN J Bruin Associates	Jennifer Bruin
	Ravena Moonias	MFCAR
	Jennifer Pereira	AR
	Samantha Noganosh	Atkins Realis.
Feb 26, 25	AR	Kyla McQuabbie
Feb 26, 25	~~Aiden~~ AtkinsRealis	Junior Nootchtai

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02/25/25	MNR-FND	Karlene Leroux
"	IAAC	SITA CHINNADURAI
"	DILLON	MISHAL N.
"	Dillon	Laura Smyers.
"	WSP	Erin Greenaway.
02/26/25	Dillon	Laura Smyers
" "	AECOM	Ingrid Trimble
"	AECOM	Tatianna Brierley
"	Sustop	Christine Foster
"	Atkins Realis	Ryerson Whitney
	ICE	Michael Fox !!
"	DILLON	DAN KUEARSTLER
"	Atkins Realis	Atlysse Saftenvere-Watkins
Feb 26/25	MINES	Jason Fredette
Feb. 25/2025	AECOM	Gabbie Rataj Ozak

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Feb 26th, 2025	ICE	Chris McKay
Feb 26/25	Atkins Realis	Kate Kusiak
Feb 26/25	MECP	Dorothy Moszynski
"	WSP	Erin Greenaway
"	IAAC	SITA CHINNADURAI
"	IAAC	Caitlin Phillips
"	ICF	Haley Price

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"	AECOM	Tatianna Brierley
Feb 25	AECOM	Gabbie Ratajczak
" "	ICE	Michael Fox !!
Feb 25	AtkinRealis	Junior Nootchtai
" "	AECOM	Ingrid Trimble
"	Suslop	Christine Foster
"	AtKinsRealis	Ryerson Whiting
"	"	Dan Perkins
Feb25	Atkins	
Feb-25	Atkins	Kate Kuil
Feb25	AtkinsRealis	Mark Knull
Feb 25	Atkins Realis.	Samantha Nagamash
Feb 25	AtkinsRealis	Kyla McQuabbie

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Feb 26.25	MFFN Advisor	JENNIFER BRUIN	
Feb. 20th/2025	MNR.	Nancy Beglund	Nancy Beglund.
" "	DILLON	MISHAL NASEER	
" "	AECOM	Ingrid Trimble	
Feb 20th	Suslop	Qasim Saddique	
Feb 20	MJMCS	PAUL MARTINUSS	
Feb 20	IAAC	Caitlin Phillips	CPhillips
"	IAAC	SITA CHINNADURAI	C. Sita
"	MTO	GABY WEISS	
Febro	Fort Albany (lawyer)	Sarah Beamish	
Feb 20th	Themedia	Tony McGuire	2025

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20 Feb 25	AtkinsRealis - Henvey Inlet FN	Kyla McQuabbie	
20 Feb 25	MFFN Rowena Moonias	Rowena Moonias	
20 Feb 25	AtkinsRealis	Don Parkinson	
20 Feb 25	AECOM	Tatianna Brierley	
20 Feb 25	AECOM	Niki Angelis	
20 Feb 25	AECOM	Gabbie Ratajczak	
20 Feb 25	ICE	Mekenna Martiner	
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11	MNR	Colin Crowell	
11	~~Four Rivers~~	~~Shannon Costigan~~	~~[illegible]~~

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Feb 25/25	MINES	Jason Fuchelke
" "	MECP	Dorothy Moszynski
" "	AECOM	KYLE HAMPTON
"	MNR	Nancy Berglund.
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	Interpreter	Nkudca
	MFCAR	Rowena Moonias
"	Suslop	Qasim Siddique
"	ICE	Haley Columbus
"	"	Chris McKay
"	IAAC	Caitlin Phillips

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Feb. 19	Webequie First Nation	~~Ray~~ Roy Sparke	
Feb 19	IAAC	SITA CHINNADURAI	Sitg.
FEB 19	MSWCS	PAUL MACINNIS	
"	WSR Working Group.	Gordon Nadeau	
Feb 19	ICE	Mckenna Martinez	
	DILLON	MISHAL NASEER	
	DILLON	LAURA SWYERS.	
Feb 19	SUSLOP	~~Christine~~ Foster	
FEB 19	SUSLOP	ARIANE HELSEY	

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Appendix C

Project Presentation



WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

WSR Environmental / Impact Assessment Project Update

February 2025

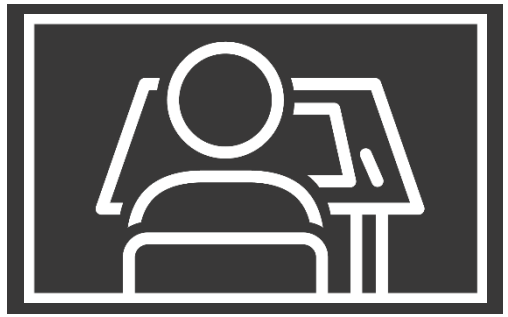
PURPOSE OF THE WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD



Move materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the McFaulds Lake area



Provide local employment and economic development opportunities to Webequie.



Provide experience/training opportunities for youth to help encourage the pursuit of additional skills through post-secondary education

PROJECT DESCRIPTION



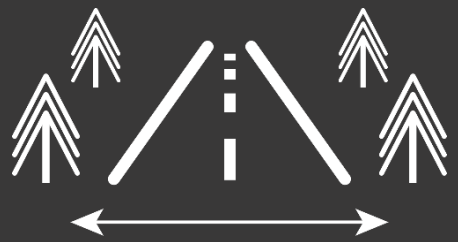
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All-season road from Webequie First Nation (WFN) Airport to McFaulds Lake



17 km

Length of road corridor within WFN Reserve Lands



35 m

Final corridor width (right-of-way) for two lane surface

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SUPPLY ROAD

PROJECT DESCRIPTION



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Major waterbody crossings with bridges (and 25 other waterbody crossings) requiring culverts



Includes temporary and permanent aggregate pit/rock quarry areas with equipment for processing, as well as access roads to these areas



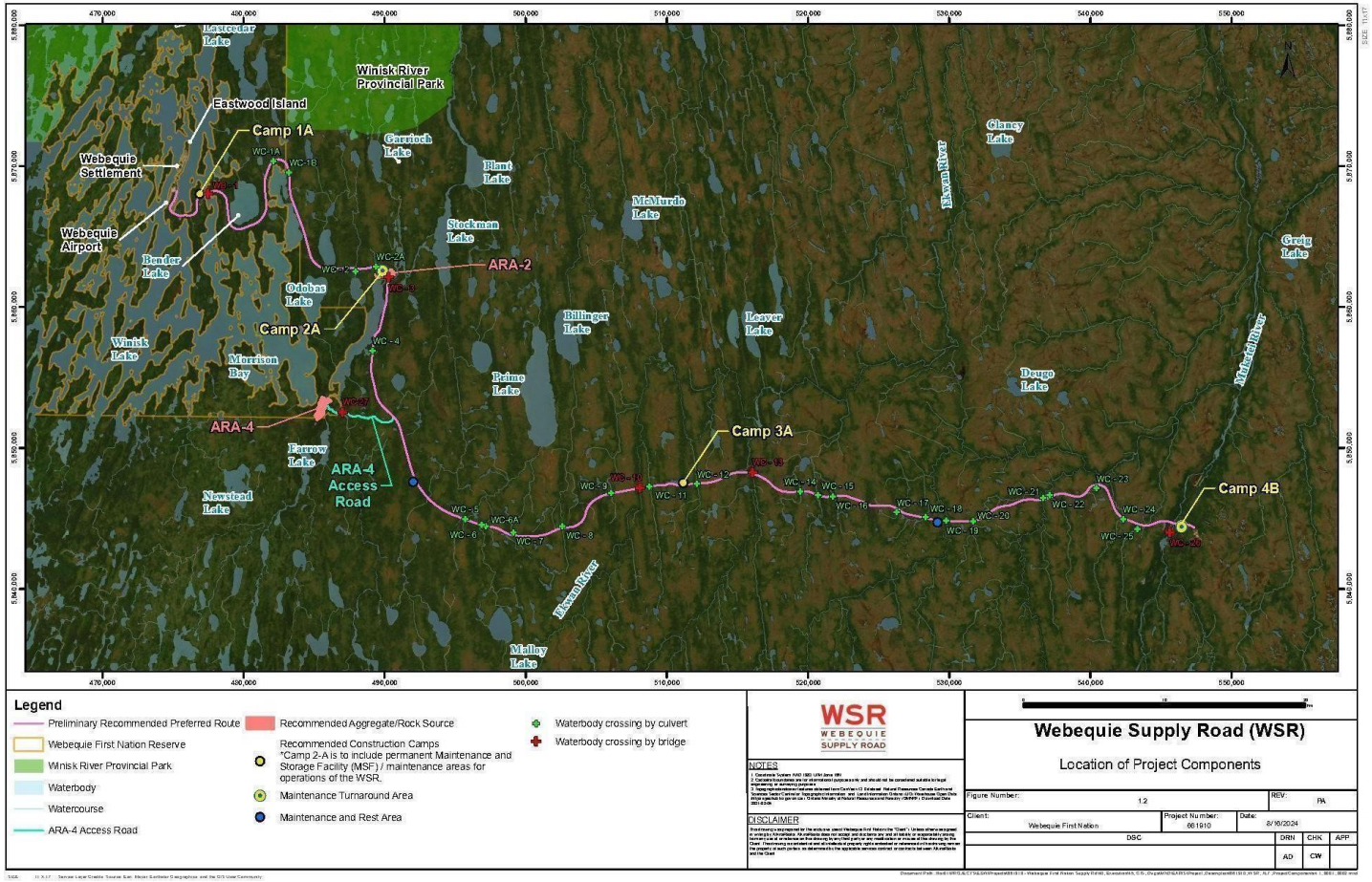
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Construction camps (temporary) to accommodate construction crews, with 1 site being repurposed to act as permanent operation/ maintenance facility

