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## SECTION 2: Engagement and Consultation Summary



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## 2. Engagement and Consultation Summary

### 2.1 Overview of Engagement and Consultation Program

This section summarizes the engagement and consultation activities undertaken for the Project to date and/or planned by Webequie First Nation with Indigenous communities and groups, the public, government agencies, and stakeholders. A separate Record of Engagement and Consultation has been prepared to support this Final Environment Assessment Report/Impact Statement (EAR/IS) and provides details of all the engagement and consultation activities. In this section, reference is made, where applicable, to the detailed records of Environmental Assessment/Impact Assessment (EA/IA) engagement activities, copies of materials shared and formal correspondence that are appended to the Record of Engagement and Consultation.

Engagement and consultation leading up to the release of the Final EAR/IS focused on EA/IA methodology and assessment outcomes, including:

- Identification and confirmation of Valued Components;
- Criteria and indicators for evaluation of alternatives and project effects assessment;
- Characterizing the baseline environment;
- Evaluation of Alternative routes, and locations for supportive infrastructure (e.g., aggregate source areas, construction camps), including identification of a preliminary recommended preferred route and supportive infrastructure, as the basis for the Project Footprint;
- Process for sharing and incorporating shared Indigenous Knowledge and Land and Resource Use (IKLRU) into the EA/IA, including assessment of impacts on Aboriginal Treaty and/or Rights and Interests (ATRI);
- Process to determine potential effects and recommended mitigation measures, including assessment outcomes; and
- Recommended follow-up monitoring and commitments.

Detailed descriptions of engagement and consultation activities during the EA/IA process specific to Indigenous communities and groups are provided in Consultation Progress Reports 1, 2, and 3 and form part of the Record of Engagement and Consultation. Consultation Progress Reports are required to be prepared as a condition of the provincially approved EA Terms of Reference (ToR) and are intended to document engagement activities at each EA/IA milestone, which were conceptualized into three consultation rounds that are also applicable to the engagement and consultation with the public and stakeholders.

Consultation Progress Reports to address conditions in the Notice of Approval for the EA ToR are:

- Organized by each Indigenous community;



- Contain a consultation log and summary of consultation activities, information shared by the proponent (Webequie First Nation) with the community, community feedback received and the proponent's responses to such input; and
- Contain a discussion of how any input and information provided by Indigenous communities have informed the development of the EA/IA milestone.

Consultation Progress Reports were provided to both the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and each Indigenous community, with a copy of the community-specific portion of the Consultation Progress Report that relates to that community, before proceeding to the next EA/IA milestone.

In addition, a Round 4 of consultation was also undertaken to provide Indigenous communities with specific information on mitigation measures to address potential adverse effects from the Project, as well as targeted opportunities to receive information and provide feedback on the cumulative effects assessment for the Project in accordance with the EA ToR Notice of Approval with amendments.

## 2.2 Regulatory Engagement and Consultation

This section describes the regulatory requirements for engagement and consultation to support the EA/IA for the Project.

### 2.2.1 Engagement and Consultation Prior to Initiation of the EA/IA Phase

On May 3, 2018, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (formally Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a voluntary agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the Project subject to an Individual (now 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* (IA Act).

Consultation regarding all-season roads alternative routes in and around the McFaulds Lake area with remote Matawa First Nations Management has been conducted through various studies over the past several years. Some of this consultation provides important context for the Webequie Supply Road Project. In many respects, consultation on the various road studies provides a continuum of engagement, all of which is relevant to the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) EA/IA study. A description of key relevant studies and supportive information in the context of the Project are presented in Section 1 – Introduction and Section 3 – Evaluation of Project Alternatives of this document.

In August 2020, a proposed ToR for the EA was submitted to MECP by Webequie First Nation. As part of the development of the ToR, engagement and consultation was conducted with 22 Indigenous communities and organizations/groups, as well as the public, government agencies, and other stakeholders, and comments received during the review period were incorporated into the final ToR as applicable (Webequie First Nation, 2020b). Engagement and consultation activities during the provincial EA ToR phase and IA Planning Phase, prior to the formal commencement of the EA/IA, are summarized in Part 1 of the Record of Engagement and Consultation. Part 2 of the Record of Engagement and Consultation includes all records of engagement activities during the EA and IA (Impact Statement Phase) and collectively parts 1 and 2 are intended to meet the requirements of the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG) to provide a "Record of Engagement" for the Project and the requirements of Ontario



under the EA Act. Key outstanding issues and concerns raised during the ToR phase and IA Planning Phase and where they are addressed in the EAR/IS are presented in a concordance table in Appendix A-1 of this EAR/IS.

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 provincial EA and related engagement and consultation activities.

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (“IAAC” or “the Agency”) reviewed the proponents Initial and Detailed Project Descriptions, including the proponent’s response to the Summary of Issues from the Agency-led engagement and consultation activities during the IA Planning Phase. On December 2, 2019 the Agency issued a Notice of Decision to Webequie First Nation that a federal IA is required for the Project under the IA Act. Following the determination that a federal IA was required, the Agency as part of the Planning Phase of the IA process developed the following planning documents for the Project: Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG) (2020); Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan (2020); Public Participation Plan (2020); Permitting Plan (2020); and Cooperation Plan (2020).

The purpose of the federal IA planning documents was to identify the scope of the factors that are to be considered by the proponent in its IS and guide engagement and consultation on the Project. As part of the Planning Phase the Agency provided opportunities for Indigenous communities, the public, and stakeholders to provide comments on the draft IA planning documents. Based on review of comments received the Agency posted a Notice of Commencement of the IA for the Project to their Registry on February 24, 2020, including the final TISG and supportive plans. The Project is now in the IS Phase of the federal IA process.

## 2.2.2 Provincial and Federal Regulatory Requirements

Section 17.3 of Ontario’s EA Act states that “ When preparing proposed terms of reference and an environmental assessment, the proponent shall consult with such persons as may be interested “. The Code of Practice: Consultation in Ontario’s Environmental Assessment Process (MECP 2014b) defines consultation as “a two-way communication process that involves affected and interested persons in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of an undertaking”.

Under the federal IA process, meaningful public participation opportunities are mandated under Section 27 of IA Act with objective to provide greater public trust in impact assessment and decision-making. In addition, a key objective of the IA Act is to respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples; and provide opportunities and capacity to participate in impact assessments. To support and assist the proponent, the Agency prepared a Public Participation Plan and Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan for the WSR Project.

The Project Team conducted the engagement and consultation activities for the EA/IA based on the Webequie First Nation Three-Tier Approach to engagement (refer to **Section 2.4**) and conventional principles and approaches that are consistent with legislative requirements of the MECP, the Agency and recognized best practices for Indigenous communities, the public, and stakeholders. In this context, the Project Team adhered to the following principles while conducting the Engagement and Consultation Program for the Project:



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

### 2.2.2.1 Fulfillment of Duty to Consult

It is the Crown's constitutional duty to determine whether a Duty to Consult has been triggered by a Project and, if so, identify the Indigenous communities to be engaged and the appropriate consultation to be undertaken with those communities. As the Webequie Supply Road Project is subject to both the provincial EA Act, and the federal IA Act, both federal and provincial ministries and agencies represent the Crown. The Ontario Crown can delegate some procedural aspects of the Duty to Consult to project proponents. Project proponents are obliged under the EA Act to consult with all interested parties, including Indigenous communities. To ensure engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities is meaningful, it is important to recognize that Indigenous communities have varying rights and interests in respect of the Project; consequently, they may request different approaches to engagement and consultation, as well as accommodation, where appropriate, 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 Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) (now Ministry of Energy and Mines [MEM]), on behalf of the Ontario government, have formally delegated some procedural aspects of required consultation to Webequie First Nation, as the proponent of the Project. While some Duty to Consult responsibilities have been delegated to the proponent, the Government of Ontario still retains overall responsibilities related to the constitutional Duty to Consult.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MECP, ENDM (now MEM) and Webequie First Nation, setting out how roles and responsibilities related to the Duty to Consult are shared between the Crown and the proponent was finalized on February 7, 2020. In general, 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 Indigenous communities for that purpose; and the Crown may rely on Statutory Consultation in fulfilling its Duty to Consult.

The federal Crown have not delegated any, or part, of its Duty to Consult with Indigenous Peoples. As part of IA Planning Phase, the Agency prepared an *Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan* to guide the proponent which outlines opportunities and methods for meaningful Agency-led consultation with potentially affected and interested Indigenous groups throughout the impact assessment process for the Project. The key objectives of the Indigenous Engagement and Participation Plan are to address:

- Crown consultation on the potential effects and impacts of the Project on the exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights of Indigenous Peoples as defined in Section 35 of the Constitution Act, (Aboriginal and Treaty Rights); and
- Consultation with Indigenous groups regarding Indigenous Knowledge and how it may inform the consideration of potential effects of the Project and impacts on the exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.



Webequie First Nation will continue to exercise due diligence in carrying out the delegated aspects of consultation. In addition to fulfilling its obligations under the MOU with Ontario, Webequie First Nation has and will continue to carry out relationship-building activities that extend beyond the procedural requirements of consultation and in the context of their Three-Tier Approach to engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities as described in **Section 2.4.1.3**. Webequie First Nation uses the term engagement to describe both its delegated procedural aspects and relationship-building activities that apply its traditional cultural values, customs and beliefs. It is recognized that the ultimate responsibility for meeting any Duty to Consult rests with the Crown.

### 2.2.2.2 Issues Resolution

In alignment with Webequie First Nation commitment in the ToR, issues and concerns raised through engagement and consultation during the EA/IA (Impact Statement Phase) are summarized in **Section 2.4.5** (Indigenous Communities and Groups) and **Section 2.5.2** (Public and Stakeholders) and were considered in the Project assessment. Documentation of issues and concerns is also contained in the Record of Engagement and Consultation supporting this EAR/IS.

Webequie First Nation's engagement with other Indigenous communities is intended to be an open and respectful process, which offers a means to resolve issues and disputes concerning the EA/IA. Where there are disputes and/or issues that cannot be resolved through discussions, Webequie First Nation would like to maintain its traditional approach to resolving potential disputes as the first step in the process. This traditional approach may involve establishing a community representatives' group (e.g., Webequie Project Team), including Elders, youth, women and others to share perspectives, understand the issue(s) identified, engage in respectful dialogue and recommend appropriate options.

## 2.3 Identification of Participants

### 2.3.1 Indigenous Communities and Groups

The Crown (MECP and IAAC) provided lists of First Nations and Métis whose exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights may be adversely affected by the Project and/or that may have interest in the Project. The federal Crown's list of Indigenous communities and groups to be consulted for the Project is in the *Agency Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan* provided to the proponent on February 24, 2020. The Ontario Crown's preliminary list of Indigenous communities to be consulted for the Project was provided in a letter from MECP dated December 19, 2018 and confirmed in the MOU of February 7, 2020 between MECP, ENDM (now MEM) and Webequie First Nation. The collective list of the twenty-two (22) Indigenous communities that have been consulted and engaged as part of the EA/IA process for Project are listed in **Table 2-1**. Communities marked with an asterisk are those whose Aboriginal and Treaty Rights may be affected by the Project, as identified by the Crown.

Webequie First Nation, as the proponent of the Project, reviewed the Crown's understanding of communities whose Aboriginal and Treaty Rights may be adversely affected by the Project and assessed them based on the following criteria:

- Geographically closer to the Project area than others;
- Known to have traditionally used some of the potentially affected lands in the past, or currently;
- Downstream of the Project and may experience impacts as a result of effects to waterways;



- Considered to have closer familial/clan connections to the members of Webequie First Nation; and/or
- Have been involved in all-season road planning in the Region, either directly with Webequie First Nation, or in consideration of all-season road planning that Webequie First Nation has been involved with in recent years.

From the review by Webequie First Nation, the communities they identified whose Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests could potentially be most impacted by the Project and thereby facilitating a greater level of effort for engagement and dialogue, are listed below.

- Webequie First Nation (its community members);
- Marten Falls First Nation;
- Kasabonika Lake First Nation;
- Attawapiskat First Nation;
- Nibinamik First Nation;
- Neskantaga First Nation;
- Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation; and
- Eabametoong First Nation.

A greater level of effort is defined as the following:

- More extensive literature review for any existing Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use information (i.e., more time dedicated to this task for the above communities and academic/scholarly searches undertaken); and
- More requests, follow-up and support to obtain Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use information from the above communities, if needed.

**Table 2-1: Indigenous Communities Consulted and Engaged**

Indigenous Community	Identified by Webequie First Nation	Identified by MECP	Identified by IAAC	Tribal Council or Affiliation
Webequie First Nation	✓	✓*	✓*	Matawa First Nations Management
Aroland First Nation		✓*	✓*	
Ginoogaming First Nation		✓	✓	
Long Lake #58 First Nation		✓	✓	
Marten Falls First Nation	✓	✓*	✓*	
Neskantaga First Nation	✓	✓*	✓*	
Nibinamik First Nation	✓	✓*	✓*	
Constance Lake First Nation		✓*	✓	
Eabametoong First Nation	✓	✓	✓*	
Kashechewan First Nation		✓*	✓	Mushkegowuk Council
Fort Albany First Nation		✓*	✓*	
Attawapiskat First Nation	✓	✓*	✓*	
Kasabonika Lake First Nation	✓	✓*	✓*	Shibogama First Nations Council
Kingfisher Lake First Nation		✓*		



Indigenous Community	Identified by Webequie First Nation	Identified by MECP	Identified by IAAC	Tribal Council or Affiliation
Wapekeka First Nation		✓*		
Wawakapewin First Nation		✓*		
Wunnumin Lake First Nation		✓*		
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation		✓*	✓	Independent First Nation
Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation	✓	✓*	✓*	
North Caribou Lake First Nation		✓		Windigo First Nations Council
Mishkeegogamang First Nation		✓		No Tribal Affiliation, deemed an independent First Nation
Métis Nation of Ontario – Region 2		✓		Métis Nation of Ontario

## 2.3.2 Stakeholder Participants

In addition to the public, Webequie First Nation identified a list of stakeholders at the outset of the Project that may be affected by, or interested in, the EA/IA for the Project, including those identified in the Agency's *Public Participation Plan* provided to the proponent on February 24, 2020. Stakeholders identified include:

- Local municipalities, towns or townships located within the Project area, as defined by the study area and include:
  - City of Thunder Bay;
  - Municipality of Greenstone;
  - Township of Pickle Lake;
  - City of Timmins; and
  - Municipality of Sioux Lookout.
- Any elected representative or federal government agency or provincial ministry with an interest in the Project;
- Any member of the public with an expressed interest in the Project; and
- Any other stakeholders (e.g., local businesses, trappers, resource-based companies including Crown land tenure and claim holders within the mineralized zone in the McFaulds Lake area, non-government organizations, etc.) with a potential interest in the Project.

The Project contact list was updated throughout the EA/IA process as new stakeholders were identified, and when stakeholders asked to be included on the list or asked to be removed.

The Project contact list for contacts affiliated with municipalities, government agencies and organizations including businesses, and interest groups can be found in the Record of Engagement and Consultation supporting this EAR/IS.



### 2.3.2.1 Ontario Government Review Team and Federal Agencies

Based on the project components and potential project effects, the following provincial and federal ministries and agencies participated in the EA/IA at some level, including as members of the Ontario Government Review Team (GRT) and federal agencies. The listing is based on inclusions suggested by the MECP and IAAC.

#### Ontario Government Review Team

- Ministry of Energy and Mines;
- Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
- Ministry of Natural Resources;
- Ministry of Transportation;
- Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation;
- Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth;
- Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming;
- Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; and
- Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

#### Government of Canada

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

In addition, an EA Coordination Team was established to coordinate the requirements of the provincial EA and federal IA processes as efficiently as possible. The EA Coordination Team is comprised of the following provincial and federal agencies:

- Ministry of Energy and Mines;
- Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
- Ministry of Natural Resources;
- Ministry of Transportation; and
- Impact Assessment Agency of Canada.

The mandate of the EA Coordination Team was to meet with the Webequie Project Team on a regular basis, in a forum where team members can exchange information, including providing each other with updates on the EA/IA process; explore issues and collectively try to resolve them; work on coordinating the EA/IA and keep the processes moving forward in lockstep to the greatest possible extent; and seek feedback on Indigenous and public and stakeholder consultation. EA Coordination Team meetings occurred regularly via teleconference and/or in Thunder Bay and will continue throughout the EA/IA process. The EA Coordination Team may invite other GRT members or federal agencies to its meetings as needs and opportunities arise.

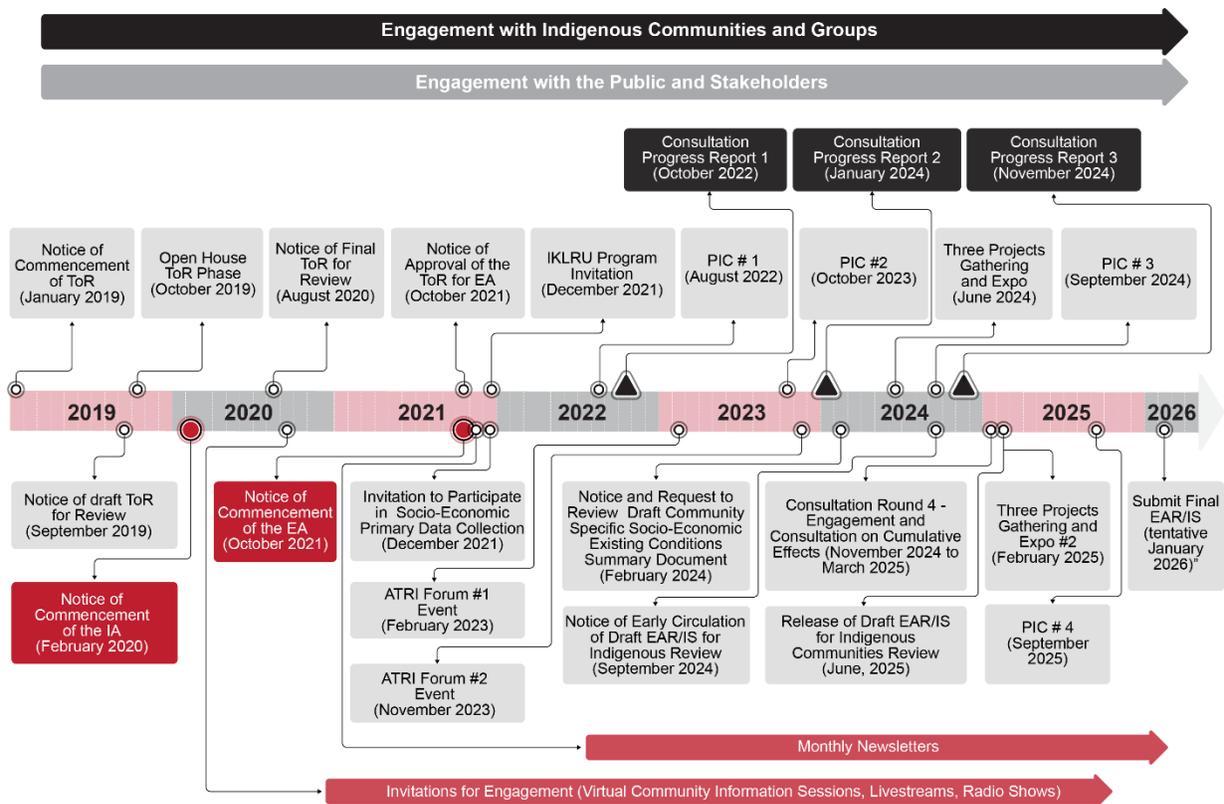


## 2.3.3 Engagement Milestones and Timelines

Engagement and consultation have been an important aspect of the Project throughout the EA/IA process. The approach to engagement and consultation during the EA/IA was established to be flexible and adaptable as a means to respect community engagement and consultation preferences and protocols between individuals and/or groups or communities and those who may require more consultation than others. Similarly, engagement methods were adapted to public health restrictions and community protocols in response to the COVID-19 pandemic over the course of the engagement period, including creating opportunities for virtual meetings and virtual open houses.

A timeline of key EA/IA engagement activities is provided in **Figure 2.1**. Activities undertaken to achieve these EA/IA milestones and as part of ongoing engagement are described in the following subsections.

**Figure 2.1: EA/IA Engagement Activities and Milestones**



## 2.4 Indigenous Communities/Groups Engagement and Consultation

This section outlines principles and approach that have guided the engagement and consultation process undertaken with Indigenous communities and groups. Summaries of engagement and consultation activities that have occurred during the EA and IS Phase of the IA process are also provided. Detailed descriptions of engagement and consultation activities with Indigenous communities and groups are provided in Consultation Progress Reports – Rounds 1, 2, and 3 that is part of the supporting Record of Engagement and Consultation to this EAR/IS. A Round 4 of consultation was also undertaken to provide Indigenous communities with specific information on mitigation measures to address potential adverse effects from the Project, as well as targeted opportunities to receive information and provide feedback on the cumulative effects assessment for the Project. A summary report of the consultation with Indigenous communities regarding the cumulative effects assessment is contained in the Record of Engagement and Consultation.

### 2.4.1 Principles and Approach to Engagement and Consultation

#### 2.4.1.1 Webequie-Led Indigenous Engagement and Consultation

- In addition to the requirements of applicable legislation, policies and guidelines described in **Section 2.2.2**, the engagement and consultation plan for Indigenous communities was developed and conducted in accordance with the following overarching guidance:
- Elders' guiding principles; and
- Webequie First Nation Three-Tier approach to Indigenous community consultation/engagement.

#### 2.4.1.2 Elders' Guiding Principles

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

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



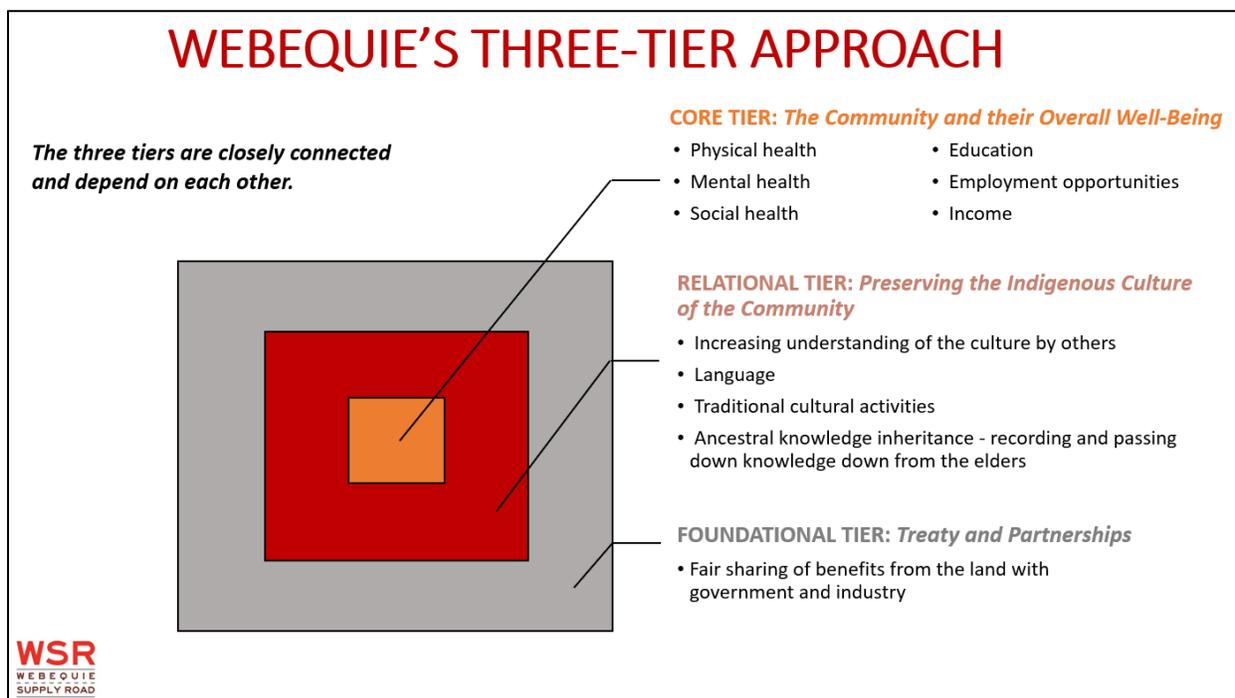
When visiting other communities, the Project Team respected the specific engagement protocols, values and traditions of other First Nations. Additionally, consultation activities have included the key elements of consultation as outlined in the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Handbook on Consultation in Natural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

- A continuous process;
- About exchanging information;
- About building relationships;
- About getting feedback;
- About exchanging additional information, as required;
- About identifying issues;
- About accommodation and reconciliation;
- About fairness; and
- About negotiating with the right attitude.

### 2.4.1.3 Webequie First Nation Three-Tier Approach

Webequie First Nation has developed a Three-Tier framework for their approach to Indigenous consultation. The Three-Tier approach is consistent with the Webequie First Nation’s traditional cultural values, customs and beliefs, as shown in **Figure 2.2** and described below.

**Figure 2.2: Webequie First Nation Three-Tier Consultation Approach**



This consultation approach has been inherently passed on through generations by Webequie First Nation’s Knowledge Keepers and forms part of the Elders’ Guiding Principles that harmonize with regulatory requirements for consultation.

### ***Core Tier – Webequie First Nation***

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

***Bimachiowiin*** is a result of sustainable community, which relies on the Foundational Tier. This is the tier where relationships are made with the Ontario government and its various ministries undertaking the projects. The benefits are brought back to flow to the community, which triggers federal judiciary responsibility and involvement.

***Ondatissiwiin*** is the source of life. The source of livelihood depends on the relationship and benefit agreements with First Nation Partners, governments and industry, which is a benefit for the community. The source is realized through project development or exploring and it either must be found or created. For this project, access to the source of *Bimachiowiin* is a supply road project and, as such, must be explored and created.

***Minobiimatissiwiin*** is the result of prosperity and good life agreements. It is measurable through baseline studies of existing social and economic conditions today. The ToR and the EA will identify the socio-economic benefits for the community.

### ***Relational Tier – First Nations Neighbours and Government Agencies***

In order to sustain its way of life, the community must breathe and the people must be able to practice their way of life with the land, as well as their languages and culture. The Relational Tier next to the core of the community is an adaptive transitional tier supporting the fixed location of the community, and relies on the land animals and wildlife to allow community members to practice the creator-given rights to hunt and fish without having to move the family to different locations for harvesting purposes.

It is well understood by the people of the Webequie First Nation that any project developed within their traditional territory could have effects on others. It is also well understood that the regulatory environment to develop projects, requires approvals and authorizations from government agencies.

The Relational Tier of Webequie's approach to consultation and project development involves outreach to and involvement of other potentially affected First Nations, many of whom are home to Webequie family/clan members; and developing relationships with and working closely with agencies of the provincial and federal governments. It is recognized that these relationships and connections are important to maintain in a positive way.

### ***Foundational Tier – Social and Economic Benefits from the Land***

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

Social and economic benefits will result in a number of positive outcomes for the community, including improved standard of living through increased revenues; and self-determination – reduced reliance on provincial and federal government sources of funding, and the ability for the community to make decisions about activities and development within their traditional territory.



The social benefits of increased economic activity and revenues into the community are many, including improved housing and family well-being through reduced crowding that will also lead to improved health conditions. Creating economic activity will also increase skill levels and employment opportunities, all of which contribute to economic prosperity, which will then contribute to the improvement of all social outcomes for the community. One of those opportunities is mining potential within the mineralized zone in and around McFaulds Lake. This area is located approximately 75 km east of the Webequie First Nation and lies within their traditional lands. Increased mineral exploration and the proposed mine developments within and around the mineralized zone of McFaulds Lake is considered an important and long-term economic opportunity by Webequie First Nation.

Economic prosperity, social well-being and self-determination are at the foundation of the Three-Tier approach. Development opportunities must, in and of themselves, also be sustainable, providing long-term benefits to the community, and not at any cost. Any development within the traditional territory of the Webequie First Nation must be respectful of and consistent with the values, traditions and culture of the community.

## 2.4.2 How Indigenous Knowledge was Obtained, Used and Protected

The Project Team offered and continues to communicate the opportunity for Indigenous communities to undertake and/or share Indigenous Knowledge and Land and Resource Use (IKLRU) information to inform the EA/IA process. The Project Team extended an invitation to all 22 Indigenous communities to participate in the Project's IKLRU Program, including supporting communities regarding the Province of Ontario offer of capacity funding for eligible Indigenous communities to participate in the IKLRU Program.

The purpose of the IKLRU Program is to:

- Promote sharing of IKLRU information relevant to the Project;
- Help identify potential impacts of the Project, including those on Indigenous rights and interests; and
- Collaborate and work with Indigenous communities to enhance positive impacts or to identify measures to avoid/reduce potential effects on Indigenous rights and interests.

The IKLRU Program for the Project occurred in two phases:

- Collecting existing Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous land and resource use that communities are prepared to share with Webequie First Nation in order to help inform the early stages of the assessments; and
- Completing project-specific IKLRU studies, or compiling information/data in other form, that can be provided to the Project Team for integration into the assessment.

While the IKLRU Program is distinct from the Engagement and Consultation Program for the Project, the two are complementary and collectively serve to solicit Indigenous perspectives, values and inputs with respect to project planning and the assessment process. Communities were encouraged to share as much or as little IKLRU information as they wished, and in whatever form they preferred.

To date, the following First Nations have provided IKLRU information to the Project Team:

- Webequie First Nation;
- Marten Falls First Nation;



- Weenusk First Nation;
- Kashechewan First Nation; and
- Fort Albany First Nation.

Webequie First Nation used Indigenous Knowledge and other information received from community members for the Project to assist with several key elements of the EA/IA process, including:

- Assessing existing Indigenous Knowledge information in relation to the road project and to understand additional work that may be required;
- Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge currently available to establish a baseline to monitor change going forward;
- Evaluating alternatives and assessing potential impacts of the Project (e.g., criteria and indicators of relevance to Indigenous communities for all environmental components); and
- Developing environmental mitigation, protection and compensation measures, and monitoring commitments and accommodation measures, where necessary.

Indigenous Knowledge is a holistic body of knowledge containing information and records collected by Indigenous communities on places and things that are of cultural, spiritual, historical and community significance to its members. Much of this knowledge may have been passed on from generation to generation. Each community will have its own approach to collecting, recording, sharing and using this knowledge. While there are significant benefits to integrating IKLRU from communities in the assessment, the Project Team also recognize that this knowledge belongs to each community and that confidentiality needs to be respected. Protection and confidentiality of IKLRU information is of the utmost importance to the Project Team. To honour and respect this important information, Webequie First Nation established an Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Agreement with participating communities prior to the collection and use of information. The Sharing Agreement outlines how confidential and sensitive information will be utilized in the Project’s assessment and design process. It also adheres to all community-specific protocols and Ownership, Control Access and Possession (OCAP) principles.

### 2.4.3 Indigenous Engagement and Consultation Methods

**Table 2-2** provides an overview of the methods of engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities and groups identified in **Section 2.2.1** and listed in **Table 2-1**. These methods and opportunities for engagement are consistent with those outlined in the approved EA ToR and the IAAC *Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan*.

**Table 2-2: Indigenous Engagement and Consultation Methods During the EA/IA**

Method of Engagement	Description
Formal Notices	<p>Formal notices were circulated to Indigenous communities and others at various milestone points throughout the Project to inform communities and offer opportunity to provide feedback and comments. Notices to date and proposed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Notice of Commencement of provincial EA;</li> <li>▪ Notice of invitation to Public Information Centre (PIC) sessions;</li> <li>▪ Notice of circulation of Draft EAR/IS for review; and</li> <li>▪ Notice of submission of Final EAR/IS for review.</li> </ul>



Method of Engagement	Description
	<p>The notices were published in the Wawatay News, Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal, Timmins Daily Press, and Sioux Lookout Bulletin; posted to the Project Website. As well details of the invitation to the PICs were promoted through social media advertisements (Facebook and Instagram) and in monthly newsletters for the Project to reach Indigenous communities across northern Ontario.</p>
Notification Letters	<p>Numerous notification letters, emails, fax were distributed to all Indigenous communities/groups as method to inform and engage communities on the Project. Notification letters included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project updates on status of EA/IA;</li> <li>▪ Engagement options available 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 on-line surveys). Engagement option letters were sent on a monthly basis during Consultation Rounds 1, 2 and 3, as a reminder to communities;</li> <li>▪ Invitation to participate in the IKLRU Program for the Project, including follow-up letters;</li> <li>▪ Invitation to participate in the socio-economic primary data collection program (e.g., surveys, focus groups, key informant interviews) to support the preparation of the Draft Socio-Economic Conditions Report to be used to characterize baseline conditions for the effects assessment;</li> <li>▪ Invitation to all communities with request to review their draft Community-Specific Existing Conditions Summary document provided by the Project Team, including follow-up correspondences;</li> <li>▪ Invitations to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interest Forums 1 and 2;</li> <li>▪ Invitation to 3 Projects Gathering and Expo; and</li> <li>▪ Notification letter of Early Circulation of Draft EAR/IS.</li> </ul>
Monthly Newsletters and Social Media Outreach	<p>Monthly newsletters providing up-to-date information on various aspects of the Project (such as field studies, study plans, the IKLRU program, alternatives assessment process, cumulative effects assessment, socio-economic primary data collection, and consultation events) were sent to all Indigenous communities via email, mail and fax. The monthly newsletters were also posted on the Project Website, and the contents and dates of release of the newsletters is described in <b>Table 2-3</b>.</p> <p>The Project Team also used social media outlets and radio ads to increase awareness of the Project and Project activities. Specifically targeted Facebook and Instagram advertisements were used during key milestones, including to advertise PIC sessions, as well as virtual information sessions with each Indigenous community and topic-specific streaming sessions.</p>
Chief and Council Meetings	<p>In response to the notification letters sent to all communities regarding opportunities for engagement, Chief and Council meetings were held during each round of consultation with those interested First Nations. These meetings covered the topics in Consultation Rounds 1, 2 and 3 as outlined in <b>Section 2.1 – Overview of Engagement and consultation Program</b> and other topics or issues of concern identified by a First Nation.</p> <p>The Chief and Council meetings held to date are presented in <b>Section 2.4.4</b></p>
Community Virtual Information Sessions	<p>Virtual community information sessions were held with each of the 22 Indigenous communities during Consultation Rounds 1, 2, 3 and 4. The virtual information sessions were scheduled for 1 hour. The actual length of the meetings varied depending on the number of participants and questions or comments raised by a specific community.</p> <p>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</p>



Method of Engagement	Description
	<p>Team via Zoom and live-streamed via YouTube, and recordings of the sessions are made available via the Project Website. Sessions included an introduction to the current status of the EA/IA process for the Project, a pre-recorded video presentation summarizing topics for engagement, and a questions &amp; answers (Q&amp;A) period. At the session, attendees were also encouraged to pose new questions to the Project Team. 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.</p> <p>The virtual community information sessions held to date with all 22 Indigenous communities are presented in <b>Section 2.4.4</b>.</p>
<p>First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings</p>	<p>In-person on-reserve community meetings with interested communities (as requested) were held during each of the scheduled rounds of consultation. The purpose of each community meeting was to share information and seek feedback/questions on Project updates, the EA/IA process, studies being conducted for valued components, feedback heard to date, the evaluation of alternatives, preliminary results of effects assessment and next steps in the EA/IA. The presentation materials were translated to Ojibway and Cree in real-time by local translators and each meeting ended with a Q&amp;A period and an overview of other upcoming engagement and consultation opportunities.</p> <p>The on-reserve community meetings held to date are presented in <b>Section 2.4.4</b>.</p>
<p>First Nation Off-Reserve Community and/or Leadership Meetings</p>	<p>Meetings with community members living off-reserve and/or leadership were held with interested communities (as requested) during each of the scheduled rounds of consultation. The purpose of each community meeting was to share information and seek feedback/questions on Project updates, the EA/IA process, studies being conducted for valued components, feedback heard to date, the evaluation of alternatives, preliminary results of effects assessment and next steps in the EA/IA.</p>
<p>Public Information Centres – Open Houses</p>	<p>Three (3) PICs using an Open House format with presentation and question-and-answer period were held in the City of Thunder Bay and City Timmins. These sessions were open to the public and stakeholders and included specific session dates for First Nation community members living off-reserve. The open houses served as a forum to provide feedback and comments on the results of the baseline studies conducted, development and evaluation of alternatives, presentation of the preferred alternative, preliminary effects assessment of the Project, including cumulative effects, and proposed mitigation and follow-up monitoring program.</p> <p>Details of the PIC sessions that were offered to the public, stakeholders and open to Indigenous communities, including members living off-reserve, are presented in <b>Section 2.5.1.2</b>.</p>
<p>Topic-Specific Livestream Sessions and Radio Call-in Shows</p>	<p>The Project Team hosted topic-specific livestream sessions and radio call-in shows relevant to the WSR Project. Each event began with a live radio show on Wawatay Radio and was followed by a topic-specific livestream session on Facebook Live and YouTube. In the two weekdays leading up to each information session/radio call-in show, the Project Team ran a 30 second ad on Wawatay Radio three times each day to advertise the event. These sessions took place periodically throughout the EA/IA process. The sessions were conducted in an open dialogue format with the Project Team to allow for community members to ask questions about the Project and to obtain their feedback and input.</p> <p>The topic-specific livestream sessions and radio call-in shows held to date are presented in <b>Section 2.4.4</b>.</p>



Method of Engagement	Description
Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interest Forums #1 and #2	<p>The Province of Ontario sponsored two (2) Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) forums to discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests as they relate to the WSR, Northern Road Link (NRL), and Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR) Projects. The purpose of the forums was to create a respectful, culturally sensitive, and collaborative space to develop an understanding of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests in any of the Project areas (WSR, MFCAR and NRL). During the forum, the Project Team hosted individual breakout sessions with First Nations to specifically discuss how ATRI could be impacted by the Webequie Supply Road Project.</p> <p>ATRI Forum # 1 and ATRI Forum #2 are further described in <b>Section 2.4.4</b> and detailed summaries of the events are included in the supporting Record of Engagement and Consultation to this EAR/IS.</p>
Three Road Projects Gathering and Expos	<p>Two (2) Three Road Projects Gathering and Expos that combined the WSR, MFCAR and NRL projects (Three Road Projects) were held with the intent to build on the momentum from Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Forums 1 &amp; 2. The Gatherings 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, 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.</p> <p>Three Projects Gathering &amp; Expos are further described in <b>Section 2.4.4</b>. Summaries of the Gathering and presentation materials from the event are included in the supporting Record of Engagement and Consultation to this EAR/IS.</p>
<p>Consultation Progress Reports at Key EA/IA Milestones</p> <p>Consultation Progress Report 1</p> <p>Consultation Progress Report 2</p> <p>Consultation Progress Report 3</p>	<p>Consultation Progress Reports are required to be prepared as a condition of the provincially approved EA Terms of Reference (ToR) and are intended to document engagement activities and feedback at each EA/IA milestone, which has been conceptualized into the three consultation rounds. As previously described in <b>Section 2.1</b>, Consultation Progress Reports are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Organized by each Indigenous community;</li> <li>▪ Contain a consultation log and summary of consultation activities, information shared by the proponent (Webequie First Nation) with the community, community feedback received and the proponent's responses to such input; and</li> <li>▪ Contain a discussion of how any input and information provided by Indigenous communities have informed the development of the EA/IA milestone.</li> </ul> <p>Community-specific portions of Consultation Progress Reports 1, 2 and 3 were provided to each of the 22 Indigenous communities for review and feedback. A copy of the consolidated community-specific Consultation Progress Reports for each round of consultation was also provided to the MECP.</p> <p>A summary the key engagement and consultation activities described in the Consultation Progress Reports and the feedback received are presented in <b>Section 2.4.4</b> and <b>2.4.5</b></p>
Project Website	<p>A dedicated website (<a href="http://www.supplyroad.ca">www.supplyroad.ca</a>) was created at the beginning of the Project (during the ToR and IA Planning phase) 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</p>



Method of Engagement	Description
	<p>provide Indigenous community members and stakeholders easy access to Project information.</p> <p>The Project Website also provides links to the community-specific virtual information sessions held with the 22 Indigenous communities along with other information such as sign-up forms, comment forms, videos on Project’s preliminary findings, and these materials are accessible via the main page of the Project Website as well as through the unique webpages created for each Indigenous community (described below). Throughout each Consultation Round, recorded topic-specific live-streaming information sessions and community virtual information sessions (refer to above) have been continuously uploaded to the website, ensuring community members who are unable to attend sessions can access Project information and provide their feedback to the Project Team.</p> <p>In addition, a unique webpage was created for each of the 22 Indigenous communities, which can be accessed by entering “supplyroad.ca/[communityname]” into the web browser. Each community-specific webpage contains the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Videos with information on a range of topics related to the Project;</li> <li>▪ A livestream recording of community virtual information sessions;</li> <li>▪ A Virtual Reality open house walkthrough for PICs #1, 2 and 3, replicating a traditional open house setting with display boards presenting information on various aspects of the Project;</li> <li>▪ Feedback and questions form;</li> <li>▪ A sign-up form for the WSR monthly newsletter; and</li> <li>▪ A comment form, allowing community members to ask questions or provide feedback to the Project Team with ease.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p>
<p>Opportunity for Indigenous Communities Review of Early Circulation of Draft EAR/IS.</p>	<p>A notification letter was sent to all 22 Indigenous communities on September 20, 2024 with the opportunity to review an early circulation of the Draft EAR/IS prior to its release to the public and stakeholders for formal review. A 60-day review period was offered to provided comments on the early circulation Draft EAR/IS. A copy of the notification letter was also sent to the MECP and IAAC for their information.</p>
<p>Draft EAR/IS for Review</p>	<p>Indigenous communities, as well as the public and stakeholders, were provided an opportunity to review the Draft EAR/IS during their specified review periods.</p> <p>On June 9, 2025, a notification letter was sent to all Indigenous communities advising that the Draft EAR/IS was available to the communities for review. A hard copy and digital copy of the Draft EAR/IS were mailed/couriered to Indigenous communities. The Draft EAR/IS was also available to view on the WSR Project Website: <a href="https://www.supplyroad.ca/draftea/">https://www.supplyroad.ca/draftea/</a>.</p> <p>The notification letter cited that the Draft EAR/IS was being circulated in two stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Early Access for Indigenous Communities: 120-Day Review Period, June 9 to October 7, 2025.</li> <li>▪ Public and Stakeholders: 60-Day Review Period, August 8 to October 7, 2025.</li> </ul> <p>Copies of the Draft EAR/IS for Indigenous review were also made available at the Administration office of each Indigenous community, at Tribal Council and Nishnawbe Aski Nation offices, and at participating municipal offices and libraries.</p>

Method of Engagement	Description
Submission of Final EAR/IS	Indigenous communities the public and stakeholders will have an opportunity to review the Final EAR/IS submitted to the MECP during the specified 7-week review period. Copies of the Final EAR/IS for Indigenous review will be made available at the Administration office of each Indigenous community, at Tribal Council and Nishnawbe Aski Nation offices, at participating municipal offices and libraries, and through the Project Website.

### 2.4.3.1 Newsletters

Monthly newsletters providing up-to-date information on various aspects of the Project (such as field studies, study plans, the IKLRU Program, alternatives assessment process, cumulative effects assessment, and consultation events) were sent to all Indigenous communities via email, mail and fax. The monthly newsletters were also posted on the Project Website, and the contents and dates of release of the newsletters is provided in **Table 2-3**. Additionally, Webequie First Nation received a community-specific newsletter that provided information and updates on the Project with highlights on community participation and community-specific activities.

**Table 2-3: Monthly Newsletters Circulated During EA/IA Process**

Issue	Month	Description of Newsletter Contents
5	November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Description of ToR approval and “what happens now that the ToR has been approved?”</li> <li>▪ Summary of (and link to) the Notice of Commencement of EA.</li> <li>▪ Overview of studies and identification of alternatives to be completed.</li> <li>▪ General description of the engagement and consultation approach.</li> </ul>
6	January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reminder of ToR approval and what this means for the Project/the difference between the federal IA and provincial EA.</li> <li>▪ Overview of the role of study plans to guide the EA/IA.</li> <li>▪ List of field studies completed in the past year.</li> <li>▪ What to expect in 2022.</li> </ul>
7	February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reminder of the difference between federal IA and provincial EA.</li> <li>▪ Overview of the coordinated assessment process.</li> <li>▪ Description of what will be studied (valued components/indicators).</li> <li>▪ Summary of the IKLRU Program, including its purpose, phases, and its role in the EA/IA.</li> </ul>
8	March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reminder of what the coordinated provincial-federal assessment process entails.</li> <li>▪ Overview of IKLRU, including the purpose of the IKLRU Program, its importance in the EA/IA, and information being gathered.</li> <li>▪ Summary of the socio-economic primary data collection program.</li> </ul>
9	April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Description of the current stage of the Project.</li> <li>▪ Overview of upcoming virtual community information sessions.</li> <li>▪ Summary of the socio-economic program, including “what are socio-economics?”, what the primary data collection program entails, and methods that will be used to gather this information.</li> </ul>



Issue	Month	Description of Newsletter Contents
10	May 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Quick refresher on the current phase of the EA/IA.</li> <li>▪ Description of virtual community information sessions.</li> <li>▪ Summary of valued components, indicators, and fact sheets-which explain how these will be studied.</li> <li>▪ Overview of additional upcoming engagement opportunities.</li> </ul>
11	June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Update on virtual community information sessions, including communities whose sessions have already occurred and those whose sessions are upcoming, how to watch recordings and submit comments, and a description of what each session involves.</li> <li>▪ Overview of ongoing field studies.</li> </ul>
12	July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview of additional upcoming engagement opportunities.</li> <li>▪ General description of the objective of field studies for the Project.</li> <li>▪ Definition of key terms associated with cultural heritage assessment, including built heritage resources, cultural heritage landscapes, and cultural heritage resources.</li> <li>▪ Summary of the objectives of fish and fish habitat assessments.</li> <li>▪ Overview of ongoing virtual community information sessions.</li> </ul>
13	August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview of the outcomes/wrap-up of the virtual community information sessions.</li> <li>▪ Introduction to activities and topics for Consultation Round 2.</li> <li>▪ Promotion of the upcoming WSR Open House on August 25.</li> </ul>
14	September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview of July 26 &amp; 27 community visit and upcoming fall visit.</li> <li>▪ Introduction to Country Foods and Human Health surveys.</li> <li>▪ Refresher on Socio-Economic Primary Data Collection and IKLRU Programs.</li> <li>▪ Summary of August 25 WSR Open House.</li> </ul>
15	October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview of the environmental effects assessment approach.</li> <li>▪ Overview of baseline studies.</li> <li>▪ Conclusion of first round of consultation and moving into the second round.</li> <li>▪ Radio show and topic-specific livestream Schedule.</li> </ul>
16	November 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conclusion of first round of consultation and delivery of Consultation Progress Report for Round 1 to Indigenous communities.</li> <li>▪ Summary of the preliminary baseline study findings on groundwater.</li> <li>▪ Radio Show and Livestream Schedule.</li> </ul>
17	December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview of the cumulative effects assessment approach.</li> <li>▪ Summary of the preliminary baseline study findings on surface water.</li> </ul>
18	January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commencement of Consultation Round 2.</li> <li>▪ Summary of the preliminary baseline study findings on fish and fish habitat.</li> </ul>
19	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview of the Alternatives assessment process.</li> <li>▪ Description of what will be studied (valued components/indicators).</li> <li>▪ A description of the Aboriginal Treaty Rights Forum in Thunder Bay on February 8 and 9, 2023.</li> </ul>
20	March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Socio-Economic Community visit Upcoming Community Visit to Webequie First Nation for a health study.</li> <li>▪ Virtual Information Session for Round 2 held on March 14, 2023.</li> </ul>



Issue	Month	Description of Newsletter Contents
21	April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary of the socio-economic program, including “what are socio-economics?”, what the primary data collection program entails, and methods that will be used to gather this information.</li> </ul>
22	May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Description of the IKLRU Program.</li> <li>Live stream and Radio Show Schedule.</li> <li>Description of the Socio-Economic Data Collection Program.</li> </ul>
23	June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed Criteria for the Evaluation of Alternatives.</li> <li>Consultation Round 2 Summary.</li> <li>Livestream and Radio Show Schedule.</li> <li>Alternative Assessment process.</li> </ul>
24	July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purpose of the WSR Project Road Cross-Section Design.</li> <li>Brief description of the Road Foundation Design.</li> <li>A high-level description about the 30 Watercourse Crossings and lake crossing at Winisk Lake.</li> <li>A description of Road Cross-Section Design.</li> </ul>
25	August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High-level detail on the alternatives assessment, construction camps and potential camp locations.</li> </ul>
26	September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interest study plan.</li> <li>Information about the upcoming PIC #2 to be held October 2-3, 2023 in Thunder Bay and Timmins.</li> <li>Description of the Indigenous Knowledge and Land Resource Use program for the Project.</li> </ul>
27	October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Description of the Cumulative Effects Assessment.</li> <li>Summary of PIC #2 in held in Thunder Bay on October 3 and 4 and in Timmins on October 12, 2023.</li> <li>Notice for the upcoming Aboriginal Treaty Rights Forum on November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>
28	November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback and questions from the Public Information Sessions in Thunder Bay and Timmins.</li> <li>Brief description of the Climate Change and Air Quality Study.</li> <li>Notice for the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum on November 21-13.</li> </ul>
29	December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holiday wishes to Indigenous communities and others.</li> <li>Contact details of Project Team for information or comments.</li> </ul>
30	January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about the surface water study plan, and vegetation study plan.</li> <li>Notice of resumption of the radio shows and live stream.</li> </ul>
31	February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on about the wolverine study, and caribou study.</li> <li>Information on topic-specific radio shows and livestream sessions with schedule for March 2024.</li> </ul>
32	March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on topics for Consultation Round 3 (i.e., preliminary results of effects assessment).</li> <li>Information on topic-specific radio shows and livestream session scheduled for April 2024.</li> </ul>



Issue	Month	Description of Newsletter Contents
33	April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about the Aquatic Habitat Preliminary Effects Findings.</li> <li>Information on the upcoming community Virtual Information Sessions for Round 3 of consultation.</li> </ul>
34	May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about the Geology, Terrain, and Soils Preliminary Effects Findings.</li> <li>Information on the upcoming community Virtual Information Sessions for Round 3 of consultation.</li> </ul>
35	June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary of the Three Road Project Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay.</li> <li>Information on the upcoming community Virtual Information Sessions for Round 3 of consultation.</li> </ul>
36	July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided overview of feedback we have received to date from consultation activities, key findings from wildlife effects assessment and information on the upcoming Public Information Centre # 3 (Open House) in Thunder Bay and Timmins in September 2024.</li> </ul>
37	August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided overview of the preliminary findings of the project effects assessment for the social environment, including positive effects and key takeaways.</li> <li>Summary of the Three Projects Gathering and Expos held on Thunder Bay on June 11-13, 2024 and information on upcoming Public Information Centre # 3 in September 2024.</li> </ul>
38	September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on Public Information Centre #3.</li> <li>Preliminary findings of the Human Health and Country Foods study.</li> <li>Early Circulation of the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement.</li> </ul>
39	October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided a summary of past, present, and foreseeable future physical activities (projects) considered in the Cumulative Effects Assessment.</li> <li>Provided an overview of the Early Circulation of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> </ul>
40	November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided information on Community Virtual Information Sessions for Round 4.</li> <li>Provided an overview of the Early Circulation of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> <li>Provided information on Cultural Heritage and Archaeology early findings.</li> </ul>
41	December 2024/ January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided a brief summary on Three Road Projects Gathering.</li> <li>Provided an overview of the Early Circulation of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> <li>Provided information on Community Virtual Information Sessions for Round 4.</li> </ul>
42	February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided a brief summary on Three Road Projects Gathering.</li> <li>Provided an overview of the Early Circulation of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> <li>Provided information on Project and Net (Leftover) Effects.</li> <li>Provided a status update of the EA/IA process.</li> </ul>
43	March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided information on Community Virtual Information Sessions for Round 4.</li> <li>Introduction to Water Crossing Simulation.</li> <li>Provided an overview of the Early Circulation of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> </ul>
44	April and May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided information on Plain Language Summaries.</li> <li>Provided an overview of the Early Circulation of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> </ul>
45	June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided a brief summary on the release of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> <li>Provided information on engagement options available for stakeholders.</li> </ul>
46	July and August 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided a brief summary on the release of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> <li>Provided a summary of the Public Information Centre #4.</li> </ul>



Issue	Month	Description of Newsletter Contents
47	September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided a summary of the Public Information Centre #4.</li> <li>Provided an overview of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> </ul>
48	October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided a formal acknowledgment thanking participants for their involvement in the public review of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> <li>Summarized engagement options available for stakeholders.</li> <li>Provided a brief summary on next steps of the Project.</li> </ul>
<b>WFN Community-Specific Newsletters</b>		
4	March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Description of the Indigenous Knowledge and Land Resource Use and Socio-economic primary data collection program for the Project.</li> <li>Updates from the WSR field team.</li> </ul>
5	July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about past and upcoming community visits to Webequie First Nation.</li> <li>Overview of the Country Foods and Human Health surveys being conducted.</li> </ul>
6	September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about the virtual community information sessions.</li> <li>Description of the Indigenous Knowledge and Land Resource Use and Socio-economic program for the Project.</li> <li>Overview of the topics for Consultation Round 2 and the WSR Open House held in Thunder Bay August 2022.</li> </ul>
7	February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on Human Health activities and the Project's team presentation at the Ontario Association for Impact Assessment Conference.</li> </ul>
8	March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about the virtual community information sessions for Round 2.</li> <li>Summary of community visit in February to collect socio-economic information and details of upcoming community visit in April 2023 to conduct human health engagement.</li> </ul>
9	June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on Consultation Round 2 and the Elder's guiding principles.</li> <li>Information on community visit in June and livestream and radio scheduled for July 2023.</li> </ul>
10	September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on Consultation Round 2.</li> <li>Summary of community visit in August and details of upcoming community visit in September.</li> <li>Information on the PIC #2 in Timmins and Thunder Bay.</li> <li>Description of the Indigenous Knowledge and Land Resource Use program for the Project.</li> </ul>
11	December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about questions form the PIC #2 held in Timmins and Thunder Bay.</li> <li>Information for Webequie First Nation community members living off-reserve.</li> </ul>
13	July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on community visit held in May and upcoming visit and open houses, and the virtual community information sessions for Round 3.</li> </ul>
14	September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided a summary of community visit held August 20-22, 2024.</li> <li>Provided a brief summary of the Public Information Centre #3 and Elder Session in Thunder Bay on September 2024.</li> <li>Notified regarding Early Circulation of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> </ul>
15	December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduced the upcoming Project update information session and Christmas Dinner for Webequie First Nation Off-Reserve members.</li> <li>Introduced the upcoming Cumulative Effects Assessment engagement.</li> </ul>



Issue	Month	Description of Newsletter Contents
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Notified regarding the Three Road Projects Gathering scheduled for February 2025.</li> <li>▪ Notified regarding Early Circulation of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> </ul>
16	April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Notified regarding upcoming on Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interests Validation community visit.</li> <li>▪ Community member spotlight.</li> <li>▪ Notified regarding Early Circulation of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> </ul>
17	June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invited Webequie First Nation to review the Draft EAR/IS during the 60-day early review period exclusive for Indigenous communities.</li> </ul>
18	October 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provided a formal acknowledgment thanking Webequie First Nation for their involvement in the public review of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> <li>▪ Provided a brief summary on the Public Information Centre #4.</li> <li>▪ Notified regarding the next planned community visit to Webequie First Nation.</li> </ul>

## 2.4.4 Summary of Indigenous Engagement and Consultation Activities

This section summarizes key engagement and consultation activities conducted to date with Indigenous communities and groups during the EA/IA process. Descriptions of the engagement and consultation activities are organized and presented for each of the three (3) consultation rounds which had formal start and end dates. As the Project Team is dedicated to continuous engagement and consultation throughout the EA/IA process, this section also identifies and summarizes those engagement activities that occurred outside of the time periods specified for the three consultation rounds. Details of the engagement and consultation activities for each Indigenous community are provided in the Consultation Progress Reports – Rounds 1, 2 and 3 within the Record of Engagement and Consultation to this EAR/IS.

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

### 2.4.4.1 Round 1 – Engagement and Consultation Activities

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

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



A summary of key activities conducted during Consultation Round 1 are presented in **Table 2-4** and are further described in Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 within the Record of Engagement and Consultation.

**Table 2-4: Consultation Activities Conducted During Consultation Round 1**

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
<b>CONSULTATION ROUND 1</b>		
Notice of Commencement of EA/IA	Notification letters, emails, fax	October 29, 2021 November 3, 2021
Topic-Specific Livestream Sessions and Radio Call-in Shows	<p>Topic-specific livestream sessions and Wawatay Radio call-in shows were held on a bi-weekly basis. Topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scope of EA/IA in approved ToR and TISG;</li> <li>▪ Socio-Economic and Human Health Study Plans;</li> <li>▪ Acoustic, Visual Environment, Climate Change and Air Quality and Cumulative Effects Study Plans;</li> <li>▪ Soils, Vegetation, Groundwater, Surface Water, and Aquatic Habitat Study Plans; and</li> <li>▪ Caribou, Wolverine, Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat, Species at Risk, and Breeding Birds Study Plans.</li> <li>▪ Looking Back and Ahead: Project Activities in 2021 and 2022;</li> <li>▪ What We Have Heard: Key Themes of Project Questions and Concerns to Date;</li> <li>▪ Provincial EA and Federal IA Processes;</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Knowledge (3 parts) – What and How is it used, community perspectives; and</li> <li>▪ Study areas, field studies, and criteria and indicators for valued components.</li> </ul> <p>Further details on the topic-specific livestream sessions, radio shows and specific dates when they were held, including discussion points, are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 1.</p>	October 2021 – June 2022
Indigenous Knowledge and Land and Resource Use (IKLRU) Program	Invitation letters were sent to all 22 Indigenous communities seeking participation in the Project's IKLRU Program. The letter included information on the purpose of the program, suggested data sharing agreement template and available Province of Ontario capacity funding for eligible Indigenous communities to participate in the program.	December 13, 2021



Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
Socio-Economic Data Collection	Invitation letters were sent to all 22 Indigenous communities seeking participation in the socio-economic data collection program for the Project (e.g., surveys, focus groups, key informant interviews).	December 20 and 21, 2021
	In-person key informant interviews and focus group sessions with interested communities. Key informant interviews and focus group sessions were held with community members from Webequie First Nation who possessed special knowledge or information to contribute to the Webequie Supply Road socio-economic baseline study. Further details on key informant interviews and focus groups sessions are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 1.	October 2021 – July 2022
Chief and Council Meetings	Chief and Council meetings were offered to all Indigenous communities to provide Project update and discuss topics identified for Consultation Round 1 or other topics of interest. Meetings held included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Webequie First Nation (3); and</li> <li>▪ Weenusk First Nation (1).</li> </ul> Details of the Chief and Council meetings held, including meeting summaries, are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 1.	Webequie First Nation - March 30, June 20 and July 19, 2022 Weenusk First Nation – August 26, 2022
Virtual Community Information Sessions	Round #1 virtual community information sessions were held with each of the 22 Indigenous communities, covering the topics in Consultation Round 1. Further details on the virtual information sessions, including presentation and specific dates when held with each community are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 1.	April – September 2022
First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings	In-person on-reserve community meetings were held with Webequie First Nation and Weenusk First Nation. Summaries of the meetings and questions or concerns raised are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 1.	Webequie First Nation – October 13 and 27 and November 10, 2021 Weenusk First Nations – July 19, 2022
Public Information Centre (PIC) #1	Public Information Centre # 1 (Open House) for interested First Nation community members living off-reserve, open to the public and stakeholders, was held in Thunder Bay to cover the topics in Consultation Round 1. A summary of the event, presentation materials and questions and concerns raised by participants are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 1.	August 25, 2022



Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
Consultation Progress Report – Round 1	<p>Consultation Progress Report Round 1 was prepared as a condition of the provincially approved EA ToR to document the engagement activities and feedback received during Round 1.</p> <p>Community-specific portions of Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 were provided to each of the 22 Indigenous communities for review and feedback.</p> <p>Feedback and issues of concern received from communities, were applicable, are presented in <b>Section 2.4.5</b>.</p>	October 21, 2022
Monthly Newsletters	Monthly newsletters were sent to all Indigenous communities. A description of the content of the newsletters is provided in <b>Section 2.4.3.1</b> .	Ongoing monthly activity
Project Website	Updates to Project Website with communication materials, fact sheets, videos, and key Project information and engagement events/sessions.	Ongoing activity

#### 2.4.4.2 Round 2 – Engagement and Consultation Activities

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

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

A summary of key activities conducted during Consultation Round 2 are presented in **Table 2-5** and are further described in Consultation Progress Report — Round 2 within the Record of Engagement and Consultation.



**Table 2-5: Consultation Activities Conducted During Consultation Round 2**

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
<b>CONSULTATION ROUND 2</b>		
Notifications, Project Updates and Offer of Engagement Options	<p>Notification letters, emails, fax were sent to all Indigenous communities and groups. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Engagement option letters to share opportunities for engagement and inform on project updates. This included: invitation to listen to bi-weekly topic-specific livestream sessions and radio shows; overview of community virtual information sessions being offered; and other available engagement options (e.g., on-reserve community meetings, focus group sessions, surveys, etc.).</li> <li>▪ Follow-up emails and letters on past invitations to participate in the IKLRU program.</li> <li>▪ Invitation to attend ATRI Forum #1 and ATRI Forum #2.</li> </ul>	<p>Engagement Options Letters:            March 9 and 22, April 6, May 3, June 14 and 28, July 12 and August 9, 2023            Email to community Chiefs regarding IKLRU – June 6, 2023            ATRI Forum # 1 Invitation – January 13, 2023            ATRI Forum #2 Invitation – October 19, 2023</p>
Topic-Specific Livestream Sessions and Radio Call-in Shows	<p>Topic-specific livestream sessions and Wawatay Radio call-in shows were held on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Alternatives Assessment Process – An Overview;</li> <li>▪ Alternative routes – An explanation;</li> <li>▪ Proposed Criteria and Indicators for Evaluation of Alternatives;</li> <li>▪ Evaluation of Alternatives – Multi-Factor Analysis;</li> <li>▪ Evaluation of Alternative Routes for WSR;</li> <li>▪ Evaluation of Alternatives for Supportive Infrastructure (e.g., construction camps/laydown areas, aggregate source areas and access roads);</li> <li>▪ Aggregate Rock Source Areas;</li> <li>▪ Construction Camps; and</li> <li>▪ Road Foundation Design and other engineering design features.</li> </ul> <p>Further details on the virtual topic-specific livestream sessions, including presentation and specific dates when they were held are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 2.</p>	<p>March 2023 – November 2023</p>
Chief and Council Meetings	<p>Chief and Council meetings were offered to all Indigenous communities to provide Project update and discuss topics identified for Consultation Round 2 or other topics of interest. Meetings held included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Webequie First Nation (3);</li> <li>▪ Kashechewan First Nation (1); and</li> <li>▪ Weenusk First Nation (1).</li> </ul>	<p>Webequie First Nation – August 28, 31 2023 and September 26, 2023            Kashechewan First Nation – September 6, 2023            Weenusk First Nation – August 17 and 18, 2023</p>



Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
	Details of the Chief and Council meetings held, including meeting summaries, are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round.	
Virtual Community Information Sessions	<p>Round #2 virtual community information sessions were held with each of the 22 Indigenous communities. The topics in Consultation Round 2 were delivered in two part (Part 1 and Part 2).</p> <p>Further details on the virtual information sessions, including presentation and specific dates when they were held are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 2.</p>	March 2023 – November 2023
First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings	<p>In-person on-reserve community meetings were held with the following First Nations covering topics in Round 2 and other topics of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Webequie First Nation (3) – Topics in Round 2 and focused meetings with Elders, knowledge keepers, land users on Anishiniimowin (Indigenous) Knowledge;</li> <li>▪ Constance Lake First Nation – Project update and topics in Round 2;</li> <li>▪ Weenusk First Nation – Topics in Round 2;</li> <li>▪ Marten Falls First Nation – Project update and topics in Round 2; and</li> <li>▪ Kashechewan First Nation – Topics in Round 2.</li> </ul> <p>Summaries of the meetings and questions or concerns raised are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 2.</p>	<p>Webequie First Nation – May 3, June 7 and August 29, 2023</p> <p>Constance Lake First Nation – June 29, 2023</p> <p>Weenusk First Nation – August 17, 2023</p> <p>Marten Falls First Nation – August 24, 2023</p> <p>Kashechewan First Nation – September 6, 2023</p>
Public Information Centre (PIC) #2	<p>Public Information Centre # 2 (Open House) for interested First Nation community members living off-reserve, and also open to the public and stakeholders, was held in Thunder Bay and Timmins to cover the topics in Consultation Round 2.</p> <p>A summary of the event, presentation materials and questions and concerns raised by participants are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 2.</p>	October 3 and 4, 2023 (Thunder Bay) and October 12, 2023 (Timmins)
*Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Forum #1	<p>The Province of Ontario sponsored the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #1 in Thunder Bay to discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' ATRI as they relate to the WSR, NRL and MFCAR Projects. The purpose of the forum was to create a respectful, culturally sensitive, and collaborative space to develop an understanding of ATRI in any of the 3 Project areas.</p> <p>Presentations included: purpose/overview of the ATRI Forum, and roles of the proponent, Crown and Indigenous communities in understanding ATRI. The forum also included plenary/group sessions and project-specific</p>	February 8 and 9, 2023



Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
	<p>breakout sessions for individual community representatives to discuss ATRI with the Project Teams.</p> <p>Participants were encouraged to talk about ATRI in terms of their connection with: land and resource use (e.g., fishing, hunting); cultural continuity and practice (e.g., sacred sites, special places culture is practised and taught); travel routes; caring for nature; and the economy (e.g., area of traditional economic activity such as trap areas).</p> <p>Representatives from the following Indigenous communities attended the 2-day ATRI Forum #1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Webequie First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Marten Falls First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Aroland First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Attawapiskat First Nation; and</li> <li>▪ Red Sky Métis Independent Nation.</li> </ul> <p>Further details on ATRI Forum # 1, including presentations, discussion guide, and summary of feedback received from Indigenous communities are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 2 within the supporting Record of Engagement and Consultation to this EAR/IS. Key comments and issues of concern raised by communities at the forum are presented in <b>Section 2.4.5</b>.</p>	
<p>Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2</p>	<p>Building off the momentum of the ATRI Forum #1 Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation held ATRI Forum # 2 in Thunder Bay as follow-up to discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' ATRI as they relate to the WSR, NRL and MFCAR projects. Days 1 and 2 of the 3-day forum were devoted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Developing and sharing the proponent's current understanding ATRI asserted by each community within each project area;</li> <li>▪ Understanding and confirming Rights and Interests to help in future discussion about potential project impacts; and</li> <li>▪ Collaborating to avoid or mitigate potential negative impacts to ATRI, while enhancing potential positive impacts.</li> </ul> <p>The forum included presentations and breakout sessions where representatives from NRL, MFCAR, WSR, the Province and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada each hosted separate meeting spaces for individual community representatives to discuss ATRI. Plenary sessions with a series of presentations and Q&amp;A period were also held that included: Project updates, Overview of the Ministry of Natural Resources Far North District and Land Use Planning and Ontario EA Process and</p>	<p>November 21 – 23, 2023</p>



Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
	<p>Consultation Approach from the MECP and Ministry of Energy and Mines.</p> <p>Day 3 of the forum was devoted to cumulative effects with presentations by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and the proponent, along with open round-table discussion to promote a shared understanding of the assessment process.</p> <p>Representatives from the following Indigenous communities attended the ATRI Forum #2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Webequie First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Marten Falls First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Constance Lake First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Eabametoong First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Ginoogaming First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Long Lake 58 First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Nibinamik First Nation; and</li> <li>▪ Weenusk First Nation.</li> </ul> <p>Further details on ATRI Forum # 2, including presentations and summary of feedback received from Indigenous communities are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 2 within the supporting Record of Engagement and Consultation to this EAR/IS.</p> <p>Key comments and issues of concern raised by communities at the forum are presented in <b>Section 2.4.5</b>.</p>	
Consultation Progress Report – Round 2	<p>Consultation Progress Report Round 2 was prepared as a condition of the provincially approved EA ToR to document the engagement activities and feedback received during Round 2.</p> <p>Community-specific portions of Consultation Progress Report – Round 2 were provided to each of the 22 Indigenous communities for review and feedback.</p> <p>Feedback and issues of concern received from communities, were applicable, are presented in <b>Section 2.4.5</b>.</p>	January 25, 2024
Monthly Newsletters	Monthly newsletters were sent to all Indigenous communities. A description of the content of the newsletters is provided in <b>Section 2.4.3.1</b> .	Ongoing monthly activity
Project Website	Updates to Project Website with communication materials, fact sheets, newsletters, videos, and key Project information and engagement events/sessions. The Project Website also includes Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and corresponding responses, which represent key themes related to the WSR Project and are available to all interested parties.	Ongoing activity

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



### 2.4.4.3 Round 3 – Engagement and Consultation Activities

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

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

A summary of key activities conducted during Consultation Round 3 are presented in **Table 2-6** and are further described in Consultation Progress Report – Round 3 within the Record of Engagement and Consultation.

**Table 2-6: Consultation Activities Conducted During Consultation Round 3**

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



Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Protections after the EA/IA; and</li> <li>▫ How Indigenous Knowledge is used in EA/IA.</li> <li>▪ Preliminary results of effects assessment for selected valued components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Surface water;</li> <li>▫ Aquatic habitat;</li> <li>▫ Groundwater;</li> <li>▫ Geology, terrain, and soils; and</li> <li>▫ Caribou study.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Further details on the topic-specific information sessions, including presentation and specific dates when they were held are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 3.</p>	
Chief and Council Meeting	<p>A Chief and Council meeting was held with Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation Chief to provide Project update, regulatory process update and information on the project component and activities.</p> <p>Details of the Chief and Council meeting held, including the meeting summary, is presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 3.</p>	August 29, 2024
Virtual Community Information Sessions	<p>Round 3 virtual community information sessions were held for all 22 Indigenous communities to share information about the EA/IA activities including consultation and engagement to date, effects assessment preliminary findings, and consultation approach and next steps.</p> <p>In addition, each community was offered real-time translation of the session and a Virtual Reality Open House to access further information about WSR and studies being undertaken, along with opportunities to provide feedback.</p> <p>Further details on the virtual information sessions, including presentation and specific dates when they were held are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 3.</p>	April 2024 – July 2024
First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings	<p>In-person on-reserve community meetings were held with the following First Nations covering the topics in Round 3 and other topics of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Webequie First Nation (4 meetings). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Project update and progress presentation was delivered that included information on upcoming activities next steps in the EA/IA.</li> <li>▫ Project update presentation, followed by discussions on the Draft socio-economic and health baseline study reports that were circulated to the community leadership.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Webequie First Nation – January 12, May 13 – 14, August 20 – 22 and September 12, 2024</p> <p>Nibinamik First Nation – January 16, 2024</p> <p>Constance Lake First Nation – September 12, 2024</p>



Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Project update presentation was delivered, followed by an Indigenous Knowledge (IK) validation presentation and session gathering of additional Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) information.</li> <li>▫ Indigenous Knowledge validation session with Webequie First Nation Elders that included Project update and map with overview of the Project components.</li> <li>▪ Nibinamik First Nation – Project update presentation with opportunity for questions from community members.</li> <li>▪ Constance Lake First Nation – Project update presentation with opportunity for questions from community members.</li> </ul> <p>Summaries of the meetings and questions or concerns raised are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 3.</p>	
First Nation Off-Reserve Community Meetings	An off-reserve community meeting with members living off-reserve and leadership of Nibinamik First Nation was held in Thunder Bay to provide information on engagement effort and general themes of feedback received on the Project to date, potential effects of the Project and overall environment/impact assessment process.	August 6, 2024
Public Information Centre (PIC) #3	<p>Public Information Centre # 3 (Open House format) was an open event for the public, stakeholders and interested First Nation community members living off-reserve to cover topics in Consultation Round 3. The PIC # 3 session on September 13 in Thunder Bay was specifically targeted for community members of Webequie and other First Nations living off-reserve. The PIC session included a presentation and display boards to share information on EA/IA activities, result of engagement and consultation to date, preliminary effects assessment findings, and future engagement and consultation opportunities.</p> <p>A summary of the event, presentation materials and questions and concerns raised by participants are presented in Consultation Progress Report – Round 3.</p>	September 10 (Timmins) and September 12-13 (Thunder Bay) 2024
Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo	A Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo that combined the Webequie Supply Road, Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR) and Northern Road Link (NRL) projects (Three Road Projects) was held on June 11 to 13, 2024 in Thunder Bay. The Gathering provided participants with engaging and interactive space for consultation to learn more about the ongoing	June 11– 13 2024

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
	<p>road projects, ask questions, and share feedback.</p> <p>The first day of the event was an Elders' gathering dedicated to Indigenous participants only to allow for discussions by Elders and Treaty 9 community members on the three projects and if required dialogue with the proponents on project information or questions.</p> <p>The second day of the event involved technical presentations on different components of the projects such as building roads on peatlands and aspects of water, and fish/fish habitat. This session was open to all Indigenous participants, including government representatives and project staff. A set of 10 booths were set-up for participants to have direct engagement with Project Teams and representatives of provincial and federal agencies.</p> <p>The 10 booths set-up for Day 2 of the event provided information on the Webequie Supply Road, Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR), Northern Road Link (NRL), Building Roads on Peatlands, Water, Fish and Field Investigations, Wildlife, Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interests, Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, Ontario (MECP and MINES), Ontario (MNR).</p> <p>The final day of the event was open to all and included a half day session on approach for reviewing the early circulation of the WSR Draft EAR/IS for Indigenous review.</p> <p>The following attendees were present at the gathering and expo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek;</li> <li>▪ Aroland First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Constance Lake First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Eabametoong First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Fort Albany First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Ginoogaming First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Kasabonika Lake First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Long Lake #58 First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Marten Falls First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Métis Nation of Ontario – Region 2;</li> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Nibinamik First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Red Sky Métis Independent Nation;</li> <li>▪ Webequie First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation; and</li> <li>▪ Mushkegowuk Council.</li> </ul>	
Monthly Newsletters	Monthly newsletters were sent to all Indigenous communities as part of project updates. A description of the content of the newsletters is provided in <b>Section 2.4.3.1</b>	Ongoing monthly activity



Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
Project Website	Routine updates to the Project Website included communication materials, fact sheets, newsletters, videos, and key Project information and engagement events/sessions. The Project Website also includes FAQs and corresponding responses, which represent key themes related to the Project and are available to all interested parties for viewing.	Ongoing activity

**Note:** \*Engagement activities held from January 2024 to April 2024, prior to the formal commencement of Consultation Round 3, to ensure continuous opportunities for feedback from communities.

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

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

- Predicted net effects for valued components after mitigation is applied;
- What are cumulative effects;
- What other past, present and future physical activities (projects) are considered in the cumulative effects assessment;
- How are net cumulative effects managed; and
- Next steps in EA/IA process.

A summary of key activities conducted during Consultation Round 4 are presented in **Table 2-7**.

**Table 2-7: Consultation Activities Conducted During Consultation Round 4**

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
<b>CONSULTATION ROUND 4</b>		
Notifications, Project Updates and Offer of Engagement Options	<p>Notification letters, emails, fax to inform all Indigenous communities/groups on the Project contact list. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Follow-up letters were sent to each First Nation regarding any comments or feedback on the community specific Consultation Progress Report 3 distributed on November 1, 2024. This report summarized and documented the Round 3 Engagement and Consultation Program with their community.</li> <li>▪ Consultation Round 4 invitation letters were sent to each First Nation to notify communities of the upcoming virtual information sessions that will cover topics such as predicted net effects for valued components, including cumulative effects. The invitation letters to each community were sent a week or two before the community's respective session. Since the virtual information sessions for Round 4 included a Part 1 (Fall/Winter2025) and Part 2 (Winter 2025) each First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Follow-up Letters to each First Nation on Round 3 Consultation Progress Report – December 16, 2024.</p> <p>Invitation Letters to each First Nation on virtual community information sessions and engagement options – November 18, 2024 to January 28, 2025.</p> <p>Notification letter to all First Nations on the release and early circulation of the Draft EAR/IS for review – June 9, 2025.</p>



Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
	<p>received a letter which presented the engagement options and date for their community session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Notification letter to all Indigenous communities regarding early circulation of Draft EAR/IS for communities' review, including distribution of hard and electronic copy of the document.</li> </ul>	
Topic-Specific Livestream Sessions and Radio Call-in Shows	<p>Topic-specific livestream sessions and Wawatay Radio call-in shows were held on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assessment of Effects on Geology, Terrain and Soils.</li> <li>▪ Assessment of Effect on Surface Water Resources Surface Water Resources.</li> </ul>	Topic-specific livestream sessions and radio call-in shows – November 24, 2024
Chief and Council Meetings	<p>Chief and Council meetings were held with Webequie First Nation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discuss the upcoming release of the Draft EAR/IS, including efforts to reach more community members through the preparation of plain language summaries for each section of the report translated into Cree and Oji-Cree.</li> <li>▪ Discuss the consultation plan for engaging with community members after the release of the Draft EAR/IS. The plan is proposed to include monthly community visits to discuss different sections of the report, including identified project effects and associated mitigation.</li> </ul>	Webequie First Nation – March 17, 2025 and March 25, 2025
Virtual Community Information Sessions	<p>Round 4 virtual community information sessions were held for all 22 Indigenous communities to share information about the EA/IA activities including consultation and engagement to date, effects assessment preliminary findings, including cumulative effects, and next steps.</p>	November 2024 – March 2025
First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings	<p>In-person on-reserve community meetings were held with the following First Nations covering the topics in Round 4 and other topics of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Webequie First Nation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Project update and progress presentation and overview of predicted net effect for select valued components, including cumulative effects.</li> <li>▫ Project update presentation delivered, followed by a validation session with community members on Webequie Indigenous Knowledge (IK) received for integration into the EA/IA.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Constance Lake First Nation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Project update and progress presentation and overview of predicted net effect for select valued components, including cumulative effects.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Webequie First Nation – December 18, 2024 and May 21 to 23, 2025</p> <p>Constance Lake First Nation – January 28, 2025</p>



Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
First Nation Off-Reserve Community Meetings	An off-reserve community meeting with members living off-reserve and leadership of Webequie First Nation was held on December 10, 2024 in Thunder Bay to provide Project update and next steps in the overall EA/IA process.	Webequie First Nation December 10, 2024, Thunder Bay
Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo	<p>A Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo that combined the Webequie Supply Road, MFCAR and NRL projects (Three Road Projects) was held on February 19 to 20, 2025 in Thunder Bay and February 24 to 25 in Timmins. The Gathering provided participants with engaging and interactive space for consultation to learn more about the ongoing road projects, ask questions, and share feedback.</p> <p>Key activities included detailed project overviews from project leads, panel discussions on consultation and Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests, and an Expo featuring booths dedicated to each project and the consultation process. Breakout sessions allowed for more in-depth dialogue on specific topics like EA, wildlife, cumulative effects, and IK integration.</p> <p>The following First Nation representatives participated in the Gathering and Expo either in Thunder Bay or Timmins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek;</li> <li>▪ Aroland First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Bearskin Lake First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Constance Lake First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Eabametoong First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Fort Albany First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Ginoogaming First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Kashechewan First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Long Lake #58 First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Marten Falls First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Matawa Four River;</li> <li>▪ Mushkegowuk Council;</li> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Nibinamik First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Red Sky Métis Independent Nation;</li> <li>▪ Webequie First Nation;</li> <li>▪ Weenusk First Nation; and</li> <li>▪ Wunnumin Lake First Nation.</li> </ul>	February 19 to 20, 2025, Thunder Bay February 24 to 25, 2025, Timmins
Monthly Newsletters	Monthly newsletters were sent to all Indigenous communities as part of project updates.	Ongoing monthly activity
Project Website	Routine updates to the Project Website included communication materials, fact sheets, newsletters, videos, and key Project information and engagement events/sessions. The Project Website also includes FAQs and corresponding responses, which represent key themes related to the Project and are available to all interested parties for viewing.	Ongoing activity



### 2.4.4.5 Review of Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement

Indigenous communities and groups were provided with the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Draft EAR/IS during the review period from June 9, 2025 to October 7, 2025.

The following Indigenous communities and groups provided comments on the Draft EAR/IS:

- Aroland First Nation
- Attawapiskat First Nation
- Constance Lake First Nation
- Kashechewan First Nation
- Nibinamik First Nation
- Weenusk First Nation
- Fort Albany First Nation
- Marten Falls First Nation
- Mushkegowuk Council

The proponent responses to the comments received from Indigenous communities and groups are contained in the Record of Engagement and Consultation, including where the comment is addressed in the Final EAR/IS, if applicable.

Following the circulation of the Draft EAR/IS, engagement and consultation activities continued as part of the ongoing commitment to transparency and collaboration. These activities incorporated targeted measures to ensure meaningful participation from communities and stakeholders, including information-sharing sessions, opportunities for feedback, and responses to inquiries.

**Table 2-8: Consultation Activities Conducted Following Circulation of the Draft EAR/IS**

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
Notifications, Project Updates and Offer of Engagement Options	<p>Notification letters, emails, fax to inform all Indigenous communities/groups on the Project contact list. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Notification letter to all Indigenous communities sharing the report for the Three Road Projects Gathering &amp; Expo that was held in June 2024.</li> <li>▪ Follow-up notification letters to all Indigenous communities regarding the early circulation of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> <li>▪ Notification letter to all Indigenous communities with a notice of publication of the Draft EAR/IS for review.</li> <li>▪ Follow-up notification letters to all Indigenous communities regarding the circulation of the Draft EAR/IS and invitation for engagement.</li> <li>▪ Notification letter to all Indigenous communities with a notice of Public Information Centre #4 being held on September, 2025.</li> </ul>	<p>Notification letter on Three Road Projects Gathering &amp; Expo Report- June 20, 2025.</p> <p>Follow-up notification letters the early circulation of the Draft EAR/IS – June 23, 2025, and July 10, 2025.</p> <p>Notification letter on the release of the Draft EAR/IS – August 7, 2025.</p> <p>Follow-up notification letters on the circulation of the Draft EAR/IS- August 22, 2025, September 05, 2025, September 23, 2025, and October 06, 2025</p>
Chief and Council Meetings	<p>Chief and Council meetings were held with Webequie First Nation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Update on the early Indigenous release of the Draft EAR/IS.</li> </ul>	June 24, 2025



Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings	<p>In-person on-reserve community meetings were held with the following First Nations covering topics of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Webequie First Nation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Meetings held included presentations and discussions on themes such as potential effects of WSR on water, fish, socio-economy, human health and proposed mitigation measures, role of community members during construction and operation of Project, concepts of effects and mitigations and other topics.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Marten Falls First Nation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Meeting 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Webequie First Nation – October 24, 2025, and November 6, 2025</p> <p>Marten Falls First Nation – July 21, 2025</p>
First Nation Off-Reserve Community Meetings	<p>In-person off-reserve community meetings were held with following First Nations to discuss key topics of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Webequie First Nation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ A community Christmas party/ information session was held in Thunder Bay to highlight potential environmental, social, and health impacts along with proposed mitigation strategies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	December 15, 2025
Public Information Centre (PIC) #4	<p>Public Information Centre # 4 (Open House format) was an open event for the public, stakeholders and interested First Nation community members living off-reserve to cover topics in Consultation Round 4. The PIC sessions included a presentation and display boards to share information on EA/IA activities, result of engagement and consultation to date, findings in the EAR/IS, planned next steps, and future engagement and consultation opportunities. In addition, approach and process of cumulative effects assessment was explained at both locations, along with the role of community engagement in shaping project outcomes.</p>	<p>September 16-17, 2025 (Thunder Bay)</p> <p>September 22, 2025 (Timmins)</p>
Monthly Newsletters	<p>Monthly newsletters were sent to all Indigenous communities as part of project updates.</p>	Ongoing monthly activity
Project Website	<p>Routine updates to the Project Website included communication materials, fact sheets, newsletters, videos, and key Project information and engagement events/sessions. The Project Website also includes FAQs and corresponding responses, which represent key themes related to the Project and are available to all interested parties for viewing.</p>	Ongoing activity



### 2.4.4.6 Targeted Engagement and Consultation for Cumulative Effects Assessment

Targeted measures were undertaken for the cumulative effects assessment for the Project, in alignment with the requirements that are defined within the NoA of the ToR. Per Amendment 1.4, which describes the “Cumulative effects consultation report” and as specified in Amendment 1.1, the proponent engaged with Indigenous communities regarding the cumulative effects assessment. This engagement included providing the work plan, methodology, results, and proposed impact management measures. To support this process, the proponent provided targeted consultation opportunities, within Consultation Round 4, for each Indigenous community to provide feedback on the cumulative effects assessment in any preferred engagement methods identified by communities to ensure meaningful consultation.

**Table 2-9: Indigenous Consultation Activities Targeted for Cumulative Effects**

Consultation Method/Activity	Overview of Consultation Activity	Date(s)
Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Forum #2	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.	November 21 - 23, 2023
Virtual Community Information Sessions	Targeted virtual community information sessions that focused on Cumulative Effects Assessment were held during Consultation Round 4 – please refer to <b>Table 2-7</b> above for further details.	November 2024 – March 2025

### 2.4.5 Summary of Issues and Concerns Raised by Indigenous Communities and Groups and Status of Resolution

Key issues and concerns raised by Indigenous communities and groups from the engagement and consultation activities completed to date, as outlined in **Section 2.4.4**, are summarized in **Table 2-7**. The detailed feedback received from Indigenous communities and groups, and where applicable Project Team responses to the comments received, including resolution of issues, are contained in Consultation Progress Reports – Rounds 1, 2, and 3 and in the Record of Engagement and Consultation. The Project Team also conducted Consultation Round 4 to provide Indigenous communities with specific information on mitigation measures to address potential adverse effects from the Project, as well as targeted opportunities to receive information and provide feedback on the cumulative effects assessment for the Project. A summary report of the consultation with Indigenous communities regarding the cumulative effects assessment is contained in the Record of Engagement and Consultation. Issues and concerns raised by Indigenous communities and groups, including how these are addressed in the EAR/IS, are also further described in each of the valued component effects assessment sections (Sections 6 to 20).



**Table 2-10: Key Issues and Concerns Raised by Indigenous Communities and Groups from Engagement and Consultation Activities**

Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern <sup>1</sup>	Engagement Method and Communication Source	Indigenous Community/Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the EAR/IS
Cumulative Effects Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Request that all activities related to the WSR EA/IA be halted until IAAC completes the federal Regional Assessment for the Ring of Fire area to obtain a better understanding of the potential cumulative effects of projects on First Nations.</li> <li>▪ Concern that individual EAs will not provide a robust comprehensive cumulative effects analysis given the cumulative effects across the region and proceeding with the WSR EA/IA in isolation will not address the gap of cumulative effects analysis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 1 – The Socio-Economic Primary Data Collection Program.</li> <li>▪ Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 1 – WSR Environmental Assessment/Impact Assessment (EA/IA) and engagement options.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	Refer to Proponent responses to Attawapiskat First Nation comments contained in the Record of Engagement and Consultation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Need to clarify that cumulative effects will include the proposed Noront (now Wyloo Pty Ltd.) Eagles Nest mine and other mining projects that are described as depending on the building of the WSR to provide infrastructure support.</li> <li>▪ Concern about the cumulative impacts of all foreseeable future activities/ projects and the key impacts of the WSR, will be described in quantitative terms.</li> <li>▪ Concern about how cumulative effects approach will consider the impacts of extensive planned mining activity, will be incorporated into the EA/IA for the Project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 21 – Cumulative Effects Assessment Section 21.3.4 Other Projects and Physical Activities Considered Section 21.3.6 Determination of Significance Section 21.4 Assessment of Cumulative Effects on Valued Components



Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern <sup>1</sup>	Engagement Method and Communication Source	Indigenous Community/Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the EAR/IS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request that cumulative effects from other project developments in the Ring of Fire region be considered in the EA/IA for the Project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – Virtual Community Information Session (Q&amp;A period).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ginoogaming First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 21 – Cumulative Effects Assessment</p> <p>Section 21.3.4 Other Projects and Physical Activities Considered</p>
Scope of Effects Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern about the potential negative impacts of the Project on the community well-being (whilst also considering the positive impacts) due to the observed changes in the community since Highway 11 (“the Road”) was developed in 1929.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – Virtual Community Information Session (Q&amp;A period).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ginoogaming First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 14 – Assessment of Effects on Social Environment</p> <p>Section 14.4.7 Change to Community Well-Being and Safety</p> <p>Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern if EA/IA considers proponent’s technical and financial capability to take practical actions to prevent any significant adverse environmental impacts, including damage to fish, wildlife, and their habitat.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 1 – Introduction</p> <p>Section 1.2.3 Webequie Project Team and Elders’ Guiding Principles</p> <p>Section 1.2.5 Proposed or Anticipated Financial Support</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern regarding potential impacts from the Project including the proposed road control and access, safety, pros and cons, the mining industry, economic development (including economic incentives for the First Nations in the Project region), pollution caused by the extraction activities, and environmental issues caused by large trucks along the proposed road which will generate dust and litter in the territory.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 2 – Indigenous Community Meeting (Youth gathering).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marten Falls First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 4 – Project Description</p> <p>Section 4.3.3.3 Construction Camps with Laydown/Storage Areas</p> <p>Section 4.4.2.4 Construction of Proposed Roads</p> <p>Section 4.4.2.9 Environmental Monitoring</p> <p>Section 4.4.3.1.6 Dust Control</p>



Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern <sup>1</sup>	Engagement Method and Communication Source	Indigenous Community/Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the EAR/IS
				Section 9 – Assessment of Effect on Atmospheric Environment Section 9.3 Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways and Indicators Section 15 – Assessment of Effects on Economic Environment Section 15.3 Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways and Indicators Section 15.4. Mitigation and Enhancement Measures
Scope of Effects Assessment (Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Question about the location of the WSR Project in relation to the other two all-season road projects in the region and potential opportunities for employment associated with the construction of the various projects in the region.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback Received During Consultation Round 2 – Chief &amp; Council Meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kashechewan First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 4 – Project Description Section 15 – Assessment of Effect on Economic Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request and confirmation if unavoidable adverse impacts of the Project will be specifically identified in the EAR/IS sections, including if summary of impacts will be provided indicating which impacts avoided or minimized versus those for which compensatory mitigation may be required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Contained in each valued component effects assessment section. Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation



Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern <sup>1</sup>	Engagement Method and Communication Source	Indigenous Community/Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the EAR/IS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern that First Nation rights may be potentially impacted by the Project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – Virtual Community Information Session (Q&amp;A period).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ginoogaming First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 19 – Effects to Indigenous Peoples and Impacts on the Exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interest</p> <p>Section 19.3.1 Change to Current and Historical Use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes</p> <p>Section 19.3.2 Change to Cultural Continuity</p> <p>Section 19.5.1 Rights Related to Current and Historic Use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes</p> <p>Section 19.5.2 Rights Related to Cultural Continuity</p> <p>Section 19.5.3 Rights Related to Socio-Economic, Health and Well-Being</p> <p>Section 19.5.4 Rights to Self-Determination and Self-Governance</p>
Scope of Effects Assessment (Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment – Would like to see agreement and commitments to mitigation and monitoring by Webequie First Nation during construction and operations of the Project, including issues around governance of road (e.g., enforcing speed limits).</li> <li>▪ Concerned about impacts to fish, shoreline birds and surface water.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 2 – Chief &amp; Council Meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 4 – Project Description</p> <p>Section 14.3.1.4 Roadside Safety</p> <p>Section 7 – Assessment of Effects on Surface Water Section</p> <p>Section 7.3.1 Change in Surface Water Quantity</p>



Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern <sup>1</sup>	Engagement Method and Communication Source	Indigenous Community/Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the EAR/IS
				Section 7.3.2 Change in Surface Water Quality Section 7.5.2 Predicted Net Effects Section 10 – Assessment of Effect on Fish and Fish Habitat Section 10.3.1 Changes to Quantity and Quality of Fish Habitat Section 10.3.2 Changes to Fish Populations Section 10.5.2 Predicted Net Effects
EA/IA Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Question about the proponent's extension request to the Impact Statement Phase (submitted to IAAC) and what this means for the provincial EA process, including how long of an extension is requested, and the rationale for requesting the extension.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 1 – WSR Livestream and Radio Show and Engagement Options.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 1 – Introduction Section 1.4.2 Canada Impact Assessment Act Proponents Impact Statement Request to IAAC – IACC Project Website <a href="https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/exploration?projDocs=80183">https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/exploration?projDocs=80183</a>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Question if references and/or a technical appendix that provide additional information and analysis to support EAR/IS conclusions will be provided to allow the reader to evaluate the conclusions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 2 – Engagement and Consultation Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Question if the 3 road projects in the region are going through a federal impact assessment process or only the provincial EA process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Round 3 – Three Projects Gathering and Expo.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attawapiskat First Nation member</li> </ul>	Section 1 – Introduction Section 1.3.1 Background and Context



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Need for chapters of the EAR/IS to be shared with the First Nations prior to its formal submission to regulators to allow for advance review, integration of Indigenous Knowledge and impacts to rights.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 1.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attawapiskat First Nation</li> <li>▪ Fort Albany First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 2 – Engagement and Consultation</p> <p>Section 2.4.2 How Indigenous Knowledge was Obtained, Used and Protected</p> <p>Section 2.4.3 Indigenous Engagement and Consultation Methods</p> <p>Consultation Progress Reports – Round 1 and Round 3 in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>
EA/IA Process (Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Request to know if First Nations are involved in the EA/IA as lead assessors for impacts to Indigenous Peoples and comment that it would not be ideal for an EA/IA to proceed without First Nations as the assessors.</li> <li>▪ Concern that First Nations are stewards of the land as such, should lead the EA/IA.</li> <li>▪ Concern that participation of Constance Lake First Nation in the IKLRU program is not possible due to ongoing state of emergency.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 1 – Engagement Options and WSR July Newsletter.</li> <li>▪ Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 1 – IKLRU program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 1 – Introduction</p> <p>Section 1.2.3 Webequie Project Team and Elders' Guiding Principles</p> <p>Section 5 – EA/IA Approach</p> <p>Section 5.2.1.2 Consideration of Input from Engagement and Consultation Activities</p> <p>Section 5.2.1.3 Incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge and Land and Resource Use Information</p> <p>Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Request to put the EA/IA process on hold until the COVID-19 pandemic has been resolved due to impacts on consultation activities.</li> <li>▪ Concern that the community is unable to meaningfully engage with in the EA/IA process or participate in the IKLRU program as a result of COVID-19 pandemic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 1 – Socio-Economic Primary Data Collection Program.</li> <li>▪ Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 1 – IKLRU program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 1 – Introduction Section 1.4.2 Canada Impact Assessment Act Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Request to know if the Indigenous Knowledge Program directly include Neskantaga in decision-making, and if so, how.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment/concern that Ginoogaming leadership is yet to discuss participation in the WSR IKLRU program due to the absence of provincial/proponent funding which is hindering their ability to participating with the program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 1.</li> <li>▪ Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 1 – WSR Socio-Economic Primary Data Collection Program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ginoogaming First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 1 – Introduction Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment – Interest in participating in Socio-Economic Primary Data Collection Program and EA/IA and request for Project Team to provide support on funding capacity for the community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 1 – Socio-Economic Primary Data Collection Program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ginoogaming First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>
Engagement and Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern about meaningful negotiations and engagement with Neskantaga and other First Nations to get to the level of required consultation and consent.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 2 – Engagement and Consultation Section 2.2.2.1 Fulfillment of Duty to Consult Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Question about further plans to collaborate and engage with Indigenous communities and if this includes using Neskantaga's consultation protocols.</li> <li>▪ Concerns and comments regarding engagement method with Indigenous communities, need for independent Indigenous EA/IA review, provision of plain language project information directly to community members, need for additional consultation with Elders, knowledge and wisdom holders, the need for discussion with residential school survivors, potential project impacts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (input) Received During Round 3 – Three Projects Gathering and Expo.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participants of Three Projects Gathering and Expo</li> </ul>	<p>Record of Engagement and Consultation</p> <p>Section 1 – Introduction Section 1.2.3 Webequie Project Team and Elders' Guiding Principles <b>Section 2</b> – Engagement and Consultation <b>Section 2.4.1.2</b> Elders' Guiding Principles Three Projects Gathering and Expo Summary in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>
Socio and Economic Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern and question regarding details of any commitments made to the provision of employment and training for Indigenous community members.</li> <li>▪ Concerns with likelihood of increased violence against Indigenous women and girls as a result of the new road.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 4 – Project Description Section 4.5 Project Workforce Requirements Section 4.5.1 Construction Workforce Section 4.5.3 Training Section 14 – Assessment of Effect on Social Environment Section 14.4.4 Change to Education, Training, and Traditional Learning Programming and Facility Space Section 14.3.7.1 Local Study Area: Webequie First Nation</p>



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				Section 14.4.7.2 Community Safety Section 15 – Assessment of Effect on Economic Environment Section 15.3.1 Change to Labour Force, Employment and Income Section 15.3.2 Change to Overall Economy Section 15.4.1 Labour Force, Employment, and Income Section 15.4.2 Overall Economy Section 15.4.3 Business Environment Section 15.4.4 Public and Indigenous Community Finances Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation
Socio and Economic Effects (Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment – Interest in resource development and employment opportunities during construction of the Project will bring to the Mishkeegogamang First Nation territory.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mishkeegogamang First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14 – Assessment of Effect on Social Environment Section 15 – Assessment of Effect on Economic Environment Section 15.3.1.2 Local Study Area: Other Communities Consultation Progress Report – Round 2 in Record of Engagement and Consultation



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Request for information on job opportunities that will be available to neighbouring communities like Neskantaga and Kasabonika Lake and if the job opportunities will be rotational.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback Received (input) During Public Information Centre #3 (Open House).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ First Nation participant at PIC #3</li> </ul>	<p>Section 4 – Project Description</p> <p>Section 4.5 Project Workforce Requirements</p> <p>Section 4.5.1 Construction Workforce</p> <p>Section 4.5.3 Training</p> <p>Section 15 – Assessment of Effects on Economic Environment</p> <p>Section 15.3.1.2 Local Study Area: Other Communities</p> <p>Section 15.4.2.1 Traditional Economy</p> <p>Consultation Progress Report – Round 3 in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>
Socio and Economic Effects (Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern about community benefits and access to reserve lands and negative impacts to the social side of community access.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Consultation Round 2 – On--reserve meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 14 – Assessment of Effect on Social Environment</p> <p>Section 14.3.7 Changes to Community Well-Being and Safety</p> <p>Section 14.4.7 Change to Community Well-Being and Safety</p> <p>Section 14.5.2.7 Change to Community Well-Being and Safety</p> <p>Section 19 – Assessment of Effects on Indigenous Peoples and the Exercise of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights</p>



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				Section 19.3.1 Change to Current and Historical Use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes Section 19.3.2 Change to Cultural Continuity Section 19.5.1 Rights Related to Current and Historic Use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes Section 19.5.2 Rights Related to Cultural Continuity Section 19.5.3 Rights Related to Socio-Economic, Health and Well-Being Section 19.5.4 Rights to Self-Determination and Self-Governance Consultation Progress Report – Round 2 in Record of Engagement and Consultation
Fish and Fish Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Question about availability of data on the range of the natural population variability of the fish in the impacted streams.</li> <li>▪ Need to analyze the consequences to fish from alterations in groundwater pathways.</li> <li>▪ Question – Will EA/IA examine the variability in stream use by fish from a system perspective.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 10 – Assessment of Effects on Fish and Fish Habitat Section 10.2 Existing Conditions Section 10.3.1.2 Harmful Alteration and Disruption of Fish Habitats



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Question – Will the EAR/IS provide data on impacts to fish population changes from the project in comparison to existing conditions.</li> </ul>			<p>Section 10.3.2 Changes to Fish Populations</p> <p>Section 10.4.2 Changes to Fish Populations</p> <p>Section 10.5.2.2 Changes to Fish Populations</p> <p>Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>
Effects to Fish and Wildlife Harvesting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Question – Will the EA/IA examine induced changes to fish and wildlife population levels through increased harvesting and other causes as a result of the new road and associated access.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 14 – Assessment of Effect on Social Environment</p> <p>Section 14.3.7.1 Local Study Area: Webequie First Nation</p> <p>Section 19 – Effects to Indigenous Peoples and Impacts on the Exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interest</p> <p>Section 19.3.1.1 Local Study Area: Webequie First Nation</p> <p>Section 19.3.1.2 Local Study Area: Other LSA Communities</p> <p>Section 19.3.2.2 Local Study Area: Other LSA Communities</p> <p>Section 21 – Cumulative Effects Assessment</p> <p>Section 21.3.4 Other Projects and Physical Activities Considered</p>



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				Section 21.4.5 Fish and Fish Habitat Section 21.4.7 Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat 21.4.8 Species at Risk Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation
Wildfires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern about the potential impacts of wildfires on and/or risks of wildfire for the road.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 24 – Effects of the Environment on the Project Section 24.2.7 Wildfires Section 24.3 Potential Effects and Effect Pathways Section 24.5 Characterization of Net Effects for Effects of the Environment on the Project Section 23 – Accidents and Malfunctions Section 23.5.2 Fires and Explosions Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation
Project Alternatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment that the EAR/IS provide the reader with an overview/summary of the key impacts of the project in the consideration of alternatives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 3 – Evaluation of Project Alternatives Section 3.1.1 Method for Evaluating Alternatives to the Undertaking Executive Summary



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				Section 6.0 Evaluation of Project Alternatives – How we Selected Our Road Section 6.1 Alternative Methods of Carrying out the Undertaking Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation
Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern and question if cumulative GHG emissions estimates will be provided with reasonably foreseeable future activities that the project may facilitate by the road.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 21 – Cumulative Effects Assessment Section 21.4.11.2 Contribution of Project-Related Net Effects Section 9 – Assessment of Effects on the Atmospheric Environment Section 9.3.2 Change in GHGs Section 9.5.2.2 Change in GHGs Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation
Effects from Aggregate Resource Extraction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Question about the volume of rock which is projected to be extracted from the quarries as the aggregate quarries are located on eskers that have high archaeological potential.</li> <li>▪ Concern with wildlife and plant impact study areas and if they include the proposed aggregate/rock source areas, and if not, what is the reason.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 4 – Project Description Section 4.3.3.1 Aggregate/Rock Source Areas (Pits and Quarries) Section 4.4.2.3.3 Aggregate Extraction and Processing Activities at Pits/Quarries



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern with the plans for remediation of the aggregate quarries after closure, and have these costs been incorporated.</li> </ul>			<p>Section 20 – Assessment of Effects on Cultural Heritage Resources</p> <p>Section 20.1.6 Identification of Project Interactions with Cultural Heritage Resources</p> <p>Section 12 – Assessment of Effects on Wildlife</p> <p>Section 12.3.6 Bats</p> <p>Section 12.3.7 Forest Songbirds (Orange-crowned Warbler, Tennessee Warbler)</p> <p>Section 12.4.2 General Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation</p> <p>Section 11 – Assessment of Effects on Vegetation and Wetlands</p> <p>Section 11.3.2.1 Vegetation Clearing and Grubbing</p> <p>Section 11.3.5.1 Plant Species and Communities of Traditional Importance to Indigenous Peoples</p> <p>Section 11.4.1.1 Vegetation Clearing and Grubbing</p> <p>Section 11.7.1.1 Construction</p> <p>Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>



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Effects from Aggregate Resource Extraction (Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern with source of aggregates and if aggregate extraction will affect the peatlands.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback Received During Consultation Round 3 – Three Projects Gathering and Expo.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participant of Three Projects Gathering and Expo</li> </ul>	Section 4 – Project Description Section 4.3.1.3.1 Road Design in Peatlands Consultation Progress Report – Round 3 in Record of Engagement and Consultation
Effects to Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Question as to what factors are used to measure "habitat availability (quantity – hectare and quality)".</li> <li>Concern if there is a limit beyond which the predicted impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat are so great that the viability of the road can be called into question? And what data would be required to determine whether this limit has been reached or exceeded.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 12 – Assessment of Effect on Wildlife Section 12.4.1 Habitat Availability and Key Mitigation Measures Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern about over-harvesting and encroachment of non-Weenusk First Nation harvesters.</li> <li>Concerns regarding the timing of field surveys by MNR and others may have negative impacts on the community's caribou hunt.</li> <li>Interest to receive and review caribou maps that were presented during Project Team engagement session that show information on migration patterns of caribou.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 2 – Chief &amp; Council Meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 12 – Assessment of Effect on Wildlife Section 12.3.3.4 Injury or Death Section 13 – Assessment of Effects on Species at Risk Section 13.1.2.2.1 Mammal – Caribou 13.3.3 Caribou (Boreal population) Section 13.4.3 Caribou Section 13.6.1 Caribou (Boreal population) Section 19 – Assessment of Effects on Indigenous Peoples and the Exercise



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				of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights Appendix O – Country Foods Assessment Report
Effects to Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat (Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Question about who is responsible for post construction spills, damages to the land and impact to wildlife.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback (input) Received During Round 3 – Three Projects Gathering and Expo.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participant of Three Projects Gathering and Expo</li> </ul>	Section 4 – Project Description Sec 6 – Assessment of Effects on Geology, Terrain, Soils Section 12 – Assessment of Effect on Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Consultation Progress Report – Round 3 in Record of Engagement and Consultation
Indigenous Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern on how Neskantaga's knowledge will be validated in the Indigenous Knowledge Program for the Project, and why, since IK that Neskantaga Elders and knowledge holders share should not be assumed to require validation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback Received During Consultation Round 1 – List of Questions &amp; Comments from Neskantaga First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 2 – Engagement and Consultation Consultation Progress Report – Round 1 in Record of Engagement and Consultation
Effects on Indigenous and Aboriginal Treaty Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment that Indigenous traditional rights be examined prior to any vegetation clearing/construction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback (input) Received During Round 3 – Three Projects Gathering and Expo.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participant of Three Projects Gathering and Expo</li> </ul>	Section 19 – Assessment of Effects on Indigenous Peoples and the Exercise of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights Section 19.3.1.1 Local Study Area: Webequie First Nation Consultation Progress Report – Round 3 in Record of Engagement and Consultation



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Surface Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern about impacts to water quality and that construction could potentially fill in smaller ponds and watercourses and impacts to fish and shoreline birds.</li> <li>▪ Concern about downstream effects of potential chemical spills from the road.</li> <li>▪ Request to implement a water quality monitoring program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feedback (email) Received During Consultation Round 2 – Chief &amp; Council Meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 7 – Assessment of Effects on Surface Water</p> <p>Section 7.3.2 Change in Surface Water Quality</p> <p>Section 7.10 Follow-Up and Monitoring</p> <p>Section 22 – Follow-up Monitoring Programs</p> <p>Section 22.7 Framework for Follow-up and Monitoring Programs</p> <p>Consultation Progress Report – Round 2 in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>
Surface Water and Groundwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concerns regarding potential effects of dewatering resulting in increased methylmercury, mobilization of methylmercury through changed water flows, downstream impacts of methylmercury to waters and fish and how climate change will exacerbate these effects.</li> <li>▪ Request that MECP be directly involved in designing and overseeing a water management plan for the WSR to protect the Ekwan and Attawapiskat watersheds from contamination and minimizes hydrological changes to downstream environments.</li> <li>▪ Comment that the community is already experiencing mercury contamination stemming from the Victor Mine and requires that the EA/IA includes a technical analysis of the cumulative impact of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation, October 6, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 7.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways, and Indicators</p> <p>Section 7.4 – Mitigation Measures</p> <p>Section 8.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways, and Indicators</p> <p>Section 8.4 – Mitigation Measures</p> <p>Appendix E – Mitigation Measures</p> <p>Section 21.3.4 Other Projects and Physical Activities Considered</p>



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	contamination from the WSR and the Victor Mine, and that the EA/IA proposes a plan for mitigating those impacts in the construction and operation phases of the WSR.			
Surface Water and Groundwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern regarding the ecological consequences of the drainage of peatlands that will result from the construction of the WSR.</li> <li>▪ Comment that peat keeps the water pure. If peat is damaged or destroyed, then water – the source of life – is adversely affected and so is Fort Albany First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation October 6, 2020.</li> <li>▪ Comment Letter Received from Fort Albany First Nation November 30, 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attawapiskat First Nation</li> <li>▪ Fort Albany First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 7.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways, and Indicators Section 8.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways, and Indicators
Surface Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concerns regarding rationale for favourable alternatives in the analysis of alternative corridor concepts with respect to significant wildlife areas for animals hunted by Attawapiskat First Nation, and the importance of the headwaters along this route to downstream communities such as Attawapiskat.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation October 6, 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 3 – Evaluation of Project Alternatives
Surface Water and Groundwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concerns about contamination of headwater streams and rivers by heavy metals including chromium.</li> <li>▪ Request that additional seasonal surface water quality sampling is completed during the EA process to determine variability during different seasons and under different flow conditions. It is recommended that sampling be conducted under differing flow regimes (ideally corresponding to 25th, 50th and 75th percentile flow) and provide insight into seasonal variability.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation October 6, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 7.2 – Existing Conditions Section 7.5 – Characterization of Net Effects Section 8.2 – Existing Conditions



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Surface Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about “surface water” being one of the environmental components that is being evaluated in isolation, without looking at linkages with other parts of the ecosystem. In the List of Preliminary Evaluation Criteria and Indicators in Appendix B, p. 9 of the ToR, “surface water” is only considered in relation to supporting fish habitat, for navigation, and for human consumption. However, the ToR section on wildlife mentions that changes to hydrology may alter drainage patterns, which will have implications for soils, vegetation, and wildlife.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation October 6, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	Appendix B
Surface Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Question regarding what detection limits are used for mercury in surface water.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Neskantaga First Nation March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 7.2 – Existing Conditions
Surface Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns regarding how hydrological changes to peatlands and discharges of total methylmercury in downstream wetlands and surface waters are measured and modelled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Neskantaga First Nation March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 7.2 – Existing Conditions Section 7.3.2 – Change in Surface Water Quality
Surface Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns regarding how the proponent plans to test the proposed fill materials needed to build and operate the road for mercury, and other contaminants, during the EA/IA process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Email Received from Neskantaga First Nation October 13, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Appendix F – Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report
Surface Water and Atmospheric Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns regarding how fugitive dust impacts from surface runoff from bridges would be addressed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Neskantaga First Nation March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Appendix E – Mitigation Measures



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Surface Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concerns regarding whether design criteria for ditches (sized for a 25-year storm return period) and for culverts at watercourse crossings (sized for 100-year storm return period) as stated in the ToR are sufficient to handle potentially more frequent/larger storm returns as a result of climate change.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation December 12, 2019.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 4.2.1 Road Design and Applicable Design Criteria and Standards Section 24.5.2 – Damage to Project Components Appendix D-1 – Preliminary Engineering Design Report
Surface Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern that the ToR does not identify potential decreases in water levels. Section 7.1.3 of the ToR states “The potential effects to surface water quantity as a result of the identified changes in land cover may include a local increase in runoff rates and runoff volumes at the various project components, and, in turn, an increase in-stream flows, water levels, and erosion-sedimentation processes at nearby waterbodies (i.e., downstream receivers)”.</li> <li>▪ Section 7.1.6 of the ToR identifies potential effects on fish and fish habitat but does not include changes in water levels or mercury mobilization.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Letter Received from Fort Albany First Nation November 30, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fort Albany First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 7.3.1 – Change in Surface Water Quantity
Surface Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concerns regarding how upstream and downstream impacts to waterways and fish habitat would be addressed, e.g., ensuring no blockage of access for fish (from Kasabonika Lake First Nation).</li> <li>▪ Concerns that activities on Webequie lands could impact water ways and pollute other communities down stream (from Webequie First Nation).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Received from Member of Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Eno H. Anderson, March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kasabonika Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 7.4 – Mitigation Measures Section 10.4 – Mitigation and Enhancement Measures Appendix E – Mitigation Measures



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Groundwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about the water table variations causing increased levels of methylmercury in fish.</li> <li>Accordingly, Mushkegowuk recommends adding to the Government of Canada review team: "Health Canada".</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Mushkegowuk Council February 23, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mushkegowuk Council</li> </ul>	<p>Section 8.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways, and Indicators</p> <p>Section 8.4 – Mitigation Measures</p> <p>Appendix E – Mitigation Measures</p>
Groundwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed concern about underground water systems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Fort Albany First Nation November 30, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fort Albany First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 8.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways, and Indicators</p>
Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about impacts of dust (deposition of particulate matter) on caribou alongside its impacts on vegetation.</li> <li>Concerns about examining the dustfall from aggregate mining and construction activities as part of the assessment of impacts to air quality as dustfall may be an important factor in driving caribou avoidance of industrial developments. Attawapiskat First Nation requires that the proponent design a rigorous monitoring plan for the dustfall resulting from rock crushing and construction activities on vegetation, snow, and waterways. There must also be a plan in place to monitor impacts of this dustfall to caribou and other wildlife.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation October 6, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 9.3.1 – Change in Air Quality</p> <p>Appendix G – Air Quality Impact Assessment Report</p> <p>Section 11.3.2.3.4 Dust and Air Emissions, and Subsequent Deposition</p> <p>Section 12.3.3,2 – Habitat Alteration or Degradation</p> <p>Section 12.3.3.3 – Alteration in Movement</p> <p>Section 12.7.1.2 – Habitat Alteration or Degradation</p> <p>Section 12.7.1.4 Injury ofr Death</p> <p>Section 13.3.3 – Caribou (Boreal population)</p>



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Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about how climate change during the lifespan of the all-season road will be investigated as part of the EA/IA.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation October 6, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 9.9 – Predicted Future Condition of the Environment if the Project Does Not Proceed</p> <p>Appendix I – Climate Change Resilience Review Report</p>
Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned that the EA/IA should address how the project construction will accommodate future climate change realities related to fluctuating seasonal temperatures, rainfall events, wildfires and the potential loss of permafrost conditions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation October 6, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Appendix I – Climate Change Resilience Review Report</p>
Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community members are concerned about climate change through Indigenous Knowledge interviews with Elders and Land Users.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback Received During Consultation Round 2 - Community Meeting May 3, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Appendix H – Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report</p> <p>Appendix I – Climate Change Resilience Review Report</p>
Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns for the proponent to prepare an Air Quality and Dustfall Monitoring Plan with dustfall sampling methods and reporting for review by all impacted Indigenous communities through the suggested terrestrial advisory group. Also, provide sampling methodology of air pollutants and compare with existing Nunavut Air Quality standards along with ECCC recommended federal targets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Mushkegowuk Council February 23, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mushkegowuk Council</li> </ul>	<p>Section 9.4.1 – Air Quality</p>



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Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendation to develop an ecological risk assessment to consider ingestion of contaminants of dust and other air pollutants as a pathway for all wildlife, including the caribou and other species at risk.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Mushkegowuk Council February 23, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mushkegowuk Council</li> </ul>	<p>Section 9.3.1 – Change in Air Quality</p> <p>Appendix G – Air Quality Impact Assessment Report</p> <p>Section 11.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways and Indicators</p> <p>Section 11.7.3 – Loss or Alteration of Plant Species and Communities of Conservation Concern</p> <p>Section 12.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways and Indicators</p> <p>Section 12.7 – Predicted Net Effects</p> <p>Section 13.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways and Indicators</p> <p>Section 13.4 – Mitigation and Enhancement Measures</p> <p>Appendix P – Human Health Risk Assessment Report</p>
Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about the insufficiency of the instructions to “provide a qualitative description of a project’s positive or negative impacts on carbon sinks, including from the removal and alteration of wetlands,” considering the disproportionate value of the peatland systems in the region for carbon storage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Mushkegowuk Council February 23, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mushkegowuk Council</li> </ul>	<p>Section 9.3.2 – Change in GHGs</p> <p>Section 9.5.2.2 – Change in GHGs</p> <p>Appendix H – Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report</p>



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Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestion for the proponent to conduct a climate impact analysis using the information that has been gathered by the Ontario Forest Research Institute and expertise within this research unit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Mushkegowuk Council February 23, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mushkegowuk Council</li> </ul>	Appendix H – Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report
Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned to know if fugitive dust from vehicle traffic on the road will be quantified (estimate of tons of dust per year) and considered as a main contributor to contaminant emissions, and if not, what would be the reason for that.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Neskantaga First Nation March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 9.3.1 – Change in Air Quality Section 9.5.2.1 – Change in Air Quality
Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned to know which Ministries would be responsible for fugitive dust compliance and enforcement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Neskantaga First Nation March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 9.1.2 Consideration of Input from Engagement and Consultation Activities
Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned that there is no accurate forest or carbon inventory in the region, as accurate inventory data is a prerequisite for determining the “baseline,” for any potential carbon offset project that may be needed to achieve climate change goals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Neskantaga First Nation March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 9.2.1 – Methods Appendix F – NEEC Report
Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about whether business model for the Project will be compatible with a net-zero economy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Neskantaga First Nation March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Appendix H – Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report Section 9.4.2 – GHGs
Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about the need to adequately assess impacts of air quality on human health, wildlife and vegetation as a result of exhaust emissions and that a monitoring program needs to be in place to ensure air quality throughout the life span of the Project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from Mushkegowuk Council November 6, 2019.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mushkegowuk Tribal Council Health Canada</li> </ul>	Section 9.3.1 – Change in Air Quality Appendix E – Mitigation Measures



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Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about the impacts of ongoing climate change, which includes the breakup of ice and opening up of habitat, needs to be considered to understand the need for the Project and impacts to wildlife.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation October 6, 2020.</li> <li>Comment Letter Received from Fort Albany First Nation November 30, 2020.</li> <li>Comment Received during Planning Phase review period from December 19, 2019 to February 24, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> <li>Fort Albany First Nation</li> <li>LiUNA Indigenous Relations</li> </ul>	Section 9.3.2 Change in GHGs Appendix H – Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report
Effects on Indigenous Peoples and Aboriginal Treaty Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Omushkegowuk Inninuuk (Omushkego Cree communities along the James Bay coast) are downstream of the Project and still utilize and enjoy their Inherent and Treaty Rights on the waters, including fishing rights. The Omushkegowuk Women's Water Council is not in acceptance with the Webequie Supply Road Draft Terms of Reference.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Omushkegowuk Women's Water Council February 24, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Omushkegowuk Women's Water Council</li> </ul>	Section 19 – Assessment of Effects on Indigenous Peoples and Impacts to the Exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights
Aquatic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns related to aquatic environment and suggested that the Proponent includes the monthly methylmercury monitoring for one year, as well as ongoing throughout operation, construction and commissioning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Mushkegowuk Council February 23, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mushkegowuk Council</li> </ul>	Appendix E – Mitigation Measures Section 7.3.2 – Changes in Surface Water Quality
Fish Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns with fish habitat sensitivities and habitat values should be determined in consultation with land users. Commentor also suggested benthic invertebrate sampling should be conducted alongside the aquatic habitat survey.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation December 12, 2019.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	Appendix F – NEEC Report



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Fish and Fish Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about potential impacts from blasting to fish and aquatic resources, including incubating eggs and resident and migrating fish, noting required buffer zones and timing windows will not mitigate all impacts to aquatic resources, including several species of resident fish.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Neskantaga First Nation March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 10.4 – Mitigation and Enhancement Measures</p> <p>Appendix E – Mitigation Measures</p>
Fish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about freshness of the surface water flow, with Sturgeon in the waters. Constance Lake First Nation noted that every spring there is a harvest with the community, which also includes maintaining burial sites in the area. During this time, there is also data collection for water in the river. Constance Lake First Nation members also check fish for parasites and send the fish to labs to see what food is being eaten by the fish.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 10.1.2 Consideration of Input from Engagement and Consultation Activities</p>
Fish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns regarding the potential impacts to fish and aquatics from dust impacts from the road traffic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Neskantaga First Nation March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Appendix E – Mitigation Measures</p>
Fish and Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns that the proposed study areas are inadequate for considering ecological (e.g., caribou, wolverine, lake sturgeon, migratory birds, freshwater fish biodiversity, eskers, peatlands) and social (e.g., eskers, transportation, cultural and sacred sites, traditional land use) impacts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Neskantaga First Nation March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 10.1.5 – Spatial Boundaries</p> <p>Section 13.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways and Indicators</p> <p>Section 13.4 – Mitigation and Enhancement Measures</p>



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Fish and Wildlife (Cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussed the need for an agreement with Webequie First Nation surrounding mitigation measures, operational requirements and other information.</li> <li>▪ They do not believe there are benefits to building a road and that it would create more social issues, and the road is related to potential Ring of Fire extraction activities. Commentor is running several monitoring programs on fish, moose and caribou and would also like to implement a water quality monitoring program.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Received During Consultation Round 2 – Chief &amp; Council Meeting August 17, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 2 – Engagement and Consultation
Fish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concerns about mercury levels in fish, and suggestions were made for future monitoring of fish health.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Received from Chief and Council Meeting Webequie First Nation October 1, 2019.</li> <li>▪ Comment Letter Received from Mushkegowuk Council November 6, 2019.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Webequie First Nation</li> <li>▪ Mushkegowuk Council</li> </ul>	Section 7.2.1.3 – Surface Water Quality Section 7.3.2 – Change in Surface Water Quality
Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concerns about drainage of peatlands that will result from the construction of the WSR.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation October 6, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 4 – Project Description Section 7.3 – Potential Effects, Pathways and Indicators: Surface Water Section 8.4 – Mitigation Measures: Surface Water Section 8.3 Potential Effects, Pathways, and Indicators: Groundwater Section 8.4 Mitigation Measures: Groundwater Appendix E – Mitigation Measures



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Wetlands and Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment to include “Fragmentation” as an indicator related to Upland Ecosystems, Riparian Ecosystems &amp; Wetlands, SAR, and Wildlife &amp; Wildlife Habitat. Areas of waterfowl nesting, staging, and stopover areas should be included as indicators under Migratory Birds.”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation December 12, 2019.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 11.3.2 – Loss or Alteration of Vegetation Communities, Species and Biodiversity</p> <p>Section 11.3.3 – Loss or Alteration of Wetland Function</p>
Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about using herbicides to control vegetation along the road corridor, as herbicides commonly used for this purpose are not safe for use in wetland environments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation October 6, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 4 – Project Description
Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment to add Ecosystem Services (carbon sequestration &amp; storage) and Disturbance Regulation (changes to the regulatory functions of wetlands, rivers, and riparian areas) as criteria/indicators for evaluation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation December 12, 2019.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 11.2.1.4 – Wetland Functional Assessment</p> <p>Section 11.3.3 – Loss or Alteration of Wetland Function</p>
Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require the environmental assessment to reflect the particular nature, uniqueness, functions, and significance of muskeg.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Fort Albany First Nation November 30, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fort Albany First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 11.2.1.4 – Wetland Functional Assessment
Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about potential impacts to the integrity of the wetlands located in the James Bay lowlands and adding related criteria to EA to assess impacts to water chemistry, water table levels, stream sinuosity, soil saturation, water marks, drift lines, sediment deposit, drainage patterns and any other hydrologic data necessary to assess the amount of carbon stored in the wetlands.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Mushkegowuk Council February 23, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mushkegowuk Council</li> </ul>	<p>Section 11.2.1.4 – Wetland Functional Assessment</p> <p>Section 11.3.3 – Loss or Alteration of Wetland Function</p>



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Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about methodology of wetland related surveys, and that larger regional studies may be required to understand potential effects on ecological and hydrological cycles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Mushkegowuk Council February 23, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mushkegowuk Council</li> </ul>	<p>Section 11.2.1.2 – Baseline Characterization Collection Methods</p> <p>Appendix F – Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report</p>
Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned that in the absence of peatlands restoration to pre-impact conditions, compensation needs to be considered and protection measures enforced.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments received from Neskantaga First Nation March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 11.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways, and Indicators</p> <p>Section 11.4 – Mitigation and Enhancement Measures</p>
Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Question about whether compensation will be provided for unavoidable wetland and stream losses and what are the related plans to compensate for these losses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments Received from Neskantaga First Nation March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 11.4 – Mitigation and Enhancement Measures</p>
Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Question whether studies of moss will be carried out to establish baseline levels of mercury in the project area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments Received from Neskantaga First Nation March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 7 – Assessment of Effects on Surface Water Resources</p> <p>Section 8 – Assessment of Effects on Groundwater Resources</p>
Ecological Environment and Water Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns on impacts of the roads regarding peat, as impacts to peat system will have impacts to the ecological environment and water systems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments Received from Webequie First Nation Community Project Update Meeting May 13 &amp; 14, 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 11.3.3 – Loss or Alteration of Wetland Function</p>
Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned that the survey method for evaluating waterfowl stopover and staging areas is unacceptable to Attawapiskat First Nation. A single fly-over late in the fall migration season (October) is not an</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation December 12, 2019.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 12.2 – Existing Conditions</p> <p>Appendix F – Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report</p>



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	appropriate way of establishing a baseline of waterfowl stopover and staging areas.”			
Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concerned that the existing data from breeding bird surveys has little coverage of the study area and therefore a poor ability to detect trends for most species. The description of bird survey techniques in the draft ToR makes no mention of the number of stations that will be visited in the planned breeding bird survey. The draft ToR states that marsh birds will be surveyed opportunistically, as part of the breeding bird survey. This approach is unlikely to lead to an accurate assessment of the habitats (stopover and staging areas) where migratory waterfowl concentrate. Ducks and geese are important components of First Nations diets, and their habitats are also potential Significant Wildlife Habitats. Waterfowl migration staging/stopover areas should be assessed separately from the planned breeding bird surveys.”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation December 12, 2019.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 12.2.1.3 – Birds Section 12.3.9 – Waterfowl (Canada Goose, Mallard)
Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concerned with the current moose population, having observed local declines in population that may be exacerbated by increased human traffic and tourism in the North.</li> <li>▪ Concerned that the planes already scare moose in the Project area(s) and that additional vehicle traffic could scare the moose even more.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Letter Received from Constance Lake First Nation June 23, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 12.2 – Existing Conditions Section 12.3.3 – Moose Section 21 – Cumulative Effects Assessment Section 12.4 – Mitigation and Enhancement Measures Section 12.7.1 – Moose Section 12.8.1 – Moose



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Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment that the ToR identifies mammals within the study area that may be affected by the Project. The ToR does not identify insect species that may be affected by the Project. Insects are an important food sources for animals, and perform important roles as pollinators and other roles in the muskeg. Insects are also pests, an important issue during the warmer months in the region. Please include information on how insects will be integrated in the ToR, for both the existing (baseline and trend) environment and in the effects assessment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Fort Albany First Nation November 30, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fort Albany First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 12.1.2 – Consideration of Input from Engagement and Consultation Activities
Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about the common part-time trapping. The roads might make it cheaper to trap (not having to fly in which is very expensive) which could affect the quantity of resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #1 February 7-9, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marten Falls First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 19 – Assessment of Effects on Indigenous Peoples and the Exercise of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights
Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about animals which will end up travelling and foraging along the Road(s).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #1 February 7-9, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marten Falls First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 12.4 – Mitigation and Enhancement Measures
Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about the need to adequately assess impacts to birds and bird habitat, including the utilization of best available resources and models, as well as Indigenous Knowledge. The following bird species have been identified as necessary to study: Eastern Whip-Poor-Will (<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>), Common Nighthawk (<i>Chordeiles minor</i>), Canada Goose, Snow Goose (<i>Answer caerulescens</i>), Gyrfalcon (<i>Falco rusticolus</i>), Peregrine Falcon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation December 12, 2019.</li> <li>Comment Received during Planning Phase review period from December 19, 2019 to February 24, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aroland First Nation</li> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> <li>Fort Albany First Nation</li> <li>Kasabonika Lake First Nation</li> <li>Environment and Climate Change Canada</li> <li>Member of public</li> </ul>	<p>Section 12.3.7 – Forest Songbirds (Orange-crowned Warbler, Tennessee Warbler)</p> <p>Section 12.3.8 – Wetland Songbirds (Palm Warbler, Alder Flycatcher)</p> <p>Section 12.3.9 – Waterfowl (Canada Goose, Mallard)</p> <p>Section 12.3.10 – Shorebirds (Greater Yellowlegs)</p>



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	<p>(<i>Falco peregrinus</i>), Swans (<i>Cygnus species</i>), and Loons (<i>Gavia species</i>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ducks and geese were identified as important to Indigenous peoples' diets, especially in waterfowl habitats.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wildlife Conservation Society Canada</li> </ul>	<p>Section 12.3.11 – Raptors (Red-tailed Hawk, Great Grey Owl)</p>
Species at Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requested that caribou travel routes be considered in the evaluation of alternatives, especially as areas that favour constructability (areas of high ground) can also be used by caribou as travel routes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation October 6, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 3.2.2 – Alternate Corridors – Screening Level Assessment</p>
Species at Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation does not support aerial surveys for caribou as these are disruptive to the animals, especially during the calving season, and an aerial survey would yield little information that would be relevant to the road EA. Attawapiskat First Nation prefers the EA to rely on knowledge and information provided by hunters and other land users for establishing population trends. Attawapiskat First Nation suggests the use of aerial photography together with land cover mapping from the MNRF's Far North Land Cover Dataset to identify suitable habitat types in the study area.</li> <li>Mushkegowuk Council is concerned that the additional Summer Caribou Calving survey should be carried out by drones as opposed to helicopters due to the invasive impacts of the motor noise which creates undue hardship and stressors of the caribou population.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation December 12, 2019.</li> <li>Comment Letter Received from Mushkegowuk Council February 23, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> <li>Mushkegowuk Council</li> </ul>	<p>Section 13.2 – Existing Conditions Appendix F – Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report</p>



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Species at Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns on caribou crossing the WSR and impacts to Caribou.</li> <li>Constance Lake First Nation is concerned that provincial legislation intended to protect species at risk in Ontario (including caribou) is not being upheld in practice. These concerns are further emphasized through recent changes weakening environmental legislation in the province. Constance Lake First Nation expects to see the highest level of environmental protections and monitoring in place throughout the life of this project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Constance Lake First Nation October 13, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 13.4 – Mitigation and Enhancement Measures</p> <p>Section 13.10 – Follow-up and Monitoring</p>
Species at Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned that the indicators provided for Federal or Provincial Species at Risk, Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat and Migratory Birds in the draft ToR do not seem to capture disturbance, avoidance, changes to movement corridors, and species distribution.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Fort Albany First Nation March 31, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fort Albany First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 13.1.5 – Valued Component and Indicators</p>
Species at Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment that mitigation for impacts to caribou for design and operation of the road, e.g., to prevent mortality from drivers, allow caribou to cross the road corridor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from Member of Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Eno H. Anderson, March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kasabonika First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 13.4.3.2 – Habitat Alteration or Degradation</p> <p>Section 13.4.3.4 – Injury or Death</p>
Species at Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about the impacts of the Project on caribou migration routes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from Chief and Council Meeting Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig First Nation September 4, 2019.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 13.3.3 – Caribou (Boreal population)</p> <p>Section 13.4 – Mitigation and Enhancement measures</p> <p>Section 13.10 – Follow-up and Monitoring</p>



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Species at Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mushkegowuk Council recommends the completion of analysis of caribou crossing data to determine appropriate mitigation measures and design criteria for the road.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Mushkegowuk Council February 23, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mushkegowuk Council</li> </ul>	Section 13.2.2 – Results
Species at Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The assessment area must be large enough to assess the accumulated environmental conditions and to capture stressors from actions other than the proposed Project. For example, this will require an assessment of impacts on caribou based on the entire herd ranges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation October 6, 2020.</li> <li>Comment Letter Received from Neskantaga First Nation March 3, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 13.1.6.1 – Spatial Boundaries
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information that Constance Lake First Nation would like to provide training opportunities for people in construction; however, there is low capacity in the community. This is due to community members going off-reserve to secure employment and staying off-reserve.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.3.4 – Changes to Education, Training, and Traditional Learning
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned to know if the WSR project is currently looking for people to construct the road.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.1.2 Consideration of Input from Engagement and Consultation Activities
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledged that Elders are interested in meeting with other Elders outside of their community to connect and discuss this project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.1.2 Consideration of Input from Engagement and Consultation Activities
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intended to continue discussions around values and relationships with Fort Albany First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation (the discussions were started before the pandemic). Constance Lake First Nation indicated that a typical meeting spot</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.1.2 Consideration of Input from Engagement and Consultation Activities



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	is the English River Reserve Land located within Constance Lake First Nation. This is known as Mamawmatawa.			
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted that when Constance Lake First Nation was created, people came together from other settlements (e. Kabinakagami River, Hornepayne) and areas. Within Constance Lake First Nation there are different family trees within the reserve but with the same last name.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.1.2 Consideration of Input from Engagement and Consultation Activities
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about the potential of an all-season road to attract off-reserve members back to the community to live. However, there is a shortage of housing. There are currently no procedures for members to build their own house on-reserve. Need a land registry system such as the First Nation Land Management Act land code. It is currently difficult for individuals to build and own a house.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #1 February 7-9, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marten Falls First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.3.3 – Change to Community Services
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about conducting the Federal Regional Assessment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #1 February 7-9, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aroland First Nation</li> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.1.2 Consideration of Input from Engagement and Consultation Activities
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was some discussion about the IAAC Regional Assessment (RA): the RA process has to be conducted in partnership with the communities, or the communities could lose control of the process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #1 February 7-9, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marten Falls First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.1.2 Consideration of Input from Engagement and Consultation Activities
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about issues with addiction and the overall well-being of the Eabametoong First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eabametoong First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.3.7 – Change to Community Well-Being and Safety Section 17 – Human Health



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Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on training received by community members on conducting EA/IA review and participation of community members in the EA/IA of a mining project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ginoogaming First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.3.4 – Change to Education, Training, and Traditional Learning
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request to measure the community health status by assessing addiction rates, water quality and housing availability and conditions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ginoogaming First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.3.2 – Change to Housing and Temporary Accommodations Section 14.3.6 – Change to Community Infrastructure
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request on whether the proponent has plans to provide additional source of electricity in the community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nibinamik First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 8.1 of ToR
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns from community members were raised regarding housing and infrastructure, with the current shortage, lack of appropriate living arrangements, health concerns (mental and physical) due to old housing, lack of space and lack of proper funding from government were discussed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment received from Webequie First Nation Community Project Update Meeting May 13 &amp; 14, 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.3.2 – Change to Housing and Temporary Accommodations Section 14.3.7 – Change to Community Well-Being and Safety Section 14.4.2 – Change to Housing and Temporary Accommodations Section 14.4.7 – Change to Community Well-Being and Safety
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns regarding community safety with the development of the WSR, such as community instability due to increased alcohol and drugs usage, and lack of treatment centres and health facilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment received from Webequie First Nation Community Project Update Meeting May 13 &amp; 14, 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.3.7 – Change to Community Well-Being and Safety Section 14.4.7 – Change to Community Well-Being and Safety
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns on lack of facilities, nursing stations, school, airport, band office, admin buildings, and lack of progression on funding from government.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #1 February 7-9, 2023</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>	Appendix N – Community Readiness Plan



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Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns regarding dust generation due to WSR, and pollution of food sources, medicines and waterways.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from IK Community Meeting August 20-22, 2024.</li> </ul>	Webequie First Nation	Section 14.4.7 – Change to Community Well-Being and Safety Appendix E – Mitigation Measures
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestion on keeping the construction camps ‘dry’ (free of drugs and alcohol) due to concerns on increased substance abuse due to Project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from IK Community Meeting August 20-22, 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.4.7 – Change to Community Well-Being and Safety
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestion to include a traditional or cultural monitor be present on the lands with all project teams (i.e., Environmental Data Collection, Construction).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from IK Community Meeting August 20-22, 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.4.7 – Change to Community Well-Being and Safety
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Red Sky Métis Independent Nation (RSMIN) mentioned that it is a signatory to the Robinson Superior Treaty of 1850. 84 ‘half-breeds’ were recognized and signed the treaty. Citizens of RSMIN are related to one of the 84 signatories, most of whom were affiliated to the Hudson’s Bay or Northwest fur trading Companies. Unfortunately, many RSMIN citizens lost their land-base and their ability to exercise their treaty rights.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #1 February 7-9, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Sky Métis Independent Nation (RSMIN)</li> </ul>	Section 19 – Assessment of Effects on Indigenous Peoples and Impacts of the Exercise of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community has been discussing and has an interest in ownership and control of the road. It is recognized that there could be several ownership models to consider, including a privately-owned road or a provincial road. Although RSMIN recognizes there would be governance advantages to an Indigenous-owned road, there could</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #1 February 7-9, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Sky Métis Independent Nation (RSMIN)</li> </ul>	Section 4 – Project Description



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	be disadvantages, including liability and insurance costs. Whatever the ownership structure, RSMIN expects that development, construction and operation would be funded by the province.			
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned to know if Webequie First Nation is interested in owning the WSR.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long Lake #58 First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 4 – Project Description
Social Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about the negative impacts a transient population will have on Indigenous women from both a safety and economic perspective.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment received from Marten Falls First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marten Falls First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways, and Indicators Section 14.4 – Mitigation and Enhancement Measures Section 14.5 – Characterization of Net Effects Section 14.6 – Determination of Significance Section 14.7 – Cumulative Effects
Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inquiry on workforce needs for the road construction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment received from Constance Lake First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 15.3.1 – Change to Labour Force, Employment, and Income
Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information that Constance Lake First Nation had previously partnered with a drilling and construction company and has a local Economic Development Corporation; however, the economic development officer passed away, and the corporation is now inactive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 15.3.3 – Change to Business Environment



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Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns that quarry in the area should be owned by First Nations and community members being construction crew.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 15.3.3 – Change to Business Environment
Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request that future contracts agreed to should be written to benefit Indigenous Peoples and be thought out for the long-term.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ginoogaming First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 15.3.3 – Change to Business Environment
Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestion that power needs to be given back to the people as this removes unhealthy behaviour (e.g., addiction), creates revenue for people and consequently a healthy community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Long Lake #58 First Nation October 13, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long Lake #58 First Nation</li> </ul>	Appendix E – Mitigation Measures Section 17.1.4 – Valued Component and Indicators
Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request on the status of the assessment of aggregate sources for the Project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Nibinamik First Nation February 26, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nibinamik First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 3 – Evaluation of Project Alternatives Section 6 – Geology, Terrain, and Soils Appendix D-2 – WSR Exploration of Potential Aggregate Development Sites Report Section 16 – Non-Traditional Land and Resource Use
Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information that the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) are completing an assessment within the Nibinamik region. However, Nibinamik First Nation indicated they lacked the capacity to complete this assessment alone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Nibinamik First Nation February 26, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nibinamik First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 15.1.2 Consideration of Input from Engagement and Consultation Activities
Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for a meeting between the proponent and Nibinamik First Nation to discuss opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Nibinamik First Nation February 26, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nibinamik First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 2 – Engagement and Consultation



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Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information that studies on aggregates have not been completed within Nibinamik territory.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nibinamik First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 3 – Evaluation of Project Alternatives Section 6 – Geology, Terrain, and Soils Appendix D-2 – WSR Exploration of Potential Aggregate Development Sites Report Section 16 – Non-Traditional Land and Resource Use
Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information that there is eco-tourism in Weenusk First Nation community, and this includes travel along the river in canoes, fishing and polar bear watching.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weenusk First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 19 – Non-Traditional Land and Resource Use
Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns on cost of living, and associated challenges such as finding healthy food options. Currently the Northern store is too expensive to purchase from, and junk food is preferred due to low cost. Persons with health complications such as diabetes, who require prescribed foods and healthy diets, have challenges procuring such foods in the community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment received from Webequie First Nation Community Project Update May 13 &amp; 14, 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 15.3.2 – Change to Overall Economy
Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commented that future infrastructure and telecommunications need to be considered under economic impacts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received during Planning Phase review period from December 19, 2019 to February 24, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aroland First Nation –</li> <li>Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario</li> </ul>	Section 14.3.3 – Community Services Section 14.3.6 – Community Infrastructure Section 15.9 – Predicted Future Condition of the Environment if the Project Does Not Proceed



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Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commented that a community specific and local economic baseline should be established to understand the private sector activities taking place and the income from government expenditures. The effects assessment should consider potential price fluctuation of goods and local businesses that could be impacted. The province may have available resources of baseline data. Other sources are census data from Statistics Canada and community profile data from Indigenous Services Canada.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment received from Neskantaga First Nation October 13, 2020.</li> <li>▪ Comment Received during Planning Phase review period from December 19,2019 to February 24, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario</li> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation</li> <li>▪ Member of public</li> <li>▪ Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries (now Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism)</li> </ul>	<p>Appendix L – Socio-Economic Existing Conditions Report</p> <p>Section 15.2.2 – Results</p> <p>Section 15.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways, and Indicators</p>
Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commented that the Project has the potential to be economically beneficial due job creation, increased small businesses, increased access to services.</li> <li>▪ Commented that the Project could increase economic activity in the project area, such as forestry from clear cutting and aggregate resource extraction.</li> <li>▪ Requested that these aspects be included in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Received from Aroland First Nation October 16, 2019.</li> <li>▪ Comment Received during Planning Phase review period from December 19,2019 to February 24, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aroland First Nation</li> <li>▪ Employment and Social Development Canada</li> <li>▪ Ginoogaming First Nation</li> <li>▪ Member of public</li> <li>▪ Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries (now Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism)</li> </ul>	<p>Section 15.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways, and Indicators</p>
Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commented that there will be a need for programs for Indigenous Peoples, local businesses and workforce, to benefit from economic opportunities, such as job training and health supports.</li> <li>▪ Commented that the proponent connects with the Kiikenomaga Kikenjigewen Employment and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Received during Planning Phase review period from December 19,2019 to February 24, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employment and Social Development Canada</li> <li>▪ Member of Public</li> <li>▪ Nibinamik First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Section 15.3 – Identification of Potential Effects, Pathways, and Indicators</p>



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	Training Services and the Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program, and other federal services to understand the job training opportunities available and identify individuals who have already received training.			
Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commented that the proponent should be able to demonstrate the capacity to carry out construction and operation of the Project from an economic and human resource perspective.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment received from Neskantaga First Nation November 6, 2019.</li> <li>Comment received from Attawapiskat First Nation October 6, 2020.</li> <li>Comment received from Matawa First Nations Management November 6, 2019.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation</li> <li>Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario</li> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> <li>Matawa First Nations Management</li> </ul>	<p>Section 15.2.2.4 – Public and Indigenous Community Finances</p> <p>Section 15.3.4 – Change to Public and Indigenous Community Finance</p> <p>Section 15.4.4 – Public and Indigenous Community Finances</p>
Non-Traditional Land and Resource Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information on the progress of the draft Community Land Use Plan. Mapping of the document was done internally and with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) team.</li> <li>However, there are concerns that Elders do not want to share direct information and suggestion that areas of “No-Go” should be shown on the publicly available mining and land system.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 16.3.1 – Change to Land Use Compatibility and Stewardship
Non-Traditional Land and Resource Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community is revisiting the Community Based Land Use Planning Process. Incorporating the work done previously. Need to identify and protect areas of interest for harvesting. Need additional resources to do the work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #1 February 7-9, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marten Falls First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 19.1.2 – Consideration of Input from Engagement and Consultation Activities



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Non-Traditional Land and Resource Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request that the mining and land system should include an “alienation” layer that indicates the areas where mineral prospecting is prohibited.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constance Lake First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 16
Non-Traditional Land and Resource Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns that there has been no long-range planning for Eabametoong First Nation. Prior to COVID, discussions were had with Marten Falls First Nation about land use planning and setting up a group with five remote Matawa First Nations Management member communities to focus on jurisdiction issues, well-being and regional assessment. However, this never happened due to disagreements over issues such as traplines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received from ATRI Forum #2 November 21-23, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eabametoong First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 19.1.2 – Consideration of Input from Engagement and Consultation Activities
Human Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns on why asthma is not considered in common health conditions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment received from Webequie First Nation Community Project Update Meeting May 13 &amp; 14, 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 17.1.4.2 – Indicators Appendix Q – Health Impact Assessment
Human Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns on using data from community health survey, which was completed by around 40 people. Further engagement is required in terms of gathering data, such as using a translator to encourage more participation in surveys.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment received from Webequie First Nation Community Project Update Meeting May 13 &amp; 14, 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>	Appendix Q – Health Impact Assessment
Human Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns on inadequacy of infrastructure, and health issues which materialize due to poor design and ventilation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment received from Webequie First Nation Community Project Update Meeting May 13 &amp; 14, 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 14.3.2 – Change to Housing and Temporary Accommodations Section 14.3.7 – Change to Community Well-Being and Safety



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				Section 14.4.2 – Change to Housing and Temporary Accommodations Section 14.4.7 – Change to Community Well-Being and Safety
Human Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commented that country foods, such as caribou, fish, moose, geese, blueberries, and raspberries, need to be assessed to understand the impacts to harvesting, hunting, Indigenous Peoples' health, and Indigenous Peoples' rights.</li> <li>The timing of baseline data collection is important to have an adequate understanding of the impacts to country foods.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received During Consultation Round 2 – Chief &amp; Council Meeting August 17, 2023.</li> <li>Comment Received during Planning Phase review period from December 19, 2019 to February 24, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eabametoong First Nation</li> <li>Ginoogaming First Nation</li> <li>Kasabonika First Nation</li> <li>Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug</li> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> <li>Weenusk First Nation</li> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> <li>Member of public</li> <li>Health Canada</li> </ul>	Appendix Q – Health Impact Assessment Appendix P – HHRA Appendix O – Country Foods Assessment Report
Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns on the lack of opportunities for using Indigenous healing systems and traditional medicines, as well as the lack of support from the government for research and records development of Indigenous healing systems and traditional medicines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IK High Level Summaries.</li> <li>Vegetation and Wetlands.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>	Webequie Indigenous Knowledge and Land and Resource Use Section 17 – Human Health
Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns regarding usage of trapline as certain families use certain trap lines for hunting and harvesting, and that Project team should speak to each family who uses a trapline to gain their site-specific, and land use information. Families and members who use traplines will have specific</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment received from IK Meeting Webequie First Nation August 20-22, 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 19.4 – Mitigation and Enhancement Measures



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	information regarding the land that they use; and will know where burial sites, birth sites, and ceremonial sites are located.			
Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are challenges of keeping Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests information confidential. It will be up to each community to decide whether to share information, get feedback and report back to their communities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Received During ATRI Forum #1 February 7th &amp; 9th, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Webequie Indigenous Knowledge and Land and Resource Use</p> <p>Section 19.1.2 – Consideration of Input from Engagement and Consultation Activities</p>
Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about impacts to cultural heritage and archaeological resources of Indigenous groups, such as burial sites and locations used for the purpose of teaching.</li> <li>Commented on negative consequences to Indigenous ways of life, knowledge and language due to the Project. Commented on the need to engage Indigenous groups to identify what is culturally important to them and understand potential project-induced changes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Aroland First Nation October 16, 2019.</li> <li>Comment Letter Received from Neskantaga First Nation November 6, 2019.</li> <li>Comment Letter Received from Attawapiskat First Nation December 12, 2019.</li> <li>Comment from Chief and Council Meeting February 22, 2019.</li> <li>Comment Received during Planning Phase review period from December 19, 2019 to February 24, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aroland First Nation;</li> <li>Eabametoong First Nation;</li> <li>Fort Albany First Nation;</li> <li>Friends of the Attawapiskat River;</li> <li>Ginoogaming First Nation;</li> <li>Kasabonika First Nation;</li> <li>Marten Falls First Nation;</li> <li>Neskantaga First Nation;</li> <li>Nibinamik First Nation;</li> <li>Webequie First Nation; and</li> <li>Wildlife Conservation Society Canada.</li> </ul>	<p>Section 19.3 – Potential Effects to Indigenous Peoples</p> <p>Section 19.4 – Mitigation and Enhancement Measures</p> <p>Section 19.5 – Impacts on the Exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights</p> <p>Section 20</p>



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Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about how emerging land usage issues will be addressed such as non-local community member access to land and/or water access points that will now be impacted by the Project; and the general impacts to accessing hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering locations. Another community also recommends that the specific activities of hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering be explicitly included within the Potential Environmental Effects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from the Matawa First Nations Management November 30, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matawa First Nations Management</li> </ul>	Section 19.3.1 – Change to Current and Historical Use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes
Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about the impacts of the Project on traditional territory and the natural resources across the area as the project directly impacts traplines and falls within the Community's Area of Interest.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Neskantaga First Nation November 9, 2019.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 19.3 – Potential Effects to Indigenous Peoples
Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned that the clauses in the WSR ToR document are not reflective of Treaty Rights and are not reflective of a Treaty relationship and are unacceptable to the Community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Treaty 9 Alliance February 24, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treaty 9 Alliance</li> </ul>	Section 19.1.1 – Regulatory and Policy Setting
Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about establishing a terrestrial advisory group comprised of local, downstream and down-muskeg First Nations, harvesters, land users, regulatory officials and Proponent to review detailed design and construction phases so as to avoid or mitigate potential effects to Treaty lands and Aboriginal Rights.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Mushkegowuk Council February 23, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mushkegowuk Council</li> </ul>	Section 19.4 – Mitigation and Enhancement Measures



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Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned that despite the Mamow-Wecheekapawetchteewinn, this project is undergoing an individual provincial EA process in the absence of support opportunities for First Nations to participate in a manner that meets the Community consultation and engagement needs. Impacts on Indigenous rights are further emphasized by the planned advancement of the Northern Road Link project, which will result in the connection of the WSR to the Marten Falls Community Access Road and the provincial highway network that directly crosses other First Nation traditional territories.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Long Lake #58 First Nation October 13, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long Lake #58 First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 19.5 – Impacts on the Exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights
Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requested the local and regional study areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Valued Component.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback (Email) Received During Consultation Round 2 – April 11, 2023.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weenusk First Nation</li> <li>Kashechewan First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 19.1.5 – Spatial and Temporal Boundaries
Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned that the ToR does not identify or explain linkages between "traditional/Indigenous land" use and "cultural environment" or between the Traditional Land and Resource Uses criterion and the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests criterion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Fort Albany First Nation November 30, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fort Albany First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 19.1.4 – Indigenous Peoples Values and Rights
Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns for adding an indication of how cumulative effects context – the magnitude of change to-date – especially on First Nations culture, traditional/Indigenous land use, and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and interests, will be integrated into effects characterization to the ToR.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Fort Albany First Nation March 31, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fort Albany First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 19.1.4 – Indigenous Peoples Values and Rights 19.2.1 – Methods



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Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request to indicate that First Nations will be provided the opportunity to conduct a rights impact assessment of the Project in relation to their own rights and interests.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Fort Albany First Nation March 31, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fort Albany First Nation</li> </ul>	Section 19.1 – Scope of the Assessment
Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned that there are clauses in the ToR that intend to eliminate the Inherent and Treaty Rights of Indigenous Nations who would be affected by the Ring of Fire project and the Supply road.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Omushkegowuk Women's Water Council February 24, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Omushkegowuk Women Water Council</li> </ul>	Section 19.1 – Scope of the Assessment
Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about the Omushkegowuk Inninuwuk's Inherent and Treaty Rights on water, including fishing rights and that the Omushkegowuk Women's Water Council is not in acceptance with the Webequie Supply Road Draft Terms of Reference.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Omushkegowuk Women's Water Council February 24, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Omushkegowuk Women Water Council</li> </ul>	Section 19.3 – Potential Effects to Indigenous Peoples Section 19.5 – Impacts on the Exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights
Indigenous Peoples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned that it was the hereditary leadership that was recognized by the Crown during the time of Treaty signing, Treaty 9 and Adhesion. There was no Chief and Council system set up yet when the Treaties were signed. The representatives of the Crown asked for Head men. Today, there are descendants and community member of these Head men (Treaty 9 signatories) who use the inherent laws of their Nation for any lands and resources matters. Canada and Ontario have their version of consultation and consent which is not Treaty based. Our Water Council does not accept any consultation and consent policy drafted by the Canadian governments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment Letter Received from Omushkegowuk Women's Water Council February 24, 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Omushkegowuk Women Water Council</li> </ul>	Section 19.1 – Scope of the Assessment



Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern <sup>1</sup>	Engagement Method and Communication Source	Indigenous Community/Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the EAR/IS
Cultural Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concerned about a gap in the background information regarding including the Métis presence in the project area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EA/IA phase – Consultation Round 2.</li> <li>▪ Kingfisher Lake First Nation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Marten Falls First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Appendix S – Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment</p> <p>Appendix T – Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report</p>
Cultural Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Question about how the province of Ontario would be involved with cultural Heritage Impact Assessment and managing information on sacred places and burial sites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comment Email Received from Neskantaga First Nation October 13, 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Neskantaga First Nation</li> </ul>	<p>Ontario Heritage Act</p> <p>Funeral, Burials and Cremation Services Act</p>

**Note:** <sup>1</sup> - Overview of issues and/or concern, also include notable comments or questions



## 2.5 Public and Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Methods

**Table 2-8** provides an overview of the methods of engagement with the public and stakeholders including the Ontario GRT, federal agencies, municipalities, elected representatives, and other stakeholders. These methods of engagement have considered the activities and public participation approach for the Agency-led consultation during the impact statement phase of the IA as contained in the Agency's *Public Participation Plan* for the Project. The methods of engagement also considered the approved EA ToR, including the consultation plan and commitments made in the ToR, and the ToR Notice of Approval requirements.

**Table 2-11: Public and Stakeholder Engagement Methods During the EA/IA Process**

Method of Engagement	Description
Public Notices	<p>Public Notices have been issued at various milestone points throughout the Project to inform the public and stakeholders of EA/IA and offer opportunity to provide feedback and comments. Notices to date and proposed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Notice of Commencement of provincial EA;</li> <li>▪ Notice of invitation to Public Information Centre (PIC) sessions;</li> <li>▪ Notice of Draft EAR/IS for review; and</li> <li>▪ Notice of Submission of Final EAR/IS for review.</li> </ul> <p>The public notices were published in the Wawatay News, Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal, Timmins Daily Press, and Sioux Lookout Bulletin; and posted to the Project Website and were distributed by email and mail to all those on the project contact list. As well, details of the invitation to the PICs were promoted through social media advertisements (Facebook and Instagram) and in monthly newsletters for the Project.</p>
Public Information Centre Sessions – Open Houses	<p>During the EA/IA process, three (3) PIC sessions (Open House format) for the Project were held in the City of Thunder Bay and City Timmins for the public and stakeholders. The open houses served as a forum to provide feedback and comments on the results of the baseline studies conducted, development and evaluation of alternatives, presentation of the preferred alternative, preliminary effects assessment of the Project, including cumulative effects, and proposed mitigation and follow-up monitoring program.</p>
Monthly Newsletters and Social Media Outreach	<p>Monthly newsletters were developed to provide up-to-date information on various aspects of the Project throughout the EA/IA process such as results of field studies, IKLRU and scheduled consultation events were posted on the Project Website throughout the EA/IA process.</p> <p>Webequie First Nation also used social media outlets and radio ads to increase awareness of the Project and Project activities (refer to <b>Section 2.4.3</b> – Indigenous Engagement and Consultation Approach and Methods for further details).</p>
Project Website	<p>Webequie First Nation has a dedicated Project Website (<a href="http://www.supplyroad.ca">www.supplyroad.ca</a>) to provide information on the Project, including the project purpose, EA/IA process, approach for engagement with Indigenous communities and information on field studies. The website provides details for interested parties to contact the Project Team to ask questions or submit comments. Materials available to view and download from the website include Project notices, EA documents (including the approved ToR), information fact sheets on studies, newsletters, open house materials (including presentations and panels), and Project map.</p>

Method of Engagement	Description
Technical meetings with Ontario GRT and IAAC and other federal authorities, including review of study plans and results of baseline studies	Leading up to the Draft EAR/IS, the Project Team held numerous technical meetings with Ontario GRT and federal authorities to discuss technical issues and topics, including coordination of the EA and IA processes and evaluation of alternatives. The Project Team also requested the GRT and Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) to review and provide comments on WSR draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and draft Socio-Economic Existing Conditions Report.
Opportunity to Review Draft EAR/IS	Interested members of the public and stakeholders were provided an opportunity to review the Draft EAR/IS during the public review period at the participating municipal offices, public libraries, and through the Project Website.  The opportunity to review the Final EAR/IS is also being provided to interested members of the public and stakeholders.

## 2.5.1 Summary of Engagement and Consultation Activities for the Public and Stakeholders

The following subsections summarize the engagement and consultation activities conducted to date with the public and stakeholders during the EA/IA. Detailed descriptions and documentation of engagement and consultation activities are provided in the supporting Record of Engagement and Consultation.

### 2.5.1.1 Project Notifications and Monthly Newsletters

#### 2.5.1.1.1 Notices to Stakeholders

Notices regarding key project milestones were sent to provincial and federal government agencies, municipalities, and other interested stakeholders via email and mail (Canada Post), as furthered described in **Table 2-9** including the publication of formal public notices in local newspapers.

**Table 2-12: Notices to the Public and Stakeholders During the EA/IA Process**

#	Notice	Date(s)	Description
1	Notice of Commencement of EA/IA	October 29, 2021 – Email November 3, 2021 – Mail/ Newspapers November 19, 2021 – Wawatay News	The Notice of Commencement of Ontario EA/IA was published in the Thunder Bay Chronicle, Timmins Daily Press and Sioux Lookout, and Wawatay News and posted to the Project Website, ensuring accessibility to members of the public and stakeholders. The Notice of Commencement was also circulated by email to all stakeholders and interested members of the public on the Project contact list. The notice informed recipients that the ToR had been approved-with amendments by the MECP and of the formal commencement of the EA/IA for the Project.
2	Notice of Public Information Centre #1	August 17, 2022 – Newspaper August 18, 2022 – Email August 23, 2022 – Email August 24, 2022 – Email	A Notice of PIC #1 was published in local newspapers, posted on the Project Website, and sent to all stakeholders and interested members of the public on the Project contact list. The notice informed recipients of the Project purpose, planning process, and PIC details including date, time, location, and contact information.



#	Notice	Date(s)	Description
3	Notice of Public Information Centre #2	September 26, 2023 – Mail September 26 & 27, 2023 – Newspapers September 22, 2023 – Email	A Notice of PIC #2 was published in local newspapers, posted on the Project Website, and sent to all stakeholders and interested members of the public on the Project contact list. The notice informed recipients of the Project purpose, details of the EA/IA, and the contact information of the Project Leads. The Notice also included a map of the Project area and alternative routes under consideration in the EA/IA.
4	Notice of Public Information Centre #3	August 29, 2024 – Email August 27, 2024 – Newspapers	A Notice of PIC #3 was published in local newspapers, posted on the Project Website, and sent to all stakeholders and interested members of the public on the Project contact list. The notice informed recipients of the Project purpose, details of the EA/IA, map of recommended preferred route for the WSR and contact information.
5	Notice of Circulation of Draft EAR/IS for review	August 7, 2025 – Email August 7, 2025 – Newspapers	A notice of publication of the Draft EAR/IS for review was published in local newspapers, posted on the Project Website, and sent to all stakeholders and interested members of the public on the Project contact list. The notice informed recipients of the Project purpose, the availability of the Draft EAR/IS for formal review by the public and stakeholders beginning August 8, 2025 for a period of 60-days, ending on October 7, 2025 on the Project Website and at participating municipal offices and libraries.
6	Notice of Public Information Centre #4	September 9, 2025 – Email September 12, 2025 – Newspapers	A Notice of PIC #4 was published in local newspapers, posted on the Project Website, and sent to all stakeholders and interested members of the public on the Project contact list. The notice informed recipients of the Project purpose, the review period for the Draft EAR/IS ending on October 7, 2025, the report being accessible digitally on the Project Website, the PIC #4 being held to present the EA/IA findings, and contact information.
7	Notice of Publication of Draft EAR/IS for Review	October 6, 2025 - Email October 7, 2025 – Newspapers	A notice of publication of the Draft EAR/IS for review was advertised in local newspapers, posted on the Project Website, and sent to all stakeholders and interested members of the public on the Project contact list. The notice informed recipients of the Project purpose and the availability of the Draft EAR/IS for review from August 8, 2025 to October 7, 2026 on the Project Website and at participating municipal offices and libraries.
8	Notice of Submission of Final EAR/IS	January 30, 2026 – Email January 27, 2026 – Newspapers	A notice of submission of the Final EAR/IS for a decision was published in local newspapers, posted on the Project Website, and sent to all stakeholders and interested members of the public on the Project contact list. The notice informed recipients of the Project purpose, and the availability of the Final EAR/IS for review from January 30, 2026 to March 20, 2026 on the Project Website and at participating municipal offices and libraries.



### 2.5.1.1.2 Monthly Newsletter

Monthly newsletters providing up-to-date information on various aspects of the Project (such as field studies, study plans, the IKLRU Program, alternatives assessment process, cumulative effects assessment, and consultation events) were posted on the Project Website throughout the EA/IA process, ensuring they were accessible to all public stakeholders, as applicable. A list of all monthly newsletters circulated during the EA/IA process, including a description of each newsletter's contents, is provided in **Table 2-3**.

### 2.5.1.2 Public Information Centres

Stakeholders and members of the public were offered the opportunity to attend three (3) Public Information Centre sessions at key milestones and their associated timelines in the EA/IA process. The PIC sessions were held in the cities of Thunder Bay and Timmins and focused on the following:

1. PIC #1 (held on August 25, 2022 in Thunder Bay): Presented Study Plans for identified valued components (e.g., vegetation, socio-economic, etc.), criteria and indicators for evaluation and selection of a preferred route and project effects assessment, approach for evaluation of alternatives, status of baseline studies, Indigenous Knowledge/Land and Resource Use program and next steps in EA/IA process.
2. PIC #2 (held on October 3, 2023 in Thunder Bay and October 4, 2023 in Timmins): Presented identification and evaluation of alternatives, including preliminary recommended preferred route and aggregate/rock source areas, and information on road engineering design elements, and next steps in EA/IA process.
3. PIC #3 (held on September 10, 2024 in Timmins and September 12 and 13, 2024 in Thunder Bay): Presented the preliminary recommended preferred route and other project components (e.g., aggregate source areas, construction camps, etc.), summary of preliminary effects assessment for select valued components, including cumulative effects, and proposed mitigation and follow-up monitoring program, and next steps in the EA/IA process.
4. PIC #4 (held on September 16 and 17, 2025 in Thunder Bay and September 22, 2025 in Timmins): Presented the EA/IA findings in the Draft EAR/IS and next steps in the EA/IA process.

The Notices of PIC sessions were circulated by letter and email to those on the Project contact list and were also published in local newspapers as noted in **Table 2-8**.

While the Municipality of Greenstone, Township of Pickle Lake, and Municipality of Sioux Lookout are included within the consultation program due to their location and low interest of stakeholders and the public, no PICs were held at these locations. Instead, PICs were in the City of Thunder Bay and Timmins, as this is the most central location to Webequie First Nation and other First Nations, including community members living off-reserve.

The PIC sessions included display panels and handout materials containing information on the topics described above and the Project Team were available to receive and respond to questions and have an open dialogue with participants regarding the EA/IA. A presentation was also provided at each session, followed by a question-and-answer period. Comment sheets were available to all attendees during the sessions, and written comments received, where applicable, were reviewed by the Project Team and responses were provided. Feedback received from members of the public, stakeholders and Indigenous community members living off-reserve who attended the PIC sessions are provided in **Section 2.5.2 – Summary of Issues and Concerns Raised by the Public and Stakeholders and Status of Resolution and Section 2.4.4 – Summary of Issues and Concerns Raised by Indigenous Communities and Groups and Status of Resolution**.



### 2.5.1.3 Project Website

All interested parties can access the Project Website ([www.supplyroad.ca](http://www.supplyroad.ca)) at any time for information on the Project. The website contains various resources and materials that may be of interest to Indigenous communities, the public, and stakeholders, including Project notices (such as the Notice of Impact Assessment Decision that IA is required for the Project (NoA), Notice of Commencement of provincial EA), documentation for review (such as the Draft/Final ToR and Record of Consultation), study plans, fact sheets, newsletters, and video presentations. 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.

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

Following the formal commencement of the EA/IA for the Project, Study Plans for each valued component were prepared and submitted to the MECP and IAAC for review and comments. Valued components (VCs) refer to elements of the human and natural environment that are important to participants in an EA/IA and for the Project have been identified based on feedback from Indigenous communities, the public, government agencies, and stakeholders (refer to Section 5).

The preparation and submission of Study Plans to federal and provincial agencies is a commitment in the EA ToR and a requirement of the TISG. The purpose of the Study Plans is to outline the proponent's approach to meet the requirements in the TISG and a provincial EA for valued components to be assessed that include elements such as spatial and temporal study area boundaries; methodology for baseline studies; effects assessment; and methods and approach for engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities, the public, government agencies, and stakeholders. The Study Plans were validated by the MECP and IAAC and feedback and comments received by the Project Team were considered in finalizing the plans early in the EA/IA process.

Study Plans that were prepared and submitted to the MECP and IAAC for review and comment include:

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

In addition to Study Plans, the Project Team also engaged provincial and federal agencies on the results from the baseline studies conducted to characterize existing conditions in the study area used for the evaluation of project alternatives and the effects assessment. Existing conditions were 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. The purpose of this early circulation and engagement with the provincial and federal agencies on the results of baseline studies were to receive feedback and confirmation the proponent adequately addressed the methodologies and information requirements in the TISG and expectations of agencies for the EA/IA. The baseline study reports circulated for review and comment include:

- WSR Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (Appendix F); and
- WSR Draft Socio-Economic Existing Conditions Report (Appendix L).

As part of the review of Study Plans and draft baseline reports, technical meetings were held with provincial and federal agencies to discuss key topics and resolve any issues or concerns. Documentation of these technical meetings are contained in the Record of Engagement and Consultation.

#### **2.5.1.4.1 Feedback for Evaluation of Alternatives**

A technical meeting was held on November 17, 2023 with the MECP, GRT members, IAAC and other federal authorities to solicit preliminary feedback and input on the evaluation of alternatives for the Project as described in Section 3 – Evaluation of Project Alternatives of the Final EAR/IS. This engagement with provincial and federal agencies was part of Consultation Round 2 to Indigenous communities, the public, and stakeholders that focused on “Alternative to the Project” and “Alternative methods of carrying out the Project” (e.g., route alternatives). Topics for discussion and feedback included: alternative assessment process and approach; and evaluation of alternatives for routes, aggregate source areas and construction camp locations, including the preliminary results of the analysis. The presentation delivered at the session, including meeting notes and preliminary comments received are documented in the Record of Engagement and Consultation. The feedback and input received from provincial and federal agencies that attended the meeting is summarized in **Section 2.5.2**.

#### **2.5.1.4.2 Comments from Review of the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement**

The Ontario Government Review Team and IAAC were provided with the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Draft EAR/IS during the review period from June 9, 2025 to October 7, 2025.

The following ministries from the Ontario Government Review provided comments on the Draft EAR/IS:

- MECP Air Quality;
- MECP Environmental Assessment Branch;
- MECP Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Branch;
- MECP Groundwater Unit;
- MECP Surface Water Unit;
- MECP Wastewater Unit;
- MECP Waste Unit;
- MECP – Pesticides Unit;
- Ministry of Energy and Mines – Energy;
- Ministry of Energy and Mines – Mines and Minerals;
- Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth;
- MECP EA Modernization (Indigenous Advisor);
- MECP Thunder Bay District Office;



- MECP Human Health Unit;
- MECP Species at Risk Branch;
- Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism;
- Ministry of Transportation;
- Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation; and
- Ministry of Natural Resources.

The proponent responses to the comments received from Ontario Government Review Team are contained in the Record of Engagement and Consultation, including where the comment is addressed in the Final EAR/IS, if applicable. IAAC sent targeted questions on key issues to federal authorities for responses, and these responses were provided to the Project Team on October 8, 2025. The responses to these targeted questions from federal authorities were intended to help ensure IAAC have sufficient supporting evidence to understand potential federal effects and have confidence in its conclusions reached by the Proponent on key issues.

The following federal authorities provided responses to the targeted questions from IAAC:

- Environment and Climate Change Canada;
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada;
- Natural Resources Canada; and
- Transport Canada.

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

Key issues and concerns raised by stakeholders from the engagement and consultation activities completed to date, as outlined in **Section 2.5.1** are summarized in **Table 2-10**, **Table 2-11**, **Table 2-12**, **Table 2-13** and **Table 2-14**. The detailed feedback received from the public and stakeholders, and where applicable Project Team responses to comments including resolution of issues, are contained in the supporting Record of Engagement and Consultation to this Final EAR/IS.

**Table 2-13: Select Provincial and Federal Agencies Technical Comments and/or Concerns on Study Plans**

Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern	Study Plan	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
General (applicable for all study plans)	Advised to ensure adherence to TISGs, on elements such as Indigenous, stakeholder and public engagement and consultation, integration of Indigenous Knowledge, application of Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) data, effects assessment methodologies, integrating impacts on rights considerations into effects assessment, and consideration of sustainability principles.	All Study Plans (May 2020)	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC)	Throughout the EAR/IS



Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern	Study Plan	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
Birds	Concerns the proponent meet all TISG requirements, such as justification for extent of Regional Study Area (RSA) and Local Study Area (LSA) data sufficiency for distribution and abundance of bird species, sampling location selection and survey design.	Breeding Birds Study Plan (May 2020)	IAAC	Section 12 – Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Section 13 – Species at Risk
	Recommendation to better capture crepuscular and nocturnal calling species with acoustic recording unit deployments.	Breeding Birds Study Plan (May 2020)	MECP	Section 12 – Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Section 13 – Species at Risk
Climate Change, Greenhouse Gases (GHG) and Air Quality	Proponent to ensure compliance with TISG include linking and describing mitigations for GHG emissions, fulfilling dispersion study requirements, identifying site-specific risks, and assessing concentrations and emission source types.	Climate Change, GHGs and Air Quality Study Plan (May 2020)	IAAC	Appendix G – Air Quality Impact Assessment report Appendix H – Impacts of GHGs Emissions report
Climate Change, Greenhouse Gases (GHG) and Air Quality (Cont'd)	Recommendations to consider alternatives to further limit the quantity of emissions and/or improve overall quality of emissions, including identifying and committing to actions to mitigate loss of carbon sink capacity removed due to WSR.	Climate Change, GHGs and Air Quality Study Plans (March and May 2020)	MECP	Section 3 – Evaluation of Project Alternatives Section 4 – Project Description Section 9 – Atmospheric Environment Appendix G – Air Quality Impact Assessment report Appendix H – Impacts of GHGs Emissions report
Fish and Fish Habitat	Proponent is to provide information to meet all baseline data requirements in TISG such as data collection for waterbody crossings, justification for techniques for watercourse crossings, habitat requirements for species and sampling techniques.	Fish and Fish Habitat Study Plan (May 2020)	IAAC	Section 10 – Fish and Fish Habitat
	Proponent to provide clarity on themes such as effects assessment and alternatives assessment methodologies, sampling techniques, and engagement and consultation activities.	Fish and Fish Habitat Study Plan (April and June 2020)	Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)	Section 10 – Fish and Fish Habitat



Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern	Study Plan	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
Geology, Terrain and Soils	Recommendation to provide methodology for test methods for acid rock drainage and metal leaching evaluation, information of sample selection and data collection protocols, information on geomorphology, topography and geotechnical characteristics of project area.	Geology, Terrain and Soils Habitat Study Plan (July 2020)	IAAC	Section 6 – Geology, Terrain and Soils
Groundwater and Surface water	Recommendations to provide: identification of sampling locations for potable water sources; potential risks to surface water; detail on effects assessment on surface water quality from quarrying activities; and clarity on assessing seasonal and inter-annual variability of groundwater and surface water baseline data as per the TISG.	Groundwater and Surface Water Study Plan (May 2020)	IAAC MNR	Section 7 – Surface Water Section 8 – Groundwater
Human Health	Suggestions to provide clarity on: rationale for selection of indicators; distinction between the health impact assessment and human health risk assessment; health impact assessment methods; and rationale for selection of contaminants of potential concern.	Human Health Study Plan (August 2020 and July 2021)	IAAC MECP	Section 17 – Human Health Appendix Q – Health Impact Assessment Appendix P – Human Health Risk Assessment
Socio-Economic	The proponent is encouraged to provide further details on: incorporation of Indigenous community input and influences on community well-being; approach for identifying potentially impacted to rights of Indigenous Peoples; analytical approach to socio-economic impact analysis; approach for identification of Project benefits; and integration and consideration of GBA+.	Socio-Economic Study Plan (August 2020)	IAAC	Section 14 – Social Environment Section 15 – Economic Environment Section 17 – Human Health Section 19 – Indigenous Peoples
	The proponent is recommended to ensure integration of engagement and consultation data and IKLRU data into EA/IA; to consider residual impacts on Socio-economic Valued Components (VCs) for indirect effects on linked VCs; differentiate Indigenous and non-Indigenous non-traditional and economic interests and activities.	Socio-Economic Study Plan (April 2020, August 2020, April 2022)	MECP MHSTCI (now MCM)	Section 14 – Social Environment Section 15 – Economic Environment Section 16 – Non-Traditional Land and Resource Use Section 19 – Indigenous Peoples



Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern	Study Plan	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
Species at Risk	Suggestions to ensure compliance to TISG, to provide details on caribou data collection enabling geographic extrapolation, to detail how sources of variation across seasons and within 24-hour cycles will be represented within Species at Risk (SAR) surveys, to provide data on previous tracking tagging of Lake Sturgeon, to detail migration and travel corridors and movement patterns as per TISG, to clarify design of acoustic surveys on dispersal and migration as per TISG, to detail spring spawning data collection for IS, to clarify methodology of effects assessment, to detail survey sampling and procedures.	Species at Risk Study Plan (June 2020)	IAAC	Section 13 – Species at Risk
Species at Risk (Cont'd)	Recommendations to provide information on rationale and selection of sampling methodologies and locations for SAR and rare species, to provide detail on approach for assessing effects of SAR and rare species.	Species at Risk Study Plan (November 2020, January 2021, March 2021)	MECP MNR	Section 13 – Species at Risk
Terrestrial Wildlife	Recommendations to ensure compliance with TISG requirements, to provide detail on sources of information and usage of Indigenous Knowledge, to clarify identification of cumulative effects, to detail survey designs and compliance with TISG.	Terrestrial Wildlife Study Plan (May 2020, November 2020)	IAAC	Section 12 – Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat
	Suggestions to identify species for peak migration between wetlands and across the proposed road right-of-way and mitigation measures, to include both positive and negative effects for indicator species for effects assessment, to clarify survey designs and effects assessments, to detail rationale for species identified for assessment, to ensure methodology meets all objectives set out, to clarify data collection to meet TISG requirements for each valued component / wildlife indicator.	Terrestrial Wildlife Study Plan (June 2020)	MECP MNR	Section 12 – Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat
Vegetation	Recommendations to capture both positive and negative effects for indicator species, to clarify survey designs and protocols for plant species, to detail usage of survey data in class assignments, to	Vegetation Study Plan (June 2020)	MECP MNR	Section 11 – Vegetation and Wetlands



Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern	Study Plan	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
	clarify biodiversity metrics and spatial and ecological scales to be used in EA/IA, to ensure clarity on commitments, to provide information on alternatives assessment and effects assessment and methodologies.			
Visual Environment	Suggestions on detailing information on sensitive receptors / ecological receptors, demonstrating compliance to TISG, describing existing ambient nighttime light levels and predicted changes more clearly, detailing engagement and consultation methods to meet TISG requirements.	Visual Environment Study Plan (August 2020)	IAAC	Section 18 – Visual Environment
Visual Environment (Cont'd)	Suggestions to clarify methodologies to be used for alternatives assessment and effects assessment, to detail integration of cultural heritage resources and culturally significant locations for viewsheds.	Visual Environment Study Plan (August 2020)	MECP MHSTCI (now MCM)	Section 18 – Visual Environment

**Table 2-14: Select Provincial and Federal Agencies Comments and/or Concerns on Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report**

Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
Air Quality	Recommendations to provide further details on regional differences in concentrations from selected stations (in remote/small urban areas across Canada), pan evaporation measurements, and dispersion modelling for pollutants. Explain how differences affect estimation of background concentrations. Utilization of monitoring data from multiple National Air Pollution Surveillance stations and data on elevated levels of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon and Volatile Organic Compounds from the Simcoe National Air Pollution Surveillance station for baseline assessment. Clarify estimation of diesel particulate matter concentrations and identify level of uncertainty associated with proposed approaches. Include assessment of health risks of Project emissions and describe estimation of diesel particulate matter concentrations using particulate matter PM <sub>2.5</sub> along with degree of confidence and certainty. Describe dispersion modelling as a method to account for existing pollutant sources and to determine spatial distribution of pollutants.	MECP IAAC	Appendix F – Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (NEECR, 2024) Section 9 – Atmospheric Environment Appendix G – Air Quality Impact Assessment Report



Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
Non-Traditional Land and Resource Use	Concerns on identification of fishing and hunting camps in the Project area and potential impacts of the Project on these businesses.	Indigenous Affairs Ontario (IAO)	Appendix F – NEECR (2024) Section 16 – Non-Traditional Land and Resource Use
Traditional Land and Resource Use	Concerns regarding changes to Indigenous communities’ access to land and resources across traditional territory and recommendation to determine “Reasonable Access” by consulting engaged First Nation communities.	IAO	Section 19 – Indigenous Peoples
Vegetation and Wetlands	Recommendation to assess wetlands functions in Project area as outlined in Section 8.5 of the TISG by assessing how project activities may alter the capacity of wetlands to perform hydrological, biochemical, habitat, and climate functions by comparing actual functions (pre-project) with predicted functions (post-project). Provide information to support Ontario Wetland Evaluation System with Indigenous-centric information, and to consider an array of indicators through engagement with Indigenous communities. Detail the approach to identify Provincially Significant Wetlands and delineate wetlands (fens, bogs, peatlands). Provide a breakdown of the number of samples for vegetation classes and influence on the confidence of the results. Detail site survey methodology, functional assessment approach including justification and technical rationale. Provide data pertaining to abundance of wetland types across the province found within the study area. Describe whether wetlands found within Project area fall within the geographic area of Canada where wetland loss or degradation has reached critical levels or considered ecologically or socially or economically important to a region.	IAAC MNR IAO	Appendix F – NEECR (2024) Section 11 – Vegetation and Wetlands Record of Engagement and Consultation – Response table to MNR (January 2023)
Greenhouse Gases (GHGs)	Recommendations to include baseline conditions of carbon and GHGs including wetland / peatland functions.	MNR	Appendix F – NEECR (2024) Section 09 – Atmospheric Environment Section 11 – Vegetation and Wetlands
Terrestrial Habitats and Wildlife	Explain sampling survey design and adequacy of data collection to meet the TISG requirements, along with confidence and bias levels for models in the EAR/IS. Provide details on the criteria and approach to identify amphibian habitats in the context of the wetland functional assessment, ecological rationale for the selection of LSA and RSA boundaries, method / criteria used for identifying / confirming Significant Wildlife Habitat, seasonal changes on bat movement and maternity roosting areas, and temporal distribution and abundance of bird species. Illustrate geospatial distributions of bats during maternity	IAAC MNR	Appendix F – NEECR (2024) Section 11 – Vegetation and Wetlands Section 12 – Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Section 13 – Species at Risk



Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
	<p>roosting period and migration / swarming period. Describe distribution and abundance of all bird species and provide estimates of the abundance and distribution, and information on the life history of migratory and non-migratory birds, by combining existing background data sources and field surveys. Detail data comparison between paired human observer point counts and simultaneous acoustic recording, and acoustic recording unit recordings.</p>		
<p>Species at Risk – Caribou</p>	<p>Recommendations to provide information as per the TISG requirements, caribou range level statistics, describe how approach for surveys differ from recommended survey protocol (Ranta 1998). Describe MECP and MNR’s input related to the Caribou Nursery Habitat and Caribou Collaring field studies (spatial and temporal change identification), including sources of background information considered for baseline conditions. Ensure that EAR/IS provides details on difference / similarities between MNRs range specific seasonal resource selection probability function models and winter probability of occurrence mapping developed for the Project and usage in impact assessment. Describe use of study area by non-migratory caribou vs migratory caribou, identifying high value calving and wintering habitats. List limitations pertaining to existing caribou habitat selection models. Assess Project effects and cumulative effects to federal Far North caribou range and also at the scale of implicated Ontario caribou ranges (Missisa and Ozhiski) and provide data on level of disturbance (anthropologic and fire separately) and self-sustainability of the population according to the EC model. Include a discussion of both provincial and federal methodologies to apply 35% habitat disturbance threshold, as per Section 8.11 of the TISG.</p>	<p>IAAC MECP MNR</p>	<p>Appendix F – NEECR (2024) Section 13 – Species at Risk</p>
<p>Species at Risk (other indicators)</p>	<p>Suggestions to provide additional details on Wolverine Occupancy Study, and to expand on potential impacts to wolverine as a result of the WSR. Provide additional acoustic data collected during the spring, summer, and fall to capture dispersal and migration (travel corridors), breeding, and roosting of bats, including species at risk. Provide detailed information pertaining to data collection for development of monitoring programs. Provide integration, extrapolation, and interpretation of desktop, field, and existing data, in order to summarize and describe the aspects relevant to species at risk that are outlined in the TISG.</p>	<p>MECP</p>	<p>Appendix F – NEECR (2024) Section 12 – Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Section 13 – Species at Risk</p>
<p>Consideration of Indigenous Knowledge</p>	<p>Recommendations to further describe in the EAR/IS how Indigenous Knowledge from communities was used to inform and validate natural baseline data for the Project.</p>	<p>IAAC</p>	<p>Appendix F – NEECR (2024) Section 2 – Engagement and Consultation</p>

Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
			Each Valued Component effects assessment section of Draft EAR/IS
Human Health	Suggestions to provide baseline soil contaminant levels representative of the study area conditions in relation to appropriate health-based soil quality criteria.	IAAC	Appendix F – NEECR (2024) Section 17 – Human Health Appendix P – Human Health Risk Assessment
Surface Water	Suggestions to compare baseline concentrations of contaminants in sediment samples from waterbodies to drinking water quality criteria, describe drinking water sources culturally important to communities, include hydraulic information and flood design criteria for each water crossing, and add data on the timing of freeze / thaw cycles, ice cover, and ice conditions for the surface water.	IAAC	Appendix F – NEECR (2024) Section 7 – Surface Water
Groundwater Resources	Recommendations to include hydro stratigraphic units and piezometric levels for groundwater baseline data, describe the permafrost conditions and taliks and role in the context of groundwater-surface water interactions. Illustrate how recharge/discharge areas were determined and usage of Indigenous Knowledge for identification and add analysis of groundwater discharge to surface water.	IAAC	Appendix F – NEECR (2024) Section 8 – Groundwater
Noise and Vibration	Suggestion to provide calculated baseline level of community annoyance, expressed as percent highly annoyed at construction and operational noise anticipated locations. Include details on applicable sound level adjustments on baseline levels, describe approximate number, distance and identity factors of likely human receptors, including any foreseeable future receptors affected by Project.	IAAC	Appendix F – NEECR (2024) Section 9 – Atmospheric Environment Appendix J – Noise and Vibration Technical Report
Fish and Fish Habitat Species at Risk	Suggestions to justify lack of surveys conducted in the spring during times of high flows, as part of the fish habitat surveys, and explain affect on categorization of effects to fish and fish habitat. Justify the reason for omitting Chain Pickerel ( <i>Esox niger</i> ) from the list of species for Project. Provide rationale for the data gaps associated with spring spawning surveys due to only one sampling event occurring outside of the spawning periods for Walleye and Lake Sturgeon. Describe country food species identified through Indigenous engagement and field surveys. Describe baseline and predicted levels of all contaminants of potential concerns, including organic contaminants, that may increase concentrations and all environmental transport pathways into country foods, including atmospheric deposition. Describe cultural importance of listed fish species for Indigenous communities.	IAAC	Appendix F – NEECR (2024) Section 10 – Fish and Fish Habitat Section 13 – Species at Risk Record of Engagement and Consultation – Proponent response table to IAAC (January 2023) Appendix O – Country Foods Assessment Report



**Table 2-15: Select Provincial and Federal Agencies Comments and/or Concerns on Draft Socio-Economic Existing Conditions Report**

Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
Education and Training Services and Facilities	Suggestion to clearly describe the current state / demand of community services in the LSA and RSA. Proponent encouraged to present information on affected communities including cumulative effects disaggregated as per the communities listed in the Engagement and Partnership Plan; and in the event there are data limitations, to provide information on limitations and variances. Require further details for communities and suggestion to seek inventory of programs/services through Matawa First Nations Management KKETS and others that offer employment and training.	IAAC Mines	Appendix L – Draft Socio-Economic Existing Conditions Report (October 2024)  Section 14 – Social Environment
Community Services	Provide further details for describing the current status and supply and demand of community services in the LSA/RSA. Suggestion to include existing capacity of community services along with extent of usage and reasoning for usage in EAR/IS, along with GBA+ data disaggregation when possible. Proponent encouraged to present information on affected communities including cumulative effects disaggregated as per the communities listed in the Engagement and Partnership Plan; and in the event there are data limitations, to provide information on limitations and variances. Recommendations to include Indigenous service providers to understand statuses of services. Ensure that recent projects (such as the Matawa First Nations Management Rapid Lynx) are included in EAR/IS.	IAAC MECP Mines	Section 14 – Social Environment
Labour Force and Employment	Recommendations to capture detailed information on local and regional community education and training primary data to gauge future participation in the Project. Suggestions to include efforts for creation of training opportunities for Indigenous community members identified in Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan. Describe, to the extent possible, data disaggregated by age; and for instances where it is not possible, to provide a rationale in EAR/IS.	IAAC MECP	Section 15 – Economic Environment
Regional and Local Economy	Ensure information sufficient to under the potential positive and adverse effects to Indigenous communities' economic conditions associated with the road development and operations is provided. Proponent encouraged to present information on affected communities including cumulative effects disaggregated as per the communities listed in the Engagement and Partnership Plan; and in the event there are data limitations, to provide information on limitations and variances. Suggestions to ensure indicators measure change as result of the WSR and can be predicted and assessed at local and regional scales and provide details on methodology implemented for assessment of impacts and measurement of change.	IAAC MECP	Section 15 – Economic Environment



Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
Community Well-Being and Safety (CSWB)	EAR/IS to include the metrics used for CSWB, both quantitatively and qualitatively, and to be defined and evaluated to identify degree of change due to Project. If possible, a rationale to be provided for any deviation from baseline characterization approaches and methods as per the TISG, and when determining when characterization is not required. Suggestion to include provincial CSWB framework for communities to have a baseline for future CSWB planning which can be funded by Ontario government. Suggestion to include provincial Pathways to safety: Ontario's strategy in response to the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls for communities to have a baseline for future program planning to serve women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ people, for which Ontario government provides funding to support. Impact of drug alcohol abuse has been mentioned as a main concern, and adequate information should be provided to reflect the current status and future impact.	IAAC Mines	Section 14 – Social Environment
Waterways in Study Area	Suggestions to include information on past / present / potential future use of navigable waterways and impacts due to Project.	IAAC	Section 19 – Non-Traditional Land and Resource Use
Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+)	Recommendations to identify interrelations and interactions among relevant economic and social (including cultural) factors by presenting conceptual effect pathways in the EAR/IS and usage to identify opportunities for enhancement measures and inform selection of mitigation measures.	IAAC	Section 14 – Social Environment Section 15 – Economic Environment
Traditional Indigenous Land and Resource Use	Recommendations to include qualitative indicators for traditional Indigenous land and resource use to reflect the purpose / use / quality of experience of the activities or sites.	MECP	Draft Socio-Economic Existing Conditions Report (October 2024) Section 19 – Indigenous Peoples

**Table 2-16: Select Provincial and Federal Agencies Comments on the Alternatives Assessment (Consultation Round 2)**

Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
On-reserve aggregate source	Recommendations to include all potential sources of aggregate materials located on-reserve considered for WSR.	IAAC	Section 3 – Evaluation of Alternatives
Study Area Boundaries	Provide details to demonstrate RSA boundaries include Indigenous communities listed in the Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan, and this area must encompass the spatial boundaries for cumulative effects, as per Section 7 of the TISG.	IAAC	Section 3 – Evaluation of Alternatives Section 14 – Social Environment



Discipline/Topic	Overview of Issue and/or Concern	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
Factors and indicators	Include factors and indicators used to comparatively assess alternative routes (based on their associated positive and adverse environmental, health, social and economic effects, impacts on the exercise of rights of Indigenous Peoples as identified by the Indigenous communities, technical and economic feasibility, and any other relevant factors).	IAAC	Section 3 – Evaluation of Project Alternatives
Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+)	Describe how GBA+ was applied to the route selection analysis to consider the effects on diverse or vulnerable subgroups.	IAAC	Section 3 – Evaluation of Alternatives
Project's Contribution to Sustainability	Suggestions to describe how the Project's contribution to sustainability was considered in the selection of the preferred alternative route.	IAAC	Section 3 – Evaluation of Project Alternatives
Multiple factor analysis	Suggestion to describe in detail the score assigned to each variable, its interpretation and scale of the results of the multiple factor analysis in the EAR/IS.	IAAC	Section 3 – Evaluation of Project Alternatives
Final corridor width (right-of-way)	Suggestions to provide information on whether the 35 m right-of-way (ROW) was considered for both access roads and aggregate sites and specify how access roads and aggregate sites outside this 35 m ROW are included in the assessment of alternatives.	IAAC	Section 3 – Evaluation of Project Alternatives
Species at Risk	Suggestions to include available indicators for Eastern Migratory caribou and describe how alternatives will be assessed in relation to both Boreal and Eastern Migratory caribou in EAR/IS. Explain how alternatives that are very proximate to each other and therefore likely to have similar effects to caribou were identified, and to design the preferred alignment to limit predator line-of-sight to the extent possible.	IAAC	Section 3 – Evaluation of Alternatives

**Table 2-17: Issues and/or Concerns Raised by the Public and Other Stakeholders**

Issues and/or Concern Raised	Engagement Method	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
Concern on how the road design will impact muskeg and how much carbon will be released if the muskeg is excavated for the road.	Public Information Centre #2 (Open House) Input	Member of the public	Section 4 – Project Description Consultation Progress Report – Round 2 in Record of Engagement and Consultation
What types of aggregate will be used and what is the geological make-up and location of aggregate sites.	Public Information Centre #2 (Open House) Input	Member of the public	Section 4 – Project Description Consultation Progress Report – Round 2 in Record of Engagement and Consultation

Issues and/or Concern Raised	Engagement Method	Stakeholder Group with Feedback	Status/Where Addressed in the Draft EAR/IS
<p>Concerns and questions regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Who will authorize the road construction?</li> <li>▪ Must certain Indigenous communities give their blessing in order for the road to go ahead?</li> <li>▪ Is the EA/IA process collaborative between First Nations and government regulators?</li> </ul>	Public Information Centre #2 (Open House) Input	Member of the public	<p>Section 1 – Introduction</p> <p>Section 5 – EA/IA Approach</p> <p>Consultation Progress Report – Round 2 in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>
<p>Questions and concerns on the type of economic development opportunities associated with the Project besides mining.</p>	Public Information Centre #3 (Open House) Input	Member of the public	<p>Section 15 – Economic Environment</p> <p>Consultation Progress Report – Round 3 in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>
<p>Observed that Rapid Lynx fibre optic line is not mentioned as one of the projects being considered in the cumulative effects assessment.</p>	Public Information Centre #3 (Open House) Input – Email	Ministry of Energy and Mines	<p>Section 21 – Cumulative Effects Assessment</p> <p>Consultation Progress Report – Round 3 in Record of Engagement and Consultation</p>

## 2.6 Record of Engagement and Consultation

The Record of Engagement and Consultation is a self-standing document that supports the EA/IA and documents all communication and engagement activities undertaken with Indigenous communities and groups, the public, government agencies, and stakeholders, including concerns and issues raised during the EA/IA process, and any proponent responses, resolutions, agreements and commitments.

The Record of Engagement and Consultation for the Project responds to Section 10.5 of the ToR (AtkinsRéalis, 2020a) for the provincial EA and fulfills conditions in the NoA of the ToR. As the Project is also subject to a federal IA, facilitated by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, the proponent must also meet the requirements of the WSR TISG. As such, the Record of Engagement and Consultation specifically meets the requirements in Section 5 (Description of Public Participation and Views) and Section 6 (Description of Engagement with Indigenous Groups) of the TISG to provide a “Record of Engagement” that describes all efforts taken to seek the views of the Indigenous communities and groups, public, and stakeholders with respect to the Project.

A copy of the Record of Engagement and Consultation will be provided to government regulators and will be available for review by Indigenous communities and groups, the public, government agencies, and stakeholders concurrent with the submission of the Final EAR/IS. The engagement and consultation database includes the following information relating to each engagement and consultation event or activity:

- Date on which the communication, event or activity occurred;
- Method of communication (e.g., letter, email, phone call, face-to-face);



- Identification of initiator and recipient of communication or, in the case of a meeting, organizer and participants attending the meeting;
- Copy of or link to communication in the case of written communication, as well as copy of/or link to any other relevant documentation provided or generated as part of the communication, including all information provided to fulfill regulatory requirements, notices for community meetings, and draft versions of all materials prepared for the EA/IA;
- Summary of communication or, in the case of a meeting, meeting notes; and
- Identification of issues raised or discussed and any follow-up action or undertaking and status of the issue (e.g., outstanding, addressed/resolved).

## 2.7 Ongoing and Proposed Future Engagement and Consultation

Feedback received from Indigenous communities, the public and stakeholders during the review period for the Draft EAR/IS, including outcomes from engagement and consultation activities during this period, have been considered by the Project Team to help inform in the development of this Final EAR/IS being submitted to provincial and federal regulators and circulated to all Indigenous communities for review and comments.

Webequie First Nation will continue to work with stakeholders and Indigenous communities and groups to resolve issues and address comments received in writing through the review period for the Final EAR/IS to clarify information on the Project, provide additional information, and discuss potential effects of the Project and proposed mitigation measures.

Webequie First Nation has developed an issues resolution strategy for the EA/IA that is intended to be an open and respectful process, which offers a means to resolve issues and disputes concerning the EA/IA. Where there are disputes and/or issues that cannot be resolved through discussions, Webequie First Nation will maintain its traditional approach to resolving potential disputes as the first step in the process. This traditional approach will involve establishing a community representatives' group, including Elders, youth, women and others (to be determined by the community on a case-by-case basis) to share perspectives, understand the issue(s) identified, engage in respectful dialogue and recommend appropriate options. If no resolution can be made, then a conventional dispute resolution process will be used.

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

## 2.8 References

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