

Webequie Supply Road Project

SUBJECT Environment Committee Meeting	MEETING PLACE Virtual	DATE AND TIME 9/16/2026 9:30 to 11:00 AM	MINUTES BY Craig Wallace
	MEETING NO 1	ATTENDEES Craig Wallace (Chair) Micheal Fox (Co-Chair) Lesley Williams Sang Vo Michelle McChristie Dorothee Schreiber	REPRESENTING Webequie Supply Road Team Webequie Supply Road Team Webequie Supply Road Team Webequie Supply Road Team Ministry of Transportation Attawapiskat First Nation

Item	Description	Responsible
1.	Committee Member Introductions	Group
2.	Project Overview	C. Wallace
3.	Overview of Committee mandate, objectives, and Terms of Reference	C. Wallace Presentation; Group Discussion
4.	Indigenous community participation opportunities	Group Discussion
5.	Construction Environmental Management Plan, Follow Up Programs and Annual Compliance Reporting	C. Wallace
6.	Design and Construction Schedule	C. Wallace

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Overview

The first meeting of the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Environment Committee was convened to initiate the Committee and support implementation of Conditions 6.4 to 6.7 of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Environmental Assessment Notice of Approval.

The Project Team provided an overview of:

- The purpose and objectives of the Environment Committee;
- Committee membership, roles, and responsibilities;
- The Environment Committee Terms of Reference;
- Opportunities for Indigenous community participation in the Committee; and
- Upcoming environmental management, monitoring, and reporting activities associated with the Project.

The meeting was intended to facilitate participation from Indigenous communities and establish a forum for information sharing and discussion regarding environmental management and monitoring activities for the Project.

Discussion

No Indigenous community representatives attended the meeting. A representative from Attawapiskat First Nation had previously expressed interest in attending the first Environment Committee meeting; however, no Indigenous community representatives were present.

As a result, no Committee discussion, feedback, concerns, or recommendations were provided. No decisions were made, and no action items were identified.

Next Steps

The Project Team will continue to invite Indigenous communities to participate in future Environment Committee meetings and will continue implementation of the Committee in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference and applicable approval requirements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. EST.



WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

Construction Phase



Agenda Environment Committee

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WSR
WEBEQUIP
SUPPLY ROAD





Purpose of Webequie Supply Road



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



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



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

Project Description



107 km

All-season road from
Webequie First Nation
(WFN) Airport to Ring of
Fire Area near McFaulds
Lake



17 km

Length of road
corridor within WFN
Reserve Lands



35 m

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





What is the purpose of the Environment Committee?

Committee provides a forum to discuss:

- Applying local knowledge into environmental management and monitoring activities to protect the environment
- Sharing information among the Proponent, Project representatives, technical specialist and participating local Indigenous communities
- Monitoring results on the effectiveness of mitigation measures during construction and operations and verifying predicted effects from the EA/IA
- Community participation opportunities in environmental monitoring



What will the Committee focus on?

Environmental mitigation and monitoring activities associated the construction and operation of the Webequie Supply Road. This could include:

- Aquatic environments and water quality
- Wetlands and peatlands
- Fish and fish habitat
- Wildlife and wildlife habitat
- Species at risk
- Vegetation and biodiversity
- Air quality and dust
- Noise and vibration
- Erosion and sediment control
- Environmental incidents and corrective actions
- Indigenous harvesting and land use considerations
- Environmental compliance reporting
- Environmental management plans
- Monitoring outcomes and mitigation effectiveness



Who will be on the Environment Committee?

Members of the Environment Committee may include representatives from:

- Webequie First Nation;
- Indigenous communities identified in the Environmental Assessment Notice of Approval;
- Ministry of Transportation representatives, where appropriate;
- Proponent's Engineer representatives;
- Environmental specialists and technical advisors, as invited by the Proponent; and
- Other invited participants as determined by the Proponent.



Roles and responsibilities of Committee members

- All Committee Members
 - Participate actively and respectfully in discussions
 - Share relevant information, perspectives, knowledge, and concerns to support informed discussion
- Indigenous Representatives
 - Contribute Indigenous Knowledge, community observations, and traditional land-use information
 - Provide feedback on environmental monitoring results from a community and land-use perspectives
 - Share community concerns, observations, and priorities related to environmental mitigation and monitoring



Roles and responsibilities of Committee members

- Project Proponent
 - Establish and maintain the Environment Committee in accordance with the EA Notice of Approval
 - Facilitate Committee discussions and information sharing
 - Coordinate preparation and distribution of meeting agendas, materials, and records of meetings
 - Ensure Committee meeting notes are posted to the Project website in accordance with approval requirements.
 - Consider Committee feedback in Project environmental management activities



How often/when will the environment committee meet? How will information be shared with others?

- The first meeting is today - September 16, 2026
- Meetings will be semi-annual (approximately every 6 months)
- Each participating community to identify one representative for the meeting
- All meetings will be virtual
- Information will be exchanged with other Committees or Forums:
 - Community Readiness Working Group
 - Indigenous Environmental Monitors
 - Internal Environmental Management, Engineering and Construction Working Groups



How will Indigenous Knowledge be protected?

The collection, sharing, storage and use of Indigenous Knowledge for the Project will:

- Respect community protocols;
- Respect confidentiality requirements;
- Comply with applicable information-sharing agreements;
- Recognize ownership and control of indigenous knowledge; and
- Occur only with appropriate authorization from the Knowledge Holders and communities involved



Environmental Management Plan, Follow Up Programs and Annual Compliance Reporting

Construction Environmental Management Plan

- In progress

Follow-up Programs required under Federal IA Approval

- Noise and Air Quality
- Fish and Fish Habitat
- Wildlife of Importance to Indigenous Peoples (moose/caribou)

Annual Reporting Requirements

- Federal – Annual Reports: to demonstrate how the conditions of the project's Decision Statement have been met (due March 31, 2027)
- Ontario – Annual Compliance Reports: to demonstrate how conditions of Notice of Approval and EA Commitments have been met (due June 18, 2027)



Design and Construction Schedule

Detail Design and Permitting Phase

- Begins now and will last for 1-2 year

Construction Phase

- Early Works on reserve – vegetation clearing and temporary access road and water crossings (2026/Early 2027)
- Development of Aggregate Resource Area (ARA-2)
- Progressive design/build delivery (5-7 years)