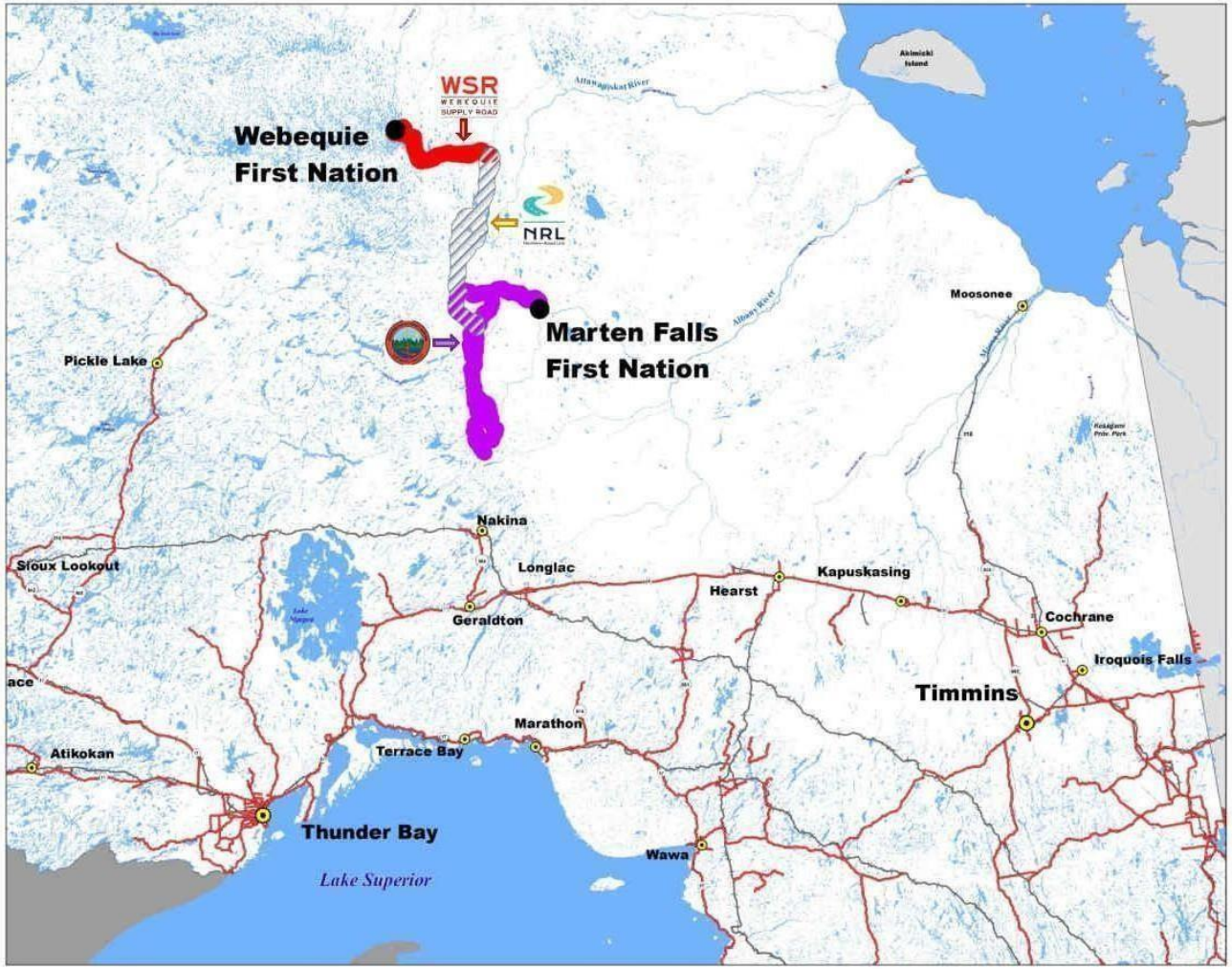


Storage and laydown yards (temporary) for equipment and materials

WSR PREFERRED CORRIDOR SHOWING CAMP AND PIT/QUARRY LOCATIONS



OTHER ROAD PROJECTS IN THE AREA



WSR
WEBEQUIE
SUPPLY ROAD

HOW IS THE WSR EA/IA RELATED TO THE FEDERAL REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE RING OF FIRE ?

In November 2020, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change mandated this assessment to guide sustainable development and informed decision-making. The process involves collaboration with Indigenous communities, stakeholders, and the public to ensure that diverse perspectives are considered.

Regional Assessment is a planning tool used to assess the positive and negative effects of multiple existing and future developments and activities in a specific geographic region.

A draft Terms of Reference for the assessment was released in September 2024, outlining the framework and objectives of the evaluation. This document is available for public review and comment, emphasizing transparency and community involvement.

Currently, there are over 200 comments on the draft Terms of Reference from the public, governments, and Indigenous communities, which can be seen on the IAAC website.

The Regional Assessment is an independent and separate process from the WSR EA/IA. Information from the Regional Assessment, if available, will be used to inform the WSR EA/IA.

ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

During Consultation Round 1 (2022), Round 2 (2023) and Round 3 (2024), the following engagement/consultation activities occurred:



WEBSITE

NOTICES

MEETINGS

+ WAWATAY RADIO SHOWS + INTERNET SHOWS (LIVESTREAMS)

WHAT WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR

- Road Ownership and Policing
- Climate Change
- Possible Effects from All Projects Together
- Selling Gravel and Rock to Build Road
- Commercial / Job Opportunities
- Treaty Rights
- Down River Water Quality
- Worries About More Drugs and Alcohol

WHERE ARE WE NOW IN THE PROJECT?

- We are now getting ready to release the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement
- This will be provided to Indigenous communities for review first (60-days), and then released for review (60-days) by the public, stakeholders and Indigenous communities
- This report will identify and discuss the potential effects of the Project on various valued components

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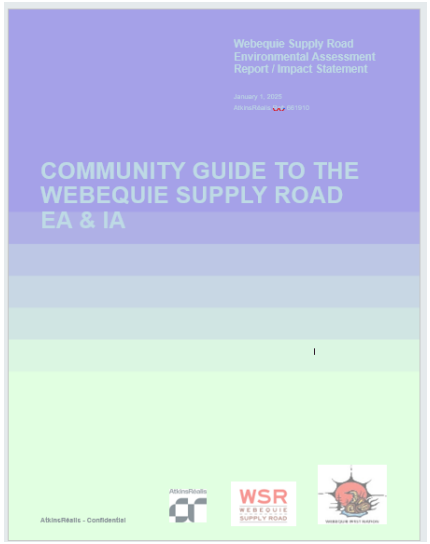
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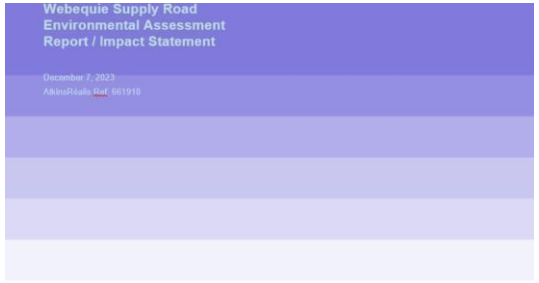
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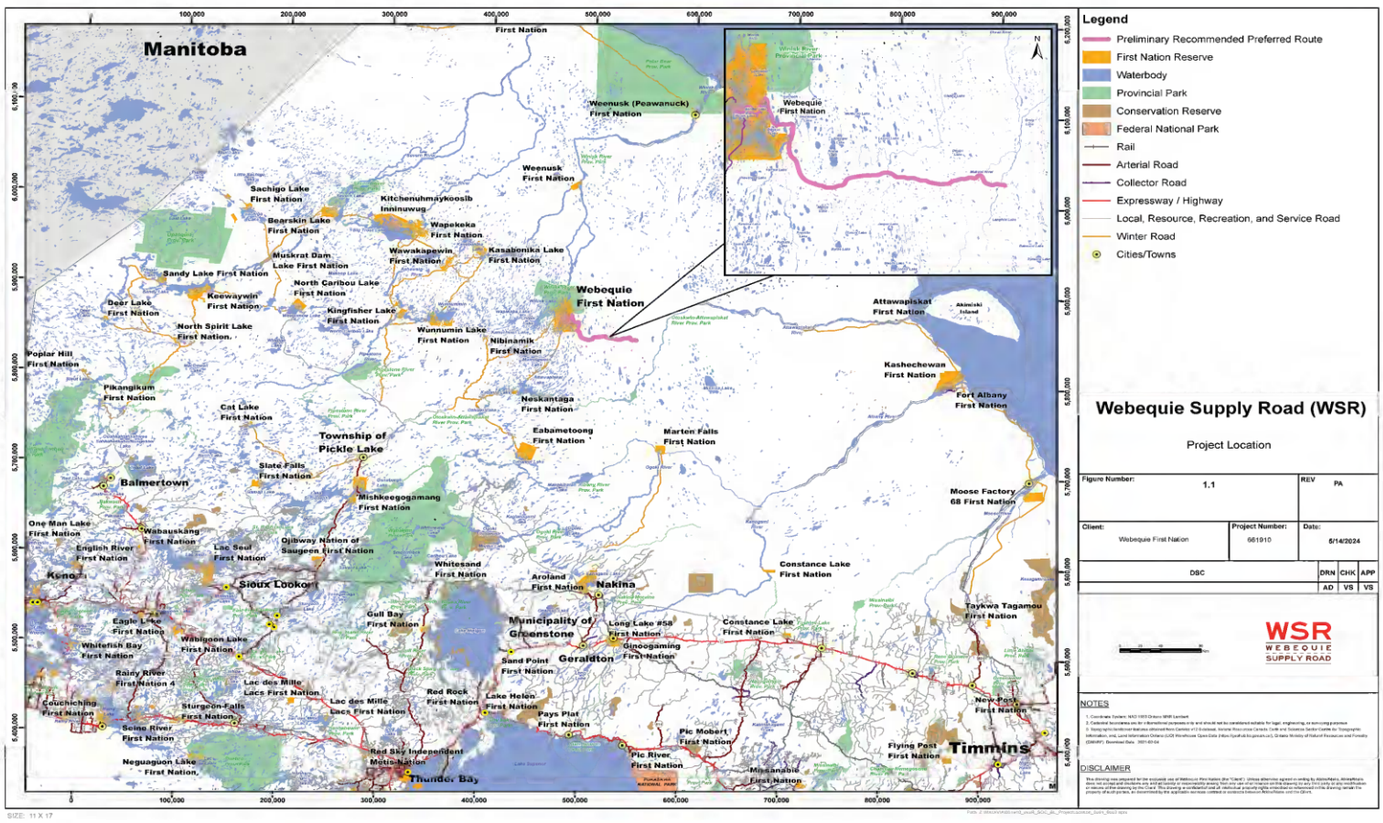
Appendix D

