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ATRI……..	Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests
AZA.....	Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation
CAR	Community Access Road
CBLUP	Community Based Land Use Planning
CCC	Community Consultation Co-ordinator
CCLO	Community Communications Liaison Officer
CEAA	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
DFO	Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada
EA	Environmental Assessment
EAA.....	Environmental Assessment Act
ECCC.....	Environment and Climate Change Canada
ENDM.....	Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
GANRAC.....	Geraldton Area Natural Resource Advisory Committee
GRT	Government Review Team
IA.....	Impact Assessment
IAA	Impact Assessment Act
IK.....	Indigenous Knowledge
IKSA.....	Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Agreement
IS.....	Impact Statement
LSA	Local Study Area
MECP.....	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
MFFN.....	Marten Falls First Nation
MHSTCI	Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
MNO.....	Métis Nation of Ontario
MNRF.....	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
MOU.....	Memorandum of Understanding
MTCS.....	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
MTO	Ministry of Transportation
NDMNRF.....	Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
NoC.....	Notice of Commencement
NRL.....	Northern Road Link
OPP	Ontario Provincial Police
PIC.....	Public Information Centre
RoCE.....	Record of Consultation and Engagement
RSA.....	Regional Study Area
RSMIN.....	Red Sky Métis Independent Nation
SAR.....	Species at Risk
The Agency	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
TISG.....	Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines
ToR	Terms of Reference
WSR.....	Webequie Supply Road

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR or the Project) was approved with amendments on October 8, 2021 and the Notice of Commencement (NoC) of the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project was posted on October 29, 2021. As part of the ToR Notice of Approval, Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) included an amendment requiring additional consultation reporting at key EA milestones. Visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/marten-falls-community-access-road-project to read the details on the Notice of Approval. The ToR Notice of Approval is also included in **Appendix A**.

As required by the Minister of MECP, the development of progress reports on consultation activities associated with each of the following EA milestones are required to support Indigenous communities to provide meaningful input during the development of the EA:

- NoC of Provincial EA (referred to as NoC of EA);
- Effects Assessment Methods; and
- Identification of Preferred Alternatives.

Each progress report is required to:

- Be organized by each Indigenous community;
- Contain a consultation log and summary that tracks consultation activities, information shared by the MFFN CAR Project Team with Indigenous communities, any community input and MFFN CAR Project Team's responses to such input for the EA milestone; and
- Contain a discussion of how any input and information provided by the Indigenous communities have informed the development of the EA milestone.

The progress reports are to be shared with MECP, with community-specific sections shared with each individual Indigenous community before MFFN can move to the next milestone of the EA / IA. If questions or concerns are raised by MECP or an Indigenous community, the MFFN CAR Project Team will make revisions to the progress reports, if necessary, and encourage opportunities to meet in-person or virtually to discuss with the interested community.

This report is the first progress report for the NoC of EA, and pertains to activities related to both the EA and IA processes. The time period begins the day the NoC was issued (October 29, 2021) and ends after the Public Information Centre #3 for the EA / Impact Statement (IS) phase (PIC #3) which took place on June 30, 2022. The NoC of EA milestone is expected to extend past June 30, 2022, however, due to the time to develop this report, any information missed during this phase will be included in the next progress report for the Effects Assessment Methods which is expected to begin in winter 2022.

The final progress reports will be appended, along with any relevant updates, to the Record of Consultation and Engagement submitted with the draft and final EA / IS.

This progress report provides a detailed account of all communication exchanged with the MFFN CAR Project Team and neighbouring Indigenous communities from October 29, 2021 to June 30, 2022 as part of the NoC of EA

milestone. Note that government agencies and interested persons[1] are not included in progress reports, however, their sections will be included in the Record of Consultation and Engagement for the draft and final EA / IS. **Section 1.5** includes details about the neighbouring Indigenous communities.

The first section of this progress report provides an overview of the Project and outline of the approach to consultation and engagement, the second section describes the consultation and engagement activities undertaken during this time period, and the third section summarizes activities and discussions that occurred with the MFFN CAR Project Team and neighbouring Indigenous communities..

1.2 About the Progress Report

This progress report provides an overview of consultation and engagement carried out between the NoC of EA and after PIC #3 (October 29, 2021 to June 30, 2022). In accordance with the MECP Code of Practice, the progress report has been prepared to:

- Identify Indigenous communities consulted and engaged during this time period and describe how they were identified (confidential information will not be provided);
- Describe the consultation and engagement activities that took place including methods, schedule of events, notification that was given about the activity and materials used;
- Describe how interested Indigenous communities were identified and how they were consulted;
- Summarize clearly and accurately the comments made by all Indigenous communities;
- Describe the Proponent's response and how concerns were considered in the NoC of EA milestone or will be considered and / or addressed in the EA / IS;
- Describe any outstanding concerns; and
- Include appendix reference to minutes of any meetings held and written comments received.

Logistical correspondence (e.g., scheduling a meeting) has not been included in the appendices but has been tracked separately. The only instance when logistical correspondence has been included as an appendix is when a meeting was not scheduled or was postponed; this information is included to show level of effort.

1.3 Approach

As outlined in the Consultation and Engagement Plan to Support the EA / IS (Appendix B of the ToR), the NoC of EA milestone was focused on the following activities and request for targeted input:

Planned Activities for Indigenous communities:

- Circulate Notice of Commencement
- Update MFFN website
- Distribute letter(s) to Chief and Councils, related to setting up meetings, responding to concerns expressed, the IK Program, the Community Co-ordinator Program or other topics, as needed
- Engage Project-specific Community Co-ordinators, as appropriate
- Hold discussions / meetings with interested Chiefs and Councils and / or Indigenous communities

1. *Interested persons is used to describe individuals and groups (e.g., associations, non-government organizations, industry and academia) who could have an interest in the Project, including but not limited to communities in the region, those with commercial interests (e.g., forestry, trappers, outfitters, other mineral tenure holders in the area) and recreational users or those with recreational interest (e.g., campers, hunters and environmental groups).*

- Encourage and host in-person or virtual meetings (based on Indigenous communities' preferences) to provide information on the Project and discuss concerns and / or Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI)
- Respond in a timely and transparent manner to Indigenous communities with questions and / or concerns
- Update newsletters / E-Blasts and emails
- Update social media
- Follow-up with communication to confirm information was received and the material(s) provided were understood

Targeted Input (request information to determine and identify):

- Level of interest in Project
- Level of interest in meeting / discussions with Chiefs and Councils and / or Indigenous communities
- Level of interest in meeting to discuss ATRI and the IK Program, in a confidential manner
- How Indigenous communities would like to be kept informed during the EA / IA processes
- Level of interest in creating Indigenous community-specific Consultation and Engagement Plan(s) as they relate to the EA / IS

The following additional activities and request for targeted input took place during the NoC of EA milestone, including:

- **PIC #3: EA / IS Phase #1 Introduction**
  An in-person PIC (with supporting virtual materials) was added to the NoC of EA milestone and took place on Monday June 27, 2022 in Thunder Bay and on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 in Geraldton. Indigenous community members were invited to attend for the first hour of each meeting and stay for the remainder of the event; the public was invited to join during the second hour of the event. PIC #3 provided information on: an overview to the Project; updates since the ToR; the EA / IA process; study areas, including specific updates made to reflect potential sources of aggregate material and input received from Indigenous communities; preliminary results of field studies and information on upcoming field studies; IK and ATRI; how Indigenous communities have been involved to-date and plans for future consultation and engagement, including the Community Co-ordinator Program; feedback heard to-date and how it is being considered; ongoing and future consultation and engagement opportunities and next steps. PIC #3 content, including opportunities for feedback, was also provided to MFFN members at an in-community meeting on June 28, 2022; feedback provided is included in MFFN's section in **Section 3**. More details about the summary of consultation and engagement for PIC #3 are provided in **Section 1.7**.

- **ATRI and Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program**
  An important part of the assessment process is collecting IK and information on Indigenous land and resource use to help understand baseline (existing) conditions, predict the potential effects of the Project, and determine appropriate mitigation and monitoring measures. The IK Program was developed with the aim to collect IK relevant to the Project and information on Indigenous land and resource use in the vicinity of the Project area. The IK Program strives to collaborate with interested Indigenous communities and to discuss how relevant information will become part of the assessment processes and Project planning and design. During this reporting time period, an update on the Project IK Program with an updated schedule and timeline was distributed to Indigenous communities. Ongoing follow-up regarding the IK Program also took place.

- **Field Studies and Education, Consultation and Engagement on Valued Components**
  Several field programs took place during the NoC of EA milestone. To help Indigenous communities better understand the field studies related to valued components, Discussion Guides were distributed with plain language information about what the Project is studying, why it is important and questions to solicit feedback before the studies take place. Educational videos on valued components were also shared online.

- **Raising Awareness**
  Several activities were completed related to raising awareness on the Project and encouraging opportunities to meet with the MFFN CAR Project Team. Monthly electronic newsletters were distributed (referred to as E-Blasts) and always included a section seeking those interested to reach out and schedule a meeting with the MFFN CAR Project Team, a public social media account was created, the private MFFN members only Facebook account was used to share information and promote upcoming events and an article was featured in the Matawa Messenger newsletter.

Efforts have also been made to initiate discussions to schedule key informant interviews and hold discussions / meetings that consider applicable and relevant subgroups (e.g., women, youth, elders).

1.4 Project Notifications and Information Releases

A formal notice and invitation to PIC #3 was published on the Project website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices) on June 13, 2022 in English, Cree, French, Ojibway and Oji-Cree and distributed in print, online and on the radio via multiple outlets, as outlined below.

Copies of the formal notice, in each language, are provided in **Appendix A7**.

Print Advertisements:

- The Chronicle Journal: June 14, 2022
- Geraldton Times Star: June 15, 2022
- Thunder Bay Source: June 16, 2022
- Wawatay News: June 17, 2022

Online Advertisements

- MFFN All Season Community Access Road Project Website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices): June 13, 2022
- MFFN CAR Facebook page: June 13, June 20 and June 24, 2022
- MFFN members only Facebook page: June 2022
- Greenstone Community Calendar: June 13, 2022
- Northern Ontario Business: June 13, 2022
- NWO NewsWatch: June 13, 2022
- SN NewsWatch: June 13, 2022
- Thunder Bay News Watch: between June 13, 2022 to June 27, 2022.
- Windspeaker: June 13, 2022
- Anishinabek News: June 14, 2022

Radio Advertisements

- Wawatay Radio: three times per day on June 17, 20-24, and 27, 2022 (in English, Ojibway, and Oji-cree)

- CFNO Radio, 91-5 CKPR and Rock94 Radio: June 13-26, 2022

The electronic Project mailing list (anyone who opts-in to receive Project emails) also received the notice on June 13, 2022, which includes the following groups:

- MFFN Chief, Council members and community members
- MFFN CAR Project Team
- Indigenous community key contacts (as requested by Indigenous communities), e.g., Chief and Council members, consultants and / or band office contacts
- Tribal Councils, Provincial Territorial Organizations and Métis Nation
- Indigenous Peoples (i.e., Indigenous community members who opted in and are not identified as key contacts)
- Businesses
- Tourism operators
- Community and interest groups and non-governmental organizations
- Forest management companies
- Mining claim holders
- Unaffiliated members of the public
- Emergency medical services and law enforcement
- Political parties and their contacts
- Neighbouring projects and their key contacts
- Government Review Team (GRT)
- Non-GRT government representatives

In addition to PIC #3 notifications, the Project website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca) was periodically updated with Project information including all relevant Project notices (e.g., NoC of EA, Discussion Guides, videos, monthly E-Blasts) and other Project-related materials such as mapping. More details are included in **Section 2** below.

1.5 Summary of Indigenous Community and Organization Consultation

The MECP issued a letter on December 19, 2018 with a list of the neighbouring Indigenous communities to be consulted and engaged on the basis that they have (or may have) constitutionally protected ATRI that may be adversely affected by the Project and / or who may be interested in the Project. This list is included in Table 1-1.

Mishkeegogamang First Nation was added to the list of neighbouring Indigenous communities to be consulted on the Project based on the Agency's 'Preliminary List of Indigenous Communities for Proponent Engagement on the Marten Falls Access Road'. Therefore 23 Indigenous communities were identified for engagement. Although Mishkeegogamang First Nation has not yet expressed interest in the Project, they are being provided information in conjunction with the neighbouring Indigenous communities who might be affected by or have an interest in the Project.

Table 1-1: Identified Indigenous Communities, including their Provincial Territorial Organizations and / or Tribal Council Affiliations

Tribal Council Affiliation	Community or Organization
Matawa First Nations Management (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	■ **Marten Falls First Nation** (Proponent and potentially affected Indigenous community) ■ Aroland First Nation ■ Constance Lake First Nation ■ Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope) ■ Ginoogaming First Nation ■ Neskantaga First Nation ■ Nibinamik First Nation ■ Webequie First Nation
Matawa First Nation and the Union of Ontario Indians (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	■ Long Lake #58 First Nation**
Mushkegowuk Council (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	■ Attawapiskat First Nation ■ Fort Albany First Nation ■ Kashechewan First Nation
Shibogama First Nations Council (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	■ Kasabonika Lake First Nation⬩ ■ Kingfisher Lake First Nation⬩ ■ Wapekeka First Nation⬩ ■ Wawakapewin First Nation⬩⬩ ■ Wunnumin Lake First Nation
Independent First Nations Alliance	■ Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation
Independent First Nations (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	■ Mishkeegogamang First Nation*** ■ Weenusk First Nation
Nokiiwin Tribal Council	■ Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation (AZA)*
Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)	■ Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), Region 2*⬩
Independent Métis Nation	■ Red Sky Métis Independent Nation (RSMIN)*⬩

Notes: * *Indigenous communities or organizations identified by MECP who should be consulted on the basis that they may be interested in the Project.*

** *MECP indicated in a letter to MFFN that Long Lake #58 First Nation was moved from interest-based to rights-based.*

*** *On September 9, 2019, the Agency identified Mishkeegogamang First Nation in the Preliminary List of Indigenous Groups for Proponent Engagement on the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project*

⬩ *Indicates communities identified by MECP but not on the Agency's Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan*

As of June 30, 2022, 17 of these communities have expressed an interest in the Project, including meeting to understand more. Those communities MFFN has met with during the NoC of EA milestone are indicated with an asterisk below (*):

Marten Falls First Nation*;
Aroland First Nation;
Attawapiskat First Nation;
Constance Lake First Nation*;
Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope);
Fort Albany First Nation;
Ginoogaming First Nation;
Kasabonika Lake First Nation;
Kashechewan First Nation;
Kingfisher Lake First Nation;
Long Lake #58 First Nation;
Neskantaga First Nation;
Nibinamik First Nation;
Webequie First Nation;
RSMIN;
AZA; and
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation.

The remaining six communities have expressed interest in receiving Project materials and may contact MFFN if they would like to meet in the future. MFFN continues outreach on an ongoing basis to these communities; providing the same milestone information (e.g., Discussion Guides, monthly E-Blasts, notifications, field notices) offered to each of the 23 Indigenous communities being engaged. These communities include:

Wunnumin Lake First Nation;
Wapekeka First Nation;
Wawakapewin First Nation;
Weenusk First Nation;
Mishkeegogamang First Nation; and
Métis Nation of Ontario, Region 2.

Those Tribal Councils, Nations and Alliances listed in the table above, as well as the Chiefs of Ontario and Union of Ontario Indians, have been identified as potentially interested in the Project, and have been provided with information and options to meet with MFFN throughout the EA / IA. Mushkegowuk Tribal Council and Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) both held virtual meetings with MFFN during this reporting time period.

MFFN is currently consulting and engaging with Indigenous communities identified by the MECP and the Agency (detailed in **Section 1.5**) and will continue to do so throughout the EA / IA, as per the level of interest expressed by each community. MFFN, as the Proponent, will also work with communities to collect IK to incorporate into the EA / IS regarding traditional land and resource use and cultural practices.

All 23 identified Indigenous communities have been contacted regularly by the MFFN CAR Project Team with conversations ranging from: follow-up on the NoC of EA, field study / valued component (e.g., educational videos); information and surveys (via Discussion Guides); regular Project email updates, including monthly E-Blasts; in-person outreach (via telephone and email); the IK Program; Community Co-ordinator Program; PIC #3; and offers to meet (e.g., Chief and Council meetings followed by meetings with the broader community). Comments, issues and questions received from Indigenous communities that can be shared publicly are included in **Section 3**.

Outreach efforts and correspondence with the Indigenous communities continued regarding their interest in the Project and the potential to meet / discuss the Project. Due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 and 2022, a hybrid of teleconference and in-person meetings with Indigenous communities were continued to be offered.

In summary, the MFFN CAR Project Team has provided / offered many opportunities to consult and engage the identified Indigenous communities, including (with specific details in the Consultation Snapshot table in **Section 2**:

- Distributed NoC of EA;
- Completed follow-up phone calls and emails to confirm receipt of notifications and other distributed materials;
- Circulated Project updates, including nine E-Blasts;
- Sent emails and phone calls to confirm interest in being consulted on the Project (for communities that had not yet expressed interest);
- Held conference calls / in-person meetings with community representatives and / or community meetings with four Indigenous communities, Provincial Territorial Organizations and Tribal Councils;
- Distributed field study discussion guides (including surveys for feedback) and field notices regarding specific programs;
- Distributed 2021 Highlights Letter, noting challenges faced during 2021 due to COVID-19, States-of-Emergencies and regional and localized forest fires, a link to the December E-Blast including a snapshot of work completed in 2021, requesting a meeting for the EA / IA and requested preferences for receiving information;
- Circulated IK Program update, including updated schedule;

- Completed follow-up via phone calls and emails regarding E-Blast contents, field programs and corresponding Discussion Guides, Community Co-ordinator Program, IK Program;
- Offered to meet
- Circulated Community Co-ordinator Program letter offering to hire members of specific Indigenous communities as Project-specific Community Co-ordinators. A description of the role was provided and offer to setup a meeting to discuss further;
- Distributed Notice of PIC #3 Introduction of EA / IS;
- Held PIC #3 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, along with an in-community MFFN meeting, and online version of the PIC #3;
- Distributed plain language videos showcasing different valued components and supporting content in Field Study Discussion Guide and Notices; and
- Held meetings with MFFN Chief and Council and broader community.

Specific Indigenous communities were also offered funding through the Community Co-ordinator Program—these communities have been most engaged and active on the Project or have indicated interest in engaging on the Project and requiring financial support. In addition, MFFN members were also offered employment opportunities as Field Study Support Staff to assist with field programs. Between October 29, 2021 and June 30, 2022, 29 Field Study Support Staff opportunities were filled by eight (8) MFFN community members.

1.6 Summary of Input and Information Received and EA Milestone Development

The following **Table 1-2** describes a high-level summary of input and information received during this reporting time period and how this information has informed the EA milestone development or will inform the EA. While there was some specific feedback received that has directly informed the EA milestone development / EA, the majority of feedback was broad with limited specific details (therefore requiring on-going follow-up and additional details from source commenters) or were more general interests or concerns. The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to follow-up and seek additional details.

Table 1-2: Summary of Input and Information Received and EA / Milestone Development

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA Has Been or May Be Informed
Specific Feedback Provided on Environmental Existing Conditions ■ Specific feedback was provided on the bird field program, including birds observed and comments on their habitats ■ Specific feedback was provided on the wolverine field program ■ Confidential information regarding the Albany River was provided and is considered as IK ■ Caribou were identified in the District of Kenora ■ Request to participate in field studies	■ Birds and comments on their habitats were noted for the bird field program. ■ One site of the wolverine hair snag was changed based on feedback provided ■ The EA has been informed by confidential information regarding the Albany River and details are being kept confidential ■ The general identification of caribou location(s) has been noted ■ Members of Aroland First Nation were invited to participate in the Groundwater and Geochemistry field program, including a flyover and planning for subsequent drilling program (outside of this reporting time period); any feedback provided during the flyover will be considered as part of the EA
Concerns Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required ■ It was noted that a spawning area could be relocated if it would be disrupted by the Project ■ Concern was expressed for watersheds ■ Concern was expressed regarding caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights ■ Concern was expressed related to salting on the road and impacts to nearby rivers	■ Relocating spawning areas has not yet been determined due to insufficient details provided. On-going follow-up is taking place to receive additional information to help identify the spawning area ■ More specific details are required related to concerns for watersheds. As part of the alternative selection, effects to Natural Environment will be taken into consideration. ■ More specific details are required related to concerns for caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights. ■ The concern regarding salting and nearby rivers has been noted and maintenance of the Community Access Road, including usage of salt, will be one of the indicators for the evaluation
Interests Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required ■ Several communities indicated interest in different topics related to existing conditions without providing specific feedback or comments. Some examples include receiving field study results when they become available for caribou	■ Interest in topics has been noted for each community. The MFFN CAR Project Team continues to distribute Discussion Guides related to field studies, educational videos and is planning upcoming webinars on valued components. Early observations and methods for field studies completed to-date were provided at PIC #3 and will be expanded as more information becomes available. Meetings will continue to be offered based on specific topics of interest to solicit additional feedback and issues
Route Alignment ■ A variety of comments were provided on the route alignment near MFFN, including: river and ice levels can be high near MFFN and there are locations where the bank is eroding and could affect the road; intense rain could damage the road and impact streams due to erosion; safety concerns were raised regarding truck activities (including dust, noise, low visibility and speeding) north of the airport and children who play in the same area; and concerns regarding how the Community Access Road may interfere with MFFN community activities (e.g., gathering firewood, social events)	■ Concerns related to the route alignment closer to MFFN have been noted and will be considered as part of the EA. As part of the EA, the evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Community Access Road, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefits to the community. Safety will be considered as part of the technical considerations and issues such as water level and erosion will also be considered as part of technical considerations and examined under Natural Environment.

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA Has Been or May Be Informed
Cumulative Effects, Road Projects and Regional Assessment ■ Some communities expressed concerns regarding cumulative effects / impacts in the Project area, including the scope of the EA, impacts from all three road projects (the Community Access Road, Webequie Supply Road and Northern Road Link), the Regional Assessment and a moratorium on the Ring of Fire activities.	■ Some of the comments received were directed to government agencies (e.g., NDMNRF, MECP, the Agency) to respond to as they were outside of the scope of the Community Access Road Project. In terms of cumulative effects, if specific details are provided they will be considered as part of the EA; the EA will predict cumulative effects of the preferred alternative with the effects of past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects. Cumulative effects assessment methods will be shared during the Identifications of Preferred alternatives milestone.
Impacts from COVID-19 ■ Some communities expressed inability to effectively engage with their community members due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team continues to work with each Indigenous community's preference in how they would like to be consulted and engaged, whether virtually or in-person and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic or other crises. Custom consultation plans and protocols were also offered and will be followed up on with communities who expressed interest.
Timeline Extensions ■ Some communities requested extended Project timelines, both on the provincial and federal processes.	■ Questions regarding timeline extensions will continue to be responded to, seeking to understand the needs of each community. A request for an IS extension is being planned and will be formally requested outside of this reporting time period. Communities will continue to be kept informed on timelines.
Request for Funding ■ Some communities expressed need for provincial participant funding to participate in consultation and engagement activities. There has also been ongoing coordination to onboard communities to the IK Program and Community Coordinator Program, with funding provided by the MFFN CAR Project Team.	■ While participant funding is issued by the province and not the MFFN CAR Project Team, requests were shared with the province to respond to. ■ Additional funding for Indigenous communities include participation in the IK Program and Community Coordinator Program. The MFFN CAR Project Team has followed up with Indigenous communities via phone and email throughout this milestone regarding funding opportunities.

A detailed record of the efforts made to consult and engage with each of the 23 Indigenous communities and correspondence received from the communities from October 29, 2021 to June 30, 2022 is provided in **Section 3**. The following sections summarize key consultation activities and issues received through consultation and engagement activities during this time period.

The following sections provide an overview of consultation and engagement that has occurred with Indigenous communities, Provincial and Territorial Organizations and Tribal Councils. **Appendix A** of this report includes copies of Project distributions sent to Indigenous communities and others including monthly E-Blasts, educational videos, Field Notices and Field Study Discussion Guides. **Appendix B** of this report includes copies of distributions to Indigenous communities including, presentations, meeting summaries, if applicable. This overview and appendix materials are provided to Indigenous communities for their review before moving into the next milestone, Effects Assessment Methods.

2. Consultation Snapshot

The table below provides an overview of consultation and engagement activities during the NoC of EA. Issues received through consultation and engagement activities during this milestone are included in **Section 3**.

Table 2-1: Consultation Snapshot – From October 29, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Project Phase: NoC of EA			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	***Interested Persons***	***Agencies & Government Bodies***
NoC			
■ Distribution of EA NoC (October 29, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
■ NoC Advertisement (October 29 to November 12, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
Public Information Centre #3 (PIC #3)			
– PIC #3 Notice distributed (June 13)	✓	✓	✓
– PIC #3 in Thunder Bay (June 27)	✓	✓	✓
– PIC #3 in Geraldton (June 29)	✓	✓	✓
Individual Project Meetings			
■ Follow-up letters, emails, and phone calls to Indigenous communities regarding the Project.	✓		
■ Hosted in-person and virtual meetings with: – MFFN community (in-person November 16 to 17, 2021) – MFFN community (virtual February 2, 2022) – MFFN community (in-person June 28, 2022; PIC #3 materials)	✓		
■ Presented to the Mushkegowuk Council AGM (in-person, November 24, 2021)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022). *Note: Also captured under the IK Program section below*	✓		
■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation (April 21, 2022). *Note: Also captured under the IK Program and Community Co-ordinator section below*	✓		
■ Teleconference presentation to Mushkegowuk Tribal Council's Terrestrial Working Group (May 18, 2022)	✓	✓	
Other Notices / Newsletters			
■ 2021 Highlights Letter distributed to Indigenous communities via email (December 15, 2021 – 2021)	✓		
■ Phone calls to Indigenous communities to follow-up on the December E-Blast, Winter Discussion Guide and field notice (December 16 to 17, 2021)	✓		
■ Circulated Monthly Project Update Email Blast (referred to as E-Blast) – October 2021 (November 3, 2021) – November 2021 (November 30 201) – December 2021 (December 15, 2021) – January 2022 (January 31, 2022) – February / March 2022 (March 15, 2022) – April 2022 (April 29, 2022) – May 2022 (May 27, 2022) – June 2022 (June 24, 2022)	✓	✓	✓

Project Phase: NoC of EA			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	***Interested Persons***	***Agencies & Government Bodies***
■ Circulated Field Study Notices & Discussion Guides: – Winter Field Program Notice and Discussion Guide (December 10, 2021) – Furbearer Ground Track Survey Update (January 19, 2022) – Bird Aerial Surveys Update (February 4, 2022) – Wolverine Den Surveys Notice (February 14, 2022) – Wolverine Hair Snag Program and Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Update (March 3, 2022) – Wolverine Den Survey Update (March 9, 2022) – Early Spring Notice (March 29, 2022) – Terrain and Soils Notice (May 11, 2022) – Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Notice (May 30, 2022) – Vegetation Field Notice (June 10, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ Matawa Messenger newsletter feature (June 2022)	✓	✓	✓
Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program			
■ Circulated an update on the MFFN CAR IK Program which included an updated schedule and timeline for Indigenous communities to share IK (January 21 to 24, 2022)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the IK Program (and Community Co-ordinator Program) (April 21, 2022)	✓		
Community Co-ordinator Program			
■ Distribution of letter introducing the Community Co-ordinator Program to 13 neighbouring Indigenous communities including job posting (March 17, 2022)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the Community Co-ordinator Program (and the IK Program) (April 21, 2022)	✓		
■ Ongoing outreach to 13 Indigenous communities to address questions and discuss details of the Community Co-ordinator Program (April – May, 2022)	✓		

3. Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities, Provincial and Territorial Organizations and Tribal Councils

3.1 Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities

To summarize overall engagement with each Indigenous community, the following analytics were performed:
The **Level of Engagement Effort and Response** bar graph reflects the efforts taken by the MFFN CAR Project Team to engage Indigenous communities and the level of response received. Communications channels considered include **email correspondence** (outgoing & incoming), **phone correspondence** (outgoing & incoming), and **meetings offered in comparison to meetings scheduled**, by any means of communication.

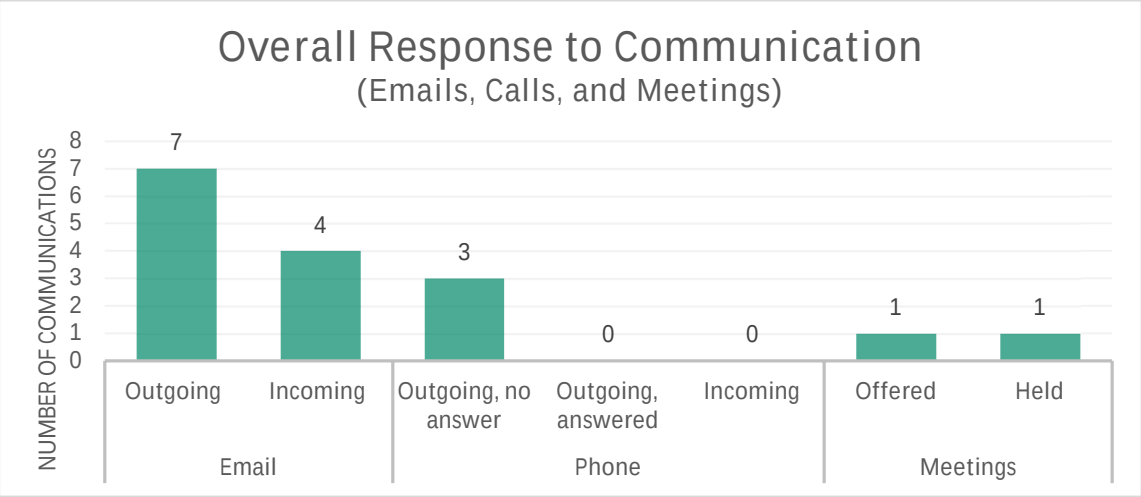
- **Email Correspondence** reflects all personalized emails sent between the MFFN CAR Project Team and Indigenous communities.
    - **Outgoing Email Correspondence** reflects all personalized emails sent from the MFFN CAR Project Team to a specific Indigenous community; mass communications sent to all communities by the MFFN CAR Project Team are not considered in this calculation.
    - **Incoming Email Correspondence** includes emails received from an Indigenous community directly to MFFN CAR Project Team; emails that only confirm receipt of an outgoing email or emails where the MFFN CAR Project Team are copied but not directly mentioned are not included.
- **Phone Correspondence** reflects all call attempts between the MFFN CAR Project Team and an Indigenous community.
    - **Outgoing Phone Calls** reflect all phone calls made by the MFFN CAR Project Team to an Indigenous community. **Answered Phone Calls** includes those calls that were answered immediately by the intended recipient or were returned at a later time when the contact was available.
    - **Incoming Phone Calls** reflect instances where Indigenous communities contacted MFFN CAR Project Team without a previous outgoing phone call.
- **Meetings Offered vs. Held** reflects the efforts taken by the MFFN CAR Project Team to schedule a meeting in comparison to the number of meetings achieved between the Indigenous community and the MFFN CAR Project Team.

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3.2.2 Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)

Community Profile	
Location:	226 South May Street, Main Floor, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1B4
Tribal Council:	Thunder Bay Métis Nation, MNO Superior North Shore Métis Council
Treaty:	N/A
Project Team Lead:	Jodi Miles

Communication Distribution



Summary of Participation During Reporting Period	
Date of Last Outgoing Communication from MFFN CAR Project Team (Email or Phone)	June 22, 2022
Date of Last Incoming Communication from Community (Email or Phone)	May 11, 2022
Participating in IK Program: Not offered	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: N/A
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: N/A

Summary of Participation During Reporting Period	
	IK information provided: N/A
Participating in Community Coordinator Program: Not Offered	N/A
Commented during The ToR	Commented on Draft ToR: **No**
	Commented on Final ToR: **No**

Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During EA / IA (October 29, 2021 – June 30, 2022)	
Date	**Consultation and Engagement Activity**
Oct 29, 2021	EA NoC distributed via email.
Nov 02, 2021	EA NoC distributed via mail (hard copy).
Nov 03, 2021	October 2021 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Nov 30, 2021	November 2021 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Dec 10, 2021	Winter Field Programs Discussion Guide and Notice distributed via email.
Dec 15, 2021	December 2021 MFFN CAR E-Blast & 2021 Highlights Letter distributed via email.
Dec 17, 2021	Phone calls to follow-up on the December E-Blast, Winter Field Programs Notice and Discussion Guide.
Jan 19, 2022	Furbearer Ground Track Survey update distributed via email.
Jan 21, 2022	Circulated a MFFN CAR IK Program update including updated schedule.
Jan 25, 2022	Emails to schedule meeting for IK Program.
Jan 31, 2022	January 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Feb 04, 2022	Meeting with MNO to discuss IK Program and general project information.
Feb 04, 2022	Ungulate Aerial Surveys update distributed via email.
Feb 09, 2022	Email follow up sent for IK Program meeting.
Feb 14, 2022	Wolverine Den Surveys Field Study Notice and Winter Field Programs update distributed via email.
Feb 24 – Mar 02, 2022	Sent and received meeting minutes for February 4 meeting.
Mar 03, 2022	Wolverine Hair Snag and Bird ARU update distributed via email.
Mar 09, 2022	Wolverine Den Surveys update distributed via email.
Mar 15, 2022	February / March 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Mar 28, 2022	Follow up call and email to confirm receipt of the February / March E-Blast including the Bird and Spring Discussion Guides and Project update video.
Mar 29, 2022	Early Spring Field Notice and Winter program updates distributed via email.
Apr 29, 2022	April 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
May 11, 2022	Received updated contact information.
May 11, 2022	Terrain and Soils Field Notice distributed via email.
May 27, 2022	May 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email
May 30, 2022	Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Field Notice distributed via email.
Jun 08, 2022	Sent a follow up on contact information and requested survey results.

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Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During EA / IA (October 29, 2021 – June 30, 2022)	
Date	**Consultation and Engagement Activity**
Jun 10, 2022	Vegetation Field Notice distributed via email.
Jun 13, 2022	Notice for PIC #3 distributed via email.
Jun 20 and 22, 2022	Email and phone call invitation for PIC #3.
Jun 24, 2022	June 2022 E-Blast distributed via email.
Jun 30, 2022	PIC #3 materials and online feedback form distributed via email.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)

Item #	Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue / Comment Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed through the NoC EA Milestone and / or in the EA / IS
1.	■ Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	■ **Issue—IK Program:** MNO indicated that they would like to learn more about the Project's IK Program on January 21, 2022.	■ Email	■ Status: Completed ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team and MNO staff had a meeting on February 4, 2022 to discuss IK Program. Specific comments are outlined in the rows below	■ N/A
2.	■ General Project	■ **Issue—Support:** At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO noted they are supportive of the Project and hope to offer support wherever they can.	■ In-person	■ Status: Completed ■ Noted.	■ N/A
3.	■ Study Area	■ **Issue—Southern Portion**: At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO noted they are mainly interested in the very southern portion of the Project area, where the CAR would connect to the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road	■ In-Person	■ Status: Completed ■ Noted.	■ Opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA.
4.	■ Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use ■ Study Area	■ **Issue—Traditional Land Use:** At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO noted they are working to understand their land use in the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road area and offered to share traditional land use information.	■ In-person	■ Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to follow-up on receiving traditional land use information when it becomes available.	■ Opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA.

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Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)					
Item #	**Topic / Issue Raised**	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed through the NoC EA Milestone and / or in the EA / IS**
5.	■ Cumulative Effects ■ Wildlife ■ Traplines ■ Study Area	■ **Issue—Cumulative Effects:** At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO noted they do not have any land use interests in the Project study area but are interested in the regional aspects of the Project and how they may influence land use south of the Project study area, including: migratory animals, trapping and furbearers and watersheds.	■ In-person	■ Status: Ongoing ■ Noted.	■ Opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA.
6.	■ Field Studies	■ **Issue—Climate Change:** At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO expressed climate change and the environment are major concerns.	■ In-person	■ Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that protecting the environment through the MFFN CAR Project is of major importance to MFFN as well.	■ The evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Project, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community
7.	■ Socio-Economic	■ **Issue—Socio-Economics:** At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO expressed that socio-economic impacts are a major concern for them.	■ In-person	■ Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that MFFN is also concerned with the socio-economic environment and that the purpose of the CAR is to create opportunities and connections to MFFN, as well as reducing transportation costs.	■ The evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Project, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community
8.	■ Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	■ **Issue—Traditional Land Use:** At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO expressed that protecting the traditional way of life is of major importance.	■ In-person	■ Status: Ongoing ■ Noted.	■ The evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Project, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community
9.	■ Wildlife	■ **Issue—Wildlife Migration:** At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO expressed that impacts the road may have on wildlife migration is of major importance for MNO.	■ In-person	■ Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that protecting wildlife migration is of major importance to MFFN as well.	■ The evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Project, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community

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Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)					
Item #	**Topic / Issue Raised**	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed through the NoC EA Milestone and / or in the EA / IS**
10.	■ Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	■ **Issue—IK Program:** MNO requested for the IK Guidance Document and updated Project contact information to be redistributed to MNO	■ In-person	■ Status: Completed ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team provided the IK Guidance Document and contact information on February 9, 2022.	■ N/A

Consultation and Engagement Log– Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)							
Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**Incoming**	**Outgoing**	**Contact Name**	**Contact Title**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
Oct 29, 2021	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team issued the NoC for the provincial EA to MNO on October 29, 2021. The email included the English NoC as an attachment and noted that the NoC is available in English, French, Ojibway, Oji-Cree and Cree on the MFFN CAR Project website.
Nov 02, 2021	Mail		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team mailed the NoC for the provincial EA to MNO and included the English Ojibway, Oji-Cree and Cree versions.
Nov 03, 2021	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the October E-Blast to MNO. The E-Blast included updates about the provincial and federal assessment processes, the experience of a MFFN field support staff during the Vegetation Field Program, recently completed and upcoming field studies, the new Ungulates educational video, and a profile of a MFFN CAR Project Team member.
Nov 30, 2021	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the November E-Blast to MNO. The E-Blast included updates about the provincial and processes, recently completed and upcoming field studies, the new Valued Components video, and a profile of a MFFN CAR Project Team member.

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Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**Incoming**	**Outgoing**	**Contact Name**	**Contact Title**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
Dec 10, 2021	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Winter Field Program Discussion Guide and Field Notice to MNO. The documents highlighted upcoming work related to the furbearer ground track surveys, winter ungulate aerial surveys and wolverine hair snag surveys with approximate start dates. The Discussion Guide included key questions relating to the upcoming winter field study programs and requested input.
Dec 15, 2021	Email and Letter		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the December E-Blast to MNO. A letter was also attached detailing upcoming outreach in the new year, opportunities to meet and gather feedback. The E-Blast included key highlights from 2021, upcoming winter field study programs and their approximate timelines, and a message from a MFFN CAR Project Team member.
Dec 17, 2021	Phone		X	■ MNO Office	■ N/A	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called to follow-up on the December E-Blast, letter, Winter Field Program Discussion Guide and Field Notice MNO as well as Covid-19 reopening plans. There was no answer and a voicemail was left.
Jan 19, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a notification providing confirmed dates for the first round of surveys for the furbearer ground track field program from January 20 to 24, 2022. The field crew will also conduct a remote camera check and caribou mortality investigation from January 21 to 27, 2022. Further updates will be provided in the January E-Blast.
Jan 21, 2022	Email and Letter		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant distributed an IK Program Timeline and Update letter to MNO via email. The letter provided information on key IK Program and ATRI dates and deadlines.
Jan 21, 2022	Email	X		■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Victoria Stinson, Manager of MNO thanking MFFN CAR Project Team for sending IK Program Timeline Update information and requested to set up a meeting to discuss it.

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Consultation and Engagement Log– Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)							
Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**Incoming**	**Outgoing**	**Contact Name**	**Contact Title**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
Jan 25, 2022	Email	X	X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent and received emails with Victoria Stinson, Manager of MNO, to arrange a meeting on February 4 at 1:00 EST to discuss information about the IK Program Timeline Update.
Jan 31, 2022	Email	X		■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the January E-Blast to MNO. The E-Blast included an overview of recently completed and upcoming field studies, upcoming outreach to help inform the Project's land use assessment, updates on the schedule for the IK Program, a feature on two new educational videos (furbearers and greenhouse gases and air quality), and opportunities to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team virtually.
Feb 04, 2022	Video Conference		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team and Consultants met with representatives / staff of the MNO to discuss the IK Program and general Project information. MNO provided information about their area of interest, potential concerns for the Project, and feedback about their experience with Project outreach to date. MFFN CAR Project Team and Consultants provided information about the IK Program, as well as MFFN's intentions and priorities for the Project.
Feb 04, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team followed up from the Winter Field Notice with confirmed dates for the winter ungulate aerial field program taking place from February 7 to 14, 2022. A field notice with more information was attached.
Feb 09, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Victoria Stinson, Manager of MNO and Alexandra Kosmides, Mineral Development Advisor of MNO, to thank them for meeting and to send the IK Guidance Document, which was attached.

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Consultation and Engagement Log– Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)							
Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**Incoming**	**Outgoing**	**Contact Name**	**Contact Title**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
Feb 14, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed an update for winter programs. The first update included a Field Notice for Wolverine Den Surveys taking place in advance of tree clearing activities for the upcoming Groundwater and Geochemistry field program, and noted that the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program was delayed and is expected to start after the Wolverine Den Surveys. The second update was that the Ungulate Aerial Survey was delayed due to needing optimal snow conditions. The third update was that the second round of Furbearer Ground Track Surveys are expected to start later in February. Links to videos about wolverines, groundwater, ungulates and furbearers were included, along with a link to the website for notices. Notices for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program, Wolverine Den Surveys and Combined Winter Field Programs were attached.
Feb 24, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Victoria Stinson, Manager of MNO and Alexandra Kosmides, Mineral Development Advisor of MNO, to share minutes from the meeting on February 4, 2022, which were attached.
Feb 25, 2022	Email	X		■ Victoria Stinson ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Victoria Stinson, Manager of MNO, thanking the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for meeting with MNO and for sending meeting minutes.
Mar 02, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Victoria Stinson, Manager of MNO thanking MNO for the response regarding the February 4, 2022 meeting follow up and meeting minutes.

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Consultation and Engagement Log– Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)							
Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**Incoming**	**Outgoing**	**Contact Name**	**Contact Title**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
Mar 03, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed an update for the wolverine hair snag program confirming crews will be making the monthly trip to re-bait hair snag traps from March 6 – 16, 2022. In an effort to avoid programs during the traditional goose hunt, it was noted that around 30 bird autonomous recording units would be placed in the study area during this time. A Discussion Guide will be provided shortly with questions asking for input on future locations of the units. The Winter Field Notice was attached, and a link to the wolverine video was included.
Mar 09, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed an update confirming the Wolverine Den Surveys, in advance of the Groundwater and Geochemistry program, will take place from March 11 - 15, 2022. The Groundwater and Geochemistry program is anticipated to start shortly after the wolverine den surveys. It was also noted field crews are awaiting appropriate weather to conduct the last round of furbearer surveys, with a modified methodology, and dates will be provided once confirmed. The Wolverine Den Survey Field Notice, Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Notice and Winter Field Notice were attached, and links to the wolverine, furbearer and groundwater videos were included.
Mar 15, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the combined February / March E-Blast to MNOMNO. The E-Blast included a Project update video, Bird and Spring Programs Discussion Guides and an overview of recently completed and upcoming field studies and their approximate timelines. A link to the website with more detailed information was provided.
Mar 28, 2022	Phone		X	■ Victoria Stinson	■ Manager	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called to follow-up on the February / March E-Blast, including the Project update video, and Bird and Spring Discussion Guides distributed to MNO. There was no answer and a voicemail was left.