Expo Display Boards & Handouts

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Location and Purpose Map

Project Location



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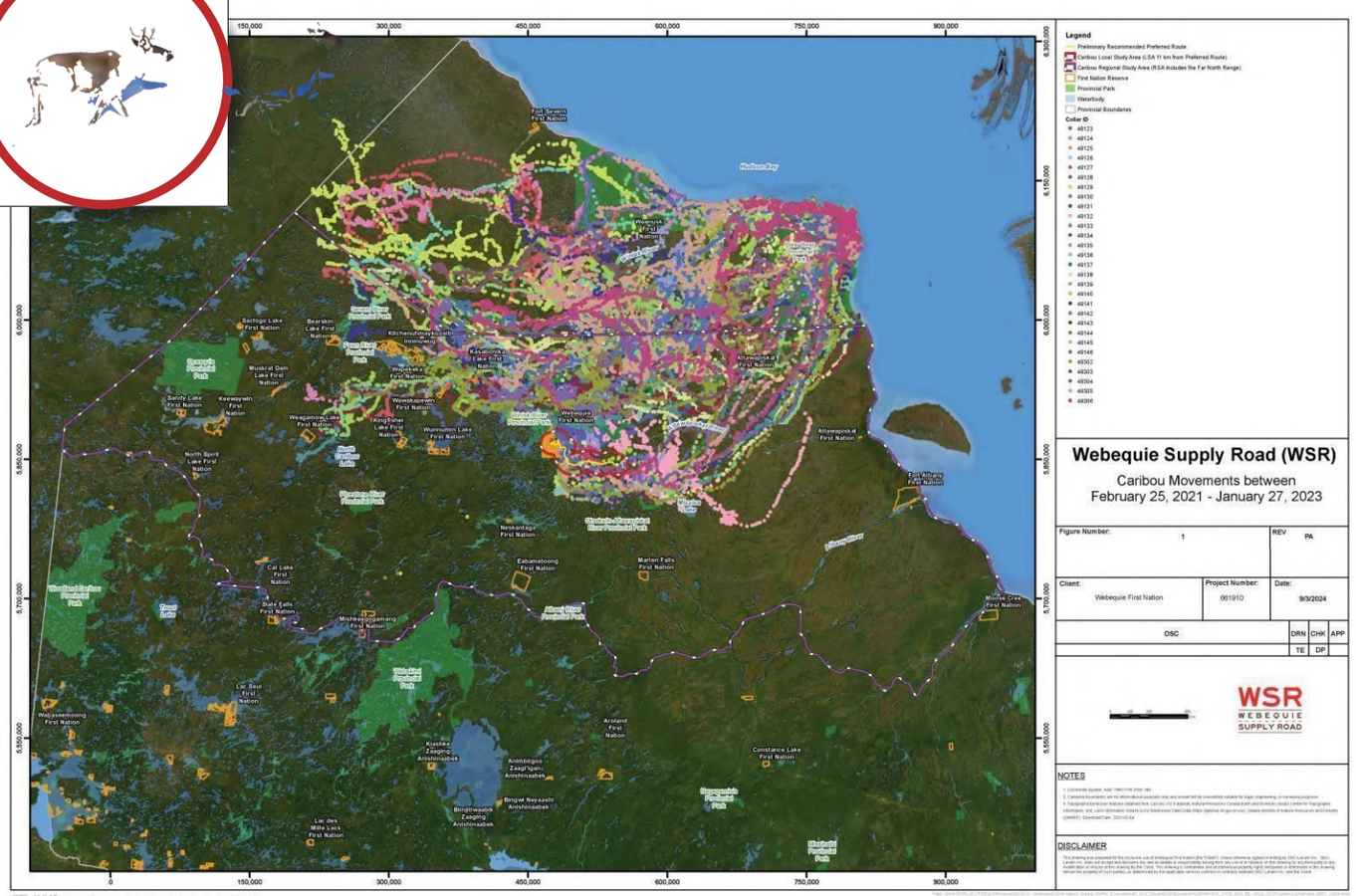
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Caribou Map









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Proposed Watercourse Crossings

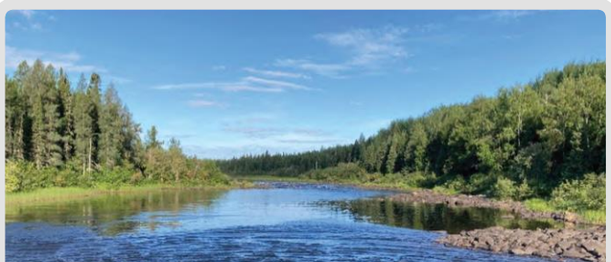
Winisk Lake Crossing


Current View


After Project View


After Project View

Winiskisis Channel Crossing


Current View


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Muketei River Crossing


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WSR Environmental / Impact Assessment Project Update
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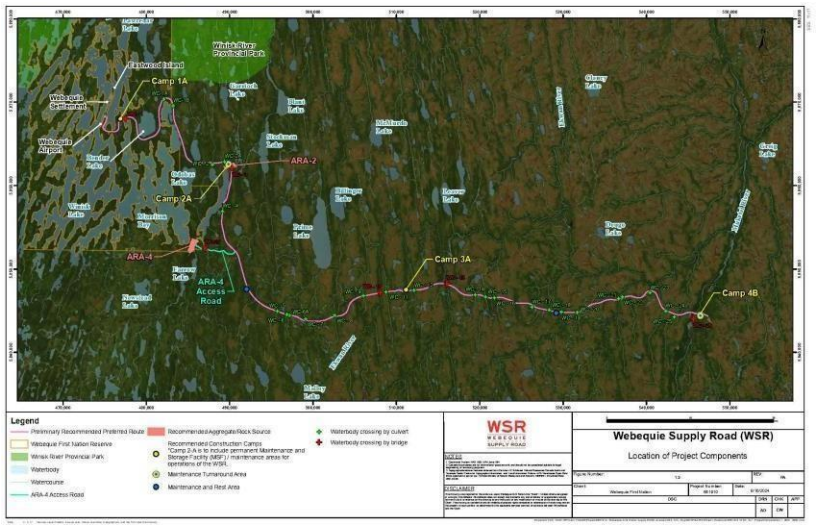
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HOW IS THE WSR EA/IA RELATED TO THE FEDERAL REGIONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE RING OF FIRE ?

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ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

During Consultation Round 1 (2022), Round 2 (2023) and Round 3 (2024), the following engagement/consultation activities occurred:



WEBSITE

NOTICES

MEETINGS

+ WAWATAY RADIO SHOWS + INTERNET SHOWS (LIVESTREAMS)

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WHAT WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR

- Road Ownership and Policing
- Climate Change
- Possible Effects from All Projects Together
- Selling Gravel and Rock to Build Road
- Commercial / Job Opportunities
- Treaty Rights
- Down River Water Quality
- Worries About More Drugs and Alcohol

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WHERE ARE WE NOW IN THE PROJECT?

- We are now getting ready to release the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement
- This will be provided to Indigenous communities for review first (60-days), and then released for review (60-days) by the public, stakeholders and Indigenous communities
- This report will identify and discuss the potential effects of the Project on various valued components

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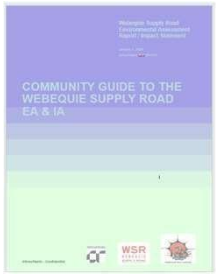
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WHERE ARE WE NOW IN THE EA / IA?- DOING THE EFFECTS ASSESSMENT



Input from Community Members



Describe the project and decide what will be studied and how it will be measured

Identify limits of studies (land and time) and describe how things are now

Identify possible effects of project and how these can be controlled

Are there left over effects?

Look at the leftover effects from past, present and future projects (the big picture)

Identify monitoring required

Compare advantages/disadvantages of project vs doing nothing

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PROJECT and NET (LEFTOVER) EFFECTS

Project Effects

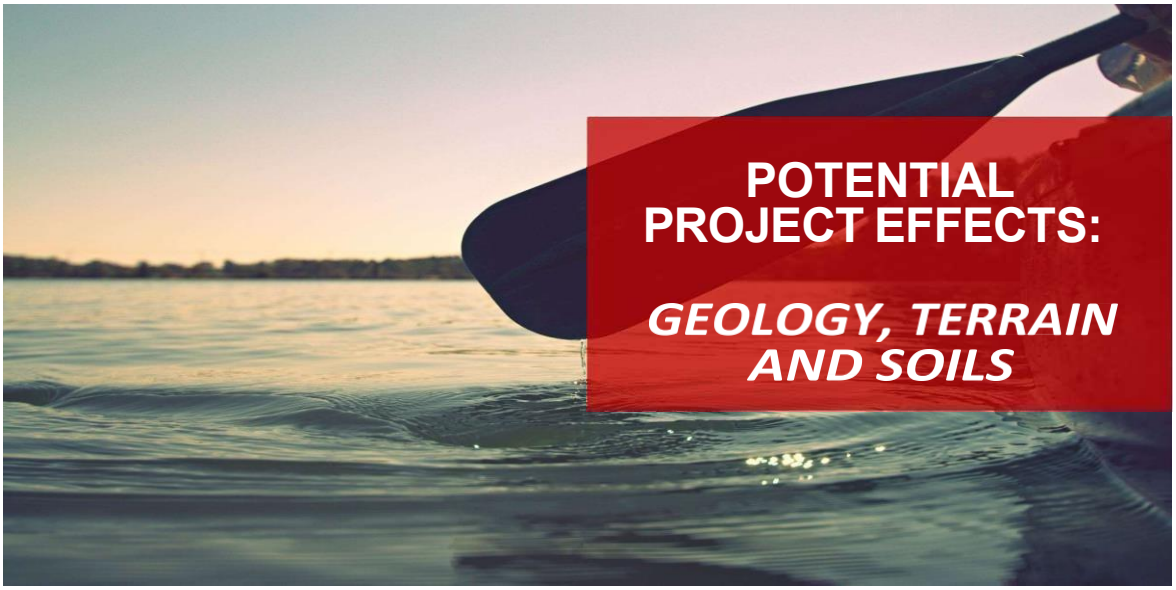
- Every project, such as building a road/building a mine/harvesting trees in the forest has effects
- Some of these effects can be what we call “mitigated”, which means eliminating or reducing effects by doing certain things (i.e., no using diesel generators to produce electricity)

Net Effects

- Some effects can’t be mitigated (controlled or eliminated)- these are called net or “leftover” effects
- When leftover effects from one project are combined the leftover effects of other projects in the area

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POTENTIAL PROJECT EFFECTS:

GEOLOGY, TERRAIN AND SOILS

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POTENTIAL PROJECT EFFECTS IDENTIFIED FROM EA / IA- *GEOLOGY, TERRAIN AND SOILS*

Potential Effects

What are the ***potential*** effects of the Webequie Supply Road Project on **geology, terrain and soils**?







Changes to Geology and Geochemistry

- *Potential release of chemicals from rock*
- *Changes to geologic / landscape features*

Alteration of Topography and Terrain

- *Erosion and sedimentation (loss of soil)*
- *Changes to drainage patterns and hydrology*
- *Changes to vegetation composition*

Change to Soil Quality

- *Soil compaction, rutting and mixing*
- *Dust generation and wind erosion*

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MITIGATION MEASURES IDENTIFIED FROM EA / IA- *GEOLOGY, TERRAIN AND SOILS*

Mitigation Measures

What are the ways to **minimize / eliminate** the ***potential*** effects of the Webequie Supply Road Project on **geology, terrain and soils**?



Replace Disturbed Areas with Native Soils and Vegetation



Minimize Blasting by Use of Other Approaches such as Rock Ripping, Hammering or Drilling



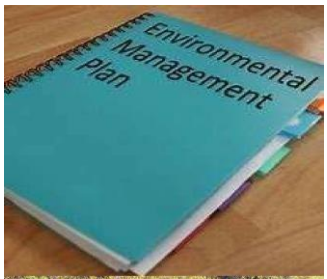
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Environmental Management Plans: *Site Restoration and Monitoring, Construction Waste Management, Spill Prevention and Emergency Response Management, Soil Management, Erosion and Sediment Control*

Ongoing Follow-Up Post-Construction Monitoring Program During Operations and Maintenance Phases of Project

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PREDICTION OF NET EFFECTS

Predicted Net Effect	Net Effects Characterization									
	Project Phase	Direction	Magnitude	Geographic Extent	Timing	Duration	Frequency	Context	Reversibility	Likelihoodof Occurrence
Change to Geology and Geochemistry										
Blasting, excavation, backfilling, and grading for construction	Construction	Negative	Low	Project Footprint	Sensitive and Non-Sensitive	Permanent	Continuous	Sensitive	Irreversible	Certain
Use of supportive infrastructure, the constructed road, and structures at waterbodies	Construction	Negative	Low	Project Footprint	Sensitive and Non-Sensitive	Permanent	Continuous	Sensitive	Irreversible	Certain
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POTENTIAL PROJECT EFFECTS IDENTIFIED FROM EA / IA- *FISH AND FISH HABITAT*

Potential Effects

What are the ***potential*** effects of the Webequie Supply Road Project on **fish and fish habitat**?



Filling in Watercourses/Wetlands/Riparian Areas

- *Damage to fish habitat*

Placing Bridge Piers and Culverts in Fish Habitat

- *Damage to fish habitat*

Channelization

- *Effect on flow rates*

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What are the ***potential*** effects of the Webequie Supply Road Project on **fish and fish habitat**?



Clearing of Vegetation

- *Increased sedimentation in watercourses*

Spills / Releases of Contaminants

Increased Harvest

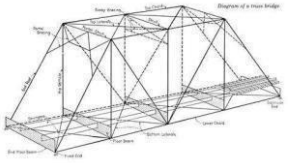
- *Improved fishing access during construction and operations*

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Project Routing and Crossing Design



Construction and Operations Environmental Management and Monitoring



Timing Windows for Construction

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NEXT STEPS

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- Continue efforts to assess potential effects of the Project, including cumulative effects
- Continue efforts to integrate Indigenous Knowledge and Land and Resource Use Information

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Key Themes of Project Concerns – February *2025*

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FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT EAR/IS DOCUMENT

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- There are many possible ways of engaging with our team, including:
  - Focus Group sessions
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  - Drop-In sessions
  - Virtual community information sessions

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ENGAGEMENT METHODS- *Many ways to get project information*



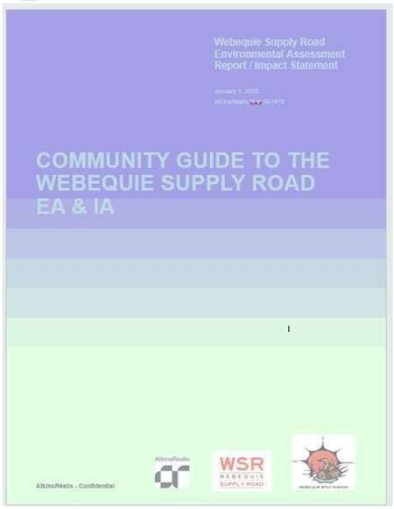
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WHO WE HEARD FROM DURING THE EA/IA

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- Attawapiskat First Nation
- Constance Lake First Nation
- Fort Albany First Nation
- Ginogaming First Nation
- Kasabonika Lake First Nation
- Kingfisher Lake First Nation
- Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation
- Long Lake #58 First Nation
- Marten Falls First Nation
- Matawa First Nations Management
- Mushkegowuk Council
- Neskantaga First Nation
- Nibinamik First Nation
- Omushkegowuk Women's Water Council & Omushkegowuk Treaty 9 Alliance
- Wawakapewin First Nation
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WHAT WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR ABOUT THE PROJECT-

Themes of concerns and where in the EAR/IS document to find out how these have been addressed

Road Ownership and Policing
(out of the scope of the EA/IA)

Possible Effects from All Projects Together
(Chapter: Cumulative Effects Assessment)

Job Opportunities
(Chapter: Assessment of Effects on Social Environment)

Down River Water Quality*
(Chapters: Assessment of Effects on Surface Water/Groundwater Resources)

Climate Change
(Chapter: Project Effects in the Context of Canada's Ability to Meet Its Environmental Obligations and Its Climate Change Commitements)

Consultation Process
(Chapter: Engagement and Consultation Summary)

Mitigation and Monitoring Programs for Fish, Caribou and Moose*
(Chapter: Assessment of Effects on Terrestrial Habitat and Wildlife/Fish and Fish HabitatEngagement and Consultation Summary)

Treaty Rights*
(Chapter: Assessment of Effects on Non-Traditional Land and Resource Use)

Over-harvesting – impacts on food sources*
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Workbook, Passport & Feedback Forms

Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo

Workbook

February 19th & 20th 2025
Valhalla Inn
Thunder Bay

February 25th & 26th 2025
Cedar Meadows & Spa
Timmins

The **Webequie Supply Road** (WSR) and **Marten Fall First Nation Community Access Road** (MFCAR) projects will focus on the circulation of the draft Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement (EAR/IS).

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

NRL Northern Road Link

Ontario

BOOZHOO/WACHIYE/WELCOME

Thank you for participating in the **2025 Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo**. We hope the Gathering & Expo will provide you with an engaging and interactive space to learn more about the road projects, ask questions, and share feedback.

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The Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo includes:

Project Overviews

Join us as we kick off the event with high-level Project Overviews, offering an in-depth look into the current phase of all three projects

Breakout Sessions

Engage directly with proponent teams and Government representatives in one-on-one sessions to ask questions and provide feedback

Expo

This is your chance to engage directly with subject matter experts and delve into the technical aspects that drive the projects

Panel Discussion on Consultation & Aboriginal and/or Treatys Rights and Interests (ATRI

Join us for an insightful session on the role and purpose of consultation in our projects during our **Consultation Panel**. We will highlight past, current, and future efforts, showcasing the high-level tools we've used, including streaming, radio, gatherings, workbooks, and community visits. Learn about best practices, the barriers we face and what the next 120 days of community consultation will look like. The feedback from community representatives during the Q&A session will provide an opportunity to guide future consultation efforts across all projects. The **ATRI Panel** will explore Aboriginal and/ or Treaty Rights and Interests, providing perspectives that represent all three road projects. We will discuss both proponent and community viewpoints, highlighting the importance of these rights and interests in the work that aims to deepen understanding and foster collaboration.

THREE ROAD PROJECTS GATHERING & EXPO

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD (WSR) • MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD (MFCAR) • NORTHERN ROAD LINK (NRL)

AGENDA

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9:00am	Opening Remarks
9:10am	**Project Overviews:** • MFCAR • WSR • NRL
10:25am	***Break***
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9:10am	**Panel Discussion** on **Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI)** with Stephen Lindley, Bob Baxter, Rowena Moonias, Mishal Naseer & Mark Knell
10:25am	***Break***
10:45am to 12:00pm	**Expo** • NRL • WSR • MFCAR • Ontario – MECP/MINES - EA Process & Consultation • Ontario – MECP SARB • IAAC – IA Process & Consultation
11:00pm to 12:00pm	**Breakout sessions** • NRL • WSR • MFCAR • Ontario/IAAC
12:00pm	***Lunch***
1:00pm-3:00pm	**Expo & Breakout sessions** continue
3:00pm	Closing Remarks

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Project Overviews

We invite you to share your questions, comments, concerns, and feedback on what was discussed. Your input is invaluable in helping us improve and address your interests more effectively. We want to hear from you!

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Panel Discussion: Consultation

We hope you enjoyed the panel discussion on the consultation efforts for all three projects. We'd love to hear your feedback on the topics covered. Please leave your comments and suggestions to help us improve future efforts.

Panel Discussion: Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI)

We hope you enjoyed the panel discussion on the ATRI efforts for all three projects. We'd love to hear your feedback on the topics covered. Please leave your comments and suggestions to help us improve future efforts.

Expo Booths

Thank you for participating in the Expo! We encourage you to write down your comments, questions, and concerns about everything you've learned. Your feedback is essential in helping us improve and better address your interests.

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Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo

Event Survey

Help us improve! We value your input and would love to hear your thoughts on the event. Please fill out our survey to help guide us in building future events and consultation efforts. Your feedback is crucial in shaping our future initiatives.

1. How would you rate your overall experience at the Three Road Projects Gathering C Expo?

Please circle: Excellent Good Okay Bad

2. What did you enjoy most about the event?

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3. How relevant and informative did you find the event? (1-5 scale)

Please circle: 1 2 3 4 5

4. How would you rate the effectiveness of the speakers and presenters? (1-5 scale)

Please circle: 1 2 3 4 5

5. Did the speakers engage and address your questions effectively?

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6. Did you make valuable connections during the gathering?

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7. What improvements would you suggest for future events?

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NAME (Optional): _____

COMMUNITY: _____

We sincerely appreciate your participation and valuable input at the Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo. Your feedback and engagement are vital in helping us improve and shape future initiatives. Thank you for being a part of our community and contributing to the projects. We look forward to seeing you at the next event. Chi Miigwetch!

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Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo

Comment and Feedback Form

Help Us Improve

We value your input and would love to hear your thoughts about the Gathering & Expo. Please fill out our Comment and Feedback Form to help guide us in building future events and consultation efforts. Your feedback is essential in shaping future events relative to the three road projects.

1. How would you like to be kept informed about this event or events like this in the future? Please check all that apply.

- ○ Website/Social media
- ○ Newsletter
- ○ Email
- ○ Livestream sessions/Radio
- ○ Open Houses
- ○ Community meetings
- ○ Workshops/Focus groups
- ○ Other, please specify here:

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2. Are you interested in a specific Project, or all three? Please circle the Project(s) of interest:

- ○ Northern Road Link (NRL)
- ○ Webequie Supply Road (WSR)
- ○ Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFCAR)
- ○ All three Projects

3. Did the Three Road Projects Gathering G Expo help you with your understanding of the proposed Project(s)? Please check one option for each Project.

NRL	□ Yes	□ Somewhat	□ No
WSR	□ Yes	□ Somewhat	□ No
MFCAR	□ Yes	□ Somewhat	□ No

Please explain below:

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4. Is there any information that you would like to be provided that was <u>not</u> presented at the Three Road Projects Gathering G Expo? Please circle or check one option.

□ Yes □ Somewhat □ No

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5. Please share your thoughts on how the Three Road Projects Gathering G Expo helped your understanding of the Projects and shared project information. Please check the Project(s) this feedback applies to: □ NRL □ WSR □ MFCAR

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6. Do you have any comments and/or questions about the proposed Project(s)? Please check the Project(s) this feedback applies to: □ NRL □ WSR □ MFCAR

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7. If you would like us to provide you information or answer questions noted in this Comment and Feedback Form, please provide your contact information. This will be kept confidential.

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Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Thank you for participating! When finished, please hand this in to a team member at the Three Road Projects Gathering G Expo Sign in Desk.

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Appendix F

Breakout Session Sign Up & Maps

Thunder Bay - Day 1

Time	MFCAR	WSR	NRL	Ontario/IAAC
1:00 - 2:00	Constance Lake First Nation	Wunnumin Lake First Nation	Red Sky Métis Independent Nation	
2:00 - 3:00	Red Sky Métis Independent Nation	Nibinamik First Nation	Constance Lake First Nation	Wunnumin Lake First Nation
3:00 - 4:00	Nibinamik First Nation	Red Sky Métis Independent Nation	Wunnumin Lake First Nation	Long Lake #58 First Nation

Thunder Bay - Day 2

Time	MFCAR	WSR	NRL	Ontario/IAAC
11:00 - 12:00	Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek	Long Lake #58 First Nation	Aroland First Nation	Red Sky Métis Independent Nation
1:00 - 2:00	Aroland First Nation	Constance Lake First Nation		Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek
2:00 - 3:00	Wunnumin Lake First Nation	Aroland First Nation	Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek	Constance Lake First Nation

Timmins - Day 1

Time	MFCAR	WSR	NRL	Ontario/IAAC
1:00 - 2:00	Attawapiskat / Mushkegowuk Council / Kashechwan			
2:00 - 3:00				Mushkegowuk Council / Kashechwan

	Attawapiskat First Nation

Timmins - Day 2				
Time	MFCAR	WSR	NRL	Ontario/IAAC
11:00 - 12:00		Troy Woodhouse (Mushkegowuk Council)	Mushkegowuk Council	Attawapiskat First Nation
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Webequie Supply Road
Webequie Settlement
Webequie Airport
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Plant Lake
Stockman Lake
McMurdo Lake
Elwyn River
Clancy Lake
Bender Lake
Odobas Lake
ARA-2
Camp 2A
Winisk Lake
Morrison Bay
Billinger Lake
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Prime Lake
Dengo Lake
Muketei River
Faltrow Lake
ARA-4
ARA-4 Access Road
Camp 3A
Camp 4B
Newstead Lake
Malloy Lake

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Legend

- Preliminary Recommended Preferred Route
- Local Study Area (LSA 1km from the Preferred Route)
- Regional Study Area (RSA 5km from either side of LSA Boundary)
- Webequie First Nation Reserve
- Winisk River Provincial Park
- Waterbody
- Watercourse
- ARA-4 Access Road
- Recommended Aggregate/Rock Source Areas
- Recommended Construction Camps
  *Camp 2-A is proposed to include permanent Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) for operations of the WSR.
- Waterbody crossing by culvert
- Waterbody crossing by bridge

*Locations of maintenance areas and rest areas for the WSR will be determined in the future Detail Design Phase of the Project.

WSR WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

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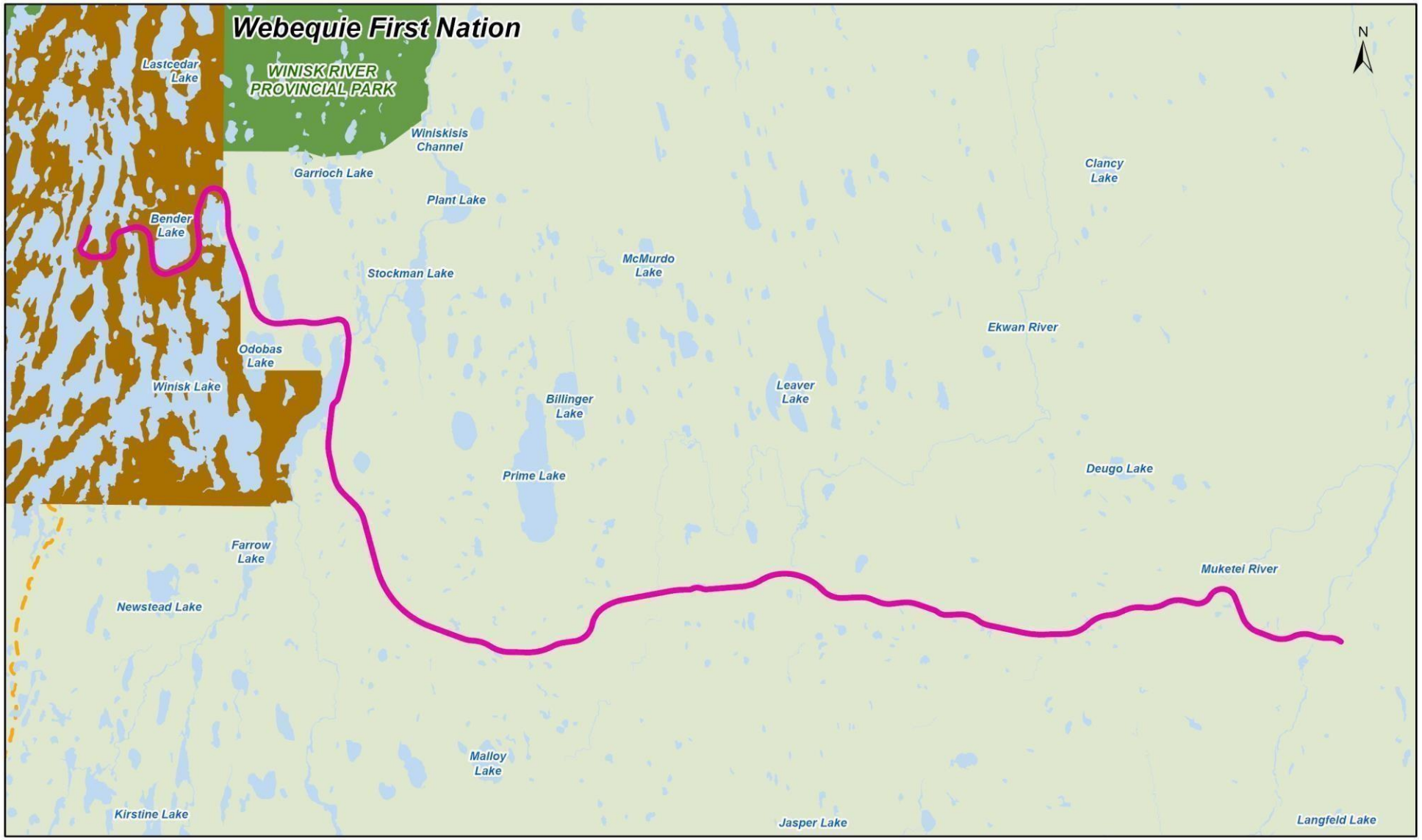
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Legend

- Preliminary Recommended Preferred Route
- Winter Road
- First Nation Reserve
- Provincial Park
- Waterbody

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Webequie Supply Road (WSR)

Preliminary Recommended Preferred Route

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Appendix G

Summary of Community Specific Feedback Received/Comment Response Tables

APPENDIX E

Newsletters

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD PROJECT

Community Newsletter
Issue 17 – December 2022

Greetings!

The Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team wish to provide an update on the WSR project, focusing on cumulative effects and surface water baseline study findings.

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.



Cumulative Effects

What are Cumulative Effects?

Cumulative effects are changes to the environment, health, social or economic conditions from the Project in combination with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future physical activities. Examples of cumulative effects include:

- Destruction of fish habitat from multiple physical activities such as construction, release of wastewater from industrial facilities, and illegal sanitary sewer connections causing direct release of pollutants or contaminants into watercourses.
- Damage to sacred sites, ceremonial grounds and burial sites by vegetation removal, excavation, and landfilling.

Cumulative Effects Study Plan

A cumulative effects study plan has been developed for WSR and includes methods for the cumulative effects assessment and a list of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future physical activities that are being considered in the assessment (refer to project website https://www.supplyroad.ca/). Indigenous communities/groups, the public, government authorities and stakeholders are welcome to provide comments study plan and Indigenous communities will be offered targeted consultation opportunities to provide feedback on the cumulative effects assessment.

General Steps in the Cumulative Effects Assessment

1. *Scoping* - Identifying valued components (VC) for which residual effects are expected, determining the spatial and temporal boundaries applicable to the VCs, and identifying physical activities, which may interact with the predicted WSR residual effects within the identified boundaries.
2. *Analysis* - Determining how the physical activities identified in the ‘Scoping’ step affect the VCs carried forward from the Scoping within the determined spatial and temporal boundaries.
3. *Mitigation* - Eliminate, reduce, or control negative residual effects.

4. *Determination of Significance* of any remaining adverse effects following mitigation.
5. *Follow-up Programs* - As required, to address cumulative effects, verify the accuracy of predictions in the effects assessment, and determine effectiveness of the implemented mitigation measures.

Surface Water Update

As part of the EA/IA, baseline conditions need to be established to understand the way things are now before the Project is developed. To understand surface water quality and quantity in the study area, the Project Team gathered and reviewed publicly available data and completed field surveys over a 3-year period in Summer 2019, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021 to capture changes from year-to-year and season-to-season. Field surveys were completed at 19 of 26 water crossings of the WSR corridor. A summary of the preliminary results to date are below:

Surface Water Usage

Our research of the provincial permitting system found that there are no active registered water taking activities occurring at lakes and rivers in the Local Study Area (LSA) for the Project. However, some water taking was identified in the Regional Study Area (RSA) along the Attawapiskat River, the majority of which are registered for the purpose of mineral exploration and development activities. There are also several registered water taking permits in the Wunnumin Lake and Kasabonika Lake areas associated with the construction of the Wataynikanyep Transmission Line Project.

Water Supply for Indigenous Communities

The only drinking water supply source in the study area is Webequie First Nation (WFN), which draws water from Winisk Lake. WFN's water treatment plant is in the community. As part of the current Indigenous Knowledge program for the Project, further information on water supply sources may be identified by Indigenous communities.

Surface Water Quantity of Watersheds and River Systems

A hydrological analysis has been completed to determine peak flows and high-water levels at each of the 26 watercourse crossings of the WSR corridor. This also includes characterizing the drainage area, slope of stream channels and average annual flow at each

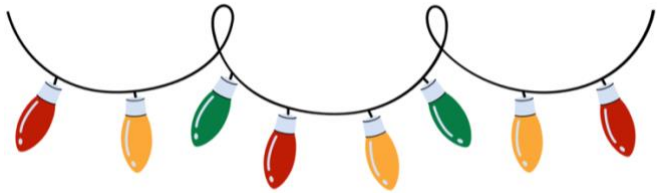
watercourse. The RSA for the Project is contained within the Hudson-James Bay Basin primary watershed, which drains 3.8 million km^2, roughly 38% of Canada's land area. The WSR corridor crosses the Attawapiskat, Ekwan, and Winisk secondary watersheds, which collectively drain a land area of approximately 180,000 km^2.

Surface Water Quality

Surface water samples collected at waterbodies were analyzed for different parameters such as general chemistry (e.g., alkalinity, pH), metals (e.g., iron, lead) and petroleum hydrocarbons, with the results compared to Canada and Ontario water quality guidelines. Based on the water quality sampling completed for the Project and review of sampling results from others in the study area (147 streams and 24 lakes), for the most part all recorded parameters are within limits of the guidelines which was expected as the study area is largely undeveloped with no sources of contamination. However, some naturally occurring metals (e.g., iron, aluminum) did exceed the guidelines due to bedrock/soil conditions in the study area.

Happy Holidays

The WSR Project team would like to wish your community a happy and safe holiday season!



Stay Tuned!

For additional information on the project, please visit our project website at: www.supplyroad.ca or by contacting:

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Consultation Lead for SNC-Lavalin: Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com (416-540-1142)
WSR Local Coordinator: leslies@webequie.ca (807-356-5078)

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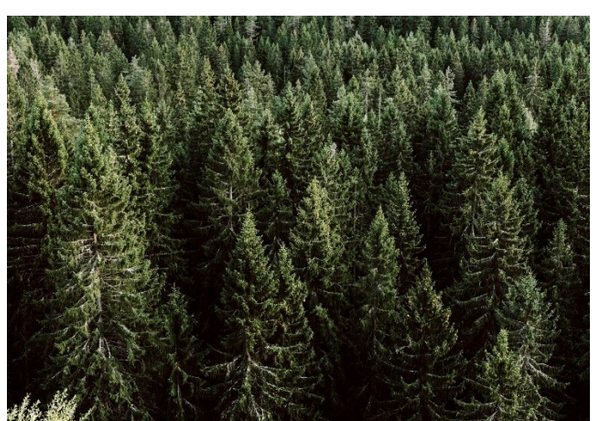
Community Newsletter
Issue 27 – October 2023

Greetings!

The Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team wish to provide an update on the WSR project, focusing on Cumulative Effects and the Public Information Centres #2.

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.

The Project Team has started Round 2 of consultation focusing on: a summary of the input received from Consultation Round 1, the identification and evaluation of alternatives, preliminary recommended preferred route and supportive infrastructure including rationale for selection, preliminary engineering design elements of WSR, next steps and schedule.



Cumulative Effects

The primary purpose of this Assessment is to identify and assess how the effects from the Project overlap with the effects from other past, present, and future projects and activities in the region may combine to create additional environmental, health, social, and economic effects.

The Four Types of Cumulative Effects

Additive Cumulative Effect

- the sum of individual effects of two or more projects/physical activities

Synergistic Cumulative Effect

- when two or more effects interact to create a cumulative effect that is greater than or otherwise different from the simple addition of those effects

Compensatory Effect

- when the effects from two or more projects/physical activities cancel or offset each other

Masking Cumulative Effect

- when the effects from one more project/physical activity masks the effect of another physical/activity

What is the study area for the potential cumulative effects?

The study area boundaries for the assessment of cumulative effects will take into consideration the Project footprint, Local Study Area, and Regional Study Area identified for each valued component. It will include the geographical area that encompass other past, present, and future projects and physical activities that have potential to interact cumulatively with the WSR.

Valued Components: elements or conditions of the natural and human environment that may be affected by the Project and are of concern or value to the public, Indigenous peoples, federal/provincial authorities and interested parties.

What is the timeline for potential cumulative effects?

The Assessment process will consider both the short and long-term cumulative effects that may result as part of the Project. The Project will occur in 2 phases:

1. Construction phase
2. Operations phase

The Project is proposed to be operated for an indeterminate time period; therefore, retirement is not anticipated and will not be considered in the Assessment.

How will cumulative effects be assessed?

By following a five-step framework:

1) Scoping
- Identifying expected environmental effects and other activities or projects that may interact

2) Analysis
- To determine how the Project related activities may change potential effects

3) Mitigation
- In order to eliminate, reduce, or control potential adverse effects

4) Determination of Significance
- To determine the signifcance of remaining potential adverse effects after mitigations are implemented

5) Follow up programs

What information is needed and how will it be collected?

Review of sources (including Indigenous Knowledge and land and resource use information) providing documentation of historical events and changes as result of colonialism that have affected the current well-being of Indigenous communities and groups. Focused input will be sought from key informants, such as Elders in Indigenous communities, to create this narrative. The Project team will also review available studies for past projects being considered, including feasibility studies, environmental assessments, project descriptions, design briefs, environmental management plans, compliance monitoring and incident reports.

It is expected that there will be information gaps due to information on past projects having been archives, plans for future projects having not yet been prepared, or information otherwise being publicly unavailable. For projects or activities that are yet to be developed, appropriate substitute information may be used for important information gaps.

Public Information Centre #2 – Thunder Bay and Timmins

The Project team held public information centre (PIC) #2 in Thunder Bay on October 3rd for Indigenous communities & 4th for the general public and Timmins on October 12th for the general public. The PIC's were held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the ongoing assessment of alternatives that is being conducted as part of the EA/IA study and provide feedback. The PIC consisted of a presentation followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the project. Project Team representatives shared information on EA/IA process, studies being conducted, criteria for evaluation of route alternatives and alternative locations for supportive infrastructure (e.g., aggregate source areas, construction camps) including results from the assessment, feedback we have heard to-date, and future consultation and engagement opportunities.

Photos from the Project team at the PIC in Thunder Bay at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre.



If you were unable to attend the PIC #2, you can find the formal notice, livestream, more information on the study and progress and updates on our project website: https://www.supplyroad.ca/.

Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum

Building on the momentum of the first Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum in February 2023, Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation encourage you to participate in a follow-up Forum on November 21-23, 2023 at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay, to discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests as they relate to the WSR, Northern Road Link, and Marten Falls Community Access Road Projects. On Day 3 of the Forum, there will be a half-day discussion on Cumulative Effects as they relate to the Projects.

The Purpose of this Forum is to create a respectful, culturally-sensitive, and collaborative space to develop and/or confirm our understanding of the Project areas (WSR, MFCAR, and NRL) as your Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests may be impacted by these Projects. *Please note the purpose of this event is to discuss Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests and not to collect Indigenous Knowledge.*

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Past, Present and Future Physical Activities (Projects) Considered in the Cumulative Effects Assessment

Some of the projects being looked at:

- Victor Mine (Attawapiskat)
- Goldcorp Musselwhite Mine
- WSR / Northern Road Link / Marten Falls Community Access Road
- Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line
- Greenstone Gold Hardrock Mine
- Ring of Fire Planned Mines – Eagle's Nest / Black Thor / Blackbird / Black Label

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WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD PROJECT

Community Newsletter
Issue 39 – October 2024

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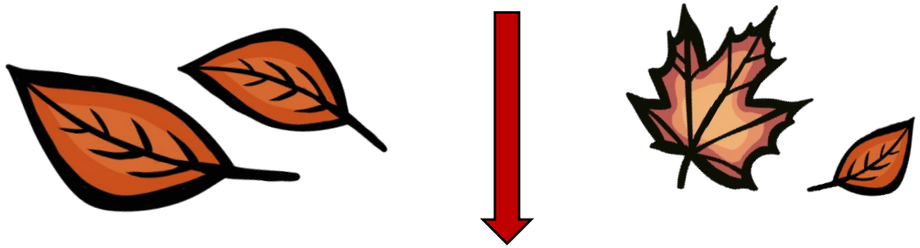
Project and Residual (Leftover) Effects

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Residual Effects

Some effects can’t be mitigated (controlled or eliminated) - these are called residual or “leftover” effects. When leftover effects from one project are combined with the leftover effects of other projects in the area.



Example of Project Effects - Bridge Construction



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Project Effects: Corrosion (soil loss)



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Reducing Project Effects (Mitigation) with the Silt Fence

What is looked at when looking at Project Effects?

The Surface Water (lakes, rivers)	Fish and fish habitat (where the fish live)	The Land - Soils and Terrain	The Plants and Wetlands	The Groundwater / Springwater
Wildlife and Terrestrial (out of water) Habitat	The Air	Species at Risk	The People (social environment)	The Economy
The Lands and Resources	The Health of Community Members	The Environment that We See (Visual Environment)	Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests	Culture
	The Effects of All Projects (Past, Present, and Future) Together	Accidents and Things that go wrong	Climate Change	

What are Cumulative Effects?

- The combined impact of multiple projects over time
- Take the residual (leftover) effects of all project in a region and add them together, then apply mitigations - what is left over after mitigation (eliminating or reducing impacts) efforts

How are Cumulative Effects Determined for the WSR Project?

Leftover project effects from past + present + future projects

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Reduce / Eliminate Effects (Mitigation)

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Cumulative Effects of the Project

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Community Newsletter

Issue 40 – November 2024

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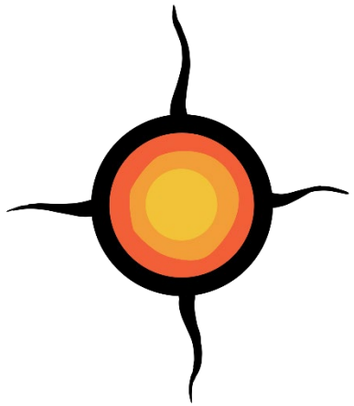
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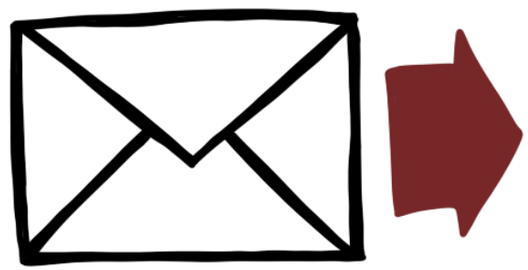
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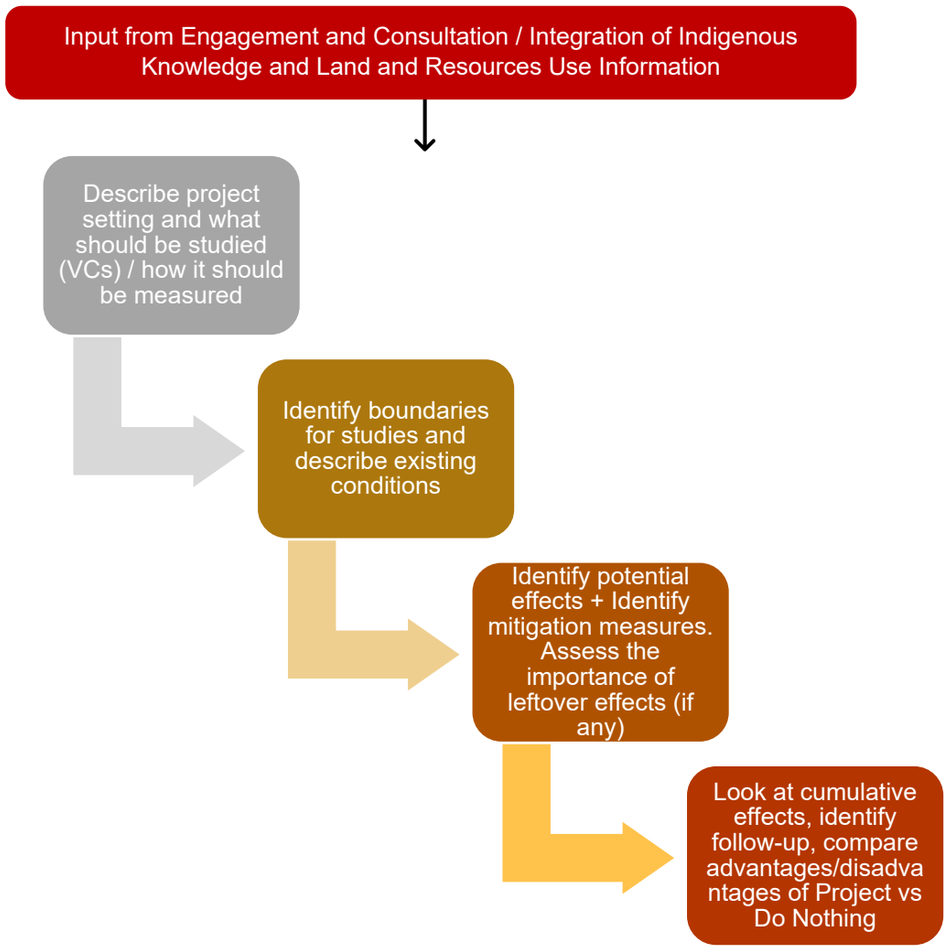
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How the Effects Assessment is Done (EA/IA Methodology)



Cultural Heritage and Archaeology

It was found that the project could potentially result in loss or disturbance to cultural heritage and archaeological during vegetation clearing and grubbing as a result of increased access. Historical or cultural heritage features identified through the IKLRU program include historical travel routes, gravel resource area, fishing area, gooseberry collecting area, and moose habitat and hunting area.

Based on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment conducted for the Project, areas with archaeological potential in the project study areas include:

- Previously identified archaeological sites near the Muketei River
- Water sources: primary, secondary, or past water source
- Proximity to early settlements (Webequie First Nation)
- Elevated topography (eskers, drumlins, large knolls, plateau)
- Well-drained soils

Key Takeaways

- → Project potential effects on cultural heritage and archaeological resources are expected to be limited to the Project Footprint.
- → The Project design and construction activities will be undertaken with consideration in avoiding loss or damage to known/identified cultural heritage and archaeological sites.
- → Project personnel will be made aware when working near known/identified cultural heritage landscapes or areas with archaeological potential and avoid areas that are flagged or fenced and abide by restrictions.



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WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD PROJECT

Webequie First Nation Newsletter
Issue 15 – Dec 2024

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Upcoming Project Update – December 2023

The Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team will be hosting an information session and Christmas dinner for Webequie First Nation off-reserve members. The event will be held on December 10th from 6:00-9:00PM at the Superior Inn Hotel & Conference Center - Embassy Room in Thunder Bay. The team looks forward to seeing you there!

Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) Engagement

In the upcoming months, the Project team will be engaging with Webequie First Nation on the Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA). Our engagement efforts will be focused on sharing the activities for the CEA.

Three Road Projects Gathering – February 2025

The Three Road Projects Gathering is scheduled for late February 2025. The WSR, Northern Road Link, and Marten Falls First Nation Access Road Projects will be hosting the event. The Project team will be providing an update on the WSR Project and talking about the Draft Environmental Assessment. More details will be provided in the New Year.

Early Circulation of the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement

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Happy Holidays!

The Project team would like to wish your community a happy and safe holiday season.

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WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD PROJECT

Community Newsletter

Issue 41 – December 2024 / January 2025

Greetings!

The Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team wish to provide an update on the WSR project, focusing on the upcoming Three Road Projects Gathering, Early Circulation of the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement, and the Community Virtual Information Sessions for Round 4 Part 2.

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Thunder Bay Event Details:
Date: February 19-20, 2025
Location: Valhalla Inn, 1 Valhalla Road, Thunder Bay

Timmins Event Details:
Date: February 25-26, 2025
Location: Cedar Meadows & Spa, 1000 Norman St, Timmins



Day 1 will provide Project overviews, consultation panels, individual community breakout sessions, and a project expo including information to assist with review of the draft EAR/IS for MFCAR and WSR and cumulative effects assessment.

Day 2 will focus on the Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) panel discussions, breakout sessions, and a project expo including information to assist with review of the draft EAR/IS for MFCAR and WSR and cumulative effects assessment.



Opportunity for one-on-one sessions with proponent project teams and/or Ontario to ask questions, provide feedback, and engage directly. It is highly recommended to pre-register your community for the one-on-one Breakout sessions here: https://mailchimp.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b46e44f35720757508b7e785d&id=4dc39f349c&e=a86bfee2d8

The Province of Ontario will fund travel, accommodation, and meals for up to three representatives to attend one of the above events. Additional representatives are welcome to attend at their own expense. All questions about funding or the coordination of funding should be directed to the Province of Ontario at **ea.participant.fund@ontario.ca**.

Please RSVP by January 31, 2025, to **ea.participant.fund@ontario.ca** to reserve accommodations (RSVP for event attendance can be made at a later date.)
This event aims to foster an understanding of the three road projects and their potential impacts while creating a collaborative space for consultation. We encourage community representatives with knowledge and interest in these projects to participate. Feel free to reach out to **ea.participant.fund@ontario.ca** for funding inquiries or additional details.



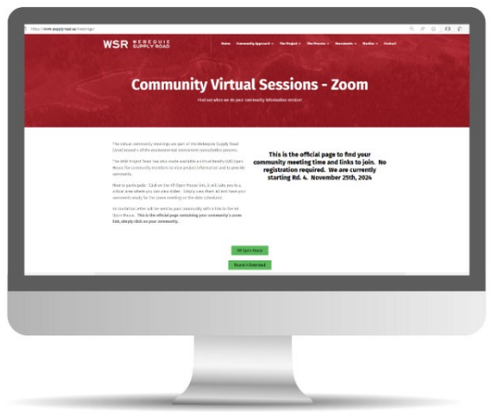
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WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD PROJECT

Community Newsletter

Issue 42 – February 2025

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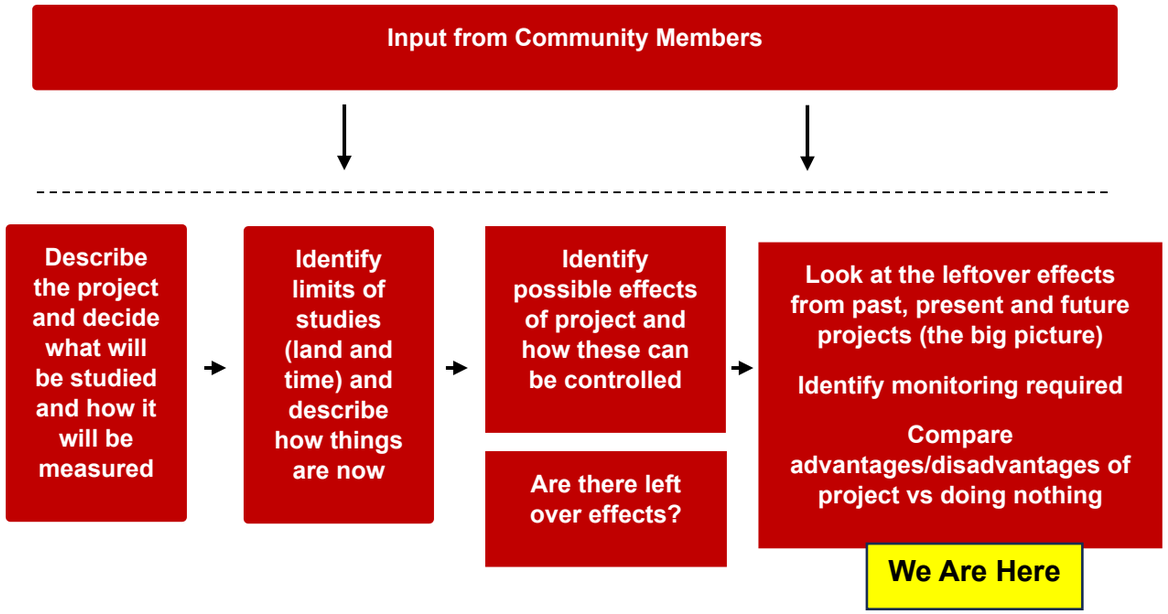


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Attendees also had the opportunity for one-on-one sessions with proponent project teams and/or Ontario to ask questions, provide feedback, and engage directly.

Photo: In Thunder Bay, Don Parkinson of the Project team provided a project update and shared information about the upcoming Draft Environmental Assessment, to be shared with the communities in the coming months.

Where are we now in the EA/IA?



Project and Net (Leftover) Effects

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WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD PROJECT

Community Newsletter
Issue 43 – March 2025

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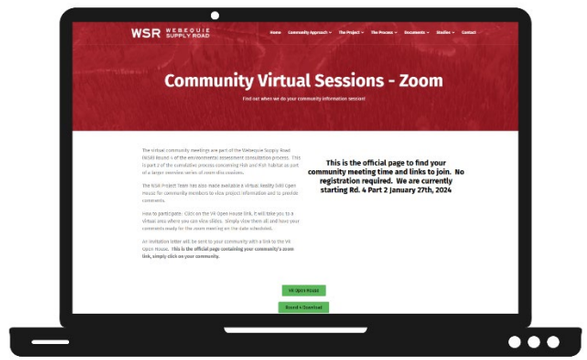
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Community Virtual Information Sessions – Round 4

For the past couple months, the Project team has been conducting community virtual information sessions for Round 4 of consultation to review the topic of the Cumulative Effects Assessment. Communities were sent letters and posters with the details of the session for your community. The sessions have been held via Zoom with a presentation on the Cumulative Effects Assessment and question & answer period at the end.

The Project team has also made available a Virtual Reality (VR) Open House where you and your members can access further information about the project, the studies being undertaken and provide comments. For more information, please visit: **https://www.supplyroad.ca/meetings/**



Our team is also available to meet virtually or in-person should your community want additional engagement sessions with Council, members, advisors, and staff. The project team is offering opportunities for engagement related to cumulative effects assessment in the proposed methods below:

- → Focus Group Sessions
- → In-Community Sessions
- → Drop-in Sessions
- → Virtual Focus Groups
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- → One Hour Teleconference
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Water Crossing Simulation

A simulation of a water crossing was commissioned by the project team to provide community members with the opportunity to make an informed decision on determining what a crossing could look like. An Indigenous company named, Theymedia, took on the training for the 3D work, while using information from previous drone work, filming and studies to guide the look and feel of the bridge over water.

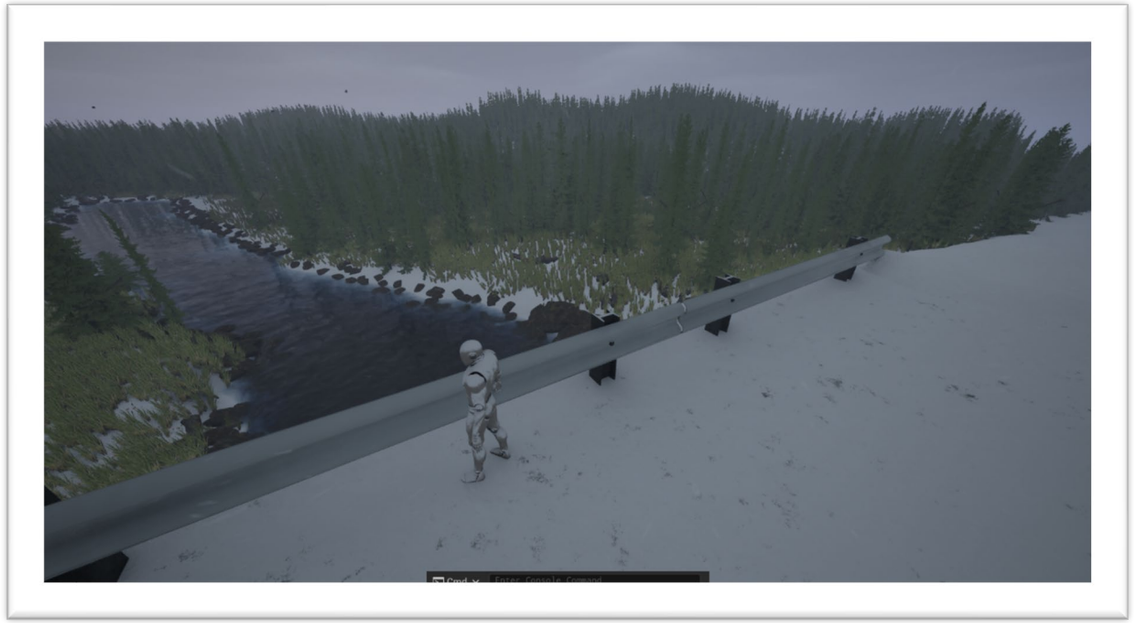


Photo: Screenshot of the water crossing simulation from Theymedia.

Helping community members to make informed decision about their future has always been an important issue for this project. Tony McGuire, Anders Wahl, and his crew were happy to create materials that conveyed what a crossing could look like under multiple weather conditions. A couple different versions of crossings are now being prepared for use by the community and for the public.

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Community Newsletter

Issue 44 – April & May 2025

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Plain Language Summaries

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- Introduction
- Engagement and Consultation Summary
- Evaluation of Project Alternatives
- Project Description
- Environmental Assessment/Impact Assessment Approach and Methods
- Assessment of Effects on Geology, Terrain, and Soils
- Assessment of Effects on Surface Water Resources
- Assessment of Effects on Groundwater Resources
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- Assessment of Effects on Fish and Fish Habitat
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- Assessment of Effects on Species at Risk
- Assessment of Effects on Social Environment
- Assessment of Effects on Economic Environment

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- Assessment of Effects on Human Health
- Assessment of Effects on Visual Environment
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- Assessment of Effects on Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Resources
- Cumulative Effects Assessment
- Follow up and Monitoring
- Accidents and Malfunctions
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- Project Effects on Canada's Ability to Meet Its Environmental Obligations and Its Climate Change Commitments
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- Conclusions

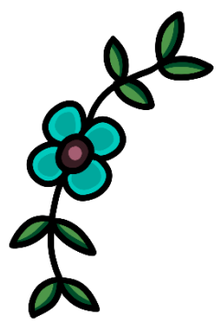
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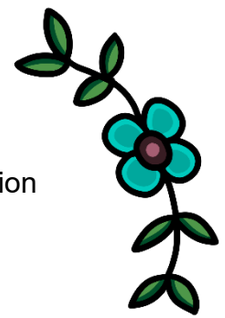
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