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Mar 29, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed an update on the last round of winter furbearer surveys scheduled for April 1-5, 2022 during which, remaining wolverine denning surveys will be completed in advance of the Groundwater and Geochemistry program. The email included an Early Spring Field Notice, providing advanced notice of upcoming field programs taking place between March - May, 2022 and includes links to the Bird Discussion Guide and Spring Programs Discussion Guide. The Winter Field Notice, Wolverine Den Survey Field Notice and Early Spring Field Notice were attached, and a links to the Project website and furbearer video were included.
Apr 29, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the April E-Blast to MNO. The E-Blast included field study updates, an overview of upcoming field studies, an update on the IK Program submission deadline and upcoming opportunities to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team in-person at PDAC and at the first PIC
May 11, 2022	Email	X		■ Victoria Stinson ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Victoria Stinson, Manager of MNO, asking to add Alexandra Kosmides, Mineral Development Advisor of MNO, to the master contact list for the project.
May 11, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Physiography, Terrain & Soils Field Notice and an update for May field programs to MNO. The Physiography, Terrain and Soils field study will be starting at the end of May. The Wolverine Hair Snag Survey / Bird Autonomous Recording Units / Remote Camera Check and Caribou Mortality Investigation will be ongoing until May 16, 2022. The Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys will be conducted May 12 - 16, 2022. Questions, comments or feedback were requested about the programs

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May 27, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the May E-Blast to MNO. The E-Blast included field study updates, an overview of upcoming field studies, an update on the IK Program submission deadline and upcoming opportunities to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team in-person at the EA / IS Introduction PIC #3 in June 2022.
May 30, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Jacqueline Barry ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Field Notice to MNO. The Surface Water Fish and Fish Habitat field study will be starting mid to late June. Questions, comments or feedback were requested about the programs via the Discussion Guide, and a link to a video was also provided.
Jun 08, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Victoria Stinson and Alexandra Kosmides to request that MNO share the results of their Migratory Bird and Moose Surveys with the MFFN CAR Project Team. Additionally, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if Alexandra Kosmides received the previous two mass communications in response to their request to add her to the master contact list, and also provided her updated contact information.
Jun 10, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Vegetation Field Notice to MNO noting that the program is starting mid-July. Questions, comments or feedback were requested about the programs via the Discussion Guide, and a link to a video was also provided. Dates for several other upcoming field programs were also confirmed.
Jun 13, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent out a notice for PIC #3 for the EA / IS Introduction on June 27, 2022 in Thunder Bay and June 29, 2022 in Geraldton for an opportunity to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team and share feedback, ideas and values related to the Project. Indigenous community members were invited to join early for the first hour of each meeting and the public can join afterwards. A formal notice was attached, along with a link to the website with the notice translated in French, Ojibway, Cree and Oji-Cree.

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Jun 20, 2022	Phone		X	■ Victoria Stinson	■ Manager	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called to invite MNO to PIC #3.
Jun 22, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to invite MNO to PIC #3.
Jun 24, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the June E-Blast to MNO. The E-Blast included details to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team in-person at PIC #3 in Thunder Bay on June 27 and Geraldton on June 29 as well as field study updates, an overview of upcoming field studies, and an update on the IK Program submission deadline.
Jun 28, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Victoria Stinson, Manager of MNO, to inquire if they had any last edits for meeting minutes from the February 4, 2022 meeting.
Jun 30, 2022	Email		X	■ Victoria Stinson ■ Margaret Froh ■ Alexandra Kosmides	■ Manager ■ President ■ Mineral Development Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed MNO to thank those who joined PIC #3 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton. A link to all PIC #3 materials on the website was shared, as well as an online feedback form with a deadline of July 13, 2022.

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B25. Métis Nation of Ontario

B25.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence
B25.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence
B25.3 Community Specific Meeting Materials



B25.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence



Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Meeting Follow-up

Nokleby, Andrea <[redacted]> Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 10:45 AM
To: Alexandra Kosmides <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]g>
Cc: Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good Morning Alexandra and Victoria,

Hope you are both doing well. It was a real pleasure meeting with you both last week. We are currently working on the Meeting Minutes and will send those back to you shortly. In the meantime, we've attached the IK Guidance Document that was previously distributed and referenced in our meeting. Jodi is also included in this email chain and I've included her contact information below.

Jodi Miles
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Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information at this time.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your week and we will be back in touch soon.

Thank you,

Andrea

Andrea Nokleby
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Meeting Follow-up

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 12:52 PM
To: "Nokleby, Andrea" <[redacted]>
Cc: Alexandra Kosmides <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>

Hi Alexandra and Victoria,

As promised, here are the minutes for our meeting on February 4th. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the minutes, or about anything else.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us,

Jodi
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Jodi Miles
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Meeting Follow-up

Nokleby, Andrea [redacted] Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 11:40 AM
To: Victoria Stinson [redacted]
Cc: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted] Alexandra Kosmides [redacted] Bob Baxter [redacted]

Thank you Victoria.

Have a great week!

Andrea

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Follow up on MFFN CAR update phone call

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Mon, Mar 28, 2022 at 5:45 PM
To: Victoria Stinson [redacted]
Cc: Alexandra Kosmides [redacted]
Bcc [redacted]

Dear Victoria,

I hope all is well. I called today to follow up about some of the updates for the MFFN CAR project. I wanted to send along a follow up email to highlight ome important item

- **Monthly Project Update Email** (e Bla t , ent March 15, 2022)
  - There is a new Project Update Video and did you see the Survey? Completing a survey by March 31, 2022 enters you into an opportunity to win one of five $50 gift cards.
- **Bird and Spring Discussion Guides**
  - Plea e let u know if you or your advi or would like to provide any input or if there are que tion regarding the Bird and Spring Discussion Guide questions.

We would also be happy to meet with you and other members of your team to discuss these items as well.

Sincerely,

Jodi Miles
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Migratory bird & Moose Surveys and Contact Information Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Jun 8, 2022 at 10:30 AM
To: Victoria Stinson [redacted] Alexandra Kosmides [redacted]

Good Morning Victoria and Alexandra,

I hope everything is going well. I had a couple things I wanted to discuss with you in this email.

Firstly, our team saw that MNO is in the process of conducting Migratory bird & moose harvesting surveys. We would be very interested in the information collected through these surveys, so we were wondering if it might be possible for you to share the results, once they are conducted? Let us know!

Secondly, I wanted to follow up about your email regarding adding Alexandra to the email list. It was my understanding that she was already on our Master Contact List, so I'm not sure why she wasn't receiving those emails. We had some mass communications sent out on May 27th and May 30th, so I wanted to check in to see if Alexandra happened to receive those? If not I will ask my team to review our Master Contact List again.

And lastly, I got a new work phone recently and I believe you may have the wrong phone number for me on file. My new phone number is [redacted]

Thank you,

Jodi Miles
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Join us at the Public Information Centre #3 for the Community Access Road

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Jun 22, 2022 at 9:34 AM
To: Victoria Stinson [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Alexandra Kosmides [redacted]
Bcc: [redacted]

Good morning William,

I'm following up on a phone call made Monday afternoon about the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road's third Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Project on June 27th and June 29th. I hope MNO members are interested in joining us.

The PIC will be an opportunity to learn more about where we are at in the Community Access Road Project, what's happened since the last PIC and what's coming up.

There will also be time to meet Project Team members to discuss the Community Access Road and share your feedback, ideas and values.

When and Where:

Monday, June 27, 2022

Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre

Room: Regency A

555 Arthur Street West

Thunder Bay, Ontario

5:00 p.m.* – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

Geraldton Community Centre

200 Wardrope Avenue

Geraldton, Ontario

4:00 p.m.* – 7:00 p.m.

**Indigenous community members are invited to join for the first hour of each meeting and the public is invited to join beginning one hour following.*

You will find attached a poster that can be shared with your community members via email or printed off and posted. The notice for the Public Information Centre in English, Ojibway, Oji-Cree, Cree and French is available on our website.

If you are unable to attend the Public Information Centre in person, all meeting materials will be posted on the project website.

I also wanted to follow up to ask if you received my email about MNO's migratory bird and moose surveys. My team expressed interest in seeing the results of these surveys, if MNO is able to share them with us, so I wanted to check in to see if that might be a possibility. Let me know!

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jodi Miles,
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Meeting Follow-up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Jun 28, 2022 at 4:07 PM
To: "Nokleby, Andrea" [redacted]
Cc: Victoria Stinson [redacted] Alexandra Kosmides [redacted] Bob Baxter [redacted]

Good afternoon Victoria,

I just wanted to check in to see if you had any last edits you would like us to make to the minutes we sent before we convert them into a PDF. Let us know!

Jodi
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B25.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence

On Fri, Jan 21, 2022 at 10:56 AM Victoria Stinson <[redacted]> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the email and warm regards.

Myself and Alexandra are very interested in hearing more about the IK study being conducted for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project. Would we be able to set up a meeting sometime to learn more? We are most interested in learning more about the southern area, especially near Nakina, as that is a traditional territory of the Métis as well.

We hope to hear from you soon!

Stay healthy and marsi,

Victoria Stinson

Manager

Lands, Resources and Consultations

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR IK Program Timeline Update

Alexandra Kosmides <[redacted]> Tue, Jan 25, 2022 at 10:50 AM
To: "Nokleby, Andrea" <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>
Cc: "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi Andrea,

Thank you so much for getting back to us about meeting to talk about the IK study. Victoria and I have some availability on the 1st after 2 PM EST. Will that work for your team?

Thanks again,

Alexandra

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR IK Program Timeline Update

Alexandra Kosmides <[redacted]> Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 12:11 PM
To: "Nokleby, Andrea" <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi Andrea,

We can make that time work. If you'd like to send over a Zoom invite to both Victoria and I we will get it added to our calendars.

Thank you so much. I look forward to the conversation.

Best,

Alexandra

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Meeting Follow-up

Victoria Stinson [redacted] Fri, Feb 25, 2022 at 12:14 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted], "Nokleby, Andrea" [redacted]
Cc: Alexandra Kosmides [redacted], Bob Baxter [redacted]

Good morning Andrea,

Thank you, marsi & miigwetch for your notes and meeting with us. We look forward to hearing the development of the project.

Sincerely,

Victoria Stinson

Manager

Lands, Resources and Consultations

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If you have COVID 19 related concerns or need help accessing support, please contact us by phone at [redacted] or by email at [redacted]

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Subject: RE: Physiography, Terrain & Soils Field Notice and update for May

Victoria Stinson [redacted]
to MFFN Community Access Road Project Team, Alexandra Kosmides

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Hello MFFN Community Access Road Project Team,

Thank you, marsi, and miigwetch for the updates. They are greatly appreciated.

Can you please add Alexandra Kosmides (cc'd) into these communications, information, emails, and blasts so s

We look forward to the next one.

Sincerely,

Victoria Stinson
Manager
Lands, Resources and Consultations
Pronouns: Her/She
Métis Nation of Ontario
[redacted]
E: [redacted]
PH: [redacted]
C: [redacted]

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B25.3 Community Specific Meeting Materials

Project Name:	Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All Season Community Access Road	Date of Meeting:	February 4, 2022
		Time:	1:00-2:00 pm EST
		Project #:	60593122
Attendees:	Victoria Stinson, Manager, Lands, Resources and Consultations, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Alexandra Kosmides, President, MNO Bob Baxter, MFFN CAR Project Team – IK Lead Andrea Nokleby, MFFN CAR Project Consultant Jodi Miles, MFFN CAR Project Consultant	Location:	Google Meets
		Prepared By:	Jodi Miles (MFFN CAR Project Consultant)
Absent:	N/A		
Regarding:	MFFN CAR Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program		

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Summary
MFFN CAR Project Team and Consultants met with representatives/staff of the MNO to discuss the IK Program and general project information. MNO provided information about their area of interest, potential concerns for the project, and feedback about their experience with Project outreach to date. MFFN CAR Project Team and Consultants provided information about the IK Program, as well as MFFN's intentions and priorities for the project.

Item #	Topic/Theme	Notes	Action Items
1	Support for MFFN CAR	• MNO shared that they are supportive of the MFFN CAR project and hope to offer their support wherever they can • MNO expressed solidarity with MFFN and their aspirations for the road	

Item #	Topic/Theme	Notes	Action Items
2	IK Program	• MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an overview of the IK Program • MNO requested that MFFN CAR Project Consultants resend the IK Guidance Document to MNO • Project Consultant described and explained the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Study Areas. MNO supported the approach to defining the Study Areas	• MFFN CAR Project Consultant to send IK Guidance Document to MNO

3	MNO Areas of Interest	• MNO indicated that they are mainly interested in the very southern portion of the Project area, where it would connect to the Anaconda/Painter Lake Road
		• MNO explained that they do not currently have an understanding of where their traditional land use ends, but they do not believe there is active land use in the southern extent of MFFN CAR Project footprint (potential area of use relates more to the Anaconda/Painter Lake Road area)
		• MNO is currently working to better understand their land use in the Anaconda/Painter Lake Road area and offered to share any information that they gain about their traditional land use in this area
		• MNO explained that they do not have any land use interests in project area rather they are interested in the regional aspects of the Project and how they may influence land use south of the Project area including:
		  ○ Migratory animals
		  ○ Trapping and fur bearers
		  ○ Watersheds
			• MNO to share information about their land use in the area of interest (south of the project area) when it becomes available

Item #	Topic/Theme	Notes	Action Items
4	Climate Change	• MNO expressed that climate change and the environment are a major concern for them • MFFN CAR Project Team and Consultant expressed that protecting the environment through the MFFN CAR project is of major importance to MFFN as well	
5	Socio-economic impacts	• MNO expressed that socio-economic impacts are a major concern for them • MNO expressed the importance of protecting the traditional way of life • MFFN CAR Project Consultant expressed that the socio-economic environment is also of major importance to MFFN. She explained that the purpose of the road is to create opportunities and connections for MFFN, and to reduce transportation costs	
6	Migration	• MNO expressed concern for the impacts on the migration of wildlife that the road might have • MFFN CAR Project Team and Consultant expressed that protecting migration and the environment is also of major importance to MFFN	
7	Appreciation for outreach	• MNO expressed appreciation for the MFFN CAR Project Team's outreach, and would like to continue to be included in outreach • MNO requested that that the MFFN CAR Project Team and Consultants send their updated contact information	• Project Team Consultant to send contact information to MNO

Any errors or omissions please contact Jodi Miles within 2 weeks of distribution. Finalized meeting minutes will be included in the public Record of Consultation.

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Progress Report 2: Effects Assessment Methods Milestone

November 2023

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Acronyms

ATRI	Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests
AZA	Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation
CAR	Community Access Road
CBLUP	Community Based Land Use Planning
CCC	Community Consultation Co-ordinator
CCLO	Community Communications Liaison Officer
CEAA	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
DFO	Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada
EA	Environmental Assessment
EAA	Environmental Assessment Act
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
ENDM	Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
GANRAC	Geraldton Area Natural Resource Advisory Committee
GRT	Government Review Team
IA	Impact Assessment
IAA	Impact Assessment Act
IK	Indigenous Knowledge
IKSA	Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Agreement
IS	Impact Statement
LSA	Local Study Area
MECP	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
MFFN	Marten Falls First Nation
MHSTCI	Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
MNO	Métis Nation of Ontario
MNRF	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MTCS	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
MTO	Ministry of Transportation
NDMNRF	Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
NoC	Notice of Commencement
NRL	Northern Road Link
OPP	Ontario Provincial Police
PIC	Public Information Centre
RoCE	Record of Consultation and Engagement
RSA	Regional Study Area
RSMIN	Red Sky Métis Independent Nation
SAR	Species at Risk
The Agency	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
TISG	Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines
ToR	Terms of Reference
WSR	Webequie Supply Road

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR or the Project) was approved with amendments on October 8, 2021 and the Notice of Commencement (NoC) of the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project was posted on October 29, 2021. As part of the ToR Notice of Approval, Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) included an amendment requiring additional consultation reporting at key EA milestones. Visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/marten-falls-community-access-road-project to read the details on the Notice of Approval.

As required by the Minister of MECP, the development of progress reports on consultation activities associated with each of the following EA milestones are required to support Indigenous communities to provide meaningful input during the development of the EA:

- Notice of Commencement (NoC) of Provincial EA (referred to as NoC of EA);
  - Introduction of the Project.
- Effects Assessment Methods; and
  - Development of Effects Assessment methodology, as well as review by regulators.
  - Presentation of Effects Assessment methodology at PICs .
- Identification of Preferred Alternatives.
  - Development of valued component metrics tables and evaluation of information
  - Development of preliminary preferred alternative
  - Validation of information with Marten Falls First Nation Chief and Council and community members.
  - Confirmation of the preferred alternative.

Each progress report is required to:

- Be organized by each Indigenous community;
- Contain a consultation log and summary that tracks consultation activities, information shared by the MFFN CAR Project Team with Indigenous communities, any community input and MFFN CAR Project Team's responses to such input for the EA milestone; and
- Contain a discussion of how any input and information provided by the Indigenous communities have informed the development of the EA milestone.

The progress reports are to be shared with MECP, with community-specific sections shared with each individual Indigenous community before MFFN can move to the next milestone of the EA / IA. If questions or concerns are raised by MECP or an Indigenous community, the MFFN CAR Project Team will make revisions to the progress reports, if necessary, and encourage opportunities to meet in-person or virtually to discuss with the interested community.

This report is the second progress report and pertains to activities related to both the EA and IA processes. The time period begins the day after the first progress report concluded July 1, 2022 and ends May 31, 2023. The Effects Assessment Methods milestone is expected to extend past May 31, 2023 , however, due to the time to develop this report, any information missed during this phase will be included in the next progress report for Identification of Preferred Alternatives which is expected to begin in fall 2023.

The final progress reports will be appended, along with any relevant updates, to the Record of Consultation and Engagement submitted with the draft and final EA / IS.

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This progress report provides a detailed account of all communication exchanged with the MFFN CAR Project Team and neighbouring Indigenous communities from July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023 as part of the Effects Assessment Methods milestone. Note that government agencies and interested persons[1] are not included in progress reports, however, their sections will be included in the Record of Consultation and Engagement for the draft and final EA / IS. **Section 1.5** includes details about the neighbouring Indigenous communities.

The first section of this progress report provides an overview of the Project and outline of the approach to consultation and engagement, the second section describes the consultation and engagement activities undertaken during this time period, and the third section summarizes activities and discussions that occurred with the MFFN CAR Project Team and neighbouring Indigenous communities.

1.2 About the Progress Report

This progress report provides an overview of consultation and engagement carried out between the NoC of EA and after PIC #3 (July 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023). In accordance with the MECP Code of Practice, the progress report has been prepared to:

- Identify Indigenous communities consulted and engaged during this time period and describe how they were identified (confidential information will not be provided);
- Describe the consultation and engagement activities that took place including methods, schedule of events, notification that was given about the activity and materials used;
- Describe how interested Indigenous communities were identified and how they were consulted;
- Summarize clearly and accurately the comments made by all Indigenous communities;
- Describe the Proponent's response and how concerns were considered in the NoC of EA milestone or will be considered and / or addressed in the EA / IS;
- Describe any outstanding concerns; and
- Include appendix reference to minutes of any meetings held and written comments received.

Logistical correspondence (e.g., scheduling a meeting) has not been included in the appendices but has been tracked separately. The only instance when logistical correspondence has been included as an appendix is when a meeting was not scheduled or was postponed; this information is included to show level of effort.

1.3 Approach

As outlined in the Consultation and Engagement Plan to Support the EA / IS (Appendix B of the ToR), the Effects Assessment Methods milestone was focused on the following activities and request for targeted input:

- **Planned Activities for Indigenous communities:**
  - Circulate Notice of Public Information Centres (PIC)
  - Engagement of Community Consultation Co-ordinators, as appropriate and by expressed community interest

1. *Interested persons is used to describe individuals and groups (e.g., associations, non-government organizations, industry and academia) who could have an interest in the Project, including but not limited to communities in the region, those with commercial interests (e.g., forestry, trappers, outfitters, other mineral tenure holders in the area) and recreational users or those with recreational interest (e.g., campers, hunters and environmental groups).*

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- Hold Indigenous leadership and community discussions / meetings, considering applicable and relevant subgroups (e.g., women, youth, elders)
- Additional PICs (in-person / or virtual)
- Plain language Project updates (translated, as required)
- Key informant interviews
- Website update
- Newsletter and email update(s)
- Social media update(s)
- Follow-up communication to confirm information was received and the material(s) provided were understood

- **Targeted Input (request information to determine and identify):**
  - Indigenous community values and topics of interest
  - Potential effects and impact management measures to be considered
  - Impacts of Project on Aboriginal or Treaty Rights and potential impact management measures to avoid, mitigate and off-set the impact(s)
  - Seek confirmation whether input and feedback provided during the previous milestone was captured appropriately

The following additional activities and request for targeted input took place during the Effects Assessment Methods milestone, including:

- **PIC #4: EA / IS Phase #1 Introduction**

  An in-person PIC (with supporting virtual materials) for the Effects Assessment Methods Milestone took place on Wednesday December 7, 2022 in Thunder Bay and on Thursday, December 8, 2022 in Geraldton. Indigenous community members were invited to attend for the first hour of each meeting and stay for the remainder of the event; the public was invited to join during the second hour of the event.

  PIC #4 provided information on: an overview to the Project; updates since PIC #3; existing conditions results for completed studies, assessment of impacts and comparison of route alternatives; preliminary results of field studies and information on upcoming field studies; IK and ATRI; effects assessment; achieving the next major milestone: process for identifying the preferred route and how route alternatives will be assessed, recommended and a preferred route chosen.

  PIC #4 content, including opportunities for feedback, was also provided to MFFN members at an in-community meeting on November 2, 2022; feedback provided is included in MFFN's section in **Section 3**. More details about the summary of consultation and engagement for PIC #4 are provided in **Section 1.7**.

- **Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) and Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program**

  An important part of the assessment process is collecting IK and information on Indigenous land and resource use to help understand baseline (existing) conditions, predict the potential effects of the Project, and determine appropriate mitigation and monitoring measures. The IK Program was developed with the aim to collect IK relevant to the Project and information on Indigenous land and resource use in the vicinity of the Project area. The IK Program strives to collaborate with interested Indigenous communities and to discuss how relevant information will become part of the assessment processes and Project planning and design. During this reporting time period, an update on the Project IK Program with an updated schedule and timeline was distributed to Indigenous communities. Ongoing follow-up regarding the IK Program also took place.

  An ATRI Forum was held in Thunder Bay on February 8 and 9, 2023, with the Province offering to fund 2-3 participants from each Indigenous community to attend the event in person. The forum provided a private

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and inclusive space for representatives of Indigenous communities to meet with representatives from the Province and the Project Teams for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road, Northern Road Link and Webequie Supply Road.

- **Field Studies and Education, Consultation and Engagement on Valued Components**

  Several field programs took place during the NoC of EA milestone. To help Indigenous communities better understand the field studies related to valued components, Discussion Guides were distributed with plain language information about what the Project is studying, why it is important and questions to solicit feedback before the studies take place. Educational videos and webinars on valued components were also shared online.

- **Raising Awareness**

  Several activities were completed related to raising awareness on the Project and encouraging opportunities to meet with the MFFN CAR Project Team. Monthly electronic newsletters were distributed (referred to as E-Blasts) and always included a section seeking those interested to reach out and schedule a meeting with the MFFN CAR Project Team, a public social media account was created and the private MFFN members only Facebook account was used to share information and promote upcoming events.

1.4 Project Notifications and Information Releases

A formal notice and invitation to PIC #4 was published on the Project website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices) on November 22, 2022 in English, Cree, French, Ojibway and Oji-Cree and distributed in print, online and on the radio via multiple outlets, as outlined below.

Copies of the formal notice, in each language, are provided in **Appendix A7**.

- **Print Advertisements:**
  - The Chronicle Journal: November 22, 2022
  - Geraldton Times Star: November 23, 30 and December 7, 2022
  - Thunder Bay Source: November 24 and December 1, 2022

- **Online Advertisements**
  - MFFN All Season Community Access Road Project Website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices): November 22, 2022
  - MFFN CAR Facebook page: November 23, December 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2022
  - MFFN members only Facebook page: December 1, 6, 7 and 8, 2022
  - Greenstone Community Calendar: November 23, 2022
  - Northern Ontario Business: November 22, 2022
  - NWO NewsWatch: November 22, 2022
  - SN NewsWatch: November 22, 2022
  - Thunder Bay News Watch: November 23 – December 9, 2022
  - Windspeaker: November 29 – December 9, 2022

- **Radio Advertisements**
  - Wawatay Radio: three times per day on November 29, 30, December 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7, 2022 (in English, Ojibway, and Oji-cree)
  - CFNO Radio, 91-5 CKPR and Rock94 Radio: November 28 – December 9, 2022

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The electronic Project mailing list (anyone who opts-in to receive Project emails) also received the notice on November 22, 2022, which includes the following groups:

- MFFN Chief, Council members and community members
- MFFN CAR Project Team
- Indigenous community key contacts (as requested by Indigenous communities), e.g., Chief and Council members, consultants and / or band office contacts
- Tribal Councils, Provincial Territorial Organizations and Métis Nation
- Indigenous Peoples (i.e., Indigenous community members who opted in and are not identified as key contacts)
- Businesses
- Tourism operators
- Community and interest groups and non-governmental organizations
- Forest management companies
- Mining claim holders
- Unaffiliated members of the public
- Emergency medical services and law enforcement
- Political parties and their contacts
- Neighbouring projects and their key contacts
- Government Review Team (GRT)
- Non-GRT government representatives

In addition to PIC #4 notifications, the Project website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca) was periodically updated with Project information including all relevant Project notices (e.g., NoC of EA, Discussion Guides, videos, monthly E-Blasts) and other Project-related materials such as mapping. More details are included in **Section 2** below.

1.5 Summary of Indigenous Community and Organization Consultation

As outlined in Milestone Progress Report #1, 23 Indigenous communities were identified for engagement. This list is included in Table 1-1.

Table 1-1: Identified Indigenous Communities, including their Provincial Territorial Organizations and / or Tribal Council Affiliations

Tribal Council Affiliation	Community or Organization
Matawa First Nations Management (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	■ **Marten Falls First Nation** (Proponent and potentially affected Indigenous community)* + ■ Aroland First Nation* + ■ Constance Lake First Nation* + ■ Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope)* + ■ Ginoogaming First Nation* + ■ Neskantaga First Nation* + ■ Nibinamik First Nation* + ■ Webequie First Nation* +
Matawa First Nation and the Union of Ontario Indians (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	■ Long Lake #58 First Nation* +
Mushkegowuk Council (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	■ Attawapiskat First Nation* + ■ Fort Albany First Nation* + ■ Kashechewan First Nation*

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Tribal Council Affiliation	Community or Organization
Shibogama First Nations Council (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	■ Kasabonika Lake First Nation* + ■ Kingfisher Lake First Nation ■ Wapekeka First Nation ■ Wawakapewin First Nation ■ Wunnumin Lake First Nation
Independent First Nations Alliance	■ Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation
Independent First Nations (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	■ Mishkeegogamang First Nation ■ Weenusk First Nation +
Nokiiwin Tribal Council	■ Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation (AZA)
Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)	■ Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), Region 2
Independent Métis Nation	■ Red Sky Métis Independent Nation (RSMIN)

Notes: + Indicates Indigenous communities or organizations who are participating in the Indigenous Knowledge Program.
** Indicates Indigenous communities or organization that have been invited to participate in the Community Coordinator Program.*

As of May 31, 2023, the Project has received communication from 18 of these communities and MNO. Those communities MFFN has met with during Effects Assessment Methods milestone are indicated with an asterisk (*) below:

- Marten Falls First Nation*;
- Aroland First Nation;
- Attawapiskat First Nation;
- Constance Lake First Nation*;
- Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope)*;
- Fort Albany First Nation;
- Ginoogaming First Nation*;
- Kasabonika Lake First Nation;
- Kashechewan First Nation;
- Kingfisher Lake First Nation;
- Long Lake #58 First Nation*;
- Metis Nation of Ontario*
- Neskantaga First Nation;
- Nibinamik First Nation;
- Webequie First Nation;
- Weenusk First Nation
- RSMIN;
- AZA; and
- Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation.

The remaining five communities have not communicated with MFFN between July 1, 2022 and May 31, 2023. MFFN remains available to meet with these communities in the future and continues outreach on an ongoing basis; providing the same milestone information (e.g., Discussion Guides, monthly E-Blasts, notifications, field notices) offered to all of the 23 Indigenous communities being engaged. These communities include:

- Wunnumin Lake First Nation;
- Wapekeka First Nation;
- Wawakapewin First Nation;
- Mishkeegogamang First Nation; and
- Métis Nation of Ontario, Region 2.

Those Tribal Councils, Nations and Alliances listed in the table above, as well as the Chiefs of Ontario and Union of Ontario Indians, have been identified as potentially interested in the Project, and have been provided with information and MFFN remains available to meet, throughout the EA / IA process.

MFFN is currently consulting and engaging with Indigenous communities identified by the MECP and the Agency and will continue to do so throughout the EA / IA, as per the level of interest expressed by each community. MFFN, as the Proponent, will also continue to work with communities to collect IK to incorporate into the EA / IS regarding traditional land and resource use and cultural practices.

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To help achieve an appropriate level of consultation and engagement related to the Project, (i.e., frequency and depth of consultation and engagement), the list of communities being engaged was considered against the following:

- Expressed interest (to-date) in the proposed MFFN Community Access Road, including applying to Ministry of Mines and the Agency for capacity funding, participation in the Indigenous Knowledge program or participation in the Community Coordinator program;
- Aboriginal or Treaty Rights, including any rights that neighbouring Indigenous communities themselves have identified, may be adversely affected by the Project;
- Geographical distance or proximity to the study area;
- Situated downstream of the Project and with a potential to experience effects to water courses as a result of the Project;
- Traditional and / or current land use within the study area or of lands potentially affected by the Project;
- Potential for effects on the environmental, health and social and economic conditions of neighbouring Indigenous communities; and,
- Provided comments on the EA / IA processes.

MFFN has adjusted the approach to engaging each indigenous community based on this criteria, but understands the list may evolve as new information becomes available and more neighbouring Indigenous communities engage in the consultation and engagement opportunities provided.

All 23 identified Indigenous communities have been contacted regularly by the MFFN CAR Project Team with conversations ranging from: field study / valued component (e.g., educational videos and webinars); information and surveys; regular Project email updates, including monthly E-Blasts; in-person outreach (via telephone and email); the IK Program; Community Co-ordinator Program; PIC #4; invitation to the ATRI Forum, and offers to meet (e.g., Chief and Council meetings followed by meetings with the broader community). Comments, issues and questions received from Indigenous communities that can be shared publicly are included in **Section 3**.

In summary, the MFFN CAR Project Team has provided / offered many opportunities to consult and engage the identified Indigenous communities, including (with specific details in the Consultation Snapshot table in **Section 2)**:

- Distributed Draft interim Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE) and Milestone #1 Progress Report, which include community-specifc chapters individually provided to the respective indigenous community via email;
- Completed follow-up phone calls and emails to confirm receipt of notifications and other distributed materials;
- Circulated Project updates, including 10 E-Blasts;
- Sent emails and phone calls to confirm interest in being consulted on the Project (for communities that had not yet expressed interest);
- Held conference calls / in-person meetings with community representatives and / or community meetings with Indigenous communities;
- Distributed field notices and updates regarding specific programs;
- Circulated IK Program update, including updated schedule;
- Completed follow-up via phone calls and emails regarding E-Blast contents, field programs and corresponding Discussion Guides, Community Co-ordinator Program, IK Program and ATRI forum;
- Offered to meet;

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- Circulated Community Co-ordinator Program letter offering to hire members of specific Indigenous communities as Project-specific Community Co-ordinators. A description of the role was provided and offer to setup a meeting to discuss further;
- Distributed Notice of PIC #4 Introduction of EA / IS;
- Held PIC #4 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, along with an in-community MFFN meeting, and online version of the PIC #4;
- Distributed three plain language videos showcasing different valued components and supporting content in Field Study Discussion Guide and Notices;
- Held meetings with MFFN Chief and Council and broader community;
- Hosted a Valued Components Webinar Series; and
- Held the ATRI Forum in person.

Specific Indigenous communities were also offered funding through the Community Co-ordinator Program—these communities have been most engaged and active on the Project or have indicated interest in engaging on the Project and requiring financial support. In addition, MFFN and Aroland First Nation members were also offered employment opportunities as Field Study Support Staff to assist with field programs. Between July 1, 2022, and May 31, 2023, 31 Field Study Support Staff opportunities were filled by ten (10) MFFN community members.

1.6 Summary of Input and Information Received and EA Milestone Development

The following **Table 1-2** describes a high-level summary of input and information received during this reporting time period and how this information has informed the EA milestone development or will inform the EA. While there was some specific feedback received that has directly informed the EA milestone development / EA, the majority of feedback was broad with limited specific details (therefore requiring on-going follow-up and additional details from source commenters) or were more general interests or concerns. The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to follow-up and seek additional details.

Table 1-2: Summary of Input and Information Received and EA / Milestone Development

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA has been or may be Informed
Specific Feedback Provided on Environmental Existing Conditions ■ Specific feedback was provided on the bird field program, including birds observed and comments on their habitats. ■ Specific feedback was provided on the wolverine field program. ■ Confidential information regarding the Albany River was provided and is considered as IK. ■ Caribou were identified in the District of Kenora (between points I and H of the MFFN CAR route. ■ Request to participate in field studies. ■ Feedback on footprint was provided, specifically on aggregates.	■ Birds and comments on their habitats were noted for the bird field program. ■ One site of the wolverine hair snag was changed based on feedback provided. ■ The EA has been informed by confidential information regarding the Albany River and details are being kept confidential. ■ The general identification of caribou location(s) has been noted. ■ Members of Aroland First Nation were invited to participate in the Groundwater and Geochemistry field program, including a flyover and planning for subsequent drilling program (outside of this reporting time period); any feedback provided during the flyover will be considered as part of the EA. ■ Footprint comments were recorded to be considered in the route selection.

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA has been or may be Informed
Concerns Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required ■ It was noted that a spawning area could be relocated if it would be disrupted by the Project ■ Concern was expressed for watersheds ■ Concern was expressed regarding caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights ■ Concern was expressed related to salting on the road and impacts to nearby rivers ■ Alternative 1 of Segment FG was identified as a sensitive and a very precious area. ■ It was noted that the Projet should not impede fish passage.	■ Relocating spawning areas has not yet been determined due to insufficient details provided. On-going follow-up is taking place to receive additional information to help identify the spawning area. ■ More specific details are required related to concerns for watersheds. As part of the alternative selection, effects to Natural Environment will be taken into consideration. ■ More specific details are required related to concerns for caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights. ■ The concern regarding salting and nearby rivers has been noted and maintenance of the Community Access Road, including usage of salt, will be one of the indicators for the evaluation. ■ Comment on Alternative 1 of Segment FG was noted and will be considered in the route selection. ■ Comment on fish passage will be considered when developing mitigation measures.
Interests Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required ■ Several communities indicated interest in different topics related to existing conditions without providing specific feedback or comments. Some examples include receiving field study results when they become available for caribou	■ Interest in topics has been noted for each community. The MFFN CAR Project Team continues to distribute Discussion Guides related to field studies, educational videos and is planning upcoming webinars on valued components. Early observations and methods for field studies completed to-date were provided at PIC #3 and will be expanded as more information becomes available. Meetings will continue to be offered based on specific topics of interest to solicit additional feedback and issues.
Route Alignment ■ A variety of comments were provided on the route alignment near MFFN, including: river and ice levels can be high near MFFN and there are locations where the bank is eroding and could affect the road; intense rain could damage the road and impact streams due to erosion; safety concerns were raised regarding truck activities (including dust, noise, low visibility and speeding) north of the airport and children who play in the same area; and concerns regarding how the Community Access Road may interfere with MFFN community activities (e.g., gathering firewood, social events)	■ Concerns related to the route alignment closer to MFFN have been noted and will be considered as part of the EA. As part of the EA, the evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Community Access Road, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefits to the community. Safety will be considered as part of the technical considerations and issues such as water level and erosion will also be considered as part of technical considerations and examined under Natural Environment.
Cumulative Effects, Road Projects and Regional Assessment ■ Some communities expressed concerns regarding cumulative effects / impacts in the Project area, including the scope of the EA, impacts from all three road projects (the Community Access Road, Webequie Supply Road and Northern Road Link), the Regional Assessment and a moratorium on the Ring of Fire activities.	■ Some of the comments received were directed to government agencies (e.g., NDMNRF, MECP, the Agency) to respond to as they were outside of the scope of the Community Access Road Project. In terms of cumulative effects, if specific details are provided they will be considered as part of the EA; the EA will predict cumulative effects of the preferred alternative with the effects of past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects. Cumulative effects assessment methods will be shared during the Identification of Preferred Alternatives milestone.
Impacts from COVID-19 ■ Some communities expressed inability to effectively engage with their community members due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team continues to work with each Indigenous community's preference in how they would like to be consulted and engaged, whether virtually or in-person and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic or other crises. Custom consultation plans and protocols were also offered and will be followed up on with communities who expressed interest.
Timeline Extensions ■ Some communities requested extended Project timelines, for both the provincial and federal processes.	■ On November 4, 2022, a request for an IS extension was submitted, and was granted on January 13, 2023. On November 25, 2022, the MFFN CAR Project Team advised

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA has been or may be Informed
	communities of the IS Extension Request. Commmunites were advised of the IS timeline extension approval on January 13, 2023 by IAAC.
Request for Funding ■ Some communities expressed need for provincial participant funding to participate in consultation and engagement activities. There has also been ongoing coordination to onboard communities to the IK Program and Community Coordinator Program, with funding provided by the MFFN CAR Project Team.	■ While participant funding is issued by the Province and not the MFFN CAR Project Team, requests were shared with the province to respond to. ■ Additional funding for Indigenous communities include participation in the IK Program and Community Coordinator Program. The MFFN CAR Project Team has followed up with Indigenous communities via phone and email throughout this milestone regarding funding opportunities.

Section 2 provides an overview of consultation and engagement activities during the Effects Assessment Methods Milestone.

A detailed record of the efforts made to consult and engage with each of the 24 Indigenous communities and communication received from the communities from July 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023 is provided in **Section 3**. The following sections summarize key consultation activities and issues received through consultation and engagement activities during this time period. The report for each community also includes discussion of how any input and information provided by the Indigenous communities have informed the development of the EA milestone.

Appendix A of this report includes copies of Project distributions sent to Indigenous communities and others including monthly E-Blasts, Field Notices and Field Study Discussion Guides. **Appendix B** of this report includes copies of distributions to Indigenous communities including, presentations, meeting summaries, if applicable. This overview and appendix materials are provided to Indigenous communities for their review before moving into the next milestone, Identification of Preferred Alternatives.

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2. Consultation Snapshot

The table below provides an overview of consultation and engagement activities during the Effects Assessment Methods Milestone. Issues received through consultation and engagement activities during this milestone are included in **Section 3**.

Table 2-1: Consultation Snapshot – From October 29, 2021 to May 31, 2023

Items in black occurred during the NoC of EA Milestone between October 29, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Items in blue occurred during the Effects Assessment Methods Milestone from July 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023.

Project Phases: NoC of EA and Effects Assessment			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	***Interested Persons***	***Agencies & Government Bodies***
NoC			
■ Distribution of EA NoC (October 29, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
■ NoC Advertisement (October 29 to November 12, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE)			
■ Draft Interim RoCE distributed to Indigenous communities for review (December 6, 2022).	✓		
■ Email follow-up distributed in January 2023.	✓		
Milestone Progress Report #1			
■ Draft Progress Report distributed to Indigenous communities for review (December 6, 2022)	✓		
■ Email follow-up distributed in January 2023.	✓		
Archaeology Assessment Reports for Stage 1 and Stage 2			
■ Archaeology Assessment Reports for Stage 1 and Stage 2 distributed (February 3, 2023)	✓		
Public Information Centre #3 (PIC #3)			
■ PIC #3 Notice distributed (June 13, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #3 in Thunder Bay (June 27, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #3 in Geraldton (June 29, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
Public Information Centre #4 (PIC #4)			
■ PIC #4 Notice distributed (November 22, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #4 in Thunder Bay (December 7, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #4 in Geraldton (December 8, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
Individual Project Meetings			
■ Follow-up letters, emails, and phone calls to Indigenous communities regarding the Project.	✓		
■ Hosted in-person and virtual meetings with: – MFFN community (in-person November 16 to 17, 2021) – MFFN community (virtual February 2, 2022) – MFFN community (in-person June 28, 2022; PIC #3 materials) – MFFN community (in-person November 2, 2022; PIC #4 materials) – MFFN community (in-person December 6, 2022; PIC #4 materials)	✓		

Project Phases: NoC of EA and Effects Assessment

Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	*Interested Persons*	*Agencies & Government Bodies*
■ Presented to the Mushkegowuk Council AGM (in-person, November 24, 2021)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022). *Note: Also captured under the IK Program section below*	✓		
■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation (April 21, 2022). *Note: Also captured under the IK Program and Community Coordinator section below*	✓		
■ Teleconference presentation to Mushkegowuk Tribal Council's Terrestrial Working Group (May 18, 2022)	✓	✓	
■ In-person meeting regarding Community Coordinator and IK Programs with Long Lake # 58 (August 9, 2022).	✓		
■ Helicopter flyover to visually inspect three potential groundwater sites with Aroland First Nation (August 17 and 18, 2022).	✓		
■ Well drilling activities monitored by Aroland First Nation representatives (November 25 – December 3, 2022).	✓		
■ A teleconference meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation to discuss the Community Coordinator Program and IK Program. (February 13, 2023)	✓		
■ A virtual meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation, Constance Lake First Nation and Ginoogaming First Nation to discuss the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage reports (April 21, 2023).	✓		
■ Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to discuss Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Program (April 27, 2023)	✓		
■ In-person Nation-to-Nation meeting with Eabametoong First Nation to provide an overview of the MFFN CAR (May 10, 2023) .	✓		
■ A virtual meeting with Marten Falls First Nation was held regarding the engineering, construction and the route selection process for the Project (May 15, 2023).	✓		
Other Notices / Newsletters			
■ 2021 Highlights Letter distributed to Indigenous communities via email (December 15, 2021)	✓		
■ Phone calls to Indigenous communities to follow-up on the December E-Blast, Winter Discussion Guide and field notice (December 16 to 17, 2021).	✓		
■ Circulated Monthly Project Update Email Blast (referred to as E-Blast) – October 2021 (November 3, 2021) – November 2021 (November 30 201) – December 2021 (December 15, 2021) – January 2022 (January 31, 2022) – February / March 2022 (March 15, 2022) – April 2022 (April 29, 2022) – May 2022 (May 27, 2022) – June 2022 (June 24, 2022) – July 2022 (July 26, 2022) – August 2022 (August 19, 2022) – September 2022 (September 29, 2022) – October 2022 (November 2, 2022) – November 2022 (November 25, 2022) – December 2022 (December 20, 2022) – January 2023 (January 30, 2023) – February 2023 (February 28, 2023) – March 2023 (April 4, 2023) – April 2023 (April 28, 2023)	✓	✓	✓

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Project Phases: NoC of EA and Effects Assessment

Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	*Interested Persons*	*Agencies & Government Bodies*
■ Circulated Field Study Notices & Discussion Guides: – Winter Field Program Notice and Discussion Guide (December 10, 2021) – Furbearer Ground Track Survey Update (January 19, 2022) – Bird Aerial Surveys Update (February 4, 2022) – Wolverine Den Surveys Notice (February 14, 2022) – Wolverine Hair Snag Program and Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Update (March 3, 2022) – Wolverine Den Survey Update (March 9, 2022) – Early Spring Notice (March 29, 2022) – Terrain and Soils Notice (May 11, 2022) – Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Notice (May 30, 2022) – Vegetation Field Notice (June 10, 2022) – Groundwater and Geochemistry (July 29, 2022) – Fall Field Programs Update (September 16, 2022) – Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice (December 1, 2022) – Field Programs updates (March 9, 2023) – Spring 2023 Field Notice (April 21, 2023)	✓	✓	✓
■ Matawa Messenger newsletter feature (June 2022) ■ Follow-up to furbearer winter tracking field program notice (January 27, 2023) ■ Follow-up on ungulate aerial survey notice (February 15, 2023)	✓	✓	✓
■ Webinar Series: – Animals and Wildlife (Ungulates and Furbearers) (November 15, 2022) – Surface Water, Fish & Fish Habitat (November 29, 2022) – Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (January 10, 2023) – Vegetation and Physiography (January 17, 2023) – Peatlands (January 31, 2023) – Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change (February 14, 2023) – Socio-Economic Studies Part I (February 21, 2023) – Socio-Economic Studies Part II (February 28, 2023) – Groundwater and Geochemistry (March 14, 2023) – Birds (March 21, 2023) – Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats (March 28, 2023) – ATRI (April 4, 2023)	✓	✓	✓
Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program			
■ Circulated an update on the MFFN CAR IK Program which included an updated schedule and timeline for Indigenous communities to share IK (January 21 to 24, 2022)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the IK Program (and Community Coordinator Program) (April 21, 2022)	✓		
■ IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles were distributed via email. (August 2022)	✓		
■ Distributed a Save the Date for the upcoming ATRI Forum and Cultural Heritage Workshop via email (December 20, 2022)	✓		
■ Invitation to ATRI Forum distributed (January 13, 2023, and February 1, 2023)	✓		
■ ATRI Forum and Cultural Heritage Workshop in Thunder Bay (February 8 – 9, 2023)	✓		
■ IK Program timeline and update letter (March 22, 2023)	✓		

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Project Phases: NoC of EA and Effects Assessment			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	***Interested Persons***	***Agencies & Government Bodies***
Community Coordinator Program			
■ Distribution of letter introducing the Community Coordinator Program to 13 neighbouring Indigenous communities including job posting (March 17, 2022)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the Community Coordinator Program (and the IK Program) (April 21, 2022)	✓		
■ Ongoing outreach to 13 Indigenous communities to address questions and discuss details of the Community Coordinator Program (April – May, 2022; Jan, 2023)	✓		
Planned Future MFFN CAR Consultation and Engagement Activities			
■ Ongoing conversations with 13 Indigenous communities regarding the IK Program, as needed (e.g., Aroland First Nation and Constance Lake First Nation).	✓		
■ Ongoing conversations with 13 Indigenous communities regarding participation in the Community Coordinator Program, eventual hiring and onboarding in the role.	✓		
■ Ongoing follow-up to set-up meetings with Indigenous communities and ask about ATRI.	✓		
■ Ongoing planning for MFFN in-community meeting in October	✓		
■ Ongoing planning for PIC #5 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton in October	✓	✓	✓

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3. Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities, Provincial and Territorial Organizations and Tribal Councils

3.1 Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities

To summarize overall engagement with each Indigenous community, the following analytics were performed:

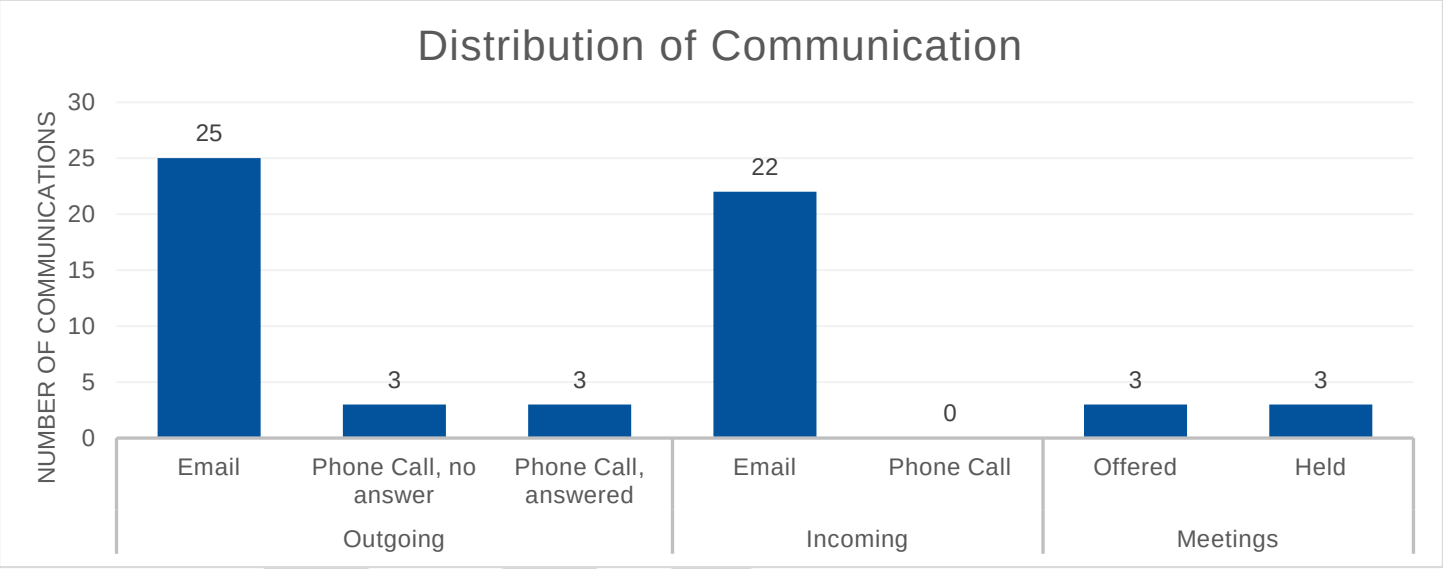
The **Level of Engagement Effort and Response** bar graph reflects the efforts taken by the MFFN CAR Project Team to engage Indigenous communities and the level of response received. Communications channels considered include **email correspondence** (outgoing & incoming), **phone correspondence** (outgoing & incoming), and **meetings offered in comparison to meetings scheduled**, by any means of communication.

- **Email Correspondence** reflects all personalized emails sent between the MFFN CAR Project Team and Indigenous communities.
  - **Outgoing Email Correspondence** reflects all personalized emails sent from the MFFN CAR Project Team to a specific Indigenous community; mass communications sent to all communities by the MFFN CAR Project Team are not considered in this calculation.
  - **Incoming Email Correspondence** includes emails received from an Indigenous community directly to MFFN CAR Project Team; emails that only confirm receipt of an outgoing email or emails where the MFFN CAR Project Team are copied but not directly mentioned are not included.
- **Phone Correspondence** reflects all call attempts between the MFFN CAR Project Team and an Indigenous community.
  - **Outgoing Phone Calls** reflect all phone calls made by the MFFN CAR Project Team to an Indigenous community. **Answered Phone Calls** includes those calls that were answered immediately by the intended recipient or were returned at a later time when the contact was available.
  - **Incoming Phone Calls** reflect instances where Indigenous communities contacted MFFN CAR Project Team without a previous outgoing phone call.
- **Meetings Offered vs. Held** reflects the efforts taken by the MFFN CAR Project Team to schedule a meeting in comparison to the number of meetings achieved between the Indigenous community and the MFFN CAR Project Team.

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3.2.2 Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)

Community Profile	
Location:	226 South May Street, Main Floor, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1B4
Tribal Council:	Thunder Bay Métis Nation, MNO Superior North Shore Métis Council
Treaty:	N/A
Project Team Lead:	Lauren Weseluck



Summary of Participation During Reporting Period	
Date of Last Outgoing Communication from MFFN CAR Project Team or Consultant (Email or Phone)	*May 31, 2023 (Email)*
Date of Last Incoming Communication from Community (Email or Phone)	*May 23, 2023 (Email)*
Participating in IK Program:	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: *Offered*
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: *Not offered*
	IK information provided: *No*
Participating in Community Coordinator Program	*Not Offered*

Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During the Reporting Period	
Date	**Consultation and Engagement Activity**
Jul 13, 2022	Follow-up email sent regarding teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022).
Jul 14, 2022	The feedback form deadline for PIC #3 was extended and the PIC #3 materials were reshared.
Jul 26, 2022	July 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Jul 29, 2022	Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Notice distributed via email.
Jul 29, 2022	Phone call and email made to request participation in Engagement Questionnaire.
Aug 02, 2022	Follow-up email regarding communication for the Project.
Aug 18, 2022	An IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles were distributed via email.
Aug 18, 2022	Follow-up on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles.
Aug 19, 2022	August 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Aug 19, 2022	Follow-up email regarding the Project.
Aug 23, 2022	Follow-up about ATRI.
Sep 16, 2022	Field programs update distributed via email.
Sep 20, 2022	Follow-up call regarding the Project.
Sep 20, 2022	Follow-up email regarding the Project.
Sep 21, 2022	Follow-up email regarding the Project.
Sep 29, 2022	September 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Nov 02, 2022	October 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Nov 10, 2022	Webinar Series notice distributed via email.
Nov 15, 2022	Follow-up email to discuss Project updates.
Nov 15, 2022	Follow-up phone call to discuss Project updates.
Nov 22, 2022	PIC #4 Notice Distributed
Nov 25, 2022	November 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Nov 28, 2022	Follow-up call for PIC #4
Nov 28, 2022	Follow-up call on PIC #4
Dec 01, 2022	Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice distributed via email.
Dec 07, 2022	Follow-up for PIC #4
Dec 06, 2022	Draft Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report distributed via email for review.
Dec 14, 2022	PIC #4 materials and online feedback form distributed via email.
Dec 16, 2022	Draft RoCE distributed for review.
Dec 20, 2022	December 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Jan 05, 2023	Thank you email distributed to registrants for the Ungulates and Furbearers webinar.
Jan 10, 2023	Reminder for the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Webinar distributed via email.
Jan 12, 2023	Thank you email distributed to registrants for the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Webinar.
Jan 13, 2023	Invitation to ATRI Forum was distributed.
Jan 17, 2023	Reminder for the Vegetation and Physiography Webinar distributed via email.
Jan 18, 2023	Thank you email distributed to registrants for the Vegetation and Physiography Webinar.

Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During the Reporting Period	
Date	**Consultation and Engagement Activity**
Jan 27, 2023	Follow-up to furbearer winter tracking field program notice distributed via email.
Jan 27, 2023	MNO confirmed that the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Reports were reviewed and no comments / edits were made.
Jan 30, 2023	January 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Feb 01, 2023	Reminder for the ATRI Forum distributed via email.
Feb 01, 2023	Thank you email distributed to registrants for the Peatlands Webinar.
Feb 03, 2023	Archaeology Assessment Reports for Stage 1 and Stage 2 distributed via email.
Feb 08 and 09, 2023	Representatives from MNO attended ATRI Forum #1.
Feb 15, 2023	Follow-up on ungulate aerial survey notice distributed via email.
Feb 16, 2023	Thank you email distributed to registrants for the Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change Webinar.
Feb 21, 2023	Reminder for the Socio-Economic Studies Part I Webinar distributed via email.
Feb 22, 2023	Thank you email distributed to registrants for the Socio-Economic Studies Part I Webinar.
Feb 28, 2023	February 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Feb 28, 2023	The MNO provided feedback on the Interim RoCE Reports. Specific concerns related to archaeology were noted and a meeting was requested.
Feb 28 - Apr 27	Coordination of a meeting with IAAC and MFFN CAR Project to discuss the MNO's concerns regarding Metis archaeology in the reports.
Mar 09, 2023	Field Programs updates distributed via email.
Mar 14, 2023	Reminder for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Webinar distributed via email.
Mar 16, 2023	Phone call and email follow up to discuss the MNO's concerns related to the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Reports and to coordinate a meeting.
Mar 21, 2023	Reminder for the Birds Webinar distributed via email.
Mar 22, 2023	Sent an email regarding the IK Program timeline. An update letter was attached with more information.
Mar 24, 2023	Thank you email distributed to registrants for the Birds webinar.
Mar 28, 2023	Reminder for the Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats Webinar distributed via email.
Apr 04, 2023	March 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Apr 18, 2023	A virtual meeting was held between IAAC and MNO to discuss archaeological work being done on the Ring of Fire Road Projects. The MFFN CAR Project Team / Consultants attended for transparency and understanding.
Apr 21, 2023	Spring 2023 Field Notice distributed via email.
Apr 24, 2023	A virtual meeting was held between IAAC and MNO to discuss archaeological work being done on the Ring of Fire Road Projects. The MFFN CAR Project Team / Consultants attended for transparency and understanding.
Apr 27, 2023	A virtual meeting was held between the MFFN CAR Project Team and MNO to discuss archaeology concerns specific to the Project.
Apr 28, 2023	April 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
May 31, 2023	Email sent to circulate ATRI Forum comment and response summaries to participants. A thank you note and comment summary was attached and a meeting was offered.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action - Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)				
Topic / Issue Raised	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed in the EA / IS**
Aggregates, Alternative Means	Route Evaluation ■ On January 27, 2023, the MNO noted in their feedback on the Interim RoCE, that there are ongoing concerns related to the Southern portion of the Project area where it would connect with the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road, specifically as it relates to cumulative effects, traditional land use and climate change. It was requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team continue to follow-up on receiving traditional land use information when it becomes available and opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA. MNO also requested the evaluation identify the preferred route, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community.	■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ A response is being prepared. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to provide updates on the Project and provide opportunities for feedback. ■ MFFN CAR Project Team to provide a response to MNO's comments on the Interim RoCE.	■ Issue resolution is ongoing. Any unresolved issues and remaining expressed concerns will be documented in the EA / IS
Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology)	Archaeology ■ On February 28, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Team was cc'd on an email to IAAC where the MNO requested a meeting to discuss concerns regarding Métis archaeology on the CAR, WSR and NRL Projects. ■ On a March 16, 2023 phone call between the MFFN CAR	■ Email ■ Meeting (Virtual) ■ Phone	Status: Ongoing ■ On March 16, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant agreed a meeting between MNO key contacts and the MFFN CAR Project Team would be beneficial. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that Victoria will be notified on whether the Project Team would like to hold a meeting separately or in combination with a meeting that had already been proposed between MNO and IAAC. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reiterated the importance of holding a meeting as promptly as possible	■ The RoCE in the EA / IS will demonstrate feedback received and how it has been considered. ■ The EA / IS will include a section on archaeology and cultural heritage.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action - Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)				
Topic / Issue Raised	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed in the EA / IS**
	Project Consultant and Victoria Stinson, Victoria elaborated on the issue MNO had related to archaeology which was raised in an email to the general Project email on February 28, 2023. Victoria noted that the methodology of the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Reports was problematic as it only included “First Nations” or “European”, when Métis should fall under its own category. Victoria noted that this is a common issue as there is only one archaeologist in Canada who specializes in Métis archaeology. An email was sent the same day summarizing the phone call. • On April 26, 2023 the MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer, regarding the upcoming meeting between the MNO and MFFN CAR Project Team. Erin noted that the MNO mainly wanted to reiterate their concerns regarding archaeology in the reporting methodology. Erin added that the MNO would like to hear about how the MFFN CAR Project Team plan to address these concerns in upcoming stages of archaeological assessment.		to ensure no future deadlines are missed and ensure the feedback provided by MNO could be accounted for. ■ On March 29, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered to hold a MFFN CAR specific meeting with MNO to discuss issues related to the archaeology report. ■ Between February 28 and April 27, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant worked with MNO and IAAC to coordinate meetings to discuss the MNO's concerns related to archaeology. Three meetings were held. ■ On April 18 and 24, 2023, a meeting was held between key contacts at the MNO and IAAC, which provided an overview of the Federal Impact Assessment process, presented the Agency's understanding of the proposed Ring of Fire Road Projects, discussed how archaeological work is being conducted for those projects as well as the Regional Assessment and allowed the MNO to provide feedback and ask questions. The MNO invited the MFFN CAR Project Team to attend for transparency and understanding. Meeting minutes are to be kept confidential. ■ During the April 18, 2023, meeting The MFFN CAR Project Team agreed to meet with the MNO separately to discuss archaeology concerns specifically related to the MFFN CAR Project Area. ■ During the April 24, 2023, meeting the MFFN CAR Project Team noted they would confirm who the archaeologists on the Northern Road Link and Webequie Supply Road Projects are. MFFN CAR Project Team confirmed they would meet on April 27, 2023 to discuss archaeology issues specific to the MFFN CAR Project area. ■ On April 27, 2023 a meeting was held between key contacts at MNO and the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss MNO’s concerns relating to the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Reports. The discussion was focused on general archaeology, archaeological potential, settlement patterns, rights assertion and Indigenous / Traditional Knowledge in relation to the MFFN CAR Project Area. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant then discussed timelines and outlined	

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Topic / Issue Raised	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed in the EA / IS**
	■ On May 23, 2023, Erin Reimer noted that the April 24 meeting minutes were confidential.		next steps in the archaeological assessment process. Time was provided for questions and answers. ■ On May 9, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an update regarding meeting minutes from the April 27 meeting. ■ On May 17, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired with MNO and IAAC about meeting minutes from the April 24 meeting with IAAC and the MNO. On May 29, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant replied to Erin, thanking her for the notification that the meeting minutes were confidential. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team to continue updating MNO on various Project updates and provide continuous outreach to determine if the MNO have comments or requests about the Project. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team to take the MNO's feedback into account by including Métis as a separate category in future stages of archaeology reporting.	
Cumulative Effects, Land and Resource Use, Wildlife, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Aggregates, Engineering and Design	Cumulative Effects ■ At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO noted they do not have any land use interests in the Project study area but are interested in the regional aspects of the Project and how they may influence land use south of the Project study area, including: migratory animals, trapping and furbearers and watersheds. ■ On January 27, 2023, the MNO noted in their feedback on the Interim RoCE, that there are ongoing concerns related to the Southern portion of the Project area where it would connect with	■ In-person (virtual) ■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ A response is currently being drafted. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to provide updates on the Project and provide opportunities for feedback. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team to respond to MNO's comments on the Interim RoCE.	■ Cumulative effects will be included in the EA / IS

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action - Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)				
Topic / Issue Raised	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed in the EA / IS**
	the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road, specifically as it relates to cumulative effects, traditional land use and climate change. It was requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team continue to follow-up on receiving traditional land use information when it becomes available and opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA. MNO also requested the evaluation identify the preferred route, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community.			
Field Studies	Climate Change ■ At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO expressed climate change and the environment are major concerns.	■ In-person (virtual)	Status: Ongoing ■ During the February 4, 2022 meeting, the MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that protecting the environment through the MFFN CAR Project is of major importance to MFFN as well. Action: ■ Share the existing conditions report with the Draft EA / IS in 2024.	■ Feedback provided on climate change and the environment will be considered in the EA / IA and documented in the EA / IS.
Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	Traditional Land Use ■ At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO expressed that protecting the traditional way of life is of major importance.	■ In-person (virtual)	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that protecting the traditional way of life is of importance to MFFN as well. Action:	■ In the EA / IA, the evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Project, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action - Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)				
Topic / Issue Raised	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed in the EA / IS**
			■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to provide updates on the Project and provide opportunities for feedback.	negative effects and greatest benefit to the community. ■ Feedback provided on traditional land use will be considered in the EA / IA and documented in the EA / IS.
Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Study Area	Traditional Land Use ■ At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO noted they are working to understand their land use in the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road area and offered to share traditional land use information. ■ On January 27, 2023, the MNO noted in their feedback on the Interim RoCE, that there are ongoing concerns related to the Southern portion of the Project area where it would connect with the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road, specifically as it relates to cumulative effects, traditional land use and climate change. It was requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team continue to follow-up on receiving traditional land use information when it becomes available and opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA. MNO also requested the evaluation identify the preferred route, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least	■ Meeting (virtual) ■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ A response is currently being drafted. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to follow-up on receiving traditional land use information when it becomes available. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team to respond to MNO's comments on the Interim RoCE.	■ Opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action - Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)				
Topic / Issue Raised	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed in the EA / IS**
	potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community. ■ On April 27, 2023 in a meeting between key contacts at MNO and the MFFN CAR Project Team, a discussion on rights assertion within the Project Area was had. MNO stated that the only part of the Project Area where they are asserting rights is at the southern part of the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road.			
Land and Resource Use, Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology), Study Area	Métis Presence in the Study Area ■ At the ATRI Forum in February 2023, the MNO raised the concerns that a gap in the background information was identified, where information regarding the Métis presence in the project area should be added to the reports. The MNO also mentioned that while they were still uncertain of the level of participation within the consultation process for this project, they did want the opportunity to review all reports.	■ In-person ■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ On May 31, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a response to the comments received at the ATRI Forum. The response noted that a commitment was made to include detail historic information in the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment, as well as all archaeological reports moving forward. Action: ■ Update existing conditions and archaeological reports ■ Continue to follow up with MNO regarding inclusion of Metis information in reports	■ Issue resolution is ongoing. Any unresolved issues and remaining expressed concerns will be documented in the EA / IS.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action - Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)				
Topic / Issue Raised	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed in the EA / IS**
Socio-Community, Economy	Socio-Economics ■ At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO expressed that socio-economic impacts are a major concern for them.	■ In-person (virtual)	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that MFFN is also concerned with the socio-economic environment and that the purpose of the CAR is to create opportunities and connections to MFFN, as well as reducing transportation costs. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to provide updates on the Project and provide opportunities for feedback.	■ In the EA / IA, the evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Project, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community. ■ Feedback provided on socio-economic impacts will be considered in the EA / IA and documented in the EA / IS.
Wildlife	Wildlife Migration ■ At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO expressed that impacts the road may have on wildlife migration is of major importance for MNO.	■ In-person (virtual)	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that protecting wildlife migration is of major importance to MFFN as well. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to provide updates on the Project and provide opportunities for feedback.	■ In the EA / IA, the evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Project, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community. ■ Feedback provided on wildlife migration will be considered in the EA / IA and documented in the EA / IS.

Consultation and Engagement Log - Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)						
Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**In**	**Out**	**Contact Name (Title)**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
July 13, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent the finalized minutes from the February 4, 2022 meeting to Victoria Stinson, Manager of Métis Nation of Ontario.

Consultation and Engagement Log - Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)						
Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**In**	**Out**	**Contact Name (Title)**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
July 14, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Métis Nation of Ontario to thank those who attended PIC #3 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton. A reminder with the link to all PIC #3 materials on the website was also shared again, including a note that the deadline to provide feedback was extended to July 22, 2022. A link to the feedback form was shared.
July 26, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the July E-Blast to Métis Nation of Ontario. The E-Blast thanked those who attended PIC #3 in Thunder Bay on June 27 and Geraldton on June 29 as well as included a link to the PIC materials on the website. Field study updates, an overview of upcoming field studies, and an update on the IK Program submission deadline were also included along with a note that the IK Program will continue even though the deadline has passed.
July 29, 2022	Phone		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned MNO requesting participation in the Engagement Questionnaire to understand the topics of most interest to MNO (e.g., valued components) and gather input on the best ways to keep MNO informed on Project updates and activities. There was no answer so a voicemail was left.
July 29, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow-up email to MNO requesting participation in the Engagement Questionnaire to understand the topics of most interest to MNO (e.g., valued components) and gather input on the best ways to MNO informed on Project updates and activities. A link to the questionnaire form was provided with a request for completion by August 12, 2022.
July 29, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program Notice to MNO noting that the program would be starting in September. The notice was attached to the email. Questions, comments or feedback were requested through the Discussion Guide, and a link to a video was also provided.

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August 02, 2022	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Advisor) ■ Trent Sr. Desaulnier (Councillor) ■ Wendy Houston (Councillor) ■ Philip Mcguire (Councillor) ■ William Gordon (President) ■ Tim Sinclair (Councillor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Victoria Stinson, MNO, sharing that MNO's preferred way to engage with the MFFN CAR project is via Zoom meeting, and that meetings should be coordinated through herself and Alexandra Kosmides.
August 18, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant distributed an IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles to Métis Nation of Ontario via email. The memo provided information on updates to the ATRI Study Areas. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided information on the IK Program schedule.
August 18, 2022	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Alexandra Kosmides, MNO, requesting that the ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles be resent.
August 19, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the August E-Blast to MNO. The E-Blast included information and a link to Lakehead University's Indigenous Access Programs. Field study updates for the Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Program and a caribou mortality investigation were provided along with dates for the following upcoming programs: Surface Water and Fish and Fish Habitat, Groundwater and Geochemistry, Fall Aerial Waterfowl Migration, Physiography and Terrains, Ungulates Remote Camera Check and Caribou Mortality Investigation. It was noted that updates were made to the ATRI study areas and a link to more information was provided. The IK Program is still including communities who would like to participate and listed contacts and a link to more information.
August 19, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Advisor) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Trent Sr. Desaulnier (Métis Nation of Ontario)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to MNO thanking them for their response to the Engagement Questionnaire email.

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				■ Wendy Houston (Métis Nation of Ontario) ■ Philip Mcguire (Métis Nation of Ontario - Region 2) ■ William Gordon (President) ■ Tim Sinclair (MNO Greenstone Metis)		
August 23, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to resend the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles, as per MNO's request.
September 16, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a field programs update to MNO. The email noted that there may be an increase in helicopters in the area and field crews accessing sites. The following programs will be completed this fall: Aerial Waterfowl Migration Survey (September 27 – 29, 2022), Physiography and Terrain Surveys (September 26 – October 8, 2022), Groundwater and Geochemistry Program (ongoing until November 10, 2022), Ungulates Remote Camera Check (October 21 – 28, 2022) and Caribou Mortality Investigation (if needed). Links were provided to field notices for Groundwater and Geochemistry, Physiography and Terrain, and Aerial Waterfowl Migration. Field programs will continue in 2023, with more updates to follow. Links were provided for Discussion Guides where knowledge can be shared in relation to the field programs.
September 20, 2022	Phone		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called MNO to follow up on the Engagement Questionnaire and fall field programs. There was no answer so a voicemail was left.
September 20, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to MNO to follow up on the Engagement Questionnaire and fall field programs. A link to the questionnaire form was provided, and they were encouraged to fill it out if they had not done so already.
September 20, 2022	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Victoria Stinson, MNO, which stated that MNO had filled out the Engagement Questionnaire and had no questions or comments about the upcoming field season.

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September 21, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Victoria Stinson, MNO, to thank her for the update regarding the Engagement Questionnaire.
September 29, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the September E-Blast to MNO. The E-Blast included an announcement that the Project received the Core Values Award for Visual Engagement from the International Association for Public Participation. Chief Bruce Achneepineskum and a Project Team Consultant were present to receive the award and a link to a video was provided. The E-Blast included an update on the Youth Engagement Program and the importance of participation of youth in decisions that will affect them in the future. An update was also provided for the Groundwater Clearing and Drilling program and the Waterfowl Aerial Surveys. Dates were provided for the following upcoming programs: Groundwater and Geochemistry Program, Aerial Waterfowl Migration Survey, Physiography and Terrain Surveys, Ungulates Remote Camera Check and Caribou Mortality Investigation if needed. The Indigenous Blooming Program was included with details on the mentorship opportunity and a link to more information and the application.
November 02, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Councillor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the October E-Blast to MNO. The E-Blast included an introduction to the new MFFN Community Coordinator and upcoming engagement opportunities including PIC #4 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton. A webinar series on valued components was also included, along with a note about the Project's plans to submit a 3.5 year extension request for the IS to the Agency. It was mentioned that the Agency will be notifying Indigenous communities and the public about the request and will provide an opportunity to review and comment. Field study updates were also mentioned, including the Groundwater and Geochemistry Monitoring Testing and Sampling Program being extended to December 2022 and being the last running field study in 2022. The Furbearer Aerial / Ground Track Surveys will occur between January to February 2023, the Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys will be set up before February 15, 2023 and consist of six day trips

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						every month to re-bait the stations through May 2023, and the Ungulate Aerial Winter Surveys will occur in January or February 2023 for two weeks. Links were provided for the field study notices and discussion guides. A new video was released about Cumulative Effects and the link was included. There was also an offer to meet to discuss any questions or comments.
November 10, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Councillor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a notice to MNO for the webinar series on valued components, including how they are being studied, early findings and the relevance to the Project. The first webinar is on November 15, 2022 from 4-5 pm EST on Animals and Wildlife. A link to register and submit questions was included. It was also noted that a recording will be available online after the webinar. A poster with details for the first two webinars was attached.
November 15, 2022	Phone		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Victoria Stinson, MNO, to introduce themselves and the purpose of the call and briefly summarized Project updates related to an upcoming PIC, a new webinar series, an extension to the Federal Impact Assessment and a workshop on ATRI. Victoria explained that the MFFN CAR Project isn't on traditional Metis territory and that they main reason MNO wants to remain updated on the Project is there are a number of different animals important to MNO that have a broad range. Victoria added that there will be a new staff member on their team, but would wait to introduce that person through email when all necessary parties were cc'ed. Victoria also added that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant should always include Victoria and MNO community member Erin Reimer in the "to" line of emails and "cc" Margaret (President of MNO). Victoria informed the MFFN CAR Project Consultant not to email Margaret directly, rather to email Victoria and she would ensure Margaret received the message.

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November 15, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Victoria Stinson, MNO, as a follow up to the phone call they had shortly prior. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Victoria for taking the time to talk and provided updates on the MFFN CAR Project including details about the upcoming PIC #4 in Thunder Bay on December 7 and Geraldton on December 8, the new webinar series about Valued Components, the request for an Impact Statement extension from IAAC and notification of upcoming ATRI workshops.
November 22, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Councillor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed an invitation for PIC #4 to MNO. The PIC will be in Thunder Bay on December 7 and Geraldton on December 8. The event will be in an open house format and include new updates, how feedback is being considered, route alternatives and early findings from field studies. PIC #4 will provide an opportunity to share feedback, ideas and values related to the CAR.
November 25, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Councillor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the November E-Blast to MNO. The E-Blast included an invitation to PIC #4 in Thunder Bay on December 7 and Geraldton on December 8. A link was provided for the recording from the webinar on November 15 and registration for the next webinar on November 29 on Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat. It was noted that the Groundwater and Geochemistry Monitoring Testing and Sampling Program has been extended until December 2022. Upcoming field studies include the Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Program between January and February 2023, Ungulate Aerial Winter Surveys in January and February 2023, Furbearer Ground Tracking in February and March 2023 and the Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys from February to May 2023. The E-Blast noted that a timeline extension request for the IS was submitted and the Agency will be notifying Indigenous communities and the public about the request and provide an opportunity to review and comment.

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November 28, 2022	Phone		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Victoria Stinson, MNO, to notify MNO of the upcoming PIC #4, which would take place on December 7, 2022 in Thunder Bay on December 8, 2022 in Geraldton. Victoria mentioned several community members would be attending both the Thunder Bay and Geraldton PICs. Victoria added that MNO are only going for information and recognize that MFFN are the leaders of the Project. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that another MFFN CAR Project Team member responded to Victoria's question regarding the previous webinar about wolverines and would send over the recording of that webinar in an email following the phone call. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that another webinar would be happening Tuesday November 29th and would send the registration information in an email. Victoria noted there has been discussion in the community that a lot of the elders would prefer having a virtual option for PICs, and asked if the project team could consider this in the future for similar events. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if there was a specific reason why some of the community was going to Thunder Bay for the PIC and some were going to Geraldton. Victoria noted it was for convenience as some members live in Thunder Bay and some live in Geraldton.
November 28, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations, Métis Nation of Ontario)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Victoria Stinson, MNO, as a follow up to a phone call made on November 28th, 2022. The email provided details about the upcoming PIC #4 in Thunder Bay on December 7, 2022 and Geraldton on December 8, 2022 and the upcoming webinar about Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat on Tuesday November 29th. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also included the link to the previous valued components webinar on Wildlife.
December 01, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Councillor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed a Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice to MNO. The notice includes anticipated timing for upcoming field programs including furbearer winter tracking surveys, winter ungulate aerial surveys, wolverine hair snag surveys, bird Autonomous Recording Unit Program, Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation Program and Groundwater and Geochemistry Program. An update will be provided when exact dates are confirmed. Links to videos on ungulates, furbearers, groundwater and more were included.

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December 16, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Councillor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the drafted Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report to MNO for review. The Interim RoCE covers August 1, 2020 to October 28, 2021 and the Milestone #1 Progress Report covers October 29, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Metis Nation of Ontario was asked to make any edits or comments to their community-specific section by January 31, 2023. The reports will then be finalized and shared publicly with the draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team offered to answer any questions or schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and timeline. A response was requested that the email was received and the documents could be viewed / downloaded successfully.
December 07, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Councillor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for PIC #4 to MNO noting that PIC #4 will be in Thunder Bay on December 7, 2022 and Geraldton on December 8, 2022 as an open house format and will share information including updates since the ToR, the EA processes, the Project's approach to consultation and engagement and preliminary results from field studies. It was noted that PIC #4 will be an opportunity to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team and share feedback, ideas and values related to the MFFN Community Access Road, and that the first hour is reserved for Indigenous community members, who are welcome to stay for the remainder of the evening with the public. A formal notice with details for both meetings were attached, along with a link to the website with the notice translated in French, Ojibway, Cree and Oji-Cree.
December 14, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Councillor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed MNO to thank those who attended PIC #4 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton. A link to all PIC #4 materials on the website was shared, as well as an online feedback form with a deadline of December 23, 2022.

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December 20, 2022	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Councillor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the December E-Blast to MNO The E-Blast included a message from Chief Bruce Achneepineskum. Also included were highlights from 2022, including: virtual meetings held, updates to the Proposed ATRI Study Areas, the timeline extension request for the IS, valued component webinars, Community Coordinators, Field Studies, and valued component videos. Upcoming winter field studies were listed with exact dates to be provided once confirmed.
January 05, 2023	Email		x	■ Trent Sr. Desaulnier ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor) ■ Victoria Stinson (Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a thank you email to registrants and attendees for the webinar on Ungulates and Furbearers. A link to the recording of the webinar was included, as well as an offer to further discuss these topics with the MFFN CAR Project Team. The next webinar on Archaeology and Cultural Heritage was noted, along with a link to register.
January 09, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Victoria Stinson, Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations at MNO, stating that Victoria had received the MFFN CAR Project Consultant's phone message from earlier that day and that she had not received the email and link sent out in December containing the Interim Record of Consultation and Milestone #1 reports. Victoria requested the MFFN CAR Project Consultant resend the email containing the link and to also include Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor for MNO in the email as well.
January 09, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Victoria Stinson, Manager of Lands, Resources, Consultation, MNO, which requested the MNO Mineral Development Advisor Erin Reimer be added to all communications moving forward.
January 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Webinar to Métis Nation of Ontario. A link to register and the opportunity to provide questions was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email. It was noted that an upcoming webinar will take place on January 17 on Vegetation and Physiography and a link to register was provided.

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January 12, 2023	Email		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a thank you email to registrants and attendees for the webinar on Archaeology and Cultural Heritage. A link to the recording of the webinar was included, as well as an offer to further discuss these topics with the MFFN CAR Project Team. The next webinar on Vegetation and Physiography was noted, along with a link to register.
January 13, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an invitation for an upcoming ATRI Forum. The ATRI Forum is to be held in Thunder Bay on February 8 and 9, 2023. The invitation provided information on the Forum including purpose, funding, contact information, the preliminary agenda and how to RSVP. The purpose is to create a respectful, culturally-sensitive, and collaborative space to develop an understanding of ATRI in the Project area. Funding would be provided by the Province for up to 3 community representatives to attend. Cultural Heritage and Archaeology members of the team will be at the Forum to discuss the Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Program with participations.
January 17, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Alexandra Kosmides (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Vegetation & Physiography Webinar to Métis Nation of Ontario. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email. It was noted that an upcoming webinar will take place on January 31 on Peatlands and a link to register was provided.
January 18, 2023	Email		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a thank you email to registrants and attendees for the webinar on Vegetation and Physiography. A link to the recording of the webinar was included, as well as an offer to further discuss these topics with the MFFN CAR Project Team. The next webinar on Peatlands was noted, along with a link to register.

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January 20, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Victoria Stinson, MNO, providing the Google drive link to the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Reports. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted the January 31, 2023 deadline to provide feedback on the reports but noted that if more time was needed to let the MFFN CAR Project Consultant know.
January 27, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a follow up to the Winter Field Notice issued in December 2022. It was noted that field crews are set to begin the furbearer winter tracking field program on January 29, 2023. Field crews will be out for five days, however the program may be extended in the event of weather delays. Links to the field notice, video on furbearers and webinar recording on animals and wildlife (including furbearers) were included.
January 27, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor, MNO, which provided a response to the Interim RoCE Reports which were sent out on December 6, 2022. Erin stated that the MNO did not have specific comments relating to the consultation reports, apart from requesting continued follow up as outlined within the reports and which she provided further details on. Erin elaborated that ongoing MNO concerns related to the southern portion of the Project area where it would connect with the Anaconda Painter Lake Road, specifically as it related to traditional land use, cumulative effects, and climate change. Erin noted that action on behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team in the past would be appreciated to be continued. Those actions were: continuous follow-up on receiving traditional land use information as it became available, opportunities to provide feedback throughout the EA / IA, and the evaluation would identify the preferred route for the Project, necessary temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative impacts.

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January 30, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the January E-Blast to MNO. The E-Blast included an overview of the Archaeological Assessment Report to be shared with Indigenous communities, Provincial Territorial Organizations and Tribal Councils in early February. MFFN Field Support Staff participated in Wilderness Survival Training and will accompany MFFN CAR Project Consultants on upcoming field studies. The PIC #4 feedback deadline was extended to February 10, 2023, links to the engagement materials and to submit feedback were included. The ATRI Forum in Thunder Bay on February 8 and 9, 2023 was noted and contact information was included. The E-Blast noted the Timeline Extension for the IS was approved and the submission date has been shifted to July 24, 2026. Winter field study updates on furbearer winter tracking surveys, the Autonomous Recording Units Program and Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys were included.
February 01, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a reminder about the upcoming ATRI Forum. The ATRI Forum is to be held in Thunder Bay on February 8 and 9, 2023. The invitation provided information on the Forum including purpose, funding, contact information, the preliminary agenda and how to RSVP. The purpose is to create a respectful, culturally-sensitive, and collaborative space to develop an understanding of ATRI in the Project area. Funding would be provided by the Province for up to 3 community representatives to attend. Cultural Heritage and Archaeology members of the team will be at the Forum to discuss the Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Program with participations.
February 01, 2023	Email		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a thank you email to registrants and attendees for the webinar on Peatlands. A link to the recording of the webinar was included, as well as an offer to further discuss these topics with the MFFN CAR Project Team. The next webinar on Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change was noted, along with a link to register.

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February 03, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Reports to MNO. The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report documents the potential for archaeological sites in the proposed area of impact. This includes a review of mapping, previous archaeological reports, a visual inspection and any information collected from Indigenous communities. The report also evaluates potential effects of the CAR on cultural heritage and will be used to support recommendations regarding cultural heritage values or interests and impact management strategies. The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report looks at two specific areas identified in the Stage 1 report. The fieldwork involved physical testing of two locations next to the Albany and Ogoki Rivers and was completed in the fall of 2019. Further Stage 2 assessments will be completed once the preferred route is selected. Another report will be prepared and circulated for Indigenous community review once the field work is completed. Feedback and comments on both Stage 1 and 2 reports was requested by March 31, 2023. An offer was made to set up a meeting and discuss the reports. A link to the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage webinar was included.
February 08, 2023	Forum			■ Community Representative(s)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR), Webequie Supply Road (WSR), and Northern Road Link (NRL) Project Teams attended the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights (ATRI) and Forum that was hosted in Thunder Bay. MNO attended the Forum. The Forum was held to provide an opportunity for representatives from Indigenous Communities to meet with representatives from the Province of Ontario, and MFFN CAR, WSR and NRL Project teams to: develop a shared understanding of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights within each project area(s); identify community-specific contexts and values associated with Aboriginal and Treaty Rights in the project area(s); share information about the projects; and, discuss the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Assessment Processes.”
February 15, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a follow up to the Winter Field Notice issued in December 2022. It was noted that field crews are set to begin the ungulate aerial surveys on February 16, 2023. Field crews will be in the field for

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						eight days, however, the program may be extended in the event of weather delays. These surveys are to determine survival of calves from caribou collared during the caribou collaring field program in 2021, to gather caribou population and distribution data in the study area and to observe signs of other wildlife such as moose, wolves and wolverines. Links to the field notice, video on ungulates and webinar recording on animals and wildlife were included.
February 16, 2023	Email		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a thank you email to registrants and attendees for the webinar on Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change. A link to the recording of the webinar was included, as well as an offer to further discuss these topics with the MFFN CAR Project Team. The next webinar on Socio-Economic Studies was noted, along with a link to register.
February 21, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Socio-Economic Studies Part I Webinar to MNO. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email. It was noted that an upcoming webinar will take place on February 28 on Socio-Economic Studies Part II and a link to register was provided.
February 22, 2023	Email		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a thank you email to registrants and attendees for the webinar on Socio-Economic Studies Part I. A link to the recording of the webinar was included, as well as an offer to further discuss these topics with the MFFN CAR Project Team. The next webinar on Socio-Economic Studies Part II was noted, along with a link to register.
February 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the February E-Blast to MNO. The E-Blast noted the webinar on Socio-Economic Studies Part II taking place that day with a link to register, the full schedule and recordings. An IK Program timeline update was noted with a June 30, 2023 schedule. The E-Blast also included a note on the ATRI Forum and thanked those who were able to attend. Winter field study updates on furbearer winter tracking surveys and wolverine hair

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						snag surveys were included. Upcoming studies on Groundwater and Geochemistry, Collared Caribou Mortality Investigations and Ungulate Remote Camera Programs will occur between March and May 2023. Links to field program notices, videos and discussion guides were included. The E-Blast also noted the importance of traditional snowshoes used during field studies.
February 28, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Karen Prince (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada) ■ NRL IAAC Project Inbox (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Victoria Stinson, Manager of Lands, Resources, Consultation, with MNO, who noted that MNO wished to flag issues concerning Métis archeology reports on the Ring of Fire Projects, which includes MFFN CAR. Victoria requested dates to hold a meeting to discuss the topic.
March 02, 2023	Email	x		■ Northern Road Link Project Email ■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Karen Prince (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada) ■ Rachelle Lalonde (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team was copied on an email from Karen Prince, IAAC, in response to an email sent on February 28, 2023 by Victoria Stinson, MNO. Karen mentioned that Rachelle Lalonde would be in contact with Victoria to inquire about the issue concerning Métis archaeology in the Ring of Fire projects, including MFFN CAR.
March 02, 2023	Email		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Jason Suprovich (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a thank you email to registrants and attendees for the webinar on Socio-Economic Studies Part II. A link to the recording of the webinar was included, as well as an offer to further discuss these topics with the MFFN CAR Project Team. The next webinar on Groundwater and Geochemistry was noted, along with a link to register.
March 09, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed updates for upcoming field programs. The Wolverine Hair Snag Program noted in the Winter / Spring Field Notice is continuing and field crews are rebaiting wolverine hair snag traps until March 16, 2023. The Wolverine Denning Surveys will be conducted in March, prior to the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program in the spring. It was noted that there will be increased air traffic in the study area during the program. More details were attached in the field notice,

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						along with a map. Links were also provided to relevant videos and webinar recordings.
March 14, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Webinar to Métis Nation of Ontario. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email. A link was also provided for the schedule and registration for the remaining webinars.
March 16, 2023	Phone		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Victoria Stinson, MNO, and inquired about whether Victoria recalled who left her a phone message in early January. Victoria mentioned this in an email on January 9th. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired about this as they had no record of calling the MNO in this timeframe. Victoria stated that she did not have an answer to this. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if the MNO would like the opportunity to meet directly with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss issues related to Métis archaeology reporting which was mentioned in an email from Victoria, sent to the general Project email on February 28, 2023. Victoria confirmed the MNO would like to meet with the Project Team, and added that the MNO first became aware of this issue at the Ontario Ring of Fire workshop. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant clarified whether Victoria meant the ATRI Forum which occurred in early February 2023, to which Victoria answered yes. Victoria then explained the issues in more detail, noting that in the current archaeology report, the methodology and language is problematic. This is due to the fact that archaeology is either classified as “First Nations” or “European”, however Métis should fall under its own category. Victoria noted that there is only one archaeologist in Canada who specializes in Métis archaeology and that this is a common issue that arises. Victoria requested a follow-up email be sent to her from the Project Consultant to ensure that there is a record of the conversation and so Victoria could ensure everything she said was interpreted correctly. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant and Victoria discussed coordinating a meeting between the MNO and

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						MFFN CAR Project Team, noting sooner would be better for reporting deadlines and that there was no preference about combining the MFFN CAR Project meeting with IAAC.
March 16, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow up email to summarize a call between the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and Victoria Stinson. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Victoria for taking the time to talk, followed by a summary of their discussion regarding the Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology Reports. Victoria noted MNO's main concern was surrounding the terminology included in the draft of the archaeology reports. Specifically, that archaeology is classified as "First Nation's" or "European" when it should fall into its own category and that this issue first became apparent at the ATRI Forum in February 2023. Victoria mentioned that MNO requests a meeting between MNO key contacts and the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss this issue in more detail. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant agreed and noted that Victoria will be notified on whether the Project Team would like to hold a meeting separately or in combination with a meeting that had already been proposed between MNO and IAAC. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reiterated the importance of holding a meeting as promptly as possible to ensure no future deadlines are missed and ensure the feedback provided by MNO could be accounted for.
March 17, 2023	Email	x		■ Ring of Fire Project Email ■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Rachelle Lalonde (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada) ■ Karen Prince (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada) ■ Debra Myles (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant was cc'd on an email from Rachelle Lalonde, IAAC, to MNO. Rachelle noted another member of the Regional Assessment Team at IAAC had been in contact with Victoria and a meeting had been set up for April 6, 2023. Rachelle requested that in order to minimize the number of meetings held, that herself and the other members of the Agency's Regional Assessment Team join the meeting set for April 6, 2023. Rachelle noted another option could be to have a separate meeting just with the Regional Assessment Team. Rachelle also noted that if MNO wished to meet with Regional Assessment team separately to please specify which of the listed dates MNO preferred.

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March 21, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Birds Webinar to Métis Nation of Ontario. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email. A link was also provided for the schedule and registration for the remaining webinars.
March 22, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant distributed an IK Program Timeline and Update letter to Métis Nation of Ontario via email where the key Project schedule updates was highlighted, including upcoming draft existing conditions reporting that will start in the Summer 2023 and the route selection which will begin in September 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant advised the importance of receiving IK and information on ILRU by June 30, 2023. It was also advised that the MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to support communities in sharing IK beyond this date and to incorporate this information in subsequent steps of the assessment process (e.g., updates to the existing conditions, effects assessment, impact management and Project design).
March 22, 2023	Email	x		■ Ring of Fire Project Email ■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Rachelle Lalonde (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada) ■ Debra Myles (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada) ■ Karen Prince (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant was copied on an email from Victoria Stinson, MNO, to Karen Prince, IAAC, where Victoria noted the MFFN CAR Project Team should be invited to a meeting to discuss the MNO's archaeological concerns. Victoria mentioned that the MNO wanted to invite as many IAAC staff and MFFN CAR Project staff as possible to ensure all parties involved were aware of their concerns. Victoria provided a proposed meeting date and time and requested feedback.
March 24, 2023	Email		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a thank you email to registrants and attendees for the webinar on Birds. A link to the recording of the webinar was included, as well as an offer to further discuss these topics with the MFFN CAR Project Team. The next webinar on Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats was noted, along with a link to register.

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March 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Ted Pile (Métis Nation of Ontario Community Member)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats Webinar to Métis Nation of Ontario. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email. A link was also provided for the schedule and registration for the remaining webinars.
March 29, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Victoria Stinson, noting that they were available at both times suggested by Victoria for the meeting with IAAC and the MNO, and that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant had forwarded the invitation to other Project Team members. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant added that the MFFN CAR Project Team believed it would be beneficial to have a separate meeting on archaeology relating more specifically to the Project and would provide potential dates for that meeting.
March 29, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Victoria Stinson, which thanked the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for setting up a meeting to discuss archaeology specifically related to the CAR Project, which would be separate from IAAC meeting in mid-April. Victoria requested that Erin Reimer, MNO Mineral Development Advisor, be included in this meeting.
April 03, 2024	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ NRL IAAC Project Inbox (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant was copied on an email from Erin Reimer advising that they were no longer available for a previously suggested date for a meeting and advised it would need to be rescheduled.
April 04, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Ted Pile (Métis Nation of Ontario Community Member)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the March E-Blast to Métis Nation of Ontario. The E-Blast provided an introduction to the MFFN Community Coordinator. Details were shared on the Wolverine Denning Program and field study updates were provided for the Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys, the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program, the Collared Caribou Mortality Investigations, the Ungulate Remote Camera Program, the Vegetation and Peatlands Aerial and Ground Surveys and Cultural Heritage Program.

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						A link was provided for past webinar recordings as well as a link to register for the ATRI webinar.
April 06, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Victoria Stinson to let the MNO know that Monday April 17 at 1:00 pm worked to discuss the MNO's concerns about the Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology Reports. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant added that a calendar invite was sent to both Victoria and Erin and requested that they please confirm whether that date and time worked.
April 13, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Victoria Stinson about rescheduling the proposed meeting between the MNO, IAAC and the MFFN CAR Project Team. Victoria stated that they had heard back from IAAC and that they were willing to meet to discuss potential archaeology issues. Victoria asked the MFFN CAR Project Consultant to confirm whether this would be possible and noted she would send the invite regardless so the MFFN CAR Team would have it.
April 13, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Victoria Stinson, responding to an email Victoria sent earlier that day asking to reschedule a meeting. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested that Victoria phone her to discuss the information related to the meeting.
April 13, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Kimberly Valentine (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant was cc'd on an email from Erin Reimer, which stated that the MNO representatives were not available during any of the times which IAAC had previously suggested for a meeting to discuss NRL and MFFN CAR. Erin suggested an alternative time/date of April 24th at 1:30 – 3:00 pm. Erin added that she cc'ed the MFFN CAR Project Consultant to ensure they could attend the meeting to discuss archaeological topics.
April 13, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer, who noted that the April 17 suggested meeting date would not work for the MNO. Erin stated that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant was cc'ed into the facilitation of a meeting with IAAC and the MNO on the topic of the NRL and MFFN CAR Projects. Erin added that the MNO hope

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						the MFFN CAR Project Team / Consultants would be able to attend that discussion.
April 14, 2023	Phone	x		■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Erin Reimer but the call was not answered and a voicemail was left noting the reason for the call. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant wanted to confirm whether it would be possible to meet with the MNO in the morning on April 18 so the MFFN CAR Project Team/Consultants had clarity about the structure and purpose of the meeting with IAAC. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant recognized it was a last minute request, but would appreciate if Erin or Victoria could provide an answer as soon as they could.
April 14, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Erin Reimer, to confirm details surrounding a meeting with the MNO, IAAC and the MFFN CAR Project. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also requested that the MNO confirm whether an additional meeting was supposed to happen with the Agency on April 18. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked Erin to please call back to discuss this in more detail.
April 14, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor, MNO, in response to a voicemail the Project Consultant left for Erin following the receival of an email regarding rescheduling an upcoming meeting. Victoria stated that the MNO did not have availability to meet prior to the meeting with the Agency that was set to take place on April 18th. Victoria noted that they would be willing to set up a meeting at a later date if the MFFN CAR Project Team still had interest in doing so.
April 18, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Erin Reimer, noting that the MFFN CAR Project Team did still have an interest in having a meeting solely for MFFN CAR and the MNO. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested that Erin and Victoria provide a couple of times that would work for a meeting between April 18 and April 24. It was also requested that Erin provide an update on whether a time had been confirmed for the April 24 meeting with IAAC. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that

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						two MFFN CAR Project members would be joining the meeting with IAAC later that afternoon.
April 18, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer who suggested April 25 at 1:00 pm and April 27 at 10:00 am for dates on which the MNO and MFFN CAR Project specific meeting to discuss archaeology concerns. Erin asked the MFFN CAR Project Consultant to notify them which time was more suitable for the MFFN CAR Project Team. Erin added that a placeholder invite had been sent out for the Agency meeting on April 24
April 18, 2023	Meeting (Virtual)			■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Rachelle Lalonde (IAAC) ■ Loraine Cox (IAAC) ■ Caitlin Cafaro (IAAC) ■ Kayla Gray (IAAC) ■ Finn MacDonald (IAAC) ■ Colter Kelly (IAAC)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ A meeting was held between key contacts at MNO and IAAC which provided an overview of the Federal Impact Assessment process, presented the IAAC's understanding of the proposed Ring of Fire Road Projects, discussed how archaeological work is being conducted for those projects as well as the Regional Assessment and allowed the MNO to provide feedback and ask questions. The MNO invited the MFFN CAR Project Team to attend for transparency and understanding. Minutes for the meeting are confidential.
April 20, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Erin Reimer to confirm the preferred date for the archaeology meeting for the MFFN CAR Project Team was April 27. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also thanked Erin for sending the placeholder invite for the meeting between IAAC and the MNO on April 24 and inquired whether an agenda had been created for the April 24 meeting.
April 21, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Kimberly Valentine (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Kim Valentine, which included the draft agenda and presentation slides for the meeting scheduled between the MNO and IAAC on April 24. Kim noted to the email recipients that if anyone had any specific items they wished to discuss to please let Kim know.
April 21, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Spring 2023 Field Notice to Métis Nation of Ontario. Anticipated timing for upcoming field studies was provided. The 2023 Field Notice was attached, along with a link to the website and the March E-Blast, where field studies were previously

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				■ Ted Pile (Métis Nation of Ontario Community Member)		referenced. A link was also provided to webinars to learn more about Vegetation, Peatlands, Cultural Heritage, Wildlife, Groundwater and Socio-Economic studies.
April 24, 2023	Meeting (Virtual)			■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Rachelle Lalonde (IAAC) ■ Loraine Cox (IAAC) ■ Caitlin Cafaro (IAAC) ■ Kayla Gray (IAAC) ■ Finn MacDonald (IAAC) ■ Colter Kelly (IAAC)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ A meeting was held between key contacts at the MNO and IAAC, which provided an overview of the Federal Impact Assessment process, presented the IAAC's understanding of the proposed Ring of Fire Road Projects, discussed how archaeological work is being conducted for those projects as well as the Regional Assessment and allowed the MNO to provide feedback and ask questions. The MNO invited the MFFN CAR Project Team to attend for transparency and understanding. Meeting minutes are to be confidential.
April 26, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to key contacts at the MNO to respond to a question about the NRL archaeology team, as asked by the MNO in the April 24 meeting between the MNO, MFFN CAR and IAAC. The MFFN CAR Project Team member provided the contact information, as requested.
April 26, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to the MNO key contacts to provide an agenda which had been prepared for the MNO / MFFN CAR archaeology meeting the following day. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked the MNO for feedback on the agenda items and to advise of any topics they would like to discuss.
April 26, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer, thanking the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for checking in on whether the MNO had any specific discussion points they wanted included in the agenda for the archaeology meeting the following day. Erin noted that the MNO mainly wanted to reiterate their concerns regarding archaeology in the reporting methodology. Erin added that the MNO would like to hear about how the MFFN CAR Project Team plan to address these concerns in upcoming stages of archaeological assessment.
April 27, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Victoria Stinson, which provided the contact of the Métis archaeology experts located at the University of Alberta, a topic which was mentioned in the meeting that took place between the MNO, MFFN CAR and IAAC on April 18, 2023.

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						Victoria noted that this department is the leading Métis archaeology group in Canada.
April 27, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to the MNO key contacts notifying them that the agenda for the meeting later that day had been adjusted according to an email received by Erin the previous day and was attached to the email. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that a new invitation with a Microsoft Teams link had just been sent out.
April 27, 2023	Video Conference			■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ A meeting was held with key contacts from MNO and the MFFN CAR Project Team, where a discussion was had regarding MNO's concerns relating to the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Reports. The discussion was focused on general archaeology, archaeological potential, settlement patterns, rights assertion and Indigenous/Traditional Knowledge in relation to the MFFN CAR Project Area. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant then discussed timelines and outlined next steps in the archaeological assessment process. Time was provided for questions and answers.
April 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Ted Pile (Métis Nation of Ontario Community Member)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the April E-Blast to Métis Nation of Ontario. The E-Blast provided an update from the MFFN Community Coordinator, information for the IK Program and Spring Field Studies along with a link to the Field Notice.
May 09, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant contacted MNO to provide an update following the April 27 Archeology meeting; the meeting minutes were being reviewed internally and will be sent when they are ready. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also inquired about Steven Sarrazin who attended the meeting to clarify if they should be included as a key contact moving forward.
May 09, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from MNO's Victoria Stinson which stated that following the April 27, 2023 meeting the MNO Mineral Sector Advisor Steven Sarrazin should be the lead contact.
May 17, 2023	Email		x	■ Northern Road Link Project Email	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Karen Prince, IAAC, to confirm whether formal meeting minutes

Consultation and Engagement Log - Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)						
Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**In**	**Out**	**Contact Name (Title)**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
				■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Karen Prince (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada) ■ Rachelle Lalonde (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	were taken at the archaeology meeting between MNO and IAAC on April 24, where representatives from the MFFN CAR Project Attended. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if a copy of the minutes could be shared for record keeping purposes.
May 23, 2023	Email	x		■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer, MNO, who indicated that April 24, 2023, meeting minutes were taken but the MNO asked for the minutes to be kept confidential and not shared or posted publicly.
May 29, 2023	Email	x		■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Erin Reimer, MNO, thanking Erin for sharing that the April 24, 2023 meeting minutes with IAAC and MNO were confidential.

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Consultation and Engagement Log - Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)						
Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**In**	**Out**	**Contact Name (Title)**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
May 31, 2023	Email		x	■ Michael Fox (Webequie Supply Road Project Team) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Mark Knell (Northern Road Link Project ■ Craig Wallace (Webequie Supply Road Project Team) ■ Jennifer Ashawasegai-Pereira (Northern Road Link Project Team) ■ Gordon Wabasse (Webequie Supply Road Project Team)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant circulated a consolidated summary of all the comments/questions provided by participants and representatives of MNO at the ATRI Forum held in Thunder Bay on February 7 – 8, 2023. The correspondence included the following attachments: Thank you to participants bulletin, General ATRI Comment Summary, MFFN CAR – Cultural Heritage ATRI Forum Summary. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also offered to set up additional meetings to further discuss any aspects of the project, including MNO's ATRI as they relate to the MFFN CAR Project.

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4. References

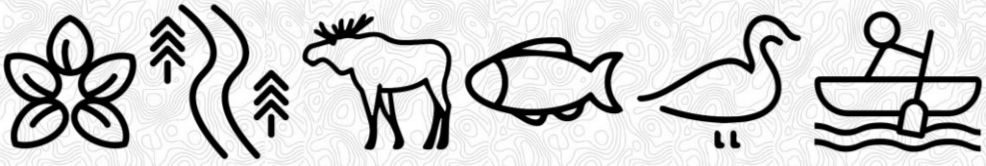
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AECOM, 2020:
Proposed Terms of Reference Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road – Environmental Assessment.

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Technical Review of Industrial Transportation Infrastructure Proposals.

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B25. MNO

B25.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence
B25.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence



B25.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Meeting Follow-up

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Jul 13, 2022 at 9:13 AM
To: "Nokleby, Andrea" <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Alexandra Kosmides <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>

Good morning Victoria,

Here is the final draft of our February 4, 2022 minutes in PDF format. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to set up another meeting in the future.

Thank you,

Jodi
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Project Name:	Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All Season Community Access Road	Date of Meeting:	February 4, 2022
		Time:	1:00-2:00 pm EST
		Project #:	60593122
Attendees:	Victoria Stinson, Manager, Lands, Resources and Consultations, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Alexandra Kosmides, President, MNO Bob Baxter, MFFN CAR Project Team – IK Lead Andrea Nokleby, MFFN CAR Project Consultant Jodi Miles, MFFN CAR Project Consultant	Location:	Google Meets
		Prepared By:	Jodi Miles (MFFN CAR Project Consultant)
Absent:	N/A		
Regarding:	MFFN CAR Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program		

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Summary
MFFN CAR Project Team and Consultants met with representatives/staff of the MNO to discuss the IK Program and general project information. MNO provided information about their area of interest, potential concerns for the project, and feedback about their experience with Project outreach to date. MFFN CAR Project Team and Consultants provided information about the IK Program, as well as MFFN's intentions and priorities for the project.

Item #	Topic/Theme	Notes	Action Items
1	Support for MFFN CAR	• MNO shared that they are supportive of the MFFN CAR project and hope to offer their support wherever they can • MNO expressed solidarity with MFFN and their aspirations for the road	

Item #	Topic/Theme	Notes	Action Items
2	IK Program	• MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an overview of the IK Program • MNO requested that MFFN CAR Project Consultants resend the IK Guidance Document to MNO • Project Consultant described and explained the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Study Areas. MNO supported the approach to defining the Study Areas	• MFFN CAR Project Consultant to send IK Guidance Document to MNO

3	MNO Areas of Interest	• MNO indicated that they are mainly interested in the very southern portion of the Project area, where it would connect to the Anaconda/Painter Lake Road
		• MNO explained that they do not currently have an understanding of where their traditional land use ends, but they do not believe there is active land use in the southern extent of MFFN CAR Project footprint (potential area of use relates more to the Anaconda/Painter Lake Road area)
		• MNO is currently working to better understand their land use in the Anaconda/Painter Lake Road area and offered to share any information that they gain about their traditional land use in this area
		• MNO explained that they do not have any land use interests in project area rather they are interested in the regional aspects of the Project and how they may influence land use south of the Project area including:
		  ○ Migratory animals
		  ○ Trapping and fur bearers
		  ○ Watersheds
			• MNO to share information about their land use in the area of interest (south of the project area) when it becomes available

Item #	Topic/Theme	Notes	Action Items
4	Climate Change	• MNO expressed that climate change and the environment are a major concern for them • MFFN CAR Project Team and Consultant expressed that protecting the environment through the MFFN CAR project is of major importance to MFFN as well	
5	Socio-economic impacts	• MNO expressed that socio-economic impacts are a major concern for them • MNO expressed the importance of protecting the traditional way of life • MFFN CAR Project Consultant expressed that the socio-economic environment is also of major importance to MFFN. She explained that the purpose of the road is to create opportunities and connections for MFFN, and to reduce transportation costs	
6	Migration	• MNO expressed concern for the impacts on the migration of wildlife that the road might have • MFFN CAR Project Team and Consultant expressed that protecting migration and the environment is also of major importance to MFFN	
7	Appreciation for outreach	• MNO expressed appreciation for the MFFN CAR Project Team's outreach, and would like to continue to be included in outreach • MNO requested that that the MFFN CAR Project Team and Consultants send their updated contact information	• Project Team Consultant to send contact information to MNO

Any errors or omissions please contact Jodi Miles within 2 weeks of distribution. Finalized meeting minutes will be included in the public Record of Consultation.

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Marten Falls Community Access Road Questionnaire

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Jul 29, 2022 at 10:30 AM
To: Victoria Stinson [redacted]
Cc: Alexandra Kosmides [redacted]
Bcc: [redacted]

Good morning Victoria,

I hope all is well with you and your community.

I left you a message this morning about a questionnaire our team put together to help us understand the topics of most interest to MNO, gather input on the best ways to keep MNO informed, and gather your insights, feedback and perspectives throughout the Environmental Assessment and Impact Statement planning processes for the Community Access Road.

We were wondering if you would be able to fill out this short survey, which can be found here and must be completed by **August 12, 2022**. If you would like assistance with filling out the survey, I am also happy to help over the phone. Your responses would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you,

Jodi Miles,
On behalf of the Marten Falls Community Access Road project team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Marten Falls Community Access Road Questionnaire

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 10:27 AM
To: Victoria Stinson [redacted]
Cc: Alexandra Kosmides [redacted], Phil McGuire [redacted], Tim Sinclair [redacted] Trent Desaulniers [redacted] Wendy Houston [redacted], William Gordon [redacted]

Good morning Victoria,

Thank you for your response! I have let the team know about MNO's preference for Zoom meetings and how we should set them up in the future.

Jodi Miles,
MFFN CAR Project Consultant
[Quoted text hidden]

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

ATRI Study Area Update files

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Aug 23, 2022 at 3:52 PM
To: Alexandra Kosmides
Cc: Victoria Stinson [redacted]
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Hi Alexandra,

I hope all is well. I'm going to try to resend the ATRI Study Update files we tried to send from the MFFN CAR Project email on August 18th. Because they're large files, I'm going to try to send them separately. Let me know if this works!

Jodi

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Jodi Miles
Dillon Consulting Limited
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Update on the Proposed Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Study Areas

August 2022

The purpose of this memo is to share further updates on the study areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests assessments that are to be completed for the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project. The Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests environmental discipline includes the following valued components:

- Indigenous Current Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes (hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering, cultural and spiritual sites, quantity and quality of resources, etc.); and
- Cultural Continuity – ability to practice and transmit cultural traditions (experience of being on the land, ability to access preferred sites and resources, etc.).

The study areas outlined below should inform Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land and Resource Use Studies that may be completed by participating Indigenous communities in terms of defining the geographic extents for information collection.

What is a Study Area?

Study areas identify the geographic areas within which potential effects of the Project may or are likely to occur. These study areas are used to guide the data collection and assessment processes. To capture the range of potential effects, the following study areas are typically used in environmental assessment processes:

- Project Development Area (previously referred to as the Project Study Area): area of direct disturbance (the physical area required for Project construction and operation);
- Local Study Area: the area where the potential direct effects of the Project (e.g., direct effects on wildlife, vegetation and surface water associated with noise and vehicle emissions) may occur; and
- Regional Study Area: the area where the potential indirect effects of the Project (e.g., effects to Indigenous land and resource use as a result of changes in wildlife and fish and their habitats) may occur. It is also the area in which cumulative effects could occur.

Timeline of the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights & Interests (ATRI) Study Areas Development

- August 2020 - Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) shared the Preliminary Aboriginal and Treaty Rights & Interests (ATRI) Study Areas Memo with Indigenous communities for review and comment.
- September 2020 - Indigenous communities provided valuable feedback on the preliminary ATRI Study Areas.
- January 2021 - The MFFN Project Team revised the ATRI Study Areas based on Indigenous community feedback and distributed an updated ATRI Study Area Memo outlining the changes.

Revised ATRI Study Areas

Since the last update, the MFFN Project Team has been hard at work planning for the Project and has further defined the Project Development Area. The proposed Project Development Area now takes into account potential aggregate sites, temporary construction camp locations, and construction access roads. With the updated Project Development Area comes updates to the ATRI Local Study Area as highlighted in Table 1 Revised Geographic Extent of the Local Study Area based on the PDA and illustrated in Figure 1: Revised ATRI Local Study Area below and Figure 2 ATRI Regional Study Area attached. The proposed Project Development Area did not result in any changes to the ATRI Regional Study Area. We are pleased to also provide you with the revised ATRI LSA and RSA shapefiles.

Table 1: Revised Geographic Extent of the Local Study Areas based on the PDA

Proposed Study Area	Original Geographic Extent	Revised Geographic Extent Based on the PDA
Project Development Area	Not previously defined.	Includes: • 100m road right-of-way (ROW) centered on the latest Route Alternative(s) • 10m ROW along potential access roads to the aggregate sites centred on the routes • Potential aggregate sites mapped to their full extent • Temporary construction camps
Local Study Area	5 km of the centreline of the Route Alternatives and 5 km buffer around other project components (e.g., aggregate sources) and temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas).	5 km buffer from the Route Alternatives PDA boundary, and 5km buffer around the other project components and temporary infrastructure PDA Boundary (e.g., aggregates sources, access roads, construction camps, staging areas, and stockpile areas).

Regional Study Area	Combined area of the quaternary watersheds crossed by each of the road alignments. In January 2021, based on comments received by Indigenous communities, the RSA was updated to include four additional quaternary watersheds that interact with the potential route alignments and the LSA. One of these additional watersheds is located at the southern terminus of Alternative 4 and the RSA now includes a larger portion of Painter Lake Road.	n.a.

Your Knowledge is Important to Us!

The Project Team wants to understand Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests related to the project. Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use will help us to better understand and appreciate the environment with respect to the identity, culture, and heritage of Indigenous Communities. If your community has Indigenous Knowledge or information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use related to the Project that you would like to share or if you would like to learn more about the Indigenous Knowledge Program and/or share information on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests please do not hesitate to reach out to Bob Baxter at [redacted] or [redacted] or Andrea Nokleby at [redacted] or [redacted].

We hope you and your community are safe and well.

Encl. Figure 1: Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Revised Local Study Area

Figure 2: Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Regional Study Area

Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interest Study Area Shapefiles

DISTRICT OF KENORA

Albany River

Marten Falls 65

Gourlie Creek

Wabimeig Lake

ALBANY RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK

Dark River

Makokibatan Lake

Stream

Calbert Creek

DISTRICT OF COCHRANE

DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY

Komushikoba River

Askawamattawa Creek

Little Current River

La Rose Creek

Ogoki Lake

OGOKI RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK (WATERWAY CLASS)

LITTLE CURRENT RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK

Wunnummin Lake

Winisk Lake

Wunnumin 1

Webequie

Windsor Lake

Missisa Lake

Neskantaga

Fort Hope 64

Marten Falls 65

English River 66

Aroland First Nations

Whitesand

Armstrong

Nakina

Constance Lake 92

Long Lake 58

Lake Nipigon

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Reserve

Ginoogaming First Nation

Hearst

Hornepayne

Map Location

Legend

- ATRI Local Study Area (Revised)
- ATRI Local Study Area (August 2020)

Route Label

- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4
- Alternative 4 West
- Alternative 1 and Alternative 4

General Features

- Highway
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Winter Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- Service Road
- Rapid Transit
- Alleyway
- Existing Winter Access Road
- Railway
- Watercourse
- First Nation Reserve
- Far North Boundary
- District Municipal Boundary
- Waterbody
- Provincial Park

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Local Study Area for Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interest (May 2022)

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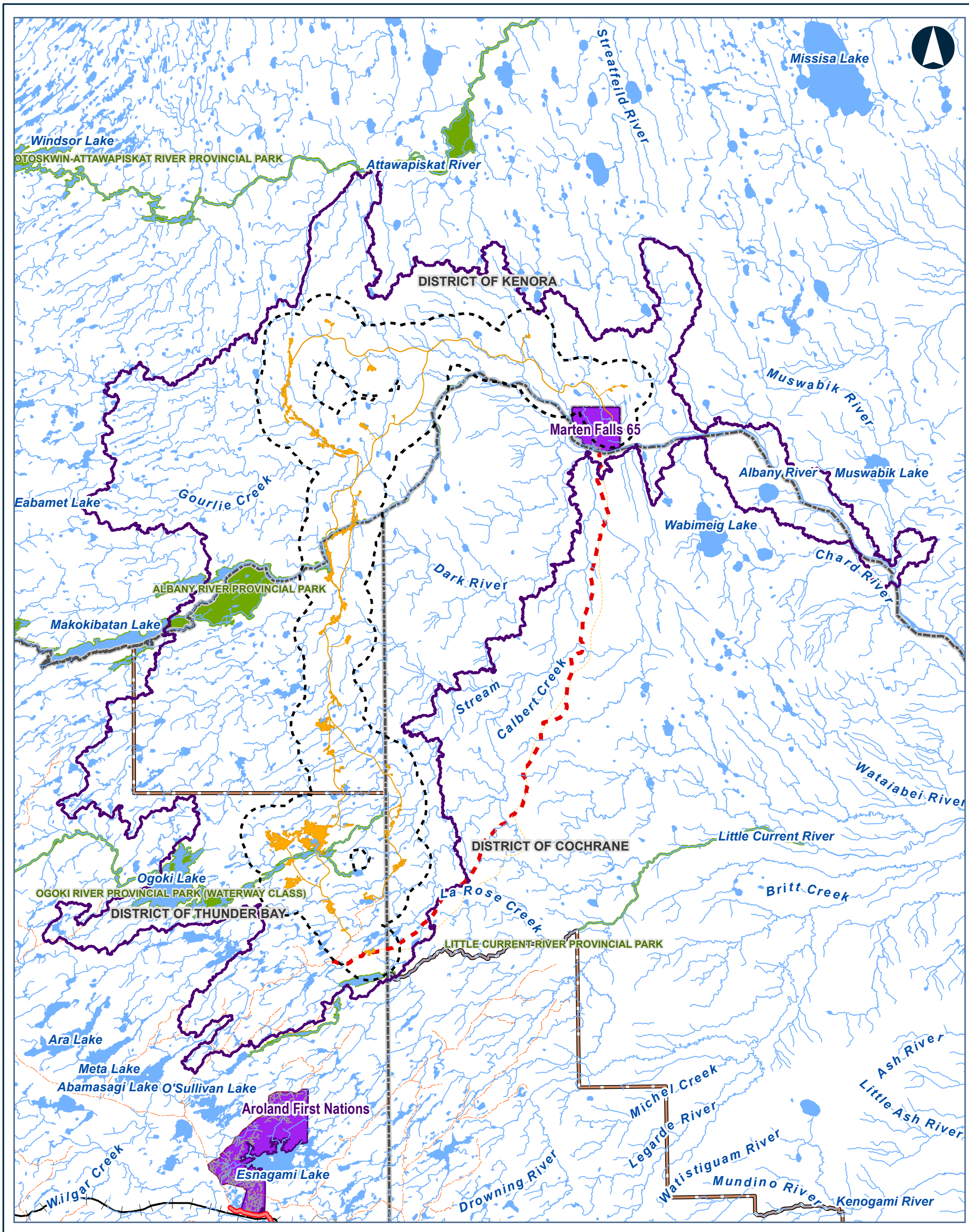
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Legend

- Project Development Area
- Local Study Area
- Regional Study Area

General Features

- Highway
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Winter Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- Service Road
- Rapid Transit
- Alleyway
- Existing Winter Access Road
- Railway
- Watercourse
- First Nation Reserve
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

ATRI Study Area Update files

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Aug 23, 2022 at 3:53 PM
To: Alexandra Kosmides [redacted]
Cc: Victoria Stinson [redacted]

Hi Alexandra,

Here is the second file:

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Engagement Questionnaire and Field Program Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Sep 20, 2022 at 4:48 PM
To: Victoria Stinson [redacted]
Cc: Alexandra Kosmides [redacted]
Bcc: [redacted]

Good afternoon Victoria,

I'm following up on the message I left for you today to touch base about our Engagement Questionnaire and upcoming fall field programs.

I wanted to check in to see if you have had the chance to fill out our Engagement Questionnaire, which we circulated in July. Though the deadline for this questionnaire has passed, you are welcome to still fill it out if you have not yet had the chance.

Our Project Team also sent out information about current and upcoming fall field programs in an email on September 19, 2022. I wanted to check in to see if you have had the chance to review this information, and if you had any questions or concerns.

Let me know if you have any questions about the Engagement Questionnaire, the upcoming field programs, or any other aspects of the MFFN CAR Project.

Thank you,

Jodi Miles

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Engagement Questionnaire and Field Program Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Sep 21, 2022 at 10:21 AM
To: Victoria Stinson [redacted]

Good morning Victoria,

That's great! Thank you for the update.

Jodi Miles

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]>

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project Update

1 message

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]> Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 3:56 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted], Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon Victoria,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today, it was nice to meet you over the phone. As mentioned, I work for Dillon Consulting and will be your new primary point of contact for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project. I have included the details on the items I mentioned in our call below for your review.

Public Information Centre #4

The first update is regarding Public Information Centre (PIC) #4, which will be held in Geraldton and Thunder Bay in early December. The exact dates and more formal notice will be shared soon. We invite you to join us for this PIC — it will provide updates and information on our upcoming Effects Assessment Methods Milestone, including field studies from the past year and the draft methods on how the route alternatives will be assessed and recommended.

***NEW* Valued Components Webinars/Videos**

The MFFN CAR Project will be starting a webinar series on what we are studying ("valued components"). The first webinar is November 15 at 4 p.m. EST and the topic will be Animals and Wildlife including moose, caribou and animals with fur. Please visit https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/ to pre-register and find the access link. Recordings will also be available.

Impact Statement Extension

In the October 2022 E-Blast, we shared that the MFFN CAR Project is subject to a federal Impact Assessment, which requires an Impact Statement within 3 years of the Notice of Commencement of the Impact Assessment. The MFFN CAR Project is requesting a 3.5-year extension, which would shift the dates from February 24, 2023 to July 24, 2026. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada will be notifying Indigenous communities and the public about this extension request and will provide an opportunity to review the request and provide comments.

Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests

There will be an upcoming workshop on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests in early 2023. Please stay tuned for more details.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns related to any of the information I've shared with you today, or the Project in general, please reach out.

Kind Regards,

Lauren

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team.

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]>

Public Information #4 and Webinar Series

1 message

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]>
To: [redacted]

Mon, Nov 28, 2022 at 4:09 PM

Good Afternoon Victoria,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today. As I mentioned, I am providing the details of both the upcoming Public Information Centres and tomorrow's webinar below.

Public Information #4:

The MFFN CAR Project team is hosting its fourth Public Information Centre (PIC) on December 7th in Thunder Bay and December 8th in Geraldton. A notice for the PIC is available at the following link (https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/#pic4) in English, Ojibway, Oji-Cree and French versions. I know you mentioned a number of community members are already attending, however please feel free to share this notice with others you think may be interested.

Details on Thunder Bay:

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Best Western Plus Nor'Wester Hotel & Conference Centre

2nd Floor (Room: Pointe Du Meuron)

2080 Hwy 61 Thunder Bay, Ontario

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Details on Geraldton:

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Geraldton Community Centre

200 Wardrope Avenue Geraldton, Ontario

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Valued Component Webinars:

Firstly, as I promised I have attached the link to the previous webinar here (https://vimeo.com/showcase/mffn-webinars). Secondly, the next webinar is tomorrow, Tuesday November 29th at 4:00 pm on the topic of Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat. Please visit the link below to pre-register and find the access link to the webinar.

https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Lauren

From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2023 4:07 PM
To: qsaddique@suslop.com; jennifer@jbruinassociates.com; Ross, Kathryn; luke_owens@golder.com
Subject: Webinar on Ungulates & Furbearers: Thank you for joining

Thank you for registering and / or attending the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Webinar Series on Ungulates (moose and caribou) & Furbearers. In the webinar we discussed why these topics are important to the planning of the access road, provided an overview of related field studies and shared some preliminary findings. The recording of this webinar, and others, can be viewed here.

If you are interested in Ungulates (moose and caribou) & Furbearers and would like to discuss these topics in more detail, we would love to speak with you!

Please reach out to schedule a time to chat; your feedback, experience and insights are important to us.

We look forward to connecting with you!

Sincerely,
Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

P.S. Our next webinar is January 10 at 4 p.m. EST on Archaeology and Cultural Heritage. Register here.

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From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2023 2:31 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webinar on Archaeology and Cultural Heritage: Thank you for joining

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Subject: Save the Date Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Forum - February 2023

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad… Fri, Jan 13, 11:07 AM (10 days ago)
to ea.participant.fund

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From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 12:35 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Webinar on Vegetation and Physiography: Thank you for joining

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Sincerely,
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P.S. Our next webinar is January 31 at 4 p.m. EST on Peatlands. Register here.

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]>

MFFN Community Access Road Project

Weseluck, Lauren [redacted]
To: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]
Cc: Erin Reimer [redacted]

Fri, Jan 20, 2023 at 4:48 PM

Hello Victoria,

My sincere apologies for the delay in responding to this message. I have attached the Google Drive Link to this email and have notified the Project Team to include Erin in all emails going forward.

Please let me know if you have any issues accessing the documents within the link.

If possible, if you could please complete a review of the documents and provide any comments by January 31st that would be ideal, however due to the delay on our end if you believe this won't be feasible please let me know as soon as possible.

[redacted]

Kind Regards,
Lauren
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 10:00 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webinar on Peatlands: Thank you for joining

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From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 12:34 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webinar on Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change: Thank you for joining

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Subject: Follow up on the ATRI Forum

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca> Wed, Feb 1, 10:05 AM
to

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From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 3:46 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webinar on Socio-Economic Studies Part I: Thank you for joining

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From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 3:24 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webinar on Socio-Economic Studies Part II: Thank you for joining

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]

Follow Up From Today's Call - Metis Archaeology

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]> Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 3:31 PM
To: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>
Cc: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]> Kyla Zielbauer [redacted]>, "Ross, Kathryn" <[redacted]>, "Trimble, Ingrid" [redacted]

Hi Victoria,

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me earlier this afternoon. As promised, I'm sending you a follow up email to ensure I did not misunderstand any of the points we discussed.

A summary of our discussion is as follows:

- The key issue that Metis Nation of Ontario has become aware of is surrounding the language and terminology that is included in the current Archaeology report. Specifically, archaeology is either classified as "First Nations" or "European" which is problematic as Metis should fall into its own category.
- I understand that using inclusive language is of great importance to Metis Nation of Ontario and moving forward the terminology for these reports should be reconsidered to be more inclusive.
- A meeting between yourself, and other key contacts within Metis Nation of Ontario, and the Project Team specific to MFFN CAR would be appreciated to discuss this issue further. This can be in addition, and separate, to the meeting you will be having with IAAC or in tandem with that meeting. This is something I will discuss further internally and keep you informed about.
- It is crucial that a discussion happens promptly as you want to ensure any discussions/feedback can be accounted for with ample time before the next reporting deadline.
- You first became aware of this issue at the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Forum in Thunder Bay in early February.

If you feel as though I missed anything please let me know. We will be in touch soon.

Thank You,
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Lauren Weseluck
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From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 12:38 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webinar on Birds – Thank You for Joining

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]

RE: RoF Métis archeology

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted] Wed, Mar 29, 2023 at 9:11 AM
To: Victoria Stinson [redacted]

Hi Victoria,

Thank you for suggesting these times, I will be able to attend the meeting and have forwarded the invitation to a couple other members of the Marten Falls Project Team to gauge who will be available (I know at least one other team member will want to attend).

In addition, I have discussed internally and we believe it would be beneficial to have a separate meeting, catered more specifically to your archaeology concerns relating to the CAR project in particular. I've reached out to the necessary participants and will let you know about some potential dates.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Lauren
[Quoted text hidden]
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Lauren Weseluck
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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]

RE: RoF Métis archeology

Weseluck, Lauren [redacted] Thu, Apr 6, 2023 at 3:23 PM
To: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]
Cc: Erin Reimer [redacted]

Hi Victoria,

After discussing with the rest of the team it seems that Monday April 17th at 1:00 pm works best to conduct this meeting. I sent both you and Erin a calendar invite.

Please let me know if this time works for you and whether anyone else from your end should be included.

Thanks,
Lauren
[Quoted text hidden]

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]

Reschedule?

Weseluck, Lauren [redacted] Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 11:34 AM
To: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]

Hi Victoria,

Could you please give me a quick call at [redacted] to discuss this in more detail? I want to make sure I have all the necessary information to bring forward to the rest of my team.

Thanks,
Lauren
[Quoted text hidden]
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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]

RE: RoF Métis archeology

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted] Fri, Apr 14, 2023 at 9:39 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer [redacted]>, "Nokleby, Andrea" [redacted], "Ross, Kathryn" <[redacted]>, "Fisken, Avril" <[redacted], "Trimble, Ingrid" [redacted]

Hi Erin,

Thank you for letting me know. I also saw an email from Victoria that came in which I interpreted as MNO wanting to combine the IAAC meeting with the meeting we were supposed to have specific to the CAR Project - am I correct in interpreting it this way? In addition, I wanted to check in to see if the IAAC meeting is still supposed to happen on Tuesday April 18th from 11:00 am to noon?

As that date is soon approaching, I want to ensure I have all the correct details. If either you or Victoria could please give me a call at [redacted] or respond to this email before 1:00pm today that would be great!

Thanks,
Lauren
[Quoted text hidden]
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Weseluck, Lauren [redacted]

RE: RoF Métis archeology

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]> Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 9:39 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>

Hi Erin,

No problem, I understand it was a last minute request. We do still have interest in a CAR specific meeting. Is there any time between now and the meeting on the 24th that both you and Victoria are available? Please let me know.

Additionally, I wanted to ask if there has been any progress made on confirming a time for the 24th?

Myself and one other member of the CAR team will be sitting in on the IAAC meeting today, so I will see you shortly.

Thanks,
Lauren
[Quoted text hidden]
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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]

RE: RoF Métis archeology

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted] Thu, Apr 20, 2023 at 2:36 PM
To: Erin Reimer [redacted]
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]

Hi Erin,

Thank you. Thursday April 27th works best for the majority of our team so I'd like to proceed with that time-slot if it's still good with you and Victoria.

Thank you for sending that placeholder invite for the 24th. I am just wondering if you have an agenda created for that or if it will be a more of a general discussion similar to the meeting on Tuesday? Just trying to prepare the necessary materials.

Thanks!

Kind Regards,
Lauren
[Quoted text hidden]

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]>

MNO Request for NRL Archeology Contact

Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]> Wed, Apr 26, 2023 at 2:38 PM
To: "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>
Cc: "Radoslav, Jarrid" <[redacted]>, "lweseluck@dillon.ca" <[redacted]>

Hi Victoria,

I hope you are doing well. During the discussion with MNO, IAAC and the Road Teams there was a question about the NRL Archeology Team.

I'm following up to let you know that ASI is SNC's sub for archeology. They don't have significant archaeology work planned for this year, so the main contact on any related questions would be the NRL Project Manager at SNC Lavalin. Her name is Angela Brooks and her e-mail address is: [redacted]

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]>

Discussion Points for Tomorrow

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]> Wed, Apr 26, 2023 at 4:38 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted], Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted], "Markham, Samantha" <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon,

Hope you're both doing well. In preparation for our archaeology meeting tomorrow I have prepared a preliminary agenda. Based on the discussions you have had with IAAC within the past couple of weeks I am wondering if there are any specific topics or discussion points you would like to ensure are covered in the meeting specific to the MFFN CAR Project?

If you could please let me know so I can finalize the agenda that would be great!

Thanks,
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Lauren Weseluck
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Agenda for May 27 Archaeology Meeting

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted] Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 8:59 AM
To: Erin Reimer [redacted], Victoria Stinson <[redacted], Jennifer Bruin [redacted]
"Markham, Samantha" [redacted], "Deveaux, Leah" [redacted], "Trimble, Ingrid"
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Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted], "Nokleby, Andrea"[redacted]

Good Morning everyone,

I have attached the proposed agenda for our archaeology meeting this morning. Please also note that I sent out an updated invitation, this one including the MS Teams link.

Looking forward to chatting soon.

Best Regards,
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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD PROJECT
Agenda– Archaeology Meeting with
Métis Nation of Ontario

MEETING TOPIC: **Archaeology Reporting and Methodology – MFFN CAR Project Area Specific Feedback**

Meeting Date:	April 27, 2023	**Location:**	MS Teams
Meeting Time:	10:00 – 11:00 AM		
Attendees:	**Métis Nation of Ontario** Victoria Stinson Erin Reimer Steven Sarrazin	**MFFN CAR Project Team & Consultants** Jennifer Bruin Samantha Markham Leah Deveaux Ingrid Trimble Lauren Weseluck	

PURPOSE

- Allow the representatives from the Metis Nation of Ontario to provide an overview of the issues they have experienced following review of the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Draft Archaeological reports
- Discuss how the MNO's feedback can be incorporated into the Project process moving forward

AGENDA

Item	Topics	Speaker	Time (Min)
1.	Welcome and introductions	All	5
2.	Overview of archaeology related concerns	Métis Nation of Ontario	15
3.	Discussion: General feedback, Project Timeline, and ensuring this feedback is included in the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment	All	20
4.	Discussion: Remaining questions	All	10
5.	Next Steps and Action Items	MFFN CAR Project Team	5

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Minutes and Additional Contact

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]> Tue, May 9, 2023 at 1:07 PM
To: Erin Reimer [redacted], Victoria Stinson [redacted]
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer [redacted]

Good Afternoon,

Hope you have both been well! I wanted to provide an update that the meeting minutes for the April 27th Archaeology meeting have been sent out for internal review. Once I get those back and check them over I will send them out to you as well as Steven. It was nice meeting Steven and am glad he was also able to join the meeting. Moving forward I wanted to check in with you on whether he should be added as another key contact for the Métis Nation of Ontario?

Additionally, one other thing I wanted to mention is that I will be going on vacation for two weeks starting tomorrow. My colleague Kyla Zielbauer (cc'ed) will be taking over for me while I am away. If you have any questions or comments about the Project please get in contact with her.

Thank you,
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Fwd: RoF Métis archeology

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted] Wed, May 17, 2023 at 3:18 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: "Weseluck, Lauren" [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
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Good Afternoon,

On behalf of my colleague Lauren Weseluck, who is currently away on vacation, I'm emailing you to inquire if formal meeting minutes were taken at the April 24th meeting with Métis Nation of Ontario?

If so, could we please receive a copy for our records?

Thanks very much,

Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
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Fwd: RoF Métis archeology

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted] Mon, May 29, 2023 at 11:36 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]
Cc: Lauren Weseluck <[redacted]MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]

Hello Erin,

Thank you for sharing that information - I will note that on our end!

Warm regards,

Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

Weseluck, Lauren [redacted]>

MFFN CAR, WSR, NRL ATRI Forum - Follow Up

Nokleby, Andrea [redacted] Wed, May 31, 2023 at 9:00 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted], Victoria Stinson <[redacted]
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted], Michael Fox [redacted], Bob Baxter <[redacted]
Lawrence Baxter [redacted]>, Mishal Naseer [redacted]>, "Knell, Mark" [redacted], "Wallace, Craig" <[redacted]>, "Ashawasegai-Pereira, Jennifer" [redacted]>, Lauren Weseluck <[redacted]

Good Morning Erin and Victoria,

On behalf of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR), Webequie Supply Road (WSR), and Northern Road Link (NRL) Project Teams, we want to thank the Métis Nation of Ontario for attending the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights (ATRI) and Forum that was hosted in Thunder Bay in February of this year. We really appreciate you participating.

We have consolidated all the comments/questions provided by representatives of your community. Please find attached the following documents for your review/comment:

- Thank You to Participants!
- General ATRI Comment Summary
- MFFN CAR Cultural Heritage Workshop - Community-Specific Summary

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments on any of the information attached.

Representatives of the Project Teams, would also be happy to set up additional meetings to further discuss any aspects of the project, including the Métis Nation of Ontario's Aboriginal and Treaty Rights as they relate to each Project.

Each Project Team will also be following up separately on any Project-specific correspondence.

Thank you and have a wonderful day,

Andrea

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ABORIGINAL AND/OR TREATY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD (WSR) • **MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD** (MFFN CAR) • **NORTHERN ROAD LINK** (NRL)

MIIGWECH / MIIGWETCH / THANK YOU!

Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation greatly appreciate your community's participation in the 2-day Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum held in Thunder Bay on February 8th & 9th, 2023. The Forum focused on discussing potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests as they relate to the following Projects:

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

AS PART OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESSES FOR THE PROJECT(S), OUR GOAL IS TO WORK WITH YOU TO:

Develop an understanding of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests by each community within each distinct Project area

By understanding Rights and Interests we will be in a better position to have discussions about potential Project(s) impacts

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

The Forum was also an important opportunity to:

- Meet face-to-face
- Connect on how we can work together
- Better understand the roles we all play in assessing potential impacts to Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests
- Reduce consultation fatigue
- Provide input into the MFFN CAR Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Program

For your review and comment, please find attached:

- Summary of comments your community provided in the individual Project-Specific Breakout Session(s) and the MFFN CAR Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Workshop
- Summary of comments provided during the group plenary session (Day One Morning)

As First Nation Proponents we understand that assessing potential impacts to Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests is complex and iterative. As such, we would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with your community one-on-one to further our conversations on this important part of the assessment processes.

Based on positive feedback, we plan on hosting another session in the coming months.
Please stay tuned for more information.

To ***schedule a one-on-one meeting*** or to share further information about your Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests with Project Team Representatives please contact:

MFFN CAR: Andrea Nokleby: anokleby@dillon.ca
NRL: Mishal Naseer: mnaseer@dillon.ca
WSR: Michael Fox: michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca

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ABORIGINAL AND/OR TREATY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS FORUM
FEBRUARY 7th & 9th, 2023
THUNDER BAY, ON
GENERAL SUMMARY

#	Indigenous Community	Comment/Issue Raised	Post Forum Response
1.	Webequie First Nation	Need to condense information in a way communities can understand as big documents is not their way to looking at things.	The proponents are taking steps to ensure the project information is understood, such as generating fact sheets, newsletters, and plain language summaries of key documents. In addition, some key documents are translated to Indigenous languages. The proponents will endeavour to continue to provide project information in a way that is concise and uses layman's terms whenever possible.
2.	Webequie First Nation	Important to take the time to listen and learn from First Nations.	Comment acknowledged. The proponents are committed to pursuing open dialogue and consultation with Indigenous communities during the environmental assessment processes.
3.	Attawapiskat First Nation	Community members do not know what is going on with the road Projects. Proponents tend to deal with Chief and Council and information does not get down to the grassroots people. The colonial processes of Chief and Council do not always represent the interests of the Treaty Rights holders.	The proponents will continue to discuss with community leadership how to ensure that community members are reached directly during consultation and engagement activities.
4.	Attawapiskat First Nation	Do not see Treaty people at the forum, only business people.	All Indigenous communities scoped into the EA/IA processes by the Province and IAAC were invited to attend the ATRI Forum.
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6.	Attawapiskat First Nation	We (Attawapiskat First Nation) only received notice for the IAAC Northern Road Link Project Open House one day before the session. IAAC is not advertising its consultation and they are not meeting with the people.	Thank you for this comment. We will share with IAAC.
7.	Attawapiskat First Nation	It is important to talk to Treaty Rights holders and that is why he is streaming the session back to the community.	The proponents will look into options to live-stream consultation and engagement activities when possible.
8.	Webequie First Nation (Chief)	Information being shared at the Forum will help the Proponents see what the impacts to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights may be and will help them make good decisions.	Comment acknowledged.
9.	Webequie First Nation (Chief)	Need to find balance between traditional way of living and the new way of life.	Comment acknowledged. The proponents looks forward to learning more about Indigenous communities' traditional way of life through the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Programs.
10.	Webequie First Nation (Chief)	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	The proponents acknowledge that it is up to each community to decide whether to share information. It is anticipated that Indigenous Knowledge (IK) collected through the IK Programs will be governed by IK Sharing Agreements that indicate how confidential information will be used to inform the effects assessment but will be protected from public or third-party disclosure.
11.	Webequie First Nation (Chief)	Transparency is important when discussing Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests.	Comment acknowledged.

#	Indigenous Community	Comment/Issue Raised	Post Forum Response
12.	Aroland First Nation	Some communities pulled out of the Forum because they were told that advisors were not welcome at the Forum. Aroland First Nation decided to stay despite the fact they did not have their advisors with them to get information as they were not able to meet because of the COVID pandemic.	"The proponents acknowledge there was a miscommunication during the planning of the ATRI Forum. The proponents thank Aroland First Nation for staying in the forum despite this miscommunication. The proponents welcome Indigenous community Advisors/Consultants in all Indigenous consultation and engagement activities for the EA/IA processes.
13.	Aroland First Nation	The group is talking about consultation but this cannot be consultation if community advisors are not present.	The proponents welcome Indigenous community Advisors/Consultants in all Indigenous consultation and engagement activities for the EA/IA processes.
14.	Aroland First Nation	Aroland First Nation is key to the Projects but feels left out. Further, it is a hard position us (for Aroland First Nation) if our neighbours to the north want to do things. The Proponents need to do better.	Comment acknowledged. Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation have initiated a nation to nation dialogue to resolve concerns raised by Aroland First Nation and are working towards building a collaborative relationship.
15.	Aroland First Nation	The Proponents need to do better to understand what Aroland First Nation wants to do as well.	The proponents are committed to collaborating with Aroland First Nation throughout the EA/IA processes.
16.	Aroland First Nation	We (Aroland First Nation) is attending the Forum to build relationships with our neighbours.	The proponents thank Aroland First Nation for participating in the ATRI Forum. The proponents also aim to build relationships with our neighbours, and are committed to pursuing open dialogue and consultation with Indigenous communities during the EA/IA processes.

#	Indigenous Community	Comment/Issue Raised	Post Forum Response
17.	Aroland First Nation	Aroland First Nation will not support any development until the federal Regional Assessment is completed. What will the cumulative effects be. Aroland First Nation has written letters to that effect.	"The proponents acknowledge Aroland First Nation's request that the Regional Assessment precede the individual road assessments; however, completion of the Regional Assessment in the Ring of Fire Area is not a requirement for the proponents to proceed with the individual EA/IA processes. It is the proponents' understanding that the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) is currently engaging with interested Indigenous communities on a proposed approach for a Regional Assessment that could be co-led by the Agency, Indigenous communities and Ontario. Information generated by the Regional Assessment will be incorporated into the Project's EA/IA as it becomes available. The decision to proceed with the EA/IA processes for the three road projects is consistent with the agreements between the proponents and the Province of Ontario. The proponents are committed to realizing the intended/perceived benefits of the roads for their respective communities, and the region as a whole, within a reasonable timeframe. Deferring/pausing the individual EA/IA processes does not align with these objectives. The EA/IA for the road projects will each include a cumulative effects assessment. The scoping of the cumulative effects assessments will include other past, present or reasonably foreseeable projects and activities, including the other road projects as well as proposed mining projects in the region.

#	Indigenous Community	Comment/Issue Raised	Post Forum Response
18.	Aroland First Nation	The parties need to rethink the strategy about not allowing advisors. It is strange that government and Proponent advisors are here, yet First Nations are denied their advisors. Aroland First Nation will listen, watch, participate and report back to the community.	The proponent acknowledges there was a miscommunication during the planning of the ATRI Forum. The proponent welcomes Indigenous community Advisors/Consultants in all Indigenous consultation and engagement activities for the NRL Project's EA/IA process.
19.	Aroland First Nation (Chief)	Need to work with Council to answer to members. We came to listen and everyone needs to work together. Proponents need to work with Aroland First Nation.	The proponents are committed to collaborating with Aroland First Nation throughout the EA/IA processes.
20.	Aroland First Nation (Chief)	We (Aroland First Nation) welcome and support Marten Falls First Nation for the Community Access Road Project only, but now there are other things attached (NRL, WSR). Why is Aroland First Nation not involved and why wasn't the community been asked to participate in the development of the Project(s).	Comment acknowledged. Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation have initiated a nation to nation dialogue to resolve concerns raised by Aroland First Nation and are working towards building a collaborative relationship.
21.	Aroland First Nation (Chief)	The Road Projects will affect everyone and we (Aroland First Nation) are already seeing impacts that will change everything. You can not reverse impacts.	The proponents understand the roads would result in effects/changes, and are conducting individual EA/IA processes in an effort to better understand those effects and develop measure to mitigate negative effects and enhance positive effects.
22.	Aroland First Nation (Chief)	We (Aroland First Nation) want to build a relationship with Marten Falls First Nation and we don't want to fight with our relations. Government is making us fight with our relations and it is confusing.	The proponents appreciate Aroland First Nation's desire to build a relationship and work together.
23.	Aroland First Nation (Chief)	Received texts from other First Nations about opting out of the Forum. We thought about opting out, but I wanted to be open and share my feelings, so we stayed at the Forum.	The proponents appreciates Aroland First Nation's participation in the ATRI Forum.
24.	Marten Falls First Nation	Marten Falls First Nation representative asked to respond to some of the comments made by the Aroland First Nation Chief.	Comment acknowledged.

#	Indigenous Community	Comment/Issue Raised	Post Forum Response
25.	Marten Falls First Nation	Marten Falls First Nation representative noted that the Proponents have made every effort to meet and consult with Aroland First Nation, but this has been refused for a number of reasons including the COVID pandemic.	Comment acknowledged.
26.	Marten Falls First Nation	There are many ways to communicate, so the Marten Falls First Nation representative disagrees with the notion that the Proponent is not consulting. Issues should not be construed as an argument but rather debating.	Comment acknowledged.
27.	Marten Falls First Nation	Marten Falls First Nation representative recalled a story of a proposed forestry agreement between 3 First Nations that was stalled for more than a year. The Chiefs finally met to discuss and they were able to reach an agreement. There needs to be meetings with just the Chiefs. They did not have advisors and consultants back then. Chiefs need to get together and talk. That is why they are elected.	Comment acknowledged.

Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum
February 8th & 9th, 2023
Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road
Comment/Responses – Métis Nation of Ontario

#	Comment/Issue by Métis Nation of Ontario	Post Forum Response
1	A gap in the background information was identified, where information regarding the Métis presence in the project area should be added to the reports	A commitment was made to include detailed historic information in the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment as well as all archaeological reports moving forward.
2	The delegation added that while they were still uncertain of the level of participation within the consultation process for this project, they did want the opportunity to review all reports.	Comment acknowledged.

B25.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Marten Falls Community Access Road Questionnaire

Victoria Stinson [redacted] Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 12:16 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Alexandra Kosmides [redacted] Phil McGuire [redacted] Tim Sinclair [redacted] Trent Desaulniers [redacted], Wendy Houston [redacted]>, William Gordon [redacted]

Good morning Jodi,

Thank you for reaching out.

The current preference for consultation for the MNO is through Zoom meetings. Please reach out to Alexandra or myself to set up a meeting with the Regional Consultation Committee.

Sincerely,

Victoria Stinson

Manager

Lands, Resources and Consultations

Pronouns: Her/She

Métis Nation of Ontario

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Subject: RE: IK Program - ATRI Study Area Update

Alexandra Kosmides [redacted] Thu, Aug 18, 4:23 PM (4 days ago)

to MFFN Community Access Road Project Team, Victoria Stinson

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Alexandra

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Engagement Questionnaire and Field Program Follow Up

Victoria Stinson [redacted] Tue, Sep 20, 2022 at 5:48 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Margaret Froh [redacted]

Good afternoon Jodi,

Marsi for reaching out.

Yes, the MNO had the opportunity to complete the survey. We do not have any questions or comments for the upcoming field season at this time.

Good luck and stay healthy,

Sincerely,

Victoria Stinson

Manager

Lands, Resources and Consultations

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MFFN Community Access Road Project

Victoria Stinson <[redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: Erin Reimer [redacted]

Mon, Jan 9, 2023 at 3:43 PM

Hello,

I received your phone message today. I did not receive the email and link in December – can you please resend to myself and MNO Mineral Development Advisor Erin Reimer (CC) as well?

Marsi,

Victoria Stinson, Ph.D.
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Victoria Stinson <[redacted]> Mon, Jan 9, 1(
to [redacted]

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Hi MFFN Community Access Road Project,

Please add MNO Mineral Development Advisor Erin Reimer into all communications.

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Fwd: MFFN Community Access Road Project

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From: **Erin Reimer** <[redacted]>
Date: Fri, Jan 27, 2023 at 4:27 PM
Subject: RE: MFFN Community Access Road Project
To: Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]>

Hi Lauren,

I have reviewed the progress and interim consultation reports for the MFFN CAR Project as they relate to the Metis Nation of Ontario, Region 2. We do not have specific comments with regards to the consultation reports, other than requesting continued follow-up, as outlined within the reports and summarized below, for the next stages in the assessment.

Ongoing MNO concerns related to the southern portion of the project area where it would connect with the Anaconda/Paint Lake Road were related to traditional land use, cumulative effects/regional aspects, and climate change. MFFN's response action to address these concerns was the following:

- The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to follow-up on receiving traditional land use information when it becomes available.
- Opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA.
- The evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Project, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community.

Continuance on these issues as well as general project updates throughout the next stages of the project assessment is of interest to the MNO.

Best regards,

Erin Reimer (she/her)

Mineral Development Advisor – Northwest

Lands, Resources & Consultations

Métis Nation of Ontario

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Subject: RoF Métis archeology
Date:2023-02-28 15:58
From: Victoria Stinson <
To:" <>, "MFFN Community Access Road Project Team" <>, "Northern Road / Route Du Nord (IAAC/AEIC)" <
Cc: Erin Reimer <

Hello everyone,

The MNO wishes to flag an issue concerning Métis archeology on the RoF projects, including Marten Falls. It has the potential to occurr on the other projects as well. As such I propose to meet together at you earliest convenience.

Please propose a few dates in the upcoming month in which we can discuss.

Sincerely
Victoria

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]>

Fwd: RoF Métis archeology

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted] [redacted]
To:[redacted]

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Subject:RE: RoF Métis archeology
Date:2023-03-02 17:10
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To:'Victoria Stinson' <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]
"Northern Road / Route Du Nord (IAAC/AEIC)" [redacted]
Cc: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>, "Lalonde,Rachelle (IAAC/AEIC)" <[redacted]>

Hi Victoria,

Thank you for reaching out! I've asked Rachelle Lalonde, our Senior Consultation Advisor on the RoF to touch base with you to better understand the issue concerning Métis archeology on the RoF projects.

Have a great rest of your day!

Karen ☺

Karen Prince

(she/her/elle)

Manager, Consultation Operations Division

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Fwd: RoF Métis archeology

From: Lalonde,Rachelle (IAAC/AEIC) [mailto[redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 8:22 PM
To: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>
Cc: Myles,Debra (IAAC/AEIC) <[redacted]; RegionalRoF / CdFRegionale (IAAC/AEIC) <[redacted]; Prince,Karen (IAAC/AEIC) <[redacted]
Subject: re: RoF Métis archeology

Hi Victoria,

Nice to hear from you again!

Apologize about the delay on my end as I have recently transitioned full time into this role and was off on March break with my family.

I spoke to Caitlin and understand that you have a meeting with her and others from the impact assessment road projects on April 6th. To help manage your time we could request to join that meeting to hear about MNO's archeological work all together? Or, another option would be to set up a time with just us - the regional assessment (RA) team - to discuss your information. Either option would be fine for us as we are interested in hearing about the work but also would like to discuss how best to engage with MNO on the regional assessment.

If you prefer to meet with just the RA team, here are a few proposed date/times:

April 7, 10 to 11am or 2 to 3pm

April 18, 11 to 12pm or 3 to 4pm

Please give me a call/text if easier to set up that way.

Looking forward to speaking to you!

Rachelle

Senior Consultation Advisor, Consultation Operations Division

Regional Assessment in the Ring of Fire Area
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada / Government of Canada

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Weseluck, Lauren [redacted]

RE: RoF Métis archeology

Victoria Stinson [redacted] Wed, Mar 22, 2023 at 9:41 AM
To: "Lalonde,Rachelle (IAAC/AEIC)" <[redacted], "[redacted]>
Cc: "Myles,Debra (IAAC/AEIC)" [redacted], "RegionalRoF / CdFRegionale (IAAC/AEIC)" <[redacted], "Prince,Karen (IAAC/AEIC)" <[redacted], Erin Reimer <[redacted]>, Linda Norheim <[redacted]

Hi Rachelle,

Marsi for your response.

I propose that we invite as many IAAC (MF-W & Northern Link) and Marten Falls staff as possible to ensure that all parties understand the MNO archeological concerns. I have included Lauren from Dillon as we have recently spoken to her about these concerns. At a minimum I would request an IAAC staff from the Regional Assessment, yourself, and Lauren Dillon (or another Marten Falls staff member).

***ACTION ITEM:

Would this time work for everyone?

April 18, 11 to 12pm or 3 to 4pm

Victoria Stinson, Ph.D.

Manager

Lands, Resources and Consultations

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Métis Nation of Ontario

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]

RE: RoF Métis archeology

Victoria Stinson [redacted] Wed, Mar 29, 2023 at 9:59 AM
To: "Weseluck, Lauren" <[redacted]
Cc: Erin Reimer <[redacted]

Hi Lauren,

Marsi for also setting up a separate meeting as well to discuss the CAR. Please include MNO Mineral Development Advisor Erin Reimer as well.

Sincerely,

Victoria Stinson, Ph.D.

Manager

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Weseluck, Lauren [redacted]>

RE: Consultation with MNO

From: Erin Reimer [redacted]
Sent: April 3, 2023 12:05 PM
To: Northern Road / Route Du Nord (IAAC/AEIC) <[redacted]Victoria Stinson <[redacted]
Cc: Steven Sarrazin <[redacted]
Subject: RE: Consultation with MNO

Hi Kim/Caitlin

Unfortunately we are no longer available for April 6th meeting with IAAC (Ontario), and will need to reschedule. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Please suggest some alternate times that will work for your team towards the end of April.

Best regards,

Erin Reimer (she/her)

Mineral Development Advisor – Northwest

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]>

Reschedule?

Victoria Stinson <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 11:32 AM
To: "lweseluck@dillon.ca" <[redacted]>

Hi Lauren,

Apologies but we have heard back from IAAC and they are willing for your team, MNO & them to meet and discuss the archeology potential issues.

Please let me know if this could be possible? That way we can all confirm our next steps.

I'll send invite just in case!

Sincerely
Victoria

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]

RE: Consultation with MNO

Erin Reimer <[redacted] Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 12:24 PM
To: "Northern Road / Route Du Nord (IAAC/AEIC)" <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>
Cc: Steven Sarrazin <[redacted]>, "Weseluck, Lauren" [redacted]

Hi Kim,

April 24th @ 1:30-3:00 pm EDT would likely work for our team, unfortunately none of your proposed times are available. I have cc'd Lauren Weseluck from the Marten Falls team to coordinate attending the meeting as well to discuss the archaeological aspects.

If this time does not work, please propose alternatives. Thank you!

Best regards,

Erin Reimer (she/her)

Mineral Development Advisor – Northwest

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]

RE: RoF Métis archeology

Erin Reimer <[redacted]
To: "Weseluck, Lauren" <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson [redacted]

Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 12:28 PM

Hi Lauren,

Unfortunately the April 17th does not work for our team. I have cc'd you into the facilitation of the meeting with IAAC on the MFFN CAR and NRL Projects and hope that we can coordinate your team to attend for a discussion on the archaeology.

Thank you for your patience on this and willingness to meet.

Best regards,

Erin Reimer (she/her)

Mineral Development Advisor – Northwest

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Lauren Weseluck
[redacted]
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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]

RE: RoF Métis archeology

Erin Reimer <[redacted] Fri, Apr 14, 2023 at 2:21 PM
To: "Weseluck, Lauren" <[redacted]
Cc: Victoria Stinson [redacted]

Hi Lauren,

Further to your voicemail and our conversation, unfortunately we do not have availability prior to April 18th. We can definitely look at setting up a meeting at a later date if your team still has interest.

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]

RE: RoF Métis archeology

Erin Reimer <[redacted] Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 12:30 PM
To: "Weseluck, Lauren" [redacted]
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]

Hi Lauren,

I 've taken a look at our calendars and here are some proposed times for a MFFN CAR specific meeting to discuss archaeology concerns.

Tuesday April 25th 1:00 pm EDT

Thursday April 27th 10:00 am EDT

Please let me know if one of these times works for your team.

Additionally, I've sent out the placeholder for April 24th's meeting at 1:30-3:00pm EDT which was confirmed with IAAC.

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]>

Draft Agenda and Presentation Slides - April 24, 2023, Meeting with Métis Nation of Ontario

Northern Road / Route Du Nord (IAAC/AEIC) <NorthernRoad-RouteDuNord@iaac-aeic.gc.ca> Fri, Apr 21, 2023 at 1:28 PM
To: "ErinR@metisnation.org" [redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon Erin,

Please find attached a draft agenda and the presentation slides for our meeting scheduled on **April 24, at 1:30 PM**.

If there are any specific items that you would like to discuss during the call, please let me know and I will revise the agenda.

Kind regards,

Kim Valentine
(she/her|elle)

Project Analyst, Ontario Region
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada / Government of Canada
NorthernRoad-RouteDuNord@iaac-aeic.gc.ca / Tel: [redacted]

Analyste de projet, Bureau régional de l'Ontario
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2 attachments

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NORTHERN ROAD LINK PROJECT
Draft Agenda– Meeting with
Métis Nation of Ontario

MEETING TOPIC: **Northern Road Link Project – Impact Assessment Process and the First Comment Period of the Planning Phase**

Meeting Date:	April 24, 2023	**Location:**	MS Teams
Meeting Time:	1:30 PM to 3:00 PM ET		
Agency Contact Information:	Caitlin Cafaro, Crown Consultation Coordinator Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) northernroad-routedunord@iaac-aeic.gc.ca		
Participants:	**Métis Nation of Ontario** Victoria Stinson Erin Reimer Steven Sarrazin **Dillon** Lauren Weseluck	**Agency** Caitlin Cafaro, Senior Consultation Analyst Chiara Calabrese, Project Manager Ely Weisbrot, Project Manager Kelechi Nwokeocha, Student Kimberly Valentine, Project Analyst Loraine Cox, Team Leader Sita Chinnadurai, Project Analyst	

PURPOSE

- Provide an overview of the federal impact assessment process and first comment period
- Present the Agency's understanding of the proposed Northern Road Link Project (the Project) and the potential effects as described in the proponent's Summary of the Initial Project Description.
- Discuss how archeological work is being conducted in the project area for the Northern Road Link Project and Marten Falls Community Access Road Project
- Discuss objectives and preferences of Métis Nation of Ontario, for Agency consultation activities and proponent engagement activities in relation to the Project.

DOCUMENT FOR REVIEW

- Slide Deck: Northern Road Link Project – First Comment Period of the Planning Phase

AGENDA

Item	Topics	Speaker	Time (Min)
1.	Welcome and introductions	All	5
2.	Métis Nation of Ontario meeting objectives	Métis Nation of Ontario	5
3.	Agency objectives for the meeting	Agency	5
4.	Discussion: archeological work in the Project area	All	20
5.	Overview of the impact assessment process and first comment period	Agency	20
6.	Overview of the potential effects of the Project as described in the Summary of the Initial Project Description	Agency	20
7.	Discussion: objectives and preferences for consultation and engagement	All	10
8.	Next steps	All	5

Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

NORTHERN ROAD LINK PROJECT

DETERMINING WHETHER A FEDERAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IS REQUIRED

MARCH 2023

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Outline

- The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and the Federal Impact Assessment Process
- First Comment Period: Request for Comments by **March 23, 2023**
- Overview of the Proposed **Northern Road Link Project**
- Potential Effects of the Project
- Consultation and Engagement Approaches
- Next Steps

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and the Federal Impact Assessment Process

INTRODUCTION

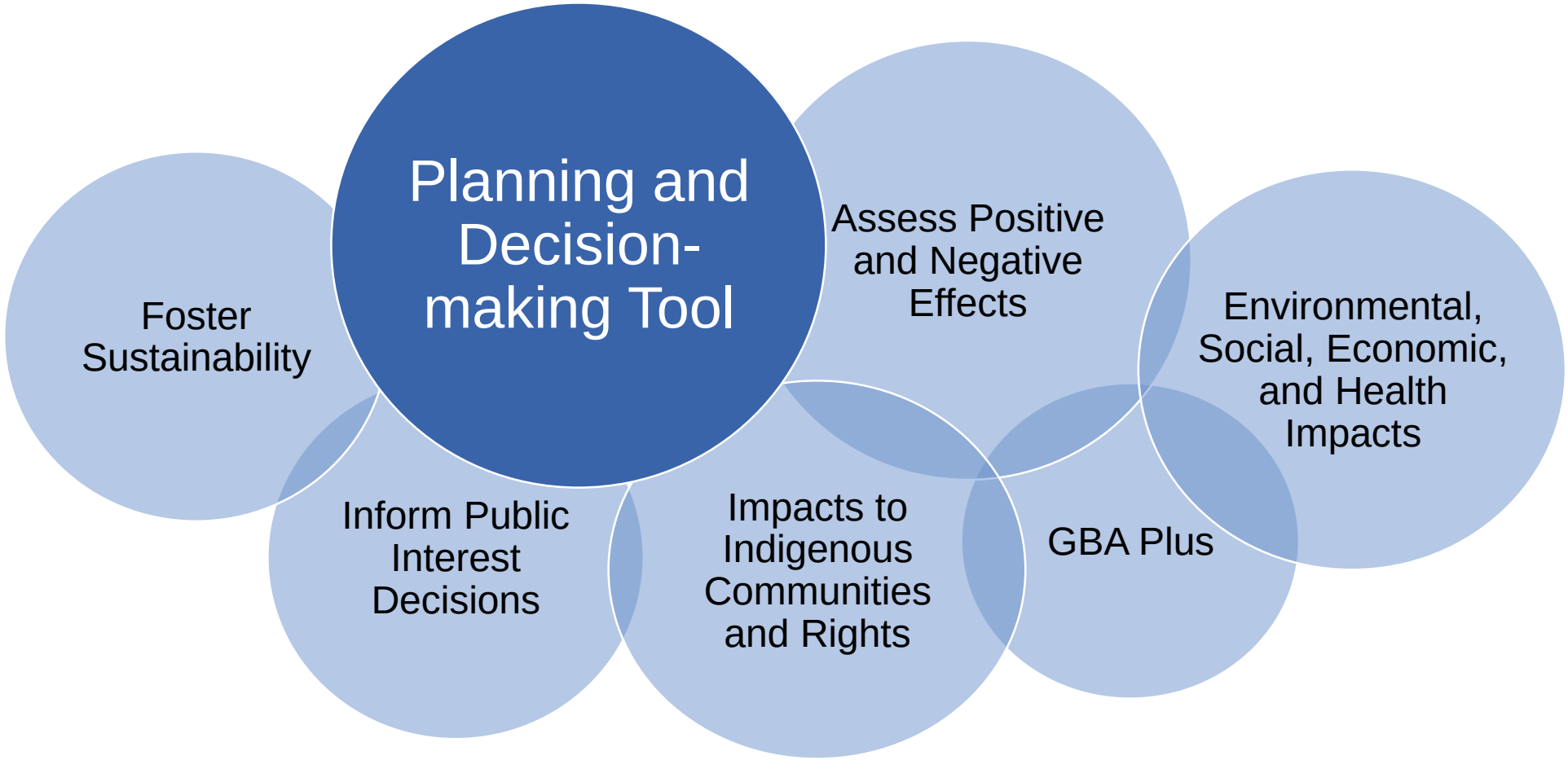
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The Agency is a federal government body accountable to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

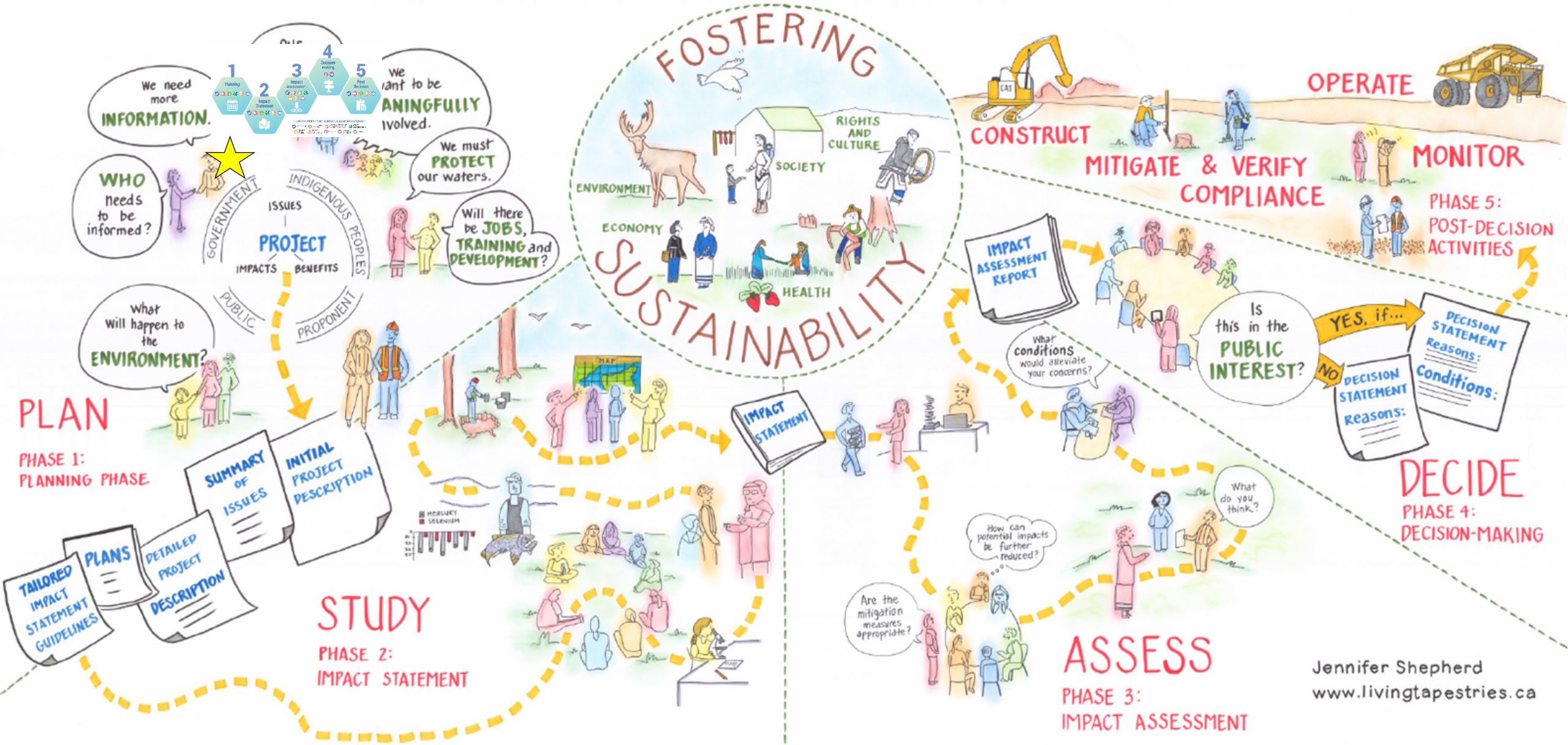
The Agency conducts federal impact assessments that contribute to informed decision-making on proposed major projects, in support of sustainable development.

Discover the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada – YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRgL0ZyVa98)

What is an Impact Assessment?



THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS



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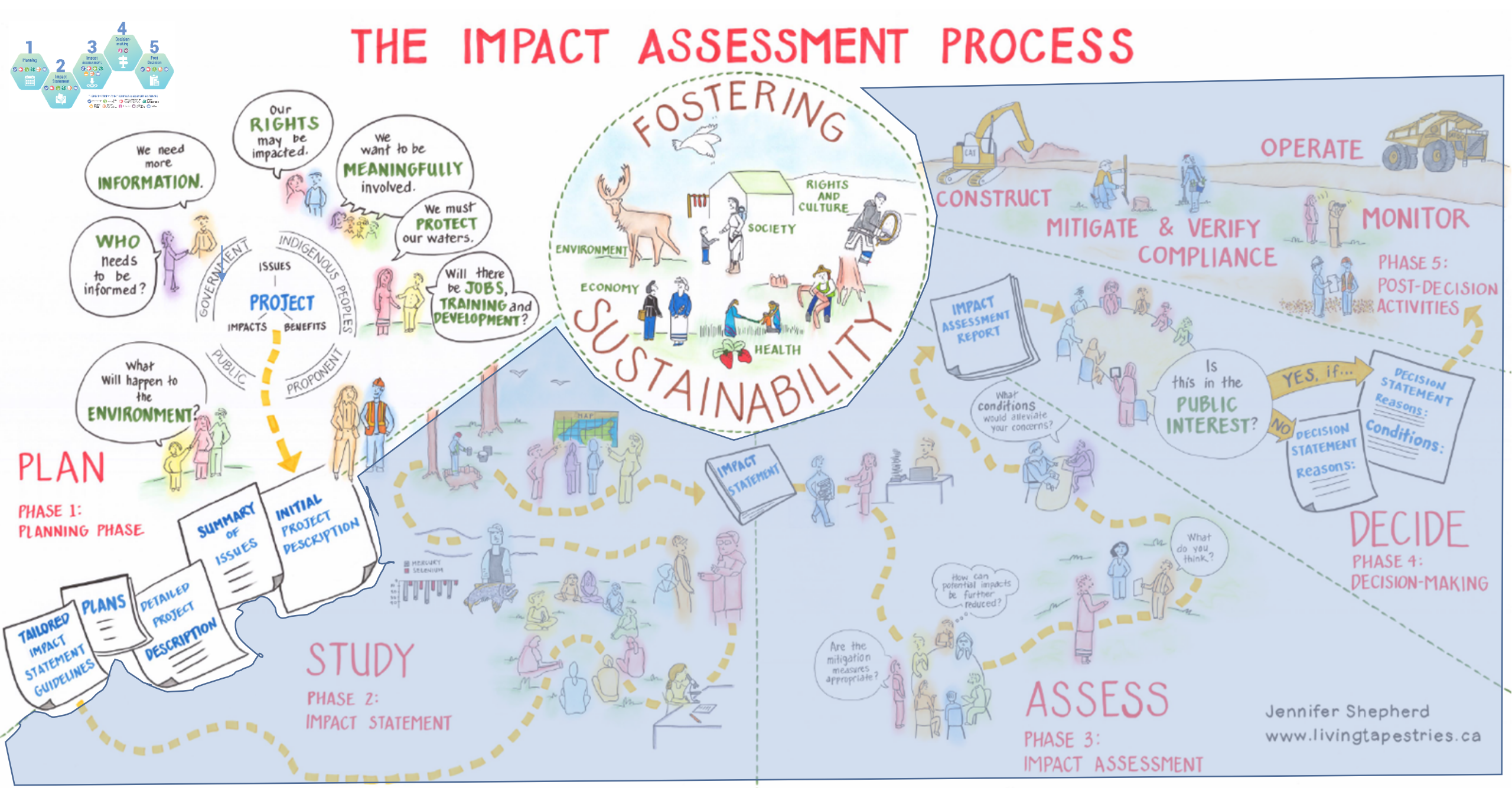
Public Interest Factors

At the end of a federal impact assessment, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change or the Governor in Council will determine whether the adverse effects of a project are in the public interest

This decision will consider:

- the extent to which the **adverse effects within federal jurisdiction**, and the **adverse direct or incidental effects**, are significant
- the implementation of appropriate **mitigation measures**
- Impacts on any Indigenous group and any adverse impacts on the **rights of the Indigenous peoples of Canada**
- the extent to which the effects of the project **hinder or contribute to the Government of Canada's ability to meet environmental obligations** and climate change commitments
- the project's contribution to **sustainability***

***Sustainability is the ability to protect the environment, contribute to the social and economic wellbeing of the people of Canada, and preserve their health, in a manner that benefits present and future generations.**


THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS
1 Planning
2 Impact Statement
3 Impact Assessment
4 Decision-making
5 Post-Decision
FOSTERING SUSTAINABILITY
ENVIRONMENT
SOCIETY
RIGHTS AND CULTURE
ECONOMY
HEALTH
We need more INFORMATION.
Our RIGHTS may be impacted.
We want to be MEANINGFULLY involved.
We must PROTECT our waters.
WHO needs to be informed?
Will there be JOBS, TRAINING and DEVELOPMENT?
What will happen to the ENVIRONMENT?
GOVERNMENT
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
PUBLIC
PROPONENT
ISSUES
PROJECT
IMPACTS
BENEFITS
PLAN
PHASE 1: PLANNING PHASE
SUMMARY OF ISSUES
INITIAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION
TAILORED IMPACT STATEMENT GUIDELINES
PLANS
DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION
STUDY
PHASE 2: IMPACT STATEMENT
IMPACT STATEMENT
ASSESS
PHASE 3: IMPACT ASSESSMENT
How can potential impacts be further reduced?
What do you think?
Are the mitigation measures appropriate?
DECIDE
PHASE 4: DECISION-MAKING
IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT
What conditions would alleviate your concerns?
Is this in the PUBLIC INTEREST?
YES, if...
NO
DECISION STATEMENT Reasons: Conditions:
DECISION STATEMENT Reasons:
CONSTRUCT
OPERATE
MITIGATE & VERIFY COMPLIANCE
MONITOR
PHASE 5: POST-DECISION ACTIVITIES
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The First Comment Period:

Informing the Summary of Issues and the Agency's decision on whether an IA is required

FEBRUARY 21, 2023 – MARCH 23, 2023

Documents Available for Review

Initial Project Description (IPD) / Summary of the IPD

- Provides a description of the Project (e.g. location, existing conditions, potential adverse effects, and any federal, provincial, Indigenous or municipal involvement)

These documents are available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site for the Project:

https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/84331

The Agency is seeking your comments by March 23, 2023

The Agency is seeking your comments ~~by March 23, 2023~~

Please comment on:

- potential environmental effects of the Project that are of concern to your community
- potential positive and adverse effects to your community, including:
  - health, social, and economic conditions
  - physical and cultural heritage
  - current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes
  - any structures, site, or thing of historical, archeological, paleontological, or architectural significance
- potential impacts of the Project on the exercise of your Aboriginal and/or treaty rights as recognized and affirmed in section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*
- your preferences and expectations of the Agency's consultation activities
- your preferences and expectations of the Proponent's engagement activities in relation to the Project

Decision Regarding Impact Assessments (*IAA* – Section 16)

Your comments will help inform the decision of whether an impact assessment is required. In making this decision, the Agency considers factors outlined in the *Impact Assessment Act*, including:

- the potential for adverse effects within federal jurisdiction;
- impacts on the exercise of rights of Indigenous peoples; and
- comments received on the Summary of the Initial Project Description and how the Proponent addresses those comments in the Detailed Project Description.

If an impact assessment is required, your comments also would inform the preparation of:

- draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines; and
- draft Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan.

Confidentiality

- Comments and other documents received by the Agency will form part of the project file and will be posted on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site.
- Indigenous Knowledge shared in confidence is protected from disclosure except in certain circumstances.
- The Agency protects information submitted based on the Agency's Submission Policy. For further information on how we protect your privacy, please refer to the Privacy Notice. If you do not want your comment posted on the Registry, please contact the Agency **prior** to submitting the comment.
  - Submission Policy: https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/participation/conditions
  - Privacy Notice: https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/protection

Participant Funding

- To support your participation in the planning phase, you may be eligible to apply for participant funding. Funding is distributed twice during the planning phase:
  - **$5,000.00 is offered now** to support your review and submission of comments on the:
    - Summary of the Initial Project Description
  - **If an impact assessment is required for the Project, $5,000.00** would be offered to support your participation in reviewing the:
    - draft Indigenous Engagement and Participation Plan
    - draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines
- Applications for both grants can be submitted no later than: **August 20, 2023**
- For more information on the Participant Funding Program, see https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/public-participation/funding-programs/participant-funding-program.html

Northern Road Link Project

OVERVIEW

The Proposed Project

Proponent:

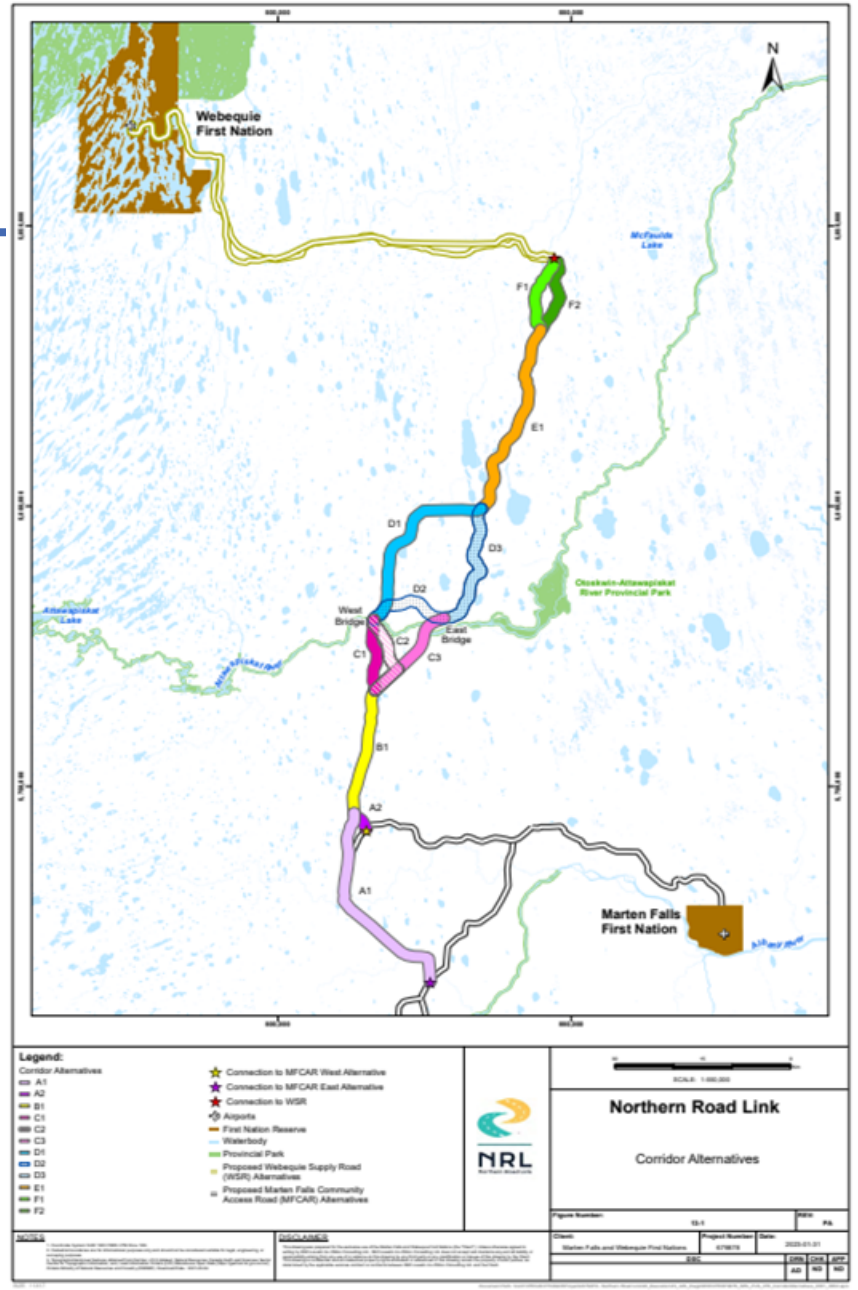
- Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation

Location:

- As proposed, the Project would cross the Attawapiskat River and connect the proposed Marten Falls Community Access Road and the eastern terminus of the proposed Webequie Supply Road in northern Ontario.

Project:

- The construction and operation, including maintenance, of an all-season multi-use public highway approximately 117 km to 164 km in length.
- The highway would become part of a future all-season road network providing access between mineral development activities in the Ring of Fire area and the provincial highway system near Nakina, in northern Ontario.



Source: Northern Road Link Project - Initial Project Description

Key Components and Physical Activities

- Construction and operation, including maintenance, of an all-season multi-use public highway
- Approximate length 117 km to 164 km (depending on the chosen corridor)
- Right-of-way of 100 metres, with 60 metres clearance and 11.5 metres top width
- Design speed of 100 km/h, with an anticipated posted speed limit of 80 km/h and an estimated annual average daily traffic volume exceeding 500 vehicles per day
- Major watercourse crossing structure over Attawapiskat River (multi-span or single span bridge) and multiple minor watercourse crossing structures (culverts)
- Aggregate extraction and production
- Permanent and temporary access roads
- Operation, maintenance and storage of machinery and equipment

Proponent’s Project Schedule

Project phases and tentative timelines include:

- Assessment (3 to 5 years)
- Permitting and detailed design (1 year)
- Site preparation (6 months)
- Construction (3 to 10 years)
- Operation and maintenance (indeterminate)

The Project would operate for an indeterminate time period; therefore, decommissioning of the Project is not anticipated.

Potential Effects of the Project

FROM THE PROPONENT'S SUMMARY OF THE INITIAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Questions to Consider

What is missing from the Proponent's Summary of the Initial Project Description?

When reviewing the Proponent's Summary of the Initial Project Description, consider:

- Has the Proponent identified all potential **changes to the environment** due to the Project?
- From your perspective, has the Proponent considered and presented potential impacts to:
  - **physical and cultural heritage**;
  - **current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes**; or
  - **structures, sites or things of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance**?
- Has the Proponent presented all **positive and negative effects** on your community's **health, social and economic conditions** due to the Project?
- Does the Proponent adequately present the potential impacts on the **exercise of Aboriginal and/or treaty rights** of your community?
- Does the **Proponent's proposed future engagement plans** address your interests?

Potential Effects to Fish and Fish Habitat

Potential Effects	Preliminary Mitigation Measures* Proposed by the Proponent
• Disruption of fish life processes due to habitat fragmentation by road structures • Pressure on fish populations due to increased human access (recreational fishing and garbage dumping) • Increased concentration of contaminants in fish tissue • Mortality from changes in water quality, accidental contaminant release and contact with construction equipment • Habitat alteration, degradation and loss	• Maintain fish passages by installation of culverts, bridges, and/or fish passage structures • Conduct fish salvage and relocation • Limit public access to watercourses from the roadway • Implement best practices for waste management procedures • Minimize the footprint of in-water and near-water works • Minimize clearing of specialized habitat (such as for Lake Sturgeon)

* Not an exhaustive list

Has the Proponent identified all potential **changes to fish and fish habitat** due to the Project?

Potential Effects to Migratory Birds and Their Habitats

Potential Effects	Preliminary Mitigation Measures* Proposed by the Proponent
• Sensory disturbances from noise and light • Reduced survival and reproductive success • Mortality from vehicle collisions, vegetation clearing from construction activities and accidental contaminant release • Habitat degradation	• Use shaded and/or directed lights and energy efficient bulbs • Establish reduced speed limits and bird crossing signage • Time vegetation clearing to avoid nesting windows • Establish setbacks around sensitive species and habitat features (e.g., nests)

* Not an exhaustive list

Has the Proponent identified all potential **changes to migratory birds** due to the Project?

Potential Effects to Species at Risk (SAR)

Potential Effects	Preliminary Mitigation Measures* Proposed by the Proponent
• Sensory disturbances from noise and light • Reduced survival and reproductive success • Pressure on SAR populations due to increased human access (recreational and traditional harvesting) • Wildlife mortality from vehicle collisions, vegetation clearing from construction and accidental contaminant release • Habitat loss, including loss of Boreal Caribou winter ranges	• Use shaded and/or directed lights and energy efficient bulbs • Prohibit the feeding of wildlife • Install perimeter fencing to deter access by large wildlife, where necessary • Establish reduced speed limits and wildlife crossing signage • Avoid construction activities during key sensitive wildlife periods and locations (such as Wolverines and Caribou) • Establish setbacks around sensitive species and habitat features (e.g., nests, bat roosts) • Minimize vegetation/habitat clearing and revegetate areas when possible

* Not an exhaustive list

Has the Proponent identified all potential **effects to Species at Risk** due to the Project?

Other Potential Effects from Land-Use Changes

Potential Effects	Preliminary Mitigation Measures* Proposed by the Proponent
• Reduced carbon sequestration capacity of carbon sinks due to loss of vegetation • Reduction in wetland (including peatlands) habitat and quality/function • Increase in green house gas emissions (vehicular and construction equipment emissions)	• Minimize project footprint, especially in peatlands • Revegetate disturbed areas with native and/or non-invasive species • Minimize idling time of vehicles and construction equipment • Implement reduced speed limits

* Not an exhaustive list

Has the Proponent identified all potential **effects from land-use changes** due to the Project?

Other Potential Changes to the Environment

Other Potential Changes to the Environment	Preliminary Mitigation Measures* Proposed by the Proponent
• Changes to local surface and groundwater quantity, quality, and flow • Changes to terrain, soil quality and quantity due to construction and operation • Soil erosion, compaction and contamination • Changes to local air quality due to fugitive dust and vehicular emissions • Increase in ambient noise levels and ground vibration • Alteration and degradation of visual landscapes	• Establish setbacks around sensitive areas and water bodies • Minimize the use of acid generating rocks and soils, and de-icing substances • Implement erosion and sediment control measures • Minimize idling time of construction equipment • Use water sprays to control dust from overburden, soil and roads • Schedule blasting outside sensitive time periods • Retain buffers around sensitive receptors • *No mitigation measures identified for changes to visual landscapes*

* Not an exhaustive list

Has the Proponent identified all potential **changes to the environment** due to the Project?

Potential Effects on Use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes

Potential Effects	Mitigation Measures* Proposed by the Proponent

• Loss of land and water used for rights-based activities, including hunting, trapping, fishing, and gathering
• Decreased access to land and water and ability to practice traditional activities
• Decreased quality of resources, from changes to air quality, and disturbances from noise and vibration during operation
• Perceived decrease in quality of harvested resources and culturally significant resources
• Changes to safe access of travel routes used for rights-based activities
	• *See mitigation measures proposed for addressing potential effects on:*
	  • *Fish and Fish Habitat,*
	  • *Migratory Birds and Their Habitat,*
	  • *Species At Risk, and*
	  • *Other Potential Changes to the Environment*

* Not an exhaustive list

Has the Proponent identified the valued components and potential effects of concern to you?

Potential Effects on Physical and Cultural Heritage and Sites of Significance

Potential Effects	Mitigation Measures* Proposed by the Proponent
• Access to cultural significant sites • Practice of cultural traditions and transfer of cultural knowledge • Experience and connection with the land • Disturbance, damage, or loss to archaeological, burial, sacred and culturally important sites	• Implement protocol for the discovery of historic resources • Establish setbacks around identified cultural heritage resources

* Not an exhaustive list

Has the Proponent presented all **positive or negative effects** on your community from **impacts on physical and cultural heritage, current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes, and structures or sites of historical, archaeological or architectural significance**?

Potential Effects on Health Conditions

Potential Effects	Mitigation Measures* Proposed by the Proponent
• Changes to air quality • Changes to drinking water and soil quality • Contaminants in country foods • Mental and psychological health, and outlook of the future	• Implement risk management measures related to emission exposure reduction or prevention • *See mitigation measures proposed for addressing potential effects on air quality, soil quality and water quality on slide 26*

* Not an exhaustive list

Has the Proponent presented all **positive or negative effects** on your community from a **health** perspective?

Potential Effects on Social and Economic Conditions

Potential Negative Effects	Mitigation Measures* Proposed by the Proponent
• Demand for health care services, major roads and highway infrastructure • Increased access to land and waterbodies for recreational use • Crime rates, including domestic violence towards Indigenous women • Substance misuse from drugs and alcohol	• Work with local communities, business owners government authorities, and health service organizations to plan for anticipated changes in population and service demand * Not an exhaustive list

Potential Positive Effects	Enhancement Measures* Proposed by the Proponent
• Reduced delivery cost and improved access of consumer goods, fuel and construction material • Broaden economic activity to and from the Ring of Fire area • Training and employment opportunities • Access to post-secondary education	• Implement a skills inventory, training and skills development workshops with local communities • Utilize the Northern Ontario Network of Indigenous Training Organizations, for education, training and hiring practices • Work with local communities, business owners government authorities, and health service organizations to plan for anticipated changes in population and service demand * Not an exhaustive list

Has the Proponent presented all **positive and negative effects** on your community from **social and economic** perspectives?

Questions to Consider:

Given what the Proponent has described in the Summary of the IPD:

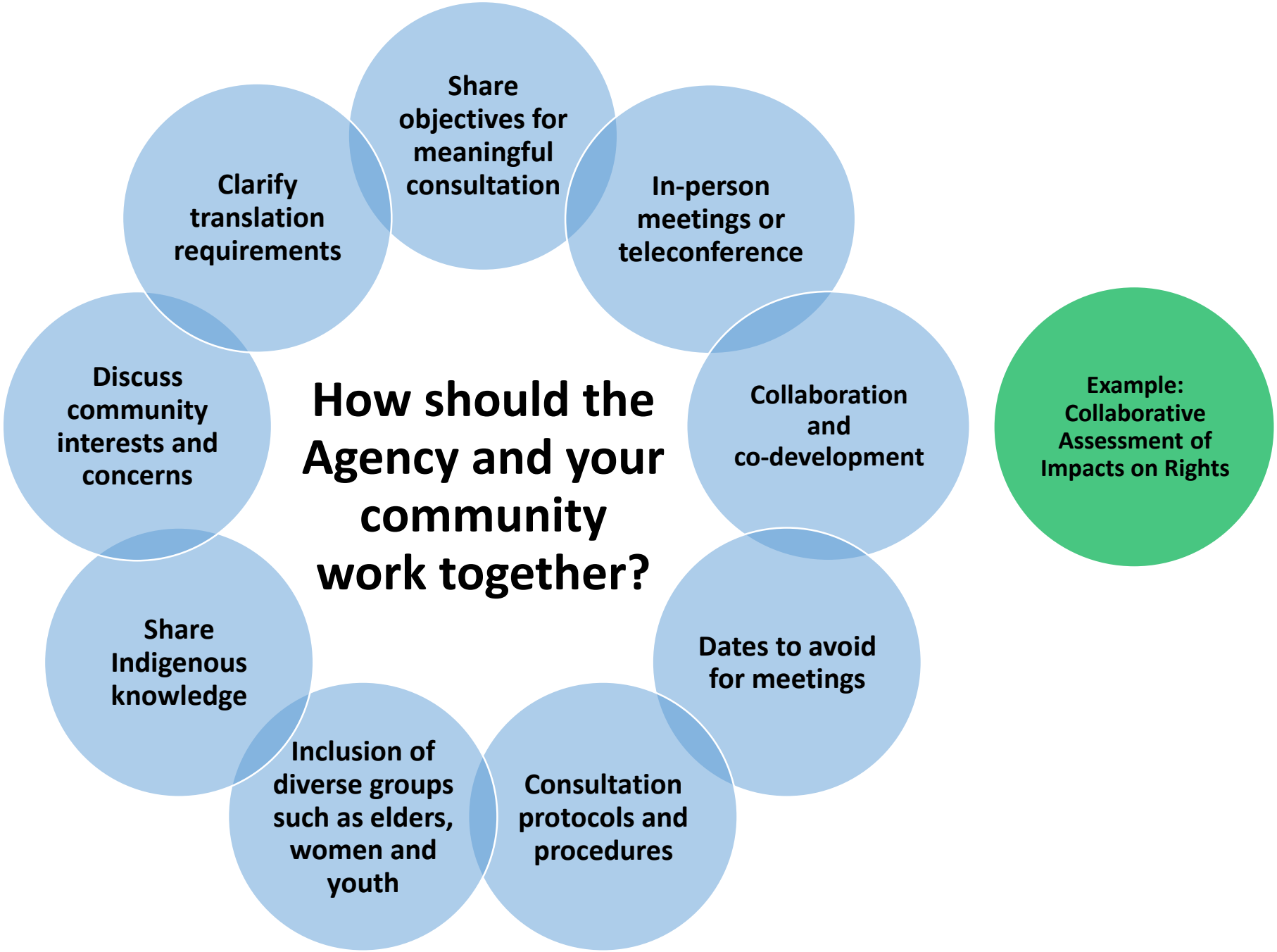
a) Has the Proponent missed any positive or negative effects?

b) What valued components are important to you?

c) Why are these valued components important to you?

Consultation and Engagement Approaches

HOW SHOULD THE AGENCY AND THE PROPONENT WORK WITH YOUR COMMUNITY?


Share objectives for meaningful consultation
In-person meetings or teleconference
Collaboration and co-development
Dates to avoid for meetings
Consultation protocols and procedures
Inclusion of diverse groups such as elders, women and youth
Share Indigenous knowledge
Discuss community interests and concerns
Clarify translation requirements
How should the Agency and your community work together?
Example: Collaborative Assessment of Impacts on Rights

Proponent's Engagement Plan

Past and Proposed Indigenous Engagement Activities*

- The Summary of the Initial Project Description indicates that the Proponent led the following activities with participation from twenty-two Indigenous communities:
  - Open houses, virtual live stream presentations and radio shows in 2021 and 2022
  - One in-person meeting with two Indigenous communities in November 2022

  Comments and concerns were considered in the Initial Project Description

- The Proponent intends to continue engaging interested communities, allowing for concerns to be documented and addressed to the extend possible, and providing opportunities for input to be received and incorporated throughout the assessment process. Future engagement includes activities:
  - Seeking input on baseline data collection and identification of alternatives, and
  - Gathering Indigenous Knowledge

*not an exhaustive list

Do the **Proponent's proposed future engagement plans** address your interests?

Next Steps

NORTHERN ROAD LINK PROJECT

Next Steps

The comment period on the Summary of the Initial Project Description for the Northern Road Link Project, commenced on February 21, 2023 and ends on March 23, 2023

- Taking into consideration comments received, the Agency will develop a Summary of Issues, which will be provided to the Proponent (Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation) to address.
- Notice will be provided about whether the Agency has determined that a federal impact assessment is required for the Project.

Next Steps

If a federal impact assessment is required for the Project, **the Agency would hold a comment period** on drafts of the following documents:

- **Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (the Guidelines):** provides direction and sets out requirements for Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation in preparing an Impact Statement

- **Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan:** outlines at a high level the groups that will participate in the impact assessment as well as how they will participate, and where available, information on proponent-led engagement activities

Comments received would help the Agency finalize the documents which must be provided to the Proponent by the end of the planning phase.

Questions/Comments?

Reminder:

The Agency is seeking your input by **March 23, 2023**

Please submit your comments using the *Submit a Comment* feature on the Registry Internet site [Reference Number: 84331]

https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/84331

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Thank you

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Weseluck, Lauren [redacted]

Discussion Points for Tomorrow

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To: "Weseluck, Lauren" <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, "Markham, Samantha" <[redacted]>

Hi Lauren,

Thanks for checking-in. We mainly just wanted to reiterate our concerns with respect to the Metis within the methodology of the archaeological assessment. And to hear about your teams plans to ensure these concerns are addressed within the Stage 2 AA.

Looking forward to the discussion tomorrow.

Best regards,

Erin Reimer (she/her)

Mineral Development Advisor – Northwest

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Victoria Stinson <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 8:25 AM
To: "Weseluck, Lauren" [redacted]>
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer [redacted], "Markham, Samantha" [redacted], Erin Reimer [redacted]

Good morning Lauren,

I am looking forward to our discussion this morning. Please see the link below for the Institute of Prairie and Indigenous Archaeology at the University of Alberta. This is the leading Metis archaeology group in Canada.

[redacted]

Victoria Stinson, Ph.D.

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Minutes and Additional Contact

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Cc: Kyla Zielbauer [redacted], Steven Sarrazin <[redacted]>, Erin Reimer <[redacted]

Hi Lauren,

Marsi for the updates.

Yes, please have MNO Mineral Sector Advisor Steven Sarrazin as the lead contact.

Sincerely,

Victoria Stinson, Ph.D.

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Fwd: RoF Métis archeology

Erin Reimer [redacted]> 23 May 2023 at 15:58
To: "Zielbauer, Kyla" <[redacted]>

Hi Kyla,

Thank you for your request. We do have meeting minutes but have requested that they be kept confidential, and not posted/shared publicly.

Best regards,

Erin Reimer (she/her)

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Progress Report 3: Identification of the Preferred Alternatives Milestone

November 2024



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C.1 PIC #5 Summary Report

Acronyms

ATRI	Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests
AZA	Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation
CAR	Community Access Road
CBLUP	Community Based Land Use Planning
CCC	Community Consultation Co-ordinator
CCLO	Community Communications Liaison Officer
CEAA	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
DFO	Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada
EA	Environmental Assessment
EAA	Environmental Assessment Act
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
ENDM	Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
GANRAC	Geraldton Area Natural Resource Advisory Committee
GRT	Government Review Team
IA	Impact Assessment
IAA	Impact Assessment Act
IK	Indigenous Knowledge
IKSA	Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Agreement
IS	Impact Statement
LSA	Local Study Area
MECP	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
MFFN	Marten Falls First Nation
MHSTCI	Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
MNO	Métis Nation of Ontario
MNRF	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MTCS	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
MTO	Ministry of Transportation
NDMNRF	Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
NoC	Notice of Commencement
NRL	Northern Road Link
OPP	Ontario Provincial Police
PIC	Public Information Centre
RoCE	Record of Consultation and Engagement
RSA	Regional Study Area
RSMIN	Red Sky Métis Independent Nation
SAR	Species at Risk
The Agency	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
TISG	Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines
ToR	Terms of Reference
WSR	Webequie Supply Road

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR or the Project) was approved with amendments on October 8, 2021 and the Notice of Commencement (NoC) of the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project was posted on October 29, 2021. As part of the ToR Notice of Approval, Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) included an amendment requiring additional consultation reporting at key EA milestones. Visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/marten-falls-community-access-road-project to read the details on the Notice of Approval.

As required by the Minister of MECP, the development of progress reports on consultation activities associated with each of the following EA milestones are required to support Indigenous communities to provide meaningful input during the development of the EA:

- Notice of Commencement (NoC) of Provincial EA (referred to as NoC of EA);
  - Introduction of the Project.
- Effects Assessment Methods; and
  - Development of Effects Assessment methodology, as well as review by regulators.
  - Presentation of Effects Assessment methodology at Public Information Centres (PICs) .
- Identification of Preferred Alternatives.
  - Development of valued component metrics tables and evaluation of information
  - Development of preliminary preferred alternative
  - Validation of information with Marten Falls First Nation Chief and Council and community members.
  - Confirmation of the preferred alternative through submission of the final route recommendation memo to Chief and Council, along with request for Band Council Resolution for the final route.

Each progress report is required to:

- Be organized by each Indigenous community;
- Contain a consultation log and summary that tracks consultation activities, information shared by the MFFN CAR Project Team with Indigenous communities, any community input and MFFN CAR Project Team's responses to such input for the EA milestone; and
- Contain a discussion of how any input and information provided by the Indigenous communities have informed the development of the EA milestone.

The progress reports are to be shared with MECP, with community-specific sections shared with each individual Indigenous community before MFFN can move to the next milestone of the Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Assessment (IA). If questions or concerns are raised by MECP or an Indigenous

community, the MFFN CAR Project Team will make revisions to the progress reports, if necessary, and encourage opportunities to meet in-person or virtually to discuss with the interested community.

This report is the third and final progress report , and pertains to activities related to both the EA and IA processes, in support of the Environmental Assessment and Impact Statement (EA/IS) submission. The time period begins the day after the second progress report concluded on June 1, 2023 and ends July 31, 2024. The Identification of the Preferred Alternatives milestone concluded with the submission of the Final Route Recommendation memorandum and a request for a Band Council Resolution from MFFN Chief and Council, on July 29, 2024.

The final progress reports will be appended, along with any relevant updates, to the Record of Consultation and Engagement submitted with the final EA / IS.

This progress report provides a detailed account of all engagement and communication between the MFFN CAR Project Team and Indigenous communities from June 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024 as part of the Identification of the Preferred Alternatives milestone. Note that government agencies and interested persons[1] are not included in progress reports, however, engagement between the MFFN CAR Project and interested persons will be included in the Record of Consultation and Engagement for the draft and final EA / IS. Engagement between the MFFN CAR Project and government and agencies will also be included in the final EA/IS. **Section 1.5** includes details about the neighbouring Indigenous communities.

The first section of this progress report provides an overview of the approach to consultation and engagement, the second section describes the consultation and engagement activities undertaken during this time period, and the third section summarizes community input and MFFN CAR Project Team's responses to this input for the EA milestone; and contains a discussion of how any input and information provided by the Indigenous communities have informed the development of the EA milestone.

1.2 Approach

As outlined in the Consultation and Engagement Plan to Support the EA / IS (Appendix B of the ToR), the Identification of Preferred Alternatives milestone was focused on the following activities and request for targeted input:

- **Planned Activities for Indigenous communities[2]:**
  - Circulate Notice of Public Information Centres (PIC) and Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interest (ATRI) Forum
  - Encourage engagement of Community Consultation Co-ordinators, as appropriate and by expressed community interest
  - Hold Indigenous leadership and community discussions / meetings, considering applicable and relevant subgroups (e.g., women, youth, elders), in-person and virtual

1. *Interested persons is used to describe individuals and groups (e.g., associations, non-government organizations, industry and academia) who could have an interest in the Project, including but not limited to communities in the region, those with commercial interests (e.g., forestry, trappers, outfitters, other mineral tenure holders in the area) and recreational users or those with recreational interest (e.g., campers, hunters and environmental groups).*
2. *For additional information on dates please see table 2-1 below.*

- Host additional PICs and ATRI Forums (in-person / or virtual)
- Support organization of the Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo
- Host virtual webinar(s)
- Develop plain language Project updates (translated, as required)
- Host Key informant interviews
- Produce Website update(s)
- Circulate Newsletter and email update(s)
- Post Social media update(s)
- Follow-up communication to confirm information was received and the material(s) provided were understood
- Inform on Field Studies and associated program

- **Targeted Input (request information to determine and identify):**
  - Seek feedback on the technically preferred route recommendation
  - Engage regarding Indigenous community values and topics of interest
  - Engage regarding potential effects and impact management measures to be considered
  - Engage regarding impacts of Project on Aboriginal or Treaty Rights, socio-community and economic impacts and potential impact management measures to avoid, mitigate and off-set the impact(s)
  - Seek feedback on Reports including Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions Report and Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report
  - Seek feedback on cumulative effects
  - Seek feedback on GBA+ from relevant subgroups including elders and youths meetings
  - Seek confirmation whether input and feedback provided during the previous milestone was captured appropriately

The following additional activities and request for targeted input took place during the Identification of Preferred Alternatives milestone, including:

- **PIC #5: Existing Conditions Report and Route Selection Milestone**

  A formal notice and invitation to PIC #5 was emailed to the Project contact list and published on the Project website on October 10, 2023, and was also distributed in print, online and on the radio via multiple media outlets. Notices in English, French, Cree, Ojibway and Oji-Cree were available for download on the website. Multiple notices were distributed for the MFFN community members meetings, including a formal invitation and poster, a reminder email, and information posted on the MFFN and Geraldton private Facebook groups. The format of the community member meetings included (in sequence) opening remarks, a presentation with an informal Q&A session, followed by an open house period where MFFN community members could review maps, discuss and provide feedback to MFFN Community Member Advisors and Project Team members.

PIC #5 and the MFFN community member meetings were held from October 23rd to October 26th, 2023, and provided information on the following topics:

- what has happened since PIC #4, including what we have heard and how feedback is being considered;
- what we heard at the Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) forum in February 2023 and plans for the forum in November 2023;
- existing conditions results for completed studies;
- how Indigenous Knowledge (IK) is used and how it informs the process;
- achieving the next major milestone, to identify the preferred route;
- how route alternatives have been assessed and recommended, and how a preferred route will be chosen;
- cumulative effects and why it is important; and,
- next steps and future opportunities to get involved.

PIC #5 was held an in open house format and featured a series of display boards and large printed maps. MFFN Community Member Advisors, Project Team members and Consultants were available to guide attendees through the display boards and maps. Attendees were also invited to provide comments and feedback using the feedback forms, or by having one-on-one discussions with the Project Team members and associated Project representatives. These materials are provided in Appendix A. A summary of key feedback is included below.

Approximately 35 individuals attended PIC #5, with 21 attendees in Thunder Bay on October 25, 2023, and 14 attendees in Geraldton on October 26, 2023. Attendees who chose to self-identify from a community or organization on the sign-in sheets included members of: Marten Falls First Nation and Eabametoong First Nation.

Throughout the PIC, attendees were encouraged to share feedback, concerns and pose questions throughout the meeting or provide them in writing using the available feedback form.

PIC #5 was heavily concentrated on obtaining feedback for the final route selection. There were two alternative routes presented at PIC #5 which were divided into three separate segments, allowing MFFN community members and attendees of the public PIC to assess the different options that aligned with both route alternatives. Many comments and questions from the MFFN community member meetings and PIC #5 were related to the route alternatives. This feedback was used to modify the preliminary technically preferred route recommendation and inform the decision making process of the Band Council Resolution to select a final route. In addition, a definition and overview of the Cumulative Effects Assessment process was provided along with the inclusions list for their review and comment in person or through the feedback form.

- **Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) and Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program**

An important part of the assessment process is collecting IK and information on Indigenous land and resource use to help understand baseline (existing) conditions, predict the potential effects of the Project, and determine appropriate mitigation and monitoring measures. The IK Program

was developed with the aim to collect IK relevant to the Project and information on Indigenous land and resource use in the vicinity of the Project area. The IK Program strives to collaborate with interested Indigenous communities and to discuss how relevant information will become part of the assessment processes and Project planning and design. During this reporting time period, an update on the Project IK Program with an updated schedule and timeline was distributed to Indigenous communities. Ongoing follow-up regarding the IK Program also took place.

A second ATRI Forum was held in Thunder Bay from November 21 to 23, 2023 with the province offering to fund up to 3 representatives from each Indigenous community to attend the event in person. The forum provided a private and inclusive space for representatives of Indigenous communities to meet with representatives from the province and the Project Teams for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road, Northern Road Link and Webequie Supply Road. ATRI Forum #2 discussions focused on Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interest, existing conditions, and cumulative effects. The format of day one of the forum included an opening ceremony, an overview of the agenda and projects, participant question and answer period, breakout discussion sessions and a movie screening. Day two consisted of both individual breakout discussions sessions and plenary / group discussion sessions. Day three included a cumulative effects overview presentation, a presentation on assessing potential cumulative effects for federal assessments, a question and answer period and a roundtable discussion on cumulative effects. 37 representatives from 10 indigenous communities and 1 indigenous organization attended the ATRI Forum, including Attawapiskat First Nation, Constance Lake First Nation, Eabametoong First Nation, Ginoogaming First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation, Marten Falls First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation, Webequie First Nation, Weenusk First Nation, Matawa First Nations Management and Red Sky Métis Independent Nation. Attendance is also noted in their community specific sections below.

Throughout the second ATRI Forum, dedicated discussion sessions were held to facilitate conversation and gather feedback on the three road projects. Individual breakout sessions were also held where representatives from each road project, and the Province, with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada hosted separate meeting spaces for individual community representatives to discuss ATRI, related to each project, in a smaller-group setting. For those participants not in an individual breakout session, plenary / group sessions were hosted with a series of presentations and activities.

Some topics discussed included:

- Indigenous Knowledge work;
- Sites of importance and their inclusion in the ATRI Preliminary Existing Conditions Report;
- Impacts to wildlife, fish and the environment;
- Land utilization; Information sharing for the ATRI Preliminary Existing Conditions Report; and,
- General questions about the ATRI Preliminary Existing Conditions Report and the review process.

To help achieve an appropriate level of consultation and engagement related to the Community Access Road (i.e., frequency and depth), the list of communities being engaged was considered against the following:

- Expressed interest (to-date) in the Community Access Road, including applying to Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and the Agency for capacity funding;
- Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights, including any rights that neighbouring Indigenous communities themselves have identified, may be adversely affected by the Community Access Road;
- Geographical distance or proximity to the study area;
- Situated downstream of the Community Access Road and with a potential to experience effects to water courses as a result of the Community Access Road;
- Traditional and / or current land use within the study area or of lands potentially affected by the Community Access Road;
- Potential for effects on the environmental, health and social and economic conditions of neighbouring Indigenous communities; and,
- Provided comments on the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment processes.

Marten Falls has adjusted the approach to engaging each Indigenous community based on these criteria but understands the list evolves as new information becomes available and more neighbouring Indigenous communities engage in the consultation and engagement opportunities provided.

The criteria noted above were also used to identify which communities would be offered funding to participate in the Indigenous Knowledge Program and in the Community Co-ordinator Program. This list has evolved as new information became available and more communities engage in the consultation and engagement program. **Table 1-1** identifies the status of funding offers for the Indigenous Knowledge Program and for participation in the Community Co-ordinator Program (as of July 31, 2024).

- **Three Roads Project Gathering & Expo**

A Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo was held in Thunder Bay from June 11 to 13, 2024 with the province offering to fund up to 3 representatives from each Indigenous community to attend the event in person. The forum was hosted by Indigenous Community and Engagement (ICE), with the support of MFFN CAR, Webequie Supply Road and Northern Road Link. The purpose of this forum was to build on the last two forums, which were focused on Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests. The Gathering and Expo provided a space where participants could engage, consult and learn more about the three unique road projects, ask questions and share feedback.

The first day of the Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo invited community Elders to gather and engage with Project Teams for all three road projects and share their perspectives. The

second and third day of the gathering was open to other community members and government representatives to join discussions. Day two began with technical presentations on water, peatlands and building roads on peatlands. The afternoon of day two was reserved for an expo style forum where participants could visit various booths hosted by Project Team members for all three road projects and engage in discussion the various studies conducted by the different projects. The final day of the forum consisted of a half-day workshop to review the anticipated schedules for circulating the draft EA / IS for the MFFN CAR and the Webequie Supply Road. The goal was to inform participants about the proposed approach for the review process and seek clarification of the details in advance of the release of the draft EA / IS.

Approximately 44 individuals attended. Communities who attended the Tri-Road Forum are noted in their community specific sections below.

- **Targeted In-community Meetings**

Several community meetings occurred during the identification of preferred alternatives milestone. These meetings are captured in Section 2 Consultation Snapshot, and the individual community chapters. The below meetings summarize the Project-related meetings occurred between the MFFN CAR Project Team, Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation prior to the completion of the Identification of the Preferred Alternatives Milestone.

- **Aroland First Nation**

In Fall of 2023, the MFFN CAR Project was targeting to submit a request for Band Council Resolution (BCR) from MFFN on December 4, 2023. The MFFN CAR postponed the BCR to ensure adequate time to engage Aroland First Nation in key conversations; these were delayed due to the election cycle and change in leadership; discussions with Aroland First Nation occurred throughout June and July 2024 in advance of the MFFN CAR Project Team submitting the BCR. In April of 2024, a Task-Force was created between the two communities to discuss several items, including to advance discussions relating to the CAR and other road projects that help connect the CAR to the highway system and to support collaboration between the Nations. The MFFN CAR Project is aware that several Task-Force meetings have occurred between the two communities, at which the Project has been discussed, but these meetings are not exclusive to the Project, and fall outside of the scope of this Report.

Several Project-related meetings occurred between the MFFN CAR Project Team, Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation prior to the completion of the Identification of the Preferred Alternatives Milestone. These meetings occurred in the months of June and July 2024, with Aroland First Nation Chief and Council representatives and community members, in Aroland and Thunder Bay. The purpose of these meetings was to provide updates on the Project and to obtain feedback on the technically preferred route recommendation, cumulative effects and feedback on Segments 1, 2 and 3, and on the area around Dusey Lake.

The first set of meetings occurred with Aroland First Nation on June 19 in Thunder Bay and on June 20, 2024, in Aroland. During these meetings, the MFFN CAR Project Team presented an overview of the Project and latest updates, the preliminary technically preferred route recommendation, cumulative effects approach and inclusions list, the Draft EA / IS schedule, collaboration and engagement and next steps. Approximately 72 individuals attended these meetings. Participants were encouraged to share feedback, concerns and pose questions throughout the meeting or provide them in writing using the available feedback form. Questions were answered by MFFN Community Member Advisors and Project Team members. Questions and comments from Aroland First Nation community members included:

- Inquiries regarding who will be maintaining the road.
- Statements that the road seems to be a good thing for the MFFN community.
- The need to continue to build relationships
- Requests for an Open-House style meeting in-community for Aroland First Nation, in July.

The second round of meetings with Aroland First Nation occurred on July 15 in Thunder Bay and July 16, 2024, in Aroland. During these meetings, the MFFN CAR Project Team and Consultants presented information through an expo style forum. Display boards provided information on the purpose of the road, Segment 1, 2 and 3, the area around Dusey Lake, cumulative effects evaluation approach and inclusions list, engineering considerations, existing conditions and the Draft EA / IS schedule. Approximately 63 individuals attended these meetings. Participants were encouraged to share feedback, concerns and pose questions throughout the meeting or provide them in writing using the available feedback form. Questions were answered by MFFN Community Member Advisors and Project Team members. Questions and comments from Aroland First Nation community members included:

- The road will be beneficial to Marten Falls First Nation community members.
- Inquiries regarding engineering and road building.
- Discussions on safety.

- **Marten Falls First Nation**

Two MFFN community meetings occurred on October 23, 2023 in Thunder Bay and October 24, 2023 in Marten Falls First Nation in advance of PIC #5. Following the in-community meetings, an in-person PIC took place on October 25, 2023 in Thunder Bay and October 26, 2023 in Geraldton, Ontario. The first hour of the event was reserved for Indigenous community members, who were also welcomed to stay for the remainder of the event; the public was invited to join during the last two hours of the event.

A total of approximately[3] 30 Marten Falls First Nation community members attended the community member meetings. At these meetings , attendees were encouraged to share their

3. Sign-in at the events was voluntary, therefore numbers have been approximated.

feedback, concerns and pose questions or provide them in writing using the available feedback form. Questions were answered by MFFN Community Member Advisors and Project Team members / Consultants. The MFFN community meetings and PIC focused on the route selection milestone, existing conditions results of completed studies, and cumulative effects. The MFFN community members feedback centred around the preliminary technically preferred route recommendation presented. Community members did not support a portion (Segment 2) of the route that aligned with the Albany River. Community members shared that the area is special to them and would like to keep the road away from the river as much as possible. They also cited concerns related to long-term enjoyment of the river following construction of the route and the potential impact to wildlife.

Meetings with Marten Falls First Nation community members occurred on July 17 in Marten Falls and July 18, 2024, in Thunder Bay. During these meetings, the MFFN CAR Project Team presented information on the final route recommendation, cumulative effects evaluation approach and inclusions list, engineering considerations, existing conditions and the Draft EA / IS schedule. Approximately 55 individuals attended the meetings on July 17 and 18, 2024. Participants were encouraged to share feedback, concerns and pose questions throughout the meeting or provide them in writing using the available feedback form. Questions were answered by MFFN Community Member Advisors and Project Team members. Questions and comments from MFFN community members included:

- Road design, construction details and timelines;
- Post-construction concerns related to traffic, road safety, and access;
- Safety concerns related to the potential of more drugs and alcohol entering the community
- Optimism that the road would benefit the community, offering better access to mental health support, building materials, groceries and fuel, and more job opportunities.

The purpose of the meetings with Aroland First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation, in June and July 2024, was to present the final technically preferred route recommendation that had been refined based on feedback received to date and solicit any additional comments, feedback or concerns on the route. The feedback received by attendees of both Aroland First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation demonstrated support for the recommendation that would contribute to the Band Council Resolution on selecting a final route.

- **Field Studies and Education, Consultation and Engagement on Valued Components**

Several field programs took place during the Identification of Preferred Alternatives milestone. To help Indigenous communities better understand the field studies related to valued components, Field Notices were distributed with plain language information about what the Project is studying, why it is important, when the field studies are taking place, and what to expect when crews are in the field (e.g., an increase in air traffic as crews travel by helicopter). Field crews were accompanied by a MFFN community member Field Assistant or Community Member Advisor, and in several cases, opportunities were extended to Aroland First Nation to participate in

Groundwater and Geochemistry programs due to their interests and proximity to the Study Area. The following notices were published in advance of their respective field studies:

- **Summer 2023 Field Notice** was distributed in July 2023 and provided information about the seasonal Groundwater and Geochemistry program, and Vegetation program.
- **Fall 2023 Field Notice** was distributed in September 2023 and provided information about the seasonal Groundwater and Geochemistry Program, and Atigwag / Caribou Collaring and Mortality Investigation.
- **Winter 2024 Field Notice** was distributed in January 2024 and provided information about the Atigwag / Caribou Collaring and Mortality Investigation.
- **Spring 2024 Field Notice** was distributed in April 2024 and provided information about the seasonal Groundwater and Geochemistry Program.
- **Summer 2024 Field Notice** was distributed in July 2024 and provided information about the seasonal Groundwater and Geochemistry Program, as well as the Geotechnical Investigation Program for aggregate sites and water crossings.

Each notice included links to educational videos and webinars on valued components related to the upcoming field programs. Field notices were distributed by email and posted on the MFFN CAR website. Social media posts with information about upcoming field programs were timed to coincide with the publication of field notices, and information was also shared through the MFFN CAR monthly electronic newsletter.

In addition to published field notices, plain language summaries of existing conditions reports for each of the MFFN CAR disciplines were distributed at PIC #5, the Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo, and in-person meetings with Aroland First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation. The existing conditions plain language summaries were between 2-3 pages in length and included information about project findings relevant to each discipline, and maps of study areas.

- **Raising Awareness**

Several activities were completed related to raising awareness on the Project and encouraging opportunities to meet with the MFFN CAR Project Team. Monthly electronic newsletters were distributed (referred to as E-Blasts) and always included a section seeking those interested to reach out and schedule a meeting with the MFFN CAR Project Team. The public Marten Falls Community Access Road Facebook account and the private MFFN members only Facebook account was used to share information and promote upcoming events. An MFFN CAR Instagram and LinkedIn accounts were created to reach a wider audience in sharing information and promoting events. The MFFN CAR website was continuously updated to reflect information that had been shared via the electronic newsletters and social media accounts.

1.3 Project Notifications and Information Releases

A formal notice and invitation to PIC #5 was published on the Project website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices) on October 10, 2023 in English, Cree, French, Ojibway and Oji-Cree and distributed in print, online and on the radio via multiple outlets, as outlined below.

Copies of the formal notice, in each language, are provided in **Appendix A**.

- **Print Advertisements:**
  - The Chronicle Journal: October 23, 2023
  - Geraldton Times Star: October 18, 2023
  - Thunder Bay Source: October 19, 2023
- **Online Advertisements**
  - MFFN All Season Community Access Road Project Website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices): October 10, 2023
  - MFFN CAR Facebook page: October 11 and 23, 2023
  - MFFN Greenstone Facebook Private page: October 26, 2023
  - MFFN members only Facebook page: October 20, 2023
  - Northern Ontario Business: October 11 – 26, 2023
  - NWO NewsWatch: October 13, 2023
  - SN NewsWatch: October 13, 2023
  - Thunder Bay News Watch: October 11, 2023
  - Wawatay News: October 16 – 26, 2023
- **Radio Advertisements**
  - Wawatay Radio: three times per day on October 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 2023 (in English)
  - CFNO Radio: 30 second ad from October 16 – 25, 2023

The electronic Project mailing list (anyone who opts-in to receive Project emails) also received the notice on October 10, 2023, which includes the following groups:

- MFFN Chief, Council members and community members
- MFFN CAR Project Team
- Indigenous community key contacts (as requested by Indigenous communities), e.g., Chief and Council members, consultants and / or band office contacts
- Tribal Councils, Provincial Territorial Organizations and Métis Nation
- Indigenous Peoples (i.e., Indigenous community members who opted in and are not identified as key contacts)
- Businesses
- Tourism operators

- Community and interest groups and non-governmental organizations
- Forest management companies
- Mining claim holders
- Unaffiliated members of the public
- Emergency medical services and law enforcement
- Political parties and their contacts
- Neighbouring projects and their key contacts
- Government Review Team (GRT)
- Non-GRT government representatives

MFFN Chief, Council members and community members also received a reminder email for PIC #5 and the community meetings in preparation for PIC #5 on October 19, 2023.

In addition to PIC #5 notifications, the Project website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca) was periodically updated with Project information including all relevant Project notices (e.g., NoC of EA, Discussion Guides, videos, monthly E-Blasts) and other Project-related materials such as mapping. More details are included in **Section 2** below.

1.4 Summary of Indigenous Community and Organization Consultation

As outlined in Milestone Progress Report #1, 23 Indigenous communities and 8 Tribal Councils were identified for engagement. This list is included in **Table 1-1**.

The following remaining communities continue to receive general information about the Indigenous Knowledge Program, including opportunities to participate in the program, and should their interest change, future discussions will take place regarding funding for the Indigenous Knowledge Program (up to milestone 5). If participation in the Indigenous Knowledge Program changes, their involvement in the Community Co-ordinator Program will also be re-assessed.

- Kingfisher Lake First Nation;
- Wapekeka First Nation;
- Wawakapewin First Nation;
- Wunnumin Lake First Nation;
- Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation;
- Mishkeegogamang First Nation;
- Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO); and
- Red Sky Métis Independent Nation.

Table 1-1: Status of Neighbouring Indigenous Communities' Participation in the Community Co-ordinator Program and Funding Offer for the Indigenous Knowledge Program

No.	Community	Offered Participation in Community Co-ordinator Program	Status of Uptake in Community Co-ordinator Program	Offered Funding for Indigenous Knowledge Program	Status of Funding Offer for Indigenous Knowledge Program
1.	■ Aroland First Nation	■ Yes	■ Aroland First Nation is reviewing applicants for the position	■ Yes	■ Final versions of sharing and funding agreements have been signed by Community Access Road team and are with Aroland First Nation for review ■ Received Indigenous Knowledge Report from the Community
2.	■ Attawapiskat First Nation	■ Yes	■ Offered ■ Has not responded to offer	■ Yes	■ Indicated they do not want to participate in the Indigenous Knowledge Program
3.	■ Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation	■ Yes	■ Offered ■ Has not responded to offer	■ Yes	■ Updated version of sharing agreement is with the community for review ■ The funding agreement is with the Community Access Road team to sign
4.	■ Constance Lake First Nation	■ Yes	■ Offered ■ Community Co-ordinated funding agreement with the community for review	■ Yes	■ The sharing agreement is with the community to sign ■ The updated funding agreement is with the community for review
5.	■ Eabametoong First Nation	■ Yes	■ Offered ■ Has not responded to offer	■ Yes	■ Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review
6.	■ Fort Albany First Nation	■ Yes	■ Offered ■ Acknowledged offer	■ Yes	■ The final versions of the sharing and funding agreements have been signed by the Community Access Road team and the community ■ Received Indigenous Knowledge Report from the Community
7.	■ Ginoogaming First Nation	■ Yes	■ Offered ■ Have expressed interest in program; actively recruiting.	■ Yes	■ The sharing agreement is with the community for review and sign-off ■ The final version of the funding agreement has been signed by the Community Access Road team and the community
8.	■ Kasabonika Lake First Nation	■ Yes	■ Offered ■ Has not responded to offer	■ Yes	■ Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review

No.	Community	Offered Participation in Community Co-ordinator Program	Status of Uptake in Community Co-ordinator Program	Offered Funding for Indigenous Knowledge Program	Status of Funding Offer for Indigenous Knowledge Program
9.	■ Kashechewan First Nation	■ Yes	■ Offered ■ Acknowledged offer	■ Yes	■ The final versions of the sharing and funding agreements have been signed by the Community Access Road team and the community
10.	■ Long Lake #58 First Nation	■ Yes	■ Offered ■ Acknowledged offer	■ Yes	■ The sharing agreement is with the community for review and sign-off ■ The funding agreement is with the community for review
11.	■ Marten Falls First Nation	■ Yes	■ One previous Community Co-ordinator hired; one current Community Co-ordinator	■ Yes	■ The final versions of the sharing and funding agreements have been signed by the Community Access Road team and the community ■ Received Indigenous Knowledge Report from Community
12.	■ Neskantaga First Nation	■ Yes	■ Offered ■ Has not responded to offer	■ Yes	■ The first draft of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review
13.	■ Nibinamik First Nation	■ Yes	■ Offered ■ Has not responded to offer	■ Yes	■ Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review
14.	■ Webequie First Nation	■ Yes	■ Offered ■ Has not responded to offer	■ Yes	■ Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review
15.	■ Weenusk First Nation	■ Yes	■ Offered ■ Has not responded to offer	■ Yes	■ The final version of the sharing and funding agreements have been signed by the Community Access Road team and the community ■ Received Indigenous Knowledge Report from the Community

As of July 31, 2024, the Project has received communication from 19 of the communities or tribal councils listed in Table 1-1. Those communities or tribal councils MFFN CAR has met with during the Identification of Preferred Alternatives milestone are indicated with an asterisk (*) below:

- Marten Falls First Nation*;
- Aroland First Nation*;
- Attawapiskat First Nation*;
- Constance Lake First Nation;
- Chiefs of Ontario;
- Fort Albany First Nation;
- Ginoogaming First Nation*;
- Kashechewan First Nation;
- Long Lake #58 First Nation*;
- Métis Nation of Ontario;
- Mushkegowuk Council;
- Nibinamik First Nation*;
- Nishnawbe Aski Nation;
- Nokiiwin Tribal Council;
- Matawa First Nations Management;
- Wapekeka First Nation;
- Weenusk First Nation*;
- Red Sky Métis Independent Nation (RSMIN)*
- Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation (AZA); and
- Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation.

The remaining 12 communities or tribal councils have not communicated with MFFN between June 1, 2023 and July 31, 2024. MFFN remains available to meet with these communities in the future and continues outreach on an ongoing basis; providing the same milestone information (e.g., Discussion Guides, monthly E-Blasts, notifications, field notices) offered to all of the 23 Indigenous communities and 8 Tribal Councils being engaged. These communities include:

- Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope);
- Independent First Nations Alliance;
- Kasabonika Lake First Nation;
- Kingfisher Lake First Nation;
- Mishkeegogamang First Nation;
- Neskantaga First Nation;
- Shibogama First Nations Council;
- Union of Ontario Indians;
- Webequie First Nation;
- Wunnumin Lake First Nation;
- Wawakapewin First Nation.

Those Tribal Councils, Nations and Alliances listed in the table above, as well as Independent First Nations Alliance the Union of Ontario Indians, have been identified as potentially interested in the Project, and have been provided with information and MFFN remains available to meet, throughout the EA / IA process.

MFFN is currently consulting and engaging with Indigenous communities identified by the MECP and the Agency and will continue to do so throughout the EA / IA, as per the level of interest expressed by each community. MFFN, as the Proponent, will also continue to work with communities to collect IK to incorporate into the EA / IS regarding traditional land and resource use and cultural practices.

To help achieve an appropriate level of consultation and engagement related to the Project, (i.e., frequency and depth of consultation and engagement), the list of communities being engaged was considered against the following:

- Expressed interest (to-date) in the proposed MFFN Community Access Road, including applying to Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and the Agency for capacity funding, participation in the Indigenous Knowledge program or participation in the Community Co-ordinator program;
- Aboriginal or Treaty Rights, including any rights that neighbouring Indigenous communities themselves have identified, may be adversely affected by the Project;
- Geographical distance or proximity to the study area;
- Situated downstream of the Project and with a potential to experience effects to water courses as a result of the Project;
- Traditional and / or current land use within the study area or of lands potentially affected by the Project;
- Potential for effects on the environmental, health and social and economic conditions of neighbouring Indigenous communities; and,
- Provided comments on the EA / IA processes.

MFFN has adjusted the approach to engaging each indigenous community based on these criteria, but understands the list may evolve as new information becomes available and more neighbouring Indigenous communities engage in the consultation and engagement opportunities provided.

Indigenous communities have been contacted regularly by the MFFN CAR Project Team with conversations ranging from: field study / valued component (e.g., educational videos and webinars); information and surveys; regular Project email updates, including monthly E-Blasts; in-person outreach (via telephone and email); the IK Program; Community Co-ordinator Program; PIC #5; invitation to the second ATRI Forum, and offers to meet (e.g., Chief and Council meetings followed by meetings with the broader community). Comments, issues and questions received from Indigenous communities that can be shared publicly are included in **Section 3**.

In summary, the MFFN CAR Project Team has provided / offered many opportunities to consult and engage the identified Indigenous communities, including (with specific details in the Consultation Snapshot table in **Section 2)**:

- Distributed Milestone #2 Progress Report via email;
- Completed follow-up phone calls and emails to confirm receipt of notifications and other distributed materials;
- Circulated Project updates, including 13 E-Blasts;
- Sent emails and phone calls to confirm interest in being consulted on the Project (for communities that had not yet expressed interest);

- Held conference calls / in-person meetings with community representatives and / or community meetings with Indigenous communities;
- Distributed field notices and updates regarding specific programs;
- Circulated IK Program key milestone reminders and information sheet;
- Completed follow-up via phone calls and emails regarding E-Blast contents, field programs and corresponding Discussion Guides, Community Co-ordinator Program, IK Program and ATRI forum;
- Several offers to meet;
- Distributed Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report;
- Circulated Community Co-ordinator Program letter offering to hire members of specific Indigenous communities as Project-specific Community Co-ordinators. A description of the role was provided and offer to setup a meeting to discuss further;
- Distributed Notice of PIC #5 Existing Conditions Report and Route Selection Milestone;
- Held PIC #5 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, along with two in-community MFFN meetings, and online version of the PIC #5;
- Distributed 10 plain language videos showcasing different valued components and supporting content in Field Study Discussion Guide and Notices;
- Held meetings with MFFN Chief and Council and broader community;
- Distributed notices for the online Webinar Series, including Route Selection Milestone and Climate Change and Adaptation. Follow-ups included encouragement to provide feedback for the Climate Change Webinar via a survey;
- Hosted an online Webinar Series; and
- Held the second ATRI Forum in person.

Specific Indigenous communities were also offered funding through the Community Co-ordinator Program—these communities have been most engaged and active on the Project or have indicated interest in engaging on the Project and requiring financial support. In addition, MFFN and Aroland First Nation members were also offered employment opportunities as Field Study Support Staff to assist with field programs.

1.5 Summary of Input and Information Received and EA Milestone Development

The following **Table 1-2** describes a high-level summary of input and information received during this reporting time period and how this information has informed the Identification of Preferred Alternatives milestone development or will inform the EA. While there was some specific feedback received that has directly informed the Identification of Preferred Alternatives milestone development / EA, the majority of feedback was broad with limited specific details (therefore requiring ongoing follow-up and additional details from source commenters) or were more general interests or concerns. The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to follow-up and seek additional details.

Table 1-2: Summary of Input and Information Received and EA / Milestone Development

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA has been or may be Informed
Specific Feedback Provided on Environmental Existing Conditions ■ Specific feedback was provided on the bird field program, including birds observed and comments on their habitats. ■ Specific feedback was provided on the wolverine field program. ■ Confidential information regarding the Albany River was provided and is considered as IK. ■ Caribou were identified in the District of Kenora. ■ Request to participate in field studies.	■ Birds and comments on their habitats were noted for the bird field program. ■ One site of the wolverine hair snag was changed based on feedback provided. ■ The EA has been informed by confidential information regarding the Albany River and details are being kept confidential. ■ The general identification of caribou location(s) has been noted. ■ Members of Aroland First Nation were invited to participate in the Groundwater and Geochemistry field program, including a flyover and planning for subsequent drilling program (outside of this reporting time period); any feedback provided during the flyover will be considered as part of the EA.
Concerns Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required ■ It was noted that a spawning area could be relocated if it would be disrupted by the Project ■ Concern was expressed for watersheds ■ Concern was expressed regarding caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights ■ Concern was expressed related to salting on the road and impacts to nearby rivers	■ Relocating spawning areas has not yet been determined due to insufficient details provided. Ongoing follow-up is taking place to receive additional information to help identify the spawning area. ■ More specific details are required related to concerns for watersheds. As part of the alternative selection, effects to Natural Environment will be taken into consideration. ■ More specific details are required related to concerns for caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights. ■ The concern regarding salting and nearby rivers has been noted and maintenance of the Community Access Road, including usage of salt, will be one of the indicators for the evaluation.
Interests Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required ■ Several communities indicated interest in different topics related to existing conditions without providing specific feedback or comments. Some examples include receiving field study results when they become available for caribou	■ Interest in topics has been noted for each community. The MFFN CAR Project Team continues to distribute Discussion Guides related to field studies, educational videos and webinars on valued components. Information on field studies is shared in the monthly Project updates and in seasonal Field Notices (sent via email and posted on the project website). Early observations and methods for field studies completed to-date have been provided at PIC #3, PIC #4 and PIC #5 as information has become available. Meetings will continue to be offered based on specific topics of interest to solicit additional feedback and issues.

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA has been or may be Informed
Route Alignment ■ A variety of comments were provided on the route alignment near MFFN, including: river and ice levels can be high near MFFN and there are locations where the bank is eroding and could affect the road; intense rain could damage the road and impact streams due to erosion; safety concerns were raised regarding truck activities (including dust, noise, low visibility and speeding) north of the airport and children who play in the same area; and concerns regarding how the Community Access Road may interfere with MFFN community activities (e.g., gathering firewood, social events) ■ Feedback was obtained through community meetings and PIC #5 contributing to the final route selection. During October 2023, two in-community meetings and PIC #5 were held to receive feedback on the preliminary technically preferred route recommendation. Many comments were received regarding the proposed route for Segment 2 (Alternative 1: Albany Crossing). Community input did not align with the technically preferred segment proposed by the Project Team. Community members indicated that they did not want the route running along the Albany River and cited a range of concerns including short term and longer-term impacts on the river, wildlife and vegetation and enjoyment of the river.	■ Concerns related to the route alignment closer to MFFN have been noted and will continue to be considered as part of the EA. As part of the EA, the evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Community Access Road, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefits to the community. Safety is a crucial consideration when evaluating the route and is featured in every study within the EA and starts with the road design. Design of the CAR includes consideration for drainage, visibility, speeding, ice and riverbank stability. The Air and noise reports consider and include mitigations where impacts from noise and dust may be a concern. The water reports consider potential effects due to erosion, and the climate change report considers concerns related to extreme weather events such as intense rainfall. ■ Based on community members' feedback, the preliminary technically preferred route recommendation was refined to reflect the feedback heard during the October 2023 meetings. The final route recommendation was altered to reflect the community's preference to have Alternative 4 be the preferred alternative for Segment 2 (Albany Crossing). Receiving Indigenous Knowledge for the area between late 2023 and mid 2024 further confirmed that Alternative 4 for Segment 2 was the decision supported by Marten Falls First Nation Chief and Council and community members. The Band Council Resolution for the final route recommendation was sent to MFFN Chief and Council on July 31, 2024,
Cumulative Effects, Road Projects and Regional Assessment ■ Some communities expressed concerns regarding cumulative effects / impacts in the Project area, including the scope of the EA, impacts from all three road projects (the Community Access Road, Webequie Supply Road and Northern Road Link), the Regional Assessment and a moratorium on the Ring of Fire activities.	■ Some of the comments received were directed to government agencies (e.g., NDMNRF, MECP, the Agency) to respond to as they were outside of the scope of the Community Access Road Project. In terms of cumulative effects, if specific details from other projects are provided they will be considered as part of the EA; the EA will predict cumulative effects of the preferred alternative with the effects of past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects. Cumulative effects assessment methods were shared during the Identification of Preferred Alternatives milestone at PIC #4 at the ATRI Forum #2 and again during community meetings in July 2024.
Impacts from COVID-19 ■ Some communities expressed inability to effectively engage with their community members due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team worked with each Indigenous community's preference in how they would like to be consulted and engaged, whether virtually or in-person and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic or other crises. Custom consultation plans and protocols were also offered and will be followed up on with communities who expressed interest.

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA has been or may be Informed
Timeline Extensions ■ Some communities requested extended Project timelines, for both the provincial and federal processes.	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will work with communities to understand their individual needs regarding timeline extensions. The request for an IS extension was granted. Communities will continue to be kept informed on timelines.
Request for Funding ■ Some communities expressed need for provincial participant funding to participate in consultation and engagement activities. There has also been ongoing co-ordination to onboard communities to the IK Program and Community Co-ordinator Program, with funding provided by the MFFN CAR Project Team.	■ While participant funding is issued by the Province and not the MFFN CAR Project Team, requests were shared with the province to respond to. ■ Additional funding for Indigenous communities include participation in the IK Program and Community Co-ordinator Program. Additionally there is funding associated with participation in field monitoring program(s) for Marten Falls First Nation and in some instances, Aroland First Nation. The MFFN CAR Project Team has followed up with Indigenous communities via phone and email throughout this milestone regarding funding opportunities.
Revision to ATRI Study Areas for the Impact Assessment ■ Based on feedback from Indigenous communities and the information collected to select a technically preferred Route Alternative, concerns were expressed to revise the ATRI study areas for the Impact Assessment to focus on the technically preferred Route Alternative.	■ The ATRI environmental discipline made changes to the ATRI study area for the Impact Assessment which included an increase to the local study area from a 5 km buffer to a 10 km buffer and changed the Regional Study Area to increase in size of more than double the area.

A detailed record of the efforts made to consult and engage with each of the 31 Indigenous communities and indigenous organizations communication received from the communities from June 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024 is provided in **Section 3**. The following sections summarize key consultation activities and issues received through consultation and engagement activities during this time period. The report for each community also includes discussion of how any input and information provided by the Indigenous communities have informed the development of the Identification of Preferred Alternatives milestone.

Appendix A of this report includes copies of Project distributions sent to Indigenous communities and others including monthly E-Blasts, Field Notices and Field Study Discussion Guides. **Appendix B** of this report includes copies of distributions to Indigenous communities including, presentations, meeting summaries, if applicable. This overview and appendix materials are provided to Indigenous communities for their review.

2. Consultation Snapshot

The table below provides an overview of consultation and engagement activities during the Identification of Preferred Alternatives Milestone. Issues received through consultation and engagement activities during this milestone are included in **Section 3**.

Items in black occurred during the NoC of EA Milestone between October 29, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and the Effects Assessment Milestone from July 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. Items in blue occurred during the Identification of Preferred Alternatives Milestone from June 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024.

Table 2-1: Consultation Snapshot – From June 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment and Identification of Preferred Alternatives			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	***Interested Persons***	***Agencies & Government Bodies***
NoC			
■ Distribution of EA NoC (October 29, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
■ NoC Advertisement (October 29 to November 12, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE)			
■ Draft Interim RoCE distributed to Indigenous communities for review (December 6, 2022).	✓		
■ Email follow-up distributed in January 2023.	✓		
Milestone Progress Report #1			
■ Draft Progress Report distributed to Indigenous communities for review (December 6, 2022)	✓		
■ Email follow-up distributed in January 2023.	✓		
Milestone Progress Report #2			
■ Draft Progress Report distributed to Indigenous communities for review (November 27, 2023)	✓		
■ Email follow-up to request re-download of Draft Progress Report (November 29, 2023)	✓		
■ Archaeology Assessment Reports for Stage 1 and Stage 2 distributed (February 3, 2023)	✓		
Public Information Centres (PIC)			
■ PIC #3 Notice distributed (June 13, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #3 in Thunder Bay (June 27, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #3 in Geraldton (June 29, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #4 Notice distributed (November 22, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #4 in Thunder Bay (December 7, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #4 in Geraldton (December 8, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #5 Notice distributed (October 10, 2023)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #5 in Thunder Bay (October 25, 2023)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #5 in Geraldton (October 26, 2023)	✓	✓	✓
■ Follow-up letters, emails, and phone calls to Indigenous communities regarding the Project.	✓		

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment and Identification of Preferred Alternatives			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	***Interested Persons***	***Agencies & Government Bodies***
Individual Project Meetings			
■ In-person meeting with Marten Falls First Nation to provide an update on the Project and the approval of the Terms of Reference (November 16-17, 2021)	✓		
■ Presented to the Mushkegowuk Council AGM (in-person, November 24, 2021)	✓		
■ A teleconference meeting with Marten Falls First Nation to discuss the Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment (February 2, 2022)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022). Note: Also captured under the IK Program section below	✓		
■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation (April 21, 2022). Note: Also captured under the IK Program and Community Co-ordinator section below	✓		
■ Teleconference presentation to Mushkegowuk Tribal Council's Terrestrial Working Group (May 18, 2022)	✓	✓	
■ In-person meeting with Marten Falls First Nation community members in advance of PIC #3 (June 28, 2022)	✓	✓	
■ In-person meeting regarding Community Co-ordinator and IK Programs with Long Lake # 58 (August 9, 2022).	✓		
■ Helicopter flyover to visually inspect three potential groundwater sites with Aroland First Nation (August 17 and 18, 2022).	✓		
■ In-person meeting with Marten Falls First Nation community members in advance of PIC #4 (November 2, 2022)	✓	✓	
■ In-person meeting with Marten Falls First Nation community members in advance of PIC #4 (December 6, 2022)	✓	✓	
■ Well drilling activities monitored by Aroland First Nation representatives (November 25 – December 3, 2022).	✓		
■ A teleconference meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation to discuss the Community Co-ordinator Program and IK Program (February 13, 2023).	✓		
■ A virtual meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation, Constance Lake First Nation and Ginoogaming First Nation to discuss the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage reports (April 21, 2023).	✓		
■ Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to discuss Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Program (April 27, 2023)	✓		
■ In-person Nation-to-Nation meeting with Eabametoong First Nation to provide an overview of the MFFN CAR (May 10, 2023)	✓		
■ A virtual meeting with Marten Falls First Nation was held regarding the engineering, construction and the route selection process for the Project (May 15, 2023).	✓		
■ A virtual meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation's legal counsel to discuss the IK Sharing Agreement (May 17, 2023).	✓		
■ A virtual meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation was held to provide a Project overview (August 29, 2023).	✓		
■ In-person meeting with Marten Falls First Nation community members in advance of PIC #5 (October 23, 2023)	✓	✓	

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment and Identification of Preferred Alternatives			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	***Interested Persons***	***Agencies & Government Bodies***
■ In-person meeting with Marten Falls First Nation community members in advance of PIC #5 (October 24, 2023)	✓	✓	
■ A virtual meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation was held as a follow-up to discuss the Community Co-ordinator and IK Program meeting (November 10, 2023).	✓		
■ A virtual meeting held with Attawapiskat First Nation representatives to discuss the MFFN CAR Project and Caribou Study Plan (December 4, 2024).	✓		
■ In-person meeting with Nibinamik First Nation to provide a Project update (January 16, 2024).	✓		
■ A virtual meeting with Red Sky Métis Independent Nation to review the Draft preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report (March 19, 2024).	✓		
■ In-person Nation-to-Nation meeting with Aroland First Nation to build on and improve the relationship between the two nations and to provide both Nations the opportunity to discuss any concerns or issues, including the previously drafted Communication Protocol Agreement (April 19, 2024).	✓		
■ In-person taskforce meeting between Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation (May 7, 2024).	✓		
■ In-person taskforce meeting between Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation (May 28, 2024).	✓		
■ In-person Chief and Council meeting with Marten Falls First Nation to provide a Project update (May 29, 2024).	✓		
■ Virtual meeting with Attawapiskat First Nation to discuss the Spring Groundwater Program (May 31, 2024).	✓		
■ A virtual meeting with Weenusk First Nation to provide a Project update and discuss the IK Program and socio-economic programs (June 5, 2024).	✓		
■ In-person meetings with Aroland First Nation community members to obtain feedback on the final route recommendation, existing conditions and cumulative effects, including inclusions list (June 19-20, 2024).	✓		
■ In-person meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation Elders and community members to present the preliminary technically preferred routes (June 20, 2024).	✓		
■ In-person meetings with Aroland First Nation community members to obtain feedback on the final route recommendation including Segment 1, Dusey Lake, Segment 2, Segment 3, cumulative effects, evaluation approach and inclusions list, engineering considerations and existing conditions (valued component studies) (July 15-16, 2024).	✓		
■ In-person meetings with Marten Falls First Nation community members to confirm selection of the final route selection, cumulative effects, evaluation approach and inclusions list, engineering considerations and existing conditions (valued component studies) (July 17-18, 2024).	✓		
■ A virtual meeting held with Attawapiskat First Nation to discuss the draft ATRI Existing Conditions Report (July 23, 2024).	✓		

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment and Identification of Preferred Alternatives			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	***Interested Persons***	***Agencies & Government Bodies***
Other Notices / Newsletters			
■ 2021 Highlights Letter distributed to Indigenous communities via email (December 15, 2021)	✓		
■ Phone calls to Indigenous communities to follow-up on the December E-Blast, Winter Discussion Guide and field notice (December 16 to 17, 2021).	✓		
■ Circulated Monthly Project Update Email Blast (referred to as E-Blast) – October 2021 (November 3, 2021) – November 2021 (November 30 2021) – December 2021 (December 15, 2021) – January 2022 (January 31, 2022) – February / March 2022 (March 15, 2022) – April 2022 (April 29, 2022) – May 2022 (May 27, 2022) – June 2022 (June 24, 2022) – July 2022 (July 26, 2022) – August 2022 (August 19, 2022) – September 2022 (September 29, 2022) – October 2022 (November 2, 2022) – November 2022 (November 25, 2022) – December 2022 (December 20, 2022) – January 2023 (January 30, 2023) – February 2023 (February 28, 2023) – March 2023 (April 4, 2023) – April 2023 (April 28, 2023) – May 2023 (June 7, 2023) – June 2023 (June 28, 2023) – July 2023 (August 2, 2023) – August 2023 (September 1, 2023) – September 2023 (September 28, 2023) – October 2023 (November 2, 2023) – 2023 Year In Review (December 12, 2023) – January 2024 (January 31, 2024) – February 2024 (March 1, 2024) – March 2024 (April 3, 2024) – April 2024 (April 30, 2024) – May 2024 (May 30, 2024) – June 2024 (July 9, 2024)	✓	✓	✓
■ Circulated Field Study Notices & Discussion Guides: – Winter Field Program Notice and Discussion Guide (December 10, 2021) – Furbearer Ground Track Survey Update (January 19, 2022) – Bird Aerial Surveys Update (February 4, 2022) – Wolverine Den Surveys Notice (February 14, 2022) – Wolverine Hair Snag Program and Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Update (March 3, 2022) – Wolverine Den Survey Update (March 9, 2022) – Early Spring Notice (March 29, 2022) – Terrain and Soils Notice (May 11, 2022) – Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Notice (May 30, 2022) – Vegetation Field Notice (June 10, 2022)	✓	✓	✓

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment and Identification of Preferred Alternatives			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	***Interested Persons***	***Agencies & Government Bodies***
– Groundwater and Geochemistry (July 29, 2022) – Fall Field Programs Update (September 16, 2022) – Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice (December 1, 2022) – Field Programs updates (March 9, 2023) – Spring 2023 Field Notice (April 21, 2023) – Summer 2023 Field Notice (July 12, 2023) – Fall 2023 Field Notice (September 15, 2023) – Winter 2024 Field Notice (January 18, 2024) – Spring 2024 Field Notice (April 17, 2024) – Spring Groundwater Program Update (May 23, 2024) – Summer 2024 Field Notice (July 16, 2024)			
■ Matawa Messenger newsletter feature (June 2022) ■ Follow-up to furbearer winter tracking field program notice (January 27, 2023) ■ Follow-up on ungulate aerial survey notice (February 15, 2023)	✓	✓	✓
■ Webinar Series: – Animals and Wildlife (Ungulates and Furbearers) (November 15, 2022) – Surface Water, Fish & Fish Habitat (November 29, 2022) – Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (January 10, 2023) – Vegetation and Physiography (January 17, 2023) – Peatlands (January 31, 2023) – Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change (February 14, 2023) – Socio-Economic Studies Part I (February 21, 2023) – Socio-Economic Studies Part II (February 28, 2023) – Groundwater and Geochemistry (March 14, 2023) – Birds (March 21, 2023) – Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats (March 28, 2023) – ATRI (April 4, 2023) – Route Selection Milestone (November 16, 2023) – Climate Change Webinar (February 8, 2024)	✓	✓	✓
■ Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report (June 3, 2024)	✓		
Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program			
■ Circulated an update on the MFFN CAR IK Program which included an updated schedule and timeline for Indigenous communities to share IK (January 21 to 24, 2022)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the IK Program (and Community Co-ordinator Program) (April 21, 2022)	✓		
■ IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles were distributed via email. (August 2022)	✓		
■ Distributed a Save the Date for the upcoming ATRI Forum and Cultural Heritage Workshop via email (December 20, 2022)	✓		
■ Invitation to ATRI Forum distributed (January 13, 2023, and February 1, 2023)	✓		
■ ATRI Forum and Cultural Heritage Workshop in Thunder Bay (February 8 – 9, 2023)	✓		

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment and Identification of Preferred Alternatives			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	***Interested Persons***	***Agencies & Government Bodies***
■ IK Program timeline and update letter (March 22, 2023)	✓		
■ IK Program timeline and update letter (June 22, 2023)	✓		
■ IK Program timeline and update letter (October 5, 2023)	✓		
■ IK Program timeline and update letter (November 10, 2023)	✓		
Community Co-ordinator Program			
■ Distribution of letter introducing the Community Co-ordinator Program to 13 neighbouring Indigenous communities including job posting (March 17, 2022)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the Community Co-ordinator Program (and the IK Program) (April 21, 2022)	✓		

3. Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities, Provincial and Territorial Organizations and Tribal Councils

3.1 Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities

To summarize overall engagement with each Indigenous community, the following analytics were performed:

The **Level of Engagement Effort and Response** bar graph reflects the efforts taken by the MFFN CAR Project Team to engage Indigenous communities and the level of response received. Communications channels considered include **email correspondence** (outgoing & incoming), **phone correspondence** (outgoing & incoming), and **meetings offered in comparison to meetings scheduled**, by any means of communication.

- **Email Correspondence** reflects all personalized emails sent between the MFFN CAR Project Team and Indigenous communities.
  - **Outgoing Email Correspondence** reflects all personalized emails sent from the MFFN CAR Project Team to a specific Indigenous community; mass communications sent to all communities by the MFFN CAR Project Team are not considered in this calculation.
  - **Incoming Email Correspondence** includes emails received from an Indigenous community directly to MFFN CAR Project Team; emails that only confirm receipt of an outgoing email or emails where the MFFN CAR Project Team are copied but not directly mentioned are not included.
- **Phone Correspondence** reflects all call attempts between the MFFN CAR Project Team and an Indigenous community.
  - **Outgoing Phone Calls** reflect all phone calls made by the MFFN CAR Project Team to an Indigenous community. **Answered Phone Calls** includes those calls that were answered immediately by the intended recipient or were returned at a later time when the contact was available.
  - **Incoming Phone Calls** reflect instances where Indigenous communities contacted MFFN CAR Project Team without a previous outgoing phone call.
- **Meetings Offered vs. Held** reflects the efforts taken by the MFFN CAR Project Team to schedule a meeting in comparison to the number of meetings achieved between the Indigenous community and the MFFN CAR Project Team

4. References

AECOM, 2019:

Draft Terms of Reference Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road – Environmental Assessment.

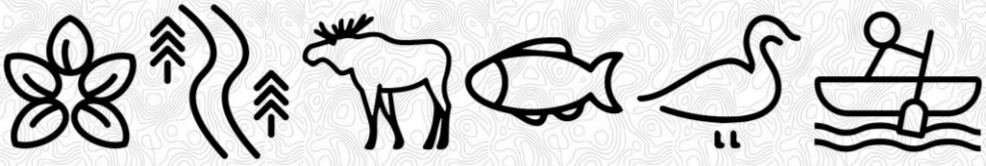
AECOM, 2020:

Proposed Terms of Reference Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road – Environmental Assessment.

Hatch, 2016:

Technical Review of Industrial Transportation Infrastructure Proposals.

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22. Métis Nation of Ontario

22.1 Community Profile

Location: 226 South May Street, Main Floor, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1B4

Tribal Council: Thunder Bay Métis Nation, MNO Superior North Shore Métis Council

Treaty: N/A

Project Team Lead: Iain Quigley

Figure 22-1: Distribution of Communication

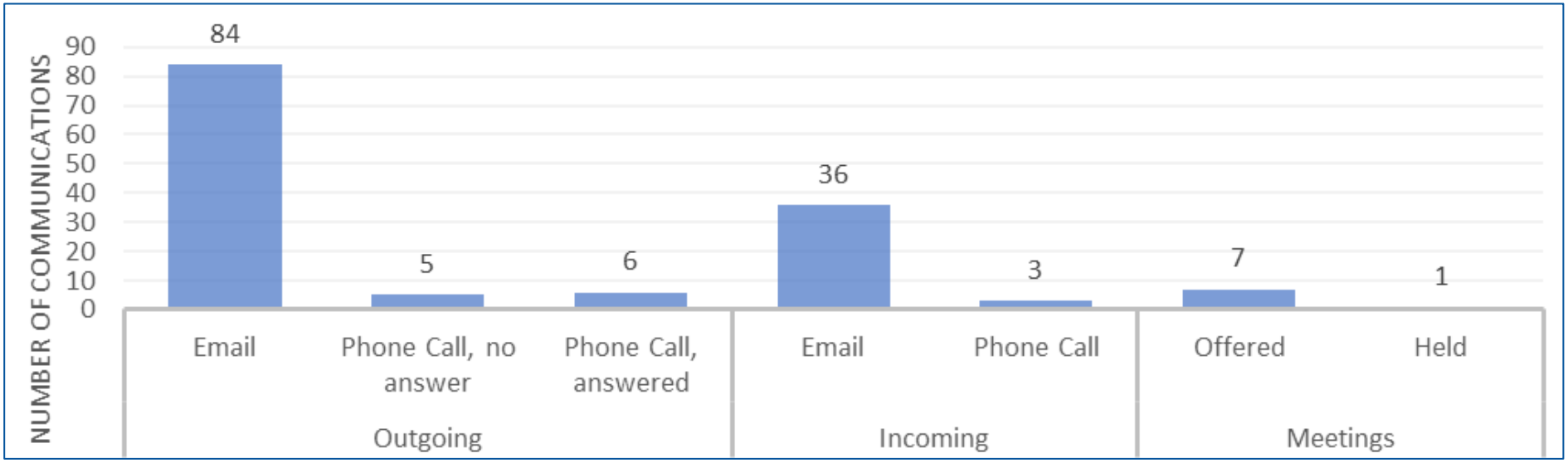


Table 22-1: Summary of Participation During Milestone 3 Reporting Period

Summary of Participation During Reporting Period	
Date of Last Outgoing Communication from MFFN CAR Project Team (Email or Phone):	July 31, 2024
Date of Last Incoming Communication from Community (Email or Phone):	July 2, 2024 (email)
Participating in IK Program:	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: N/A
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: N/A
	IK information provided: No
Participating in Community Coordinator Program:	No

Table 22-2: Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During EA / IA

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
June 02 to August 15, 2023	Follow-up emails regarding the teleconference call with MNO regarding Archaeology and Cultural Heritage.
June 06 to August 1, 2023	Follow-up emails regarding MNO's submission of a letter outlining general Project comments/concerns, in lieu of providing IK/TKLU.
June 07, 2023	May 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email (MNO, Region 2, and Greenstone Council).
June 22, 2023	Sent follow up email on the IK Program milestone and timeline (MNO, Region 2, and Greenstone Council).
June 28, 2023	June 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email (MNO, Region 2 and Greenstone Council).
July 04, 2023	Follow-up email regarding the teleconference call with MNO regarding Archaeology and Cultural Heritage.
July 13, 2023	Summer 2023 Field Notice distributed via email (MNO, Region 2 and Greenstone Council).
August 01, 2023	Letter from MNO stating general Project comments and concerns.
August 02, 2023	July 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email (MNO, Region 2 and Greenstone Council).
July 13 to August 9, 2023	Follow-up emails to MNO regarding presentation of Summer 2023 Field Studies results.
September 01, 2023	August 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email (MNO, Region 2 and Greenstone Council).
September 15, 2023	Fall 2023 Field Notice distributed via email (MNO, Region 2 and Greenstone Council).
September 28, 2023	September 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email (MNO, Region 2 and Greenstone Council).
October 05, 2023	Phone calls and emails to provide Project updates including PIC #5, ATRI Forum #2 and the Climate Change Workshop (MNO, Region 2 and Greenstone Council).
October 10, 2023	PIC #5 invitation distributed via email (MNO, Region 2 and Greenstone Council).
October 17, 2023	ATRI Forum #2 invitation distributed via email (Region 2 and Greenstone Council).
November 02, 2023	October 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email (MNO, Region 2 and Greenstone Council).
November 09 and 10, 2023	Project updates distributed via phone and email (MNO, Region 2 and Greenstone Council).

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
November 09, 2023	Reminder for Route Selection Milestone Webinar distributed via email (MNO, Region 2 and Greenstone Council).
November 10, 2023	IK update distributed via email (MNO, Region 2 and Greenstone Council).
November 16, 2023	Reminder for Route Selection Milestone Webinar distributed via email (MNO, Region 2 and Greenstone Council).
November 27 and 29, 2023	Milestone #2 Progress Report distributed via email.
December 06, 2023	Request received to update and combine MNO contacts as duplicate communications had been received from the Project.
December 06 - 08, 2023	Phone and email outreach about Project Updates including, the Route Selection Webinar, ATRI Forum #2, Milestone #2 Progress Report, upcoming webinar series, the Socio-economic letter and the IK Program.
December 07, 2023	Socio-economic Assessment Interest letter sent via email
December 12, 2023	2023 Year In Review E-Blast.
December 14, 2023	Letter responding MNO's August 1, 2023, letter noting various issues including Cumulative Effects, Impacts to Health and Well Being, and Potential Impacts to Native Vegetation among others.
December 14, 2023	Letter responding to various issues including Cumulative Effects, Impacts to Health and Well Being, and Potential Impacts to Native Vegetation among others.
December 20, 2023	Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report distributed via email.
December 20, 2023	Feedback received on the Socio-Economic Assessment Letter via email.
January 10, 2024	Reminder sent via email regarding Milestone #2 Progress Report and the ATRI Existing Conditions Report
January 10, 2024	Reminder sent via email regarding the Milestone #2 Progress Report. MNO indicated they would provide comments prior to the deadline for Milestone #2 Report
January 16, 2024	Invitation for Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road Webinar distributed via email
January 18, 2024	Winter 2024 Field Studies distributed via email.
January 22 - 24, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates, including, the Milestone #2 report and the ATRI Existing Conditions report.
January 24, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates, including, the Milestone #2 report, the ATRI Existing Conditions report, and the webinar series.
January 31, 2024	January 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
February 08, 2024	Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Reminder distributed via email.
February 13, 2024	Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Follow-Up distributed via email.
February 21 and 22, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the upcoming webinar series.
March 01, 2024	February 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
March 04, 2024	The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided updates on the vegetation and groundwater field studies. A meeting was offered to present the results when the data has been analyzed.
March 14, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including, the Milestone #2 Report, ATRI existing conditions report, the Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Survey, the Route Selection Video, and new social media platforms.

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
April 03, 2024	March 2024 e-blast distributed via email.
April 17, 2024	Spring 2024 Field Notice and Caribou Collaring Update distributed via email.
April 22, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Survey.
April 30, 2024	April 2024 e-blast distributed via email.
May 23, 2024	Spring 2024 Groundwater Program Update distributed via email.
May 30, 2024	May 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
June 03, 2024	Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report link distributed via email.
June 25, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the Archaeology Assessment Report.
July 09, 2024	June E-Blast distributed via email.
July 16, 2024	Summer 2024 Field Notice distributed via email.
July 31, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report.

Table 22-3: Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Métis Nation of Ontario

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Accidents and Malfunctions	Traffic and Community Safety ■ In a letter submitted by MNO on August 1, 2023 outlining general Project impacts and concerns, MNO highlighted several concerns they believed the Project may have on community safety. In summary, these concerns were related to road safety as there will be the potential for more vehicle collisions due to increased vehicles on the roads and personal safety, especially as it relates to women, girls and 2SLGBTQ+ citizens.	■ Letter ■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to MNO's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response noted that potential impacts will be evaluated, as required, and mitigation and monitoring programs will be proposed through the IA / EA. The response also noted that recommendations MNO has provided will be considered as the EA / IS Report is drafted. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to continue to follow up to answer further comments MNO may have regarding Accidents and Malfunctions.	■ Feedback provided on traffic and safety will be considered in the EA / IA and documented in the EA / IS.

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Aggregates, Alternative Means	Route Evaluation ■ On January 27, 2023, the MNO noted in their feedback on the Interim RoCE, that there are ongoing concerns related to the Southern portion of the Project area where it would connect with the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road, specifically as it relates to cumulative effects, traditional land use and climate change. It was requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team continue to follow-up on receiving traditional land use information when it becomes available and opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IS. MNO also requested the evaluation identify the preferred route, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community. ■ On August 1, 2023, MNO sent a letter outlining general Project impacts/concerns. MNO noted that due to increased access to the Ring	■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to MNO's comments on the Interim RoCE via email on July 7, 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team would continue to track MNO's concerns related to the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road as ongoing and will follow-up on them. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted they recognized it remains the case, as was mentioned by MNO in an email on June 6, 2023, that MNO do not have area specific TKLU to currently share. ■ On December 14, 2023 the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a response letter to MNO's August 1, 2023 letter. The response thanked MNO for sharing their concerns associated with the potential direct and indirect impacts related to regional and cumulative effects on the physical and human environment in the Project study area and noted that the potential impacts will be evaluated, as required and monitoring and mitigation measures will be proposed throughout the EA / IS process. It was also noted that MNO will continue to have opportunities to share feedback on this matter as both the EA and IA processes continue to unfold. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to provide updates on the	■ Issue resolution is ongoing. Any unresolved issues and remaining expressed concerns will be documented in the EA / IS

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	of Fire area, they anticipate the MFFN CAR Project will likely have cumulative, regional and far-reaching impacts on physical and human environments.		Project and provide opportunities for feedback.	
Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology)	Archaeology ■ On February 28, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Team was cc'd on an email to IAAC where the MNO requested a meeting to discuss concerns regarding Métis archaeology on the CAR, WSR and NRL Projects. ■ On a March 16, 2023 phone call between the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and Victoria Stinson, Victoria elaborated on the issue MNO had related to archaeology which was raised in an email to the general Project email on February 28, 2023. Victoria noted that the methodology of the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Reports was problematic as it only included “First Nations” or “European”, when Métis should fall under its own category. Victoria noted that this is a common issue as there is only one archaeologist in Canada who specializes in Métis	■ Email ■ Meeting (Virtual) ■ Phone	Status: Ongoing ■ On March 16, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant agreed a meeting between MNO key contacts and the MFFN CAR Project Team would be beneficial. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that Victoria will be notified on whether the Project Team would like to hold a meeting separately or in combination with a meeting that had already been proposed between MNO and IAAC. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reiterated the importance of holding a meeting as promptly as possible to ensure no future deadlines are missed and ensure the feedback provided by MNO could be accounted for. ■ On March 29, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered to hold a MFFN CAR specific meeting with MNO to discuss issues related to the archaeology report. ■ Between February 28 and April 27, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant worked with MNO and IAAC to coordinate meetings to discuss the MNO's concerns related to archaeology. Three meetings were held.	■ The RoCE in the EA / IS will demonstrate feedback received and how it has been considered. ■ The EA / IS will include a section on archaeology and cultural heritage.

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	archaeology. An email was sent the same day summarizing the phone call. ■ On March 29, 2023 the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Victoria Stinson, MNO, thanking her for the invitation to a meeting between IAAC and MNO on April 18th to discuss Archaeology. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant suggested that it would be beneficial to have a separate meeting, solely with the MFFN CAR Project Team and archaeology discipline leads to specifically discuss MNO's issues related to the MFFN CAR Project. Victoria agreed to this and requested Erin Reimer be included in the meeting. ■ On April 18 and 24, 2023, a meeting was held between key contacts at the MNO and IAAC, which provided an overview of the Federal Impact Assessment process, presented the Agency's understanding of the proposed Ring of Fire Road Projects, discussed how archaeological work is being conducted for those projects as well as the Regional Assessment and		■ During the April 18, 2023, meeting The MFFN CAR Project Team agreed to meet with the MNO separately to discuss archaeology concerns specifically related to the MFFN CAR Project Area. ■ During the April 24, 2023, meeting the MFFN CAR Project Team noted they would confirm who the archaeologists on the Northern Road Link and Webequie Supply Road Projects are. MFFN CAR Project Team confirmed they would meet on April 27, 2023 to discuss archaeology issues specific to the MFFN CAR Project area. ■ During the April 27, 2023 meeting the MFFN CAR Project Team confirmed that feedback the MNO provided in this meeting would be taken into consideration. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that additional details the MNO collects and provides could be included / considered in the upcoming Archaeology and Cultural Heritage reports. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant would coordinate a meeting between the MFFN CAR Project Team and MNO to provide detailed information on how information MNO provides will be kept confidential. During the April 27, 2023 meeting the MFFN CAR Project Team confirmed their understanding of the MNO's concerns related to the archaeology reporting terminology. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted they would continue to update MNO on	

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	allowed the MNO to provide feedback and ask questions. The MNO invited the MFFN CAR Project Team to attend for transparency and understanding. Meeting minutes are to be kept confidential. ■ On April 26, 2023, Erin Reimer sent an email regarding the upcoming meeting between the MNO and MFFN CAR Project Team. Erin noted that the MNO mainly wanted to reiterate their concerns regarding archaeology in the reporting methodology. Erin added that the MNO would like to hear about how the MFFN CAR Project Team plan to address these concerns in upcoming stages of archaeological assessment. ■ On April 27, 2023 a meeting was held between key contacts at MNO and the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss MNO's concerns relating to the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Reports. The discussion was focused on general archaeology, archaeological potential, settlement patterns, rights		various Project updates and provide continuous outreach. ■ On May 17, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired with MNO and IAAC about meeting minutes from the April 24 meeting with IAAC and the MNO. On May 29, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant replied to Erin, thanking her for the notification that the meeting minutes were confidential. ■ Between May 9, 2023 and August 15, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent several emails to MNO key contacts to update them on the status of the meeting minutes from the April 27, 2023 archaeology meeting. ■ On August 15, 2023 the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent MNO the meeting minutes from the archaeology meeting which took place on April 27, 2023 and asked for MNO's revisions and edits by August 29, 2023. ■ On October 5, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an update regarding the April 27, 2023 meeting minutes. ■ On October 25, 2023 the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at MNO providing the revised April 27, 2023 archaeology meeting minutes based on MNO's comments which were initially provided to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant on August 31, 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested that MNO review	

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	assertion and Indigenous/Traditional Knowledge in relation to the MFFN CAR Project Area. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant then discussed timelines and outlined next steps in the archaeological assessment process. Time was provided for questions and answers. ■ On May 23, 2023, Erin Reimer noted that the April 24, 2023, meeting minutes were confidential. ■ On August 31, 2023, Erin Reimer sent several comments on the draft meeting minutes that were disseminated to MNO on August 1, 2023. A summary of MNO's comments include: clarification from MNO that they do not have Project-specific information on IK or TKLU to currently share, their desire to be informed and engaged on future archaeological assessments, information about historical fur trading routes could be found online, details of the archaeology expert located within the University of Alberta, and slight wording suggestions.		the minutes once more and confirm they are fine with the document being finalized for the Public Record of Consultation. ■ Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report shared with MNO on June 3, 2024. A follow up email and phone call soliciting feedback on the report took place on June 25, 2024. ■ On July 5, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Erin Reimer acknowledging her comments regarding the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report and let her know they would follow up with an answer. ■ On July 16, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant send an email to Erin Reimer, in response to her questions posed on July 2, 2024. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant outlined that comments received would be part of the Record of Consultation, that any sensitive information could be redacted and offered a meeting to discuss sensitive information in advance of formal comments. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that the archaeological scope of the Project could be accommodated to include feedback received and the Stage 1 Report could be revised based on comments received. ■ On July 31, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up on the deadline to submit Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, as	

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	■ On October 10, 2023, Victoria Stinson noted that MNO is primarily interested in hearing about the integration of Métis archaeology into the Project and to update their team in regards to that topic. ■ On July 2, 2024, Erin Reimer noted that MNO intends to provide comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report. Erin inquired if the comments would be posted publicly and how comments will be considered, such as suggested revisions to the report.		feedback was requested by August 2, 2024. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team to continue updating MNO on various Project updates and provide continuous outreach to determine if the MNO have comments or requests about the Project. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team to take MNO's feedback into account by including Métis as a separate category in future stages of archaeology reporting. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to continue providing updates on archaeology related aspects of the Project as requested by Victoria Stinson on October 10, 2023	
Cumulative Effects, Land and Resource Use, Wildlife, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Aggregates, Engineering and Design, Study Area, mining	Cumulative Effects ■ At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO noted they do not have any land use interests in the Project study area but are interested in the regional aspects of the Project and how they may influence land use south of the Project study area, including: migratory animals, trapping and furbearers and watersheds. ■ On January 27, 2023, MNO noted in their feedback on the Interim RoCE, that there are ongoing concerns related to	■ In-person (virtual) ■ Email ■ Letter	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to MNO's comments on the Interim RoCE Report on July 7, 2023. The response recognized that MNO's concerns are mainly related to the southern portion of the Project study area, specifically where the MFFN CAR would connect to Anaconda/Painter Lake Road. The response also stated that throughout the EA process cumulative effects will be examined and consideration will be given on whether to combine net effects of the Project with effects of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable Projects.	■ Feedback provided on cumulative effects will be considered in the EA / IS and documented in the EA / IS.

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	the Southern portion of the Project area where it would connect with the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road, specifically as it relates to cumulative effects, traditional land use and climate change. It was requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team continue to follow-up on receiving traditional land use information when it becomes available and opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA. MNO also requested the evaluation identify the preferred route, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community. ■ In a letter submitted by MNO on August 1, 2023, outlining general Project impacts/concerns, cumulative effects were mentioned, specifically related to climate change, greenhouse gas emissions and the adequate assessment of regional effects resulting from the access		■ The response noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team would continue to provide information on cumulative effects to MNO as the EA process progresses. ■ On November 10, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed key contacts at MNO acknowledging the receipt of Victoria Stinson's email to have MNO's administrative boundaries removed from the Cumulative Effects Assessment Map. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that MNO would remain updated on all aspects of the Project and acknowledged their primary interests noted in the November 3, 2023 email (Métis archaeology along trading routes within the Project study area, climate change, and animal impacts of harvesting in traditional territories). The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provide an update on the status of the response to MNO's general Project concerns letter they submitted to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant on August 1, 2023. ■ On November 2, November 9 and December 12, 2023, emails and reminders were sent regarding the upcoming Cumulative Effects Webinar. ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to MNO's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response noted that potential impacts will be evaluated, as required, and mitigation and monitoring programs	

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	through MNO Region 2 to the Ring of Fire mining area. ■ On November 3, 2023, Victoria Stinson sent an email requesting that MNO's administrative boundaries be removed from the Cumulative Effects Assessment map, and all other maps currently being used for the Project as MNO does not assert rights within the MFFN CAR Project study area. ■ On November 14, 2023, Erin Reimer noted they look forward to receiving a response to their general Project comments/concerns letter they submitted to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant on August 1, 2023. ■ In an email and phone call on December 20, 2023, MNO noted their concerns related to socio-economic impacts were documented and provided in a letter on August 1, 2023, and there were no further comments at that time.		will be proposed through the EA / IS. The response also noted that recommendations MNO has provided will be considered as the EA / IS Report is drafted. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to provide information on cumulative effects to MNO as the EA process progresses. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to notify MNO of any upcoming webinars specific to this issue.	

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Field Studies, Climate Change	Climate Change ■ In a meeting on February 4, 2022, MNO expressed that climate change and the environment are major concerns. ■ On November 3, 2023, Victoria Stinson sent an email noting that their primary interests include the potential for Métis archaeology along trading routes through the Project Site, as well as climate change. ■ A representative from MNO attended the Climate Change webinar hosted by the MFFN CAR Project Team on February 8, 2024.	■ In-person (virtual) ■ Email ■ Phone	Status: Ongoing ■ During the February 4, 2022 meeting, the MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that protecting the environment through the MFFN CAR Project is of major importance to MFFN as well. ■ On November 10, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at MNO stating they recognize MNO's primary interest is related to the integration of archaeology and cultural heritage in the Project, but would keep MNO informed on all aspects of the Project, including climate change. ■ On November 2, November 9, December 12, 2023, and January 24, 2024 email reminders and information were sent regarding the upcoming Climate Change webinar. The invitation to the webinar was sent on January 16, 2024. ■ On March 4, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided updates on the progress of vegetation and groundwater field studies, noting that once data is analyzed, the results would be shared during the draft EA / IS. ■ The climate change survey was shared with MNO and feedback invited on February 22, 2024, and a follow up was provided on March 14, 2024 and April 22, 2024 via phone and email. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project to share the existing conditions report with the Draft EA / IS in 2024. ■ The MFFN CAR Project to share information/opportunities to engage on climate change and the environment.	■ Feedback provided on climate change and the environment will be considered in the EA / IA and documented in the EA / IS.

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Geology and Geomorphology (incl. soils), Field Studies	Summer Field Study Results Presentation ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email on July 13, 2023 from Victoria Stinson, Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations, MNO which requested MNO be presented the results of the Summer Field Studies after the field season had ended. Victoria specifically noted interest in being presented the results on reindeer lichen and geochemistry.	■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a response to Victoria Stinson, Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations, MNO on August 9, 2023 stating that the summer field study works would be completed around the end of August. It was noted some of the field studies would continue longer. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted they would connect the MFFN CAR Natural Sciences team to MNO to present the requested results, which were anticipated to be ready in late November or early December 2023. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Erin Reimer on March 4, 2024 to share resources on the Groundwater and Geochemistry field studies. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated that more details would be made available during the draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered a meeting once the results of the field studies become available. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to connect the Project's Natural Sciences team with MNO in order to coordinate a meeting to present the field study results.	■ The EA / IS Consultation and Engagement Plan in the ToR identifies the key milestones when existing conditions data will be shared and consulted on.

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Human Health	Impacts to Health and Well-being ■ In a letter submitted by MNO on August 1, 2023 outlining general Project impacts/concerns, MNO highlighted several concerns they believed the Project may have on community health and well-being. In summary, these concerns were related to decreased access and quality of healthcare services and increased strain on the healthcare system.	■ Letter ■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a response to MNO's August 1, 2023 letter. The response thanked MNO for sharing their concerns associated with the potential direct and indirect impacts on human health in the Project study area and noted that the potential impacts will be evaluated, as required and monitoring and mitigation measures will be proposed throughout the EA / IA process. It was also noted that MNO will continue to have opportunities to share feedback on this matter as both the EA and IA processes continue to unfold. Action: The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to provide updates on the Project and provide opportunities for feedback.	■ Feedback provided on health and well-being will be considered in the EA / IA and documented in the EA / IS.
Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	IK Program ■ MNO indicated that they would like to learn more about the Project's IK Program on January 21, 2022. ■ On April 27, 2023 in a meeting between key contacts at MNO and the MFFN CAR Project Team, a discussion on rights assertion within the Project Area was had. MNO stated that the only part of the Project Area where they are asserting rights is at the southern part of	■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team and MNO staff had a meeting on February 4, 2022 to discuss IK Program. Specific comments are outlined in rows below. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant corresponded multiple times between June 6 and August 1, 2023 with MNO to potentially discuss setting up a meeting regarding IK/TKLU. It was concluded that a meeting would not be necessary given that MNO had no new Project area specific information on IK/TKLU at the time and instead would submit a letter outlining general Project comments and	■ Issue resolution is ongoing. Any unresolved issues and remaining expressed concerns will be documented in the EA / IS.

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	the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road. ■ On April 27, 2023 in a meeting between key contacts at MNO and the MFFN CAR Project Team, MNO requested that a meeting be set up between the MFFN CAR Traditional Knowledge Discipline leads and key contacts at MNO to help MNO in understanding how Indigenous Knowledge could be shared and included in the Impact Assessment Process without them having to declare assertion of rights. ■ MNO noted in an email to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant on June 6, 2023 that MNO did not believe a meeting on Traditional Knowledge and Land Use would be productive as MNO Region 2 was not actively engaging in the Project and the MNO did not have specific information on TKLU to share for the Project area at that time. Erin noted that the MNO did have general comments/concerns related to the indirect effects of the Project on MNO Region 2 land and resource use and suggested that they submit a letter in lieu of a meeting.		concerns (August 1 2023). The MFFN CAR Project Consultant responded to their MNO's submission of the above noted letter by stating this was sufficient. ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to MNO's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team understands citizens of MNO have Aboriginal rights affirmed under section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982. The response confirmed that this information will be reflected in the Draft Preliminary ATRI Conditions Report for MNO and will be used to complete the future EA / IA. The response also stated that MNO will have opportunities to participate and share feedback on this information as both the federal and provincial regulatory processes unfold. ■ On December 20, 2023 the draft ATRI existing conditions report was shared with MNO, and follow ups were conducted on January 24, 2024, February 27, 2024 and March 14, 2024. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to communicate and work with the MNO to determine if they have any new information regarding IK that could be shared with the MFFN CAR Project Team.	

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	■ Erin Reimer sent an email on August 1, 2023 in which Erin notified the MFFN CAR Project Consultant that MNO did not have Traditional Knowledge and/or Land Use information to share at the time, nor was MNO Region 2 actively engaging on the MFFN CAR Project. Erin noted they had created and attached a letter outlining general comments and concerns related to the MFFN CAR Project, specifically relating to cumulative impacts, regional impacts and community health and well-being for consideration in the EA.			
Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	Traditional Land Use ■ In a meeting on February 4, 2022, MNO expressed that protecting the traditional way of life is of major importance. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer on January 27, 2023 requesting continued follow-up on concerns related to traditional land use, specifically where the CAR would connect to the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road area.	■ In-person (virtual) ■ Email ■ Letter	Status: Ongoing ■ At the February 4, 2022 meeting the MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that protecting the traditional way of life is of importance to MFFN as well. ■ On June 15, 2023 the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to MNO agreeing that Erin Reimer's suggestion of submitting a letter to highlight MNO's general comments and concerns, instead of having a meeting, was sufficient. ■ On July 7, 2023 the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at MNO in response to comments MNO left on the Interim Record of Consultation	■ In the EA / IA, the evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Project, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community. ■ Feedback provided on traditional land use will be considered in the EA / IA

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	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer, on June 6, 2023 noting that MNO did not have specific TKLU to share for the MFFN CAR Project at the time, and instead of organizing a meeting to discuss the matter, Erin noted a letter outlining general Project comments and concerns would be submitted. ■ In a letter dated August 1, 2023 MNO noted concerns related to socio-economic impacts and confirmed that MNO was not asserting rights within the Project area. ■ On December 20, 2023, MNO confirmed their concerns related to socio-economic impacts were documented and provided in a letter on August 1, 2023, and there were no further comments at that time. MNO confirmed they are not asserting rights in the Project area but are rather participating in consultation due to interest and archaeology.		and Engagement Report in January 2023. It was noted the MFFN CAR Project Team would continue to track MNO's concerns related to traditional land use, as they relate to the southern portion of the Project Study Area, specifically where the CAR would connect to the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road. ■ On November 10, 2023 the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed key contacts at MNO notifying them that a response was being drafted to their General Project Comments/Concerns letter submitted on August 1, 2023. ■ On December 14, 2023 a response letter was provided in response to the General Project Comments/Concerns letter dated August 1, 2023. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to provide updates on the Project and provide opportunities for feedback.	and documented in the EA / IS.

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Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Study Area, Climate Change	Traditional Land Use ■ In a meeting on February 4, 2022, MNO noted they are working to understand their land use in the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road area and offered to share traditional land use information. ■ On January 27, 2023, MNO noted in their feedback on the Interim RoCE, that there are ongoing concerns related to the Southern portion of the Project area where it would connect with the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road, specifically as it relates to cumulative effects, traditional land use and climate change. It was requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team continue to follow-up on receiving traditional land use information when it becomes available and opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA. MNO also requested the evaluation identify the preferred route, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects	■ Meeting (virtual) ■ Email ■ Letter	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to MNO's comments on the Interim RoCE Report on July 7, 2023. The response recognized that MNO does not have area specific TKLU to share at this time, which is consistent from the last time the issue was discussed in February 2022. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted to be updated if that changed and the MNO have information on traditional land use they would like to provide in the future to please notify the MFFN CAR Project Team. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant corresponded multiple times between June 6 and August 1, 2023 with MNO to potentially discuss setting up a meeting regarding IK/TKLU. It was concluded that a meeting would not be necessary given that MNO had no new Project area specific information on IK/TKLU at the time and instead would submit a letter outlining general Project comments and concerns (August 1, 2023). The MFFN CAR Project Consultant responded to their MNO's submission of the above noted letter by stating this was sufficient. A response would be sent back to the MNO addressing the potential impacts identified in the letter. ■ On November 10, 2023 the MFFN CAR Project Consultant left a voicemail and emailed key contacts at MNO	■ Opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA.

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	and greatest benefit to the community. ■ On April 27, 2023, in a meeting between key contacts at MNO and the MFFN CAR Project Team, a discussion on rights assertion within the Project Area was had. MNO stated that the only part of the Project Area where they are asserting rights is at the southern part of the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road. MNO requested that a meeting be set up between the MFFN CAR Traditional Knowledge Discipline leads and key contacts at MNO to discuss the IK/TKLU program in more detail. ■ On June 6, 2023, MNO noted in an email to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant that MNO did not believe a meeting on TKLU would be productive as MNO Region 2 was not actively engaging in the Project and the MNO did not have specific information on TKLU to share for the Project area at that time. Erin noted that the MNO did have general comments/concerns related to the indirect effects of the Project on MNO Region 2 land		acknowledging the receipt of Victoria Stinson's email to have MNO's administrative boundaries removed from the Cumulative Effects Assessment Map. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that MNO would remain updated on all aspects of the Project and acknowledged their primary interests noted in the November 3, 2023 email (Métis archaeology along trading routes within the Project study area, climate change, and animal impacts of harvesting in traditional territories). The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided an update on the status of the response to MNO's general Project concerns letter sent to the Project on August 1, 2023. ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant responded to MNO's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response letter confirmed that MNO's Aboriginal rights are recognized and this information will be included in the Draft Preliminary ATRI Conditions Report for MNO, and will be used to complete the future EA / IA. ■ On December 20, 2023 the draft ATRI existing conditions report was shared with MNO, and follow ups were conducted on January 24, 2024, February 27, 2024 and March 14, 2024. ■ The climate change survey was shared with MNO on February 22, 2024, and a	

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	and resource use and suggested that they submit a letter in lieu of a meeting. ■ On August 1, 2023, MNO submitted a letter outlining general Project comments/concerns. In this letter, MNO identified these potential impacts, primarily over a concern on how they could impact land use and resources of Métis citizens currently and into the future. ■ On November 3, 2023, Victoria Stinson sent an email requesting that MNO's administrative boundaries be removed from the Cumulative Effects Assessment map, and all other maps currently being used for the Project as MNO does not assert rights within the MFFN CAR Project study area.		follow up was provided on March 14, 2024. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to follow-up on receiving traditional land use information when it becomes available.	

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Land and Resource Use, Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology), Study Area	Métis Presence in the Study Area ■ At the ATRI Forum in February 2023, the MNO raised the concerns that a gap in the background information was identified, where information regarding the Métis presence in the project area should be added to the reports. The MNO also mentioned that while they were still uncertain of the level of participation within the consultation process for this project, they did want the opportunity to review all reports. ■ In an email and phone call on December 20, 2023, MNO confirmed they are not asserting rights in the Project area but are rather participating in consultation due to interest and archaeology.	■ In-person ■ Email ■ Phone	Status: Ongoing ■ On May 31, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a response to the comments received at the ATRI Forum. The response noted that a commitment was made to include detail historic information in the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment, as well as all archaeological reports moving forward. ■ On December 20, 2023, the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report was distributed by email with follow ups sent on January 24, 2024, February 27, 2024, and March 14, 2024. ■ Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report shared with MNO on June 3, 2024. A follow up email and phone call soliciting feedback on the report took place on June 25, 2024. Action: ■ MFFN CAR Project Team to update the existing conditions and archaeological reports for the final version by adding more detail in the background section to reflect information on Métis presence in the study area. ■ MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to follow up with MNO regarding inclusion of Métis information in reports	■ Issue resolution is ongoing. Any unresolved issues and remaining expressed concerns will be documented in the EA / IS.

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Socio-Community, Economy	Socio-Economics and Socio-community ■ In a meeting on February 4, 2022, MNO expressed that socio-economic impacts are a major concern for them. ■ In a letter submitted by MNO on August 1, 2023 outlining general Project impacts/concerns, MNO noted that due to increased access to the Ring of Fire area, there is concern about the potential impacts to the Métis community. Specific concerns included were how the Project may contribute to income inequality and impacts to women, girls and 2SLGBTQ+ citizens. ■ In an email and phone call on December 20, 2023, MNO noted their concerns related to socio-economic impacts were documented and provided in a letter on August 1, 2023, and there were no further comments at that time.	■ In-person (virtual) ■ Letter ■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that MFFN is also concerned with the socio-economic environment and that the purpose of the CAR is to create opportunities and connections to MFFN, as well as reducing transportation costs. ■ On December 7, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Team sent a letter to inquire about any socio-economic interests or concerns MNO might have. Feedback was request by December 30, 2023. ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to MNO's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response noted that potential impacts will be evaluated, as required, and mitigation and monitoring programs will be proposed through the EA / IA. The response also noted that recommendations MNO has provided will be considered as the EA / IS Report is drafted. ■ On Dec 20, 2023 the draft ATRI existing conditions report was shared with MNO, with follow ups sent on January 24, 2024, February 27, 2024, and March 14, 2024. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to provide updates on the Project and provide opportunities for feedback.	■ In the EA / IA, the evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Project, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community. ■ Feedback provided on socio-economic impacts will be considered in the EA / IA and documented in the EA / IS.

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Surface Water (Quality and Quantity)	Water Quality and Wetlands ■ In a letter submitted by MNO on August 1, 2023 outlining general Project impacts/concerns, MNO highlighted several concerns they believed the Project may have on surface water quality. In summary, these concerns were related to the quality of wetlands and downstream watersheds, mitigation strategies in the case of a spill, and the impact of increased access to the area on waterways.	■ Letter ■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to MNO's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response noted that potential impacts will be evaluated, as required, and mitigation and monitoring programs will be proposed through the IA / EA. The response also noted that recommendations MNO has provided will be considered as the EA / IS. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to provide updates on the Project and provide opportunities for feedback.	■ Feedback provided on water quality will be considered in the EA / IA and documented in the EA / IS.
Vegetation	Potential Impacts to Native Vegetation and Invasive Species ■ In a letter submitted by MNO on August 1, 2023 outlining general Project impacts / concerns, MNO highlighted several concerns they believed the Project may have on vegetation. In summary, these concerns were related to traffic impacts on harvesting, mitigation measures for adverse impacts and protection from invasive species and indirect impacts such as potential impacts from dust mitigation strategies.	■ Letter ■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to MNO's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response noted that potential impacts will be evaluated, as required, and mitigation and monitoring programs will be proposed through the IA / EA. The response also noted that recommendations MNO has provided will be considered as the EA / IS Report is drafted. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor, MNO on March 4, 2024 to share resources on the Vegetation field studies. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated that more details would be made available during	■ Feedback provided on vegetation will be considered in the EA / IA and documented in the EA / IS.

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			the draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered a meeting once the results of the field studies become available. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to provide updates on the Project and provide opportunities for feedback	
Wildlife	Wildlife Migration and Potential Impacts to Wildlife Habitat ■ At the February 4, 2022 meeting, MNO expressed that impacts the road may have on wildlife migration is of major importance for MNO. ■ In a letter submitted by MNO on August 1, 2023 outlining general Project impacts/concerns, MNO noted that due to increased access to the Ring of Fire area, they anticipate the MFFN CAR Project will likely have cumulative, regional and far-reaching impacts on physical environments, including potential impacts to wildlife, species at risk and wildlife habitat. Specific concerns/impacts MNO noted related to wildlife included disruption of wildlife corridors, breeding grounds and migration routes for fur-	■ In-person (virtual) ■ Letter	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that protecting wildlife migration is of major importance to MFFN as well. ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to MNO's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response noted that potential impacts will be evaluated, as required, and mitigation and monitoring programs will be proposed through the IA / EA. The response also noted that recommendations MNO has provided will be considered as the EA / IS Report is drafted. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to provide updates on the Project and provide opportunities for feedback.	■ In the EA / IA, the evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Project, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community. ■ Feedback provided on wildlife migration will be considered in the EA / IA and documented in the EA / IS.

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	bearing animals, increased road mortalities on species such as turtles and snakes, negative impacts to species at risk resulting from increased harvesting pressure, sensory disturbance and habitat disruption.			

Table 22-4: Consultation and Engagement Log – Métis Nation of Ontario

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June 02, 2023	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor, MNO to follow up on the meeting minutes from the April 27, 2023, archaeology meeting. The call was not answered and a voicemail was left noting the reason for the call.
June 02, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at MNO apologizing for the delay in circulating the meeting minutes from the archaeology meeting on April 27, 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they were undergoing an internal review and could be circulated within the next couple weeks. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant highlighted that one of the action items from the meeting was to set up another meeting between MFFN CAR Traditional Knowledge discipline leads and key contacts at the MNO to discuss the Program in more detail. The deadline of June 30, 2023 to

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						provide information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use was noted and it was requested all the key contacts notify the MFFN CAR Project Consultant of several dates they would be available to meet prior to June 16, 2023.
June 06, 2023	Email	x		■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor, MNO in response to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant's voicemail and email from the past week. Erin noted that the MNO did not believe a meeting on Traditional Knowledge and Land Use would be productive as MNO Region 2 was not actively engaging in the Project and the MNO did not have specific information on TKLU to share for the Project area at that time. Erin noted that the MNO did have general comments/concerns related to the indirect effects of the Project on MNO Region 2 land and resource use and suggested that they submit a letter in lieu of a meeting.
June 07, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the May E-Blast to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). The E-Blast provided updates on the Cultural Heritage Program, IK Program and spring field studies. An information sheet for the Cultural Heritage Report was attached.
June 07, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the May E-Blast to MNO - Region 2. The E-Blast provided updates on the Cultural Heritage Program, IK Program and spring field studies. An information sheet for the Cultural Heritage Report was attached.

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June 07, 2023	Email		x	■ William Gordon (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the May E-Blast to MNO Greenstone Council. The E-Blast provided updates on the Cultural Heritage Program, IK Program and spring field studies. An information sheet for the Cultural Heritage Report was attached.
June 15, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Victoria Stinson, Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultation, MNO in response to an email sent by another MFFN CAR Project Consultant earlier that day confirming that a letter from the MNO outlining general comments/concerns as they related to indirect effects of the Project on land and resource use would be sufficient. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they look forward to hearing from the MNO and to please reach out if there were any questions.
June 15, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor, MNO thanking Erin for providing an update on the necessity of having a meeting on Traditional Knowledge and Land Use. Erin notified the MFFN CAR Project Consultant in a previous email that they did not believe a meeting would be a productive use of time and instead prefer to submit a letter outlining general comments/concerns as they relate to indirect effects of the Project on land and resource use. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that the MNO's proposal to submit a letter would be sufficient.

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June 22, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a follow up email to MNO Region 2, highlighting key IK Program dates including upcoming preliminary draft existing conditions reporting that will start in the Summer 2023 and the evaluation of the alternative route selection which will begin in September 2023 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Team advised on the importance of receiving IK and information on ILRU by June 30, 2023. It was also advised that the MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to support communities in sharing IK beyond this date and to incorporate this information into subsequent steps of the assessment process (e.g., updates to the existing conditions, effects assessment, impact management and Project design). The MFFN CAR Project Team also offered to organize a meeting to discuss the IK Program and project schedule, and to answer any questions MNO Region 2 Greenstone Council may have.
June 22, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a follow up email to MNO, highlighting key IK Program dates including upcoming preliminary draft existing conditions reporting that will start in the Summer 2023 and the evaluation of the alternative route selection which will begin in September 2023 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Team advised on the importance of receiving IK and information on ILRU by June 30, 2023. It was also advised that the MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to

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						support communities in sharing IK beyond this date and to incorporate this information into subsequent steps of the assessment process (e.g., updates to the existing conditions, effects assessment, impact management and Project design). The MFFN CAR Project Team also offered to organize a meeting to discuss the IK Program and project schedule, and to answer any questions MNO may have.
June 22, 2023	Email		x	■ William Gordon (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a follow up email to MNO Greenstone Council, highlighting key IK Program dates including upcoming preliminary draft existing conditions reporting that will start in the Summer 2023 and the evaluation of the alternative route selection which will begin in September 2023 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Team advised on the importance of receiving IK and information on ILRU by June 30, 2023. It was also advised that the MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to support communities in sharing IK beyond this date and to incorporate this information into subsequent steps of the assessment process (e.g., updates to the existing conditions, effects assessment, impact management and Project design). The MFFN CAR Project Team also offered to organize a meeting to discuss the IK Program and project schedule, and to answer any questions MNO Greenstone Council may have.

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June 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the June E-Blast to MNO - Region 2. The E-Blast included a brief description on the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Program and a link a new video for the program. It was noted that members of the MFFN CAR Project Team were in-community for National Indigenous People's Day for a community meeting and celebrations. An update was provided on the Existing Conditions Report and IK project milestone, including a June 30, 2023 milestone to provide IK to be included in the report. The E-Blast included a link to the Spring Field Notice and an update on upcoming field studies including the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program, Socio-Economic and Human Health, Cultural Heritage, Vegetation Field Program and Groundwater Well Sampling. Completed field studies were also noted and included Vegetation and Peatlands Aerial and Ground Surveys, Wolverine Hair Snag Decommissioning and Ungulate Remote Camera Retrieval. Links for related field program notices, videos and Discussion Guides were included.
June 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the June E-Blast to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). The E-Blast included a brief description on the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Program and a link a new video for the program. It was noted that members of the MFFN CAR Project Team were in-community for National Indigenous People's Day for a community meeting and

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						celebrations. An update was provided on the Existing Conditions Report and IK project milestone, including a June 30, 2023 milestone to provide IK to be included in the report. The E-Blast included a link to the Spring Field Notice and an update on upcoming field studies including the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program, Socio-Economic and Human Health, Cultural Heritage, Vegetation Field Program and Groundwater Well Sampling. Completed field studies were also noted and included Vegetation and Peatlands Aerial and Ground Surveys, Wolverine Hair Snag Decommissioning and Ungulate Remote Camera Retrieval. Links for related field program notices, videos and Discussion Guides were included.
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						Field Program and Groundwater Well Sampling. Completed field studies were also noted and included Vegetation and Peatlands Aerial and Ground Surveys, Wolverine Hair Snag Decommissioning and Ungulate Remote Camera Retrieval. Links for related field program notices, videos and Discussion Guides were included.
July 04, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at MNO to follow up on the April 27, 2023 meeting minutes and noted they should be circulated later that week. The MFFN CAR Project mentioned there were several action items from the meeting and that they would follow up on those actions once the meeting minutes were sent to MNO.
July 07, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at MNO as a response to feedback MNO provided on the interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Reports and summarized the comments and concerns received which included traditional land use, cumulative effects, climate change, archaeology, IK and noted the comments and concerns would be tracked by the Project. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided details related to the draft Existing Conditions report and upcoming route selection and noted that any information received would be included for consideration where possible. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also mentioned that cumulative effects and climate change would be examined during the EA process to determine potential effects of the Project, that information would be provided as

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						it becomes available and provided a link to previously recorded webinars related to the topics of concern. A meeting was offered and contact information was provided.
July 13, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Summer 2023 Field Notice to MNO. It was noted that the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program and Vegetation Program will take place in August and exact dates will be provided when determined. The Field Notice was attached and on the website with more information. Links were provided for webinar recordings and videos on the Vegetation and Groundwater and Geochemistry programs.
July 13, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Summer 2023 Field Notice to MNO - Region 2. It was noted that the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program and Vegetation Program will take place in August and exact dates will be provided when determined. The Field Notice was attached and on the website with more information. Links were provided for webinar recordings and videos on the Vegetation and Groundwater and Geochemistry programs.
July 13, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant was forwarded an email from Victoria Stinson, Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultation, MNO. In the email Victoria stated the MNO were interested in being presented the results of the Summer Field Studies works after the season had ended. The email specified the MNO were particularly interested in the results of reindeer lichen and geochemistry.

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July 13, 2023	Email		x	■ William Gordon (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Summer 2023 Field Notice to MNO Greenstone Council. It was noted that the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program and Vegetation Program will take place in August and exact dates will be provided when determined. The Field Notice was attached and on the website with more information. Links were provided for webinar recordings and videos on the Vegetation and Groundwater and Geochemistry programs.
July 19, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at MNO requesting confirmation on whether they wished to have a meeting to follow-up on several action items that arose from a meeting on April 27, 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted what those specific action items were. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked that if the MNO did want to meet to please provide several dates in July/August when they would be available to do so.
August 01, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor, MNO, in which Erin notified the MFFN CAR Project Consultant that MNO did not have Traditional Knowledge and/or Land Use information to share at the time, nor was MNO Region 2 actively engaging on the MFFN CAR Project. Erin noted they had created and attached a letter outlining general comments and concerns related to the MFFN CAR Project, specifically relating to cumulative impacts, regional impacts and community health and well-being for consideration in the Environmental Assessment. In response to an

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						earlier request from the MFFN CAR Project Consultant about a meeting regarding IK, Erin noted that if the MFFN CAR Project Team still felt it would be productive to meet with MNO staff after reviewing the aforementioned letter, that could be arranged.
August 02, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the July E-Blast to MNO - Region 2. The E-Blast provided updates on the Cultural Heritage Program that took place in Marten Falls First Nation in July. New valued components videos on Peatlands and Birds were released on the website with links included. Field study updates were provided, including a link to the latest summer 2023 Field Notice and mention of the Vegetation Field Program taking place August 2 to 6, 2023 and the Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program taking place August 7 to 21, 2023. Links were included to field program notices, videos and discussion guides.
August 02, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the July E-Blast to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). The E-Blast provided updates on the Cultural Heritage Program that took place in Marten Falls First Nation in July. New valued components videos on Peatlands and Birds were released on the website with links included. Field study updates were provided, including a link to the latest summer 2023 Field Notice and mention of the Vegetation Field Program taking place August 2 to 6, 2023 and the Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program taking place August 7 to 21, 2023. Links were included to field program notices, videos and discussion guides.

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August 09, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Victoria Stinson, Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations, MNO, which notified Victoria the Summer 2023 Field Studies were expected to be complete around the end of August. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that some of the field studies would continue into 2024, but the MFFN CAR Project Team could present the preliminary results, as Victoria had requested in a previous email, in late November or December 2023. It was also noted that a public release of preliminary data would be provided during the fall consultation events such as PIC #5.
August 15, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at MNO noting that the meeting minutes from the April 27, 2023 archaeology meeting were attached. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested that if MNO had comments or questions to please provide them by August 29, 2023.

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August 31, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor, MNO, in which Erin provided comments on a draft set of meeting minutes for the archaeology meeting held on April 27, 2023. Erin apologized for the delay in responding to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and noted there were a few edits, which could be seen in an attached document.
September 01, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the August E-Blast to MNO - Region 2. The E-Blast provided field study updates, including the Vegetation Field Program from August 3 to 6, Summer Groundwater and Geochemistry Program from August 7 to 18 and the upcoming Fall Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program in late September. Final results from these programs will be available once all data is collected and analyzed and shared during the Draft Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment Phase in 2024. Links to field program notices, videos and Discussion Guides were included. New videos on the Social-Community Studies and Human Health and Community Safety were noted and links were provided. The E-Blast noted upcoming opportunities to connect in-person this Fall with more information to come.

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September 15, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultation) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Fall 2023 Field Notice to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). The Field Notice was attached to the email and noted dates and information for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program and the Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation. A link to the Field Notice on the website was included as well as links to the webinar recordings and videos for more information.
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September 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the September E-Blast to MNO Region 2. The E-Blast provided updates on the Fall Groundwater and Geochemistry Program from September 18 to 25 and the Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation Program on September 26. For more information on field studies, links were provided to field program notices, valued component videos and webinars. The E-Blast noted the dates for PIC #5 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton and that planning for the ATRI Forum #2 is underway. Links were included to the newly released Physiography, Terrain and Soils and Wildlife: Reptiles, Amphibians, Pollinating Insects and Bats videos.
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October 05, 2023	Phone		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Nicholas Richard to provide details about upcoming events. The consultant provided information about the Public Information Centre #5 being held from October 23 – 27, 2023, the Climate Change Workshop being held in Q1 of 2024, and the ATRI Forum being held November 21-23, 2023. There was no answer, so a voicemail was left.
October 05, 2023	Phone		X	■ William Gordon (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called William Gordon to provide details about upcoming events, including the Public Information Centre #5, the Climate Change Workshop and the ATRI Forum. The phone number on file was not in service.
October 05, 2023	Phone		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultation)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Victoria Stinson, Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations, MNO, to provide information about several upcoming Project events. The call was not answered and a voicemail was left noting the reason for the call. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that PIC #5 would be happening from October 23 – 27, 2023 and general topics that would be covered during the PIC. It was also noted that the second ATRI Forum would be happening in late November with a focus on cumulative effects. A climate change workshop was also planned for the beginning of 2024 with more information to be shared soon. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted they had updates regarding the April 27, 2023 Archaeology Meeting Minutes and the MFFN CAR Project Team's response to MNO's potential Project Impacts letter sent on August 1, 2023 and would send a follow-up email shortly following the call to provide more detail.

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October 05, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Nicholas Richard to follow up on the voicemail left earlier that day regarding upcoming events. The consultant provided information about the Public Information Centre #5 being held from October 23 – 27, 2023, the Climate Change Workshop being held in Q1 of 2024, and the ATRI Forum being held November 21-23, 2023.

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October 05, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultation) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at MNO to update them on the status of the April 27, 2023 archaeology meeting minutes which MNO had provided comments on. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they had accounted for MNO's suggestions and the document was undergoing an internal review and the updated version would be forwarded soon.
October 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed an invitation for PIC #5 to MNO, Region 2. The PIC will be in Thunder Bay on October 25, 2023, and Geraldton on October 26, 2023. The event will be an open house format and include new updates, how feedback is being considered, and information on the Existing Conditions Report and Route Selection Milestone. PIC #5 will provide an opportunity to share feedback, ideas, and values related to the Community Access Road. Food, refreshments, and door prizes will be provided at both meetings.
October 10, 2023	Email		X	■ William Gordon (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed an invitation for PIC #5 to MNO Greenstone

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October 10, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultation) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Victoria Stinson, Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultation, MNO, thanking the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for the information about the upcoming PIC #5, ATRI Forum and climate change webinar, as well as the update on the April 27, 2023 archaeology meeting minutes and the response to MNO's general Project concerns letter received August 1, 2023. Victoria noted that they are primarily interested in hearing about the integration of Métis archaeology into the Project.

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October 17, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an invitation for the upcoming ATRI Forum #2. The ATRI Forum is to be held in Thunder Bay from November 21 – 23, 2023. The invitation provided information on the Forum including purpose, funding, contact information, the preliminary agenda and how to RSVP. The purpose is to create a respectful, culturally-sensitive, and collaborative space to develop an understanding of ATRI in the Project area. Funding would be provided by the Province for up to 3 community representatives to attend. The preliminary agenda focuses on ATRI for November 21 – 22 and Cumulative effects on November 23.
October 17, 2023	Email		x	■ William Gordon (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an invitation for the upcoming ATRI Forum #2. The ATRI Forum is to be held in Thunder Bay from November 21 – 23, 2023. The invitation provided information on the Forum including purpose, funding, contact information, the preliminary agenda and how to RSVP. The purpose is to create a respectful, culturally-sensitive, and collaborative space to develop an understanding of ATRI in the Project area. Funding would be provided by the Province for up to 3 community representatives to attend. The preliminary agenda focuses on ATRI for November 21 – 22 and Cumulative effects on November 23.

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October 25, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultation) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at MNO providing the revised April 27, 2023 archaeology meeting minutes based on MNO's comments which were initially provided to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant on August 31, 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested that MNO review the minutes once more and confirm they are fine with the document being finalized for the Public Record of Consultation.
November 02, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the October E-Blast to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). The E-Blast provided an overview of PIC #5 that was held in Thunder Bay, Geraldton, and MFFN. Information on the upcoming Webinar Series, including Route Selection on November 16, 2023, the Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation Program scheduled for spring 2024, an article with Chief Bruce Achneepineskum addressing the Community Access Road, and the notification that invitations were sent out for the ATRI Forum #2 from November 21-23, 2023, was also included. A registration link was provided for the Route Selection Webinar, along with links to PIC #5 materials and feedback form, existing conditions reports, field program notices, valued component videos, past webinars, and Chief Bruce Achneepineskum's full article.

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November 02, 2023	Email		x	■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the October E-Blast to MNO Greenstone Council. The E-Blast provided an overview of PIC #5 that was held in Thunder Bay, Geraldton, and MFFN. Information on the upcoming Webinar Series, including Route Selection on November 16, 2023, the Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation Program scheduled for spring 2024, an article with Chief Bruce Achneepineskum addressing the Community Access Road, and the notification that invitations were sent out for the ATRI Forum #2 from November 21-23, 2023, was also included. A registration link was provided for the Route Selection Webinar, along with links to PIC #5 materials and feedback form,

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November 03, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manger of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Victoria Stinson, Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations, MNO, requesting that MNO's administrative boundaries be removed from the current Cumulative Effects Assessment map and all other current maps being used for the Project as MNO does not assert rights within the Project Study area. Victoria noted that their primary interests on the Project are relating to Métis archaeology along trading routes within the Project study area, climate change, and animal impacts of harvesting in traditional territories. Victoria also noted that they were unable to attend PIC #5 due to another commitment.
November 09, 2023	Phone		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Nicholas Richard to provide an update on the Project and upcoming activities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an invitation to the upcoming Route Selection Webinar, an update on ATRI Forum #2 and an update on the upcoming Climate Change Workshop. There was no answer, so a voicemail was left.
November 09, 2023	Phone		x	■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sandra Gillis to provide an update on the Project and upcoming activities, including the upcoming Route Selection Webinar, the ATRI Forum #2 and the upcoming Climate Change Workshop. The person who answered said it was the wrong number.

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November 09, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Route Selection Milestone Webinar to MNO, Region 2 Greenstone Council. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. The MFFN CAR Project Team shared upcoming webinar topics that included Engineering and Construction, Cumulative Effects and Climate Change. A link to the MFFN CAR website was provided.
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November 10, 2023	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor, MNO providing an update which noted MNO's primary interests in the Project were acknowledged, the request to have the Cumulative Effects Assessment map updated would be acted upon and the status of the response to MNO's general Project concerns letter they submitted to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant on August 1, 2023 was provided. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also notified MNO key contacts about the upcoming route selection webinar and a link to register would be included in an email to follow.
November 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Nicholas Richard to provide an update on the Project and upcoming activities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an invitation to the upcoming Route Selection Webinar, an update on ATRI Forum #2 and an update on the upcoming Climate Change Workshop.
November 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sandra Gillis to provide an update on the Project and upcoming activities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an invitation to the upcoming Route Selection Webinar, an update on ATRI Forum #2 and an update on the upcoming Climate Change Workshop. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also congratulated Sandra on her new positions as President of MNO Greenstone Council and provide a brief overview of the Project, including a link to the Project website. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the phone number for Sandra on the MNO website was incorrect and requested an updated phone number.

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November 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manger of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at MNO providing an update on MNO's primary interests (relating to Métis archaeology along trading routes within the Project study area, climate change, and animal impacts of harvesting in traditional territories) in the Project, updating the Cumulative Effects Assessment map based on MNO's request to have their administrative boundaries removed and the status of the response to MNO's general Project concerns letter they submitted to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant on August 1, 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also notified MNO key contacts about the upcoming route selection webinar and included the link to register.
November 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder to Indigenous Communities requesting the Communities provide IK to MFFN CAR Project Team by December 11, 2023, to be incorporated into the draft EA / IA. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted the final submission date for the EA / IS to IAAC would be in July 2025. The MFFN CAR Project team explained that IK submitted after December 11, 2023, and / or after the draft EA / IS is submitted would be woven into subsequent stages of the assessment processes and road design. Contact information, including email addresses and phone numbers, was provided to Indigenous Communities for questions or discussion on IK Program.

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November 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manger of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder to Indigenous Communities requesting the Communities provide IK to MFFN CAR Project Team by December 11, 2023, to be incorporated into the draft EA / IA. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted the final submission date for the EA / IS to IAAC would be in July 2025. The MFFN CAR Project team explained that IK submitted after December 11, 2023, and / or after the draft EA / IS is submitted would be woven into subsequent stages of the assessment processes and road design. Contact information, including email addresses and phone numbers, was provided to Indigenous Communities for questions or discussion on IK Program.

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November 14, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor, MNO, noting they look forward to continued updates on all aspects of the Project. Erin noted that they would be unable to attend the Route Selection webinar, but would try to attend future webinars. Erin noted they look forward to receiving a response to their general Project comments/concerns letter they submitted to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant on August 1, 2023.
November 16, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Margaret Froh (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Route Selection Milestone Webinar to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email.
November 16, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Route Selection Milestone Webinar to MNO, Region 2. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email.
November 16, 2023	Email		x	■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Route Selection Milestone Webinar to MNO Greenstone Council. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email.

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November 27, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Margaret Froh (President) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent the Milestone #2 Progress Report to key contacts at MNO for review. The Milestone #2 Progress Report covered the period from July 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023. MNO was asked to make any edits or comments to their community specific sections by February 15, 2024. The report would then be finalized and shared publicly with the draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team notified MNO they would be happy to answer any questions or schedule a meeting to discuss the Milestone #2 Report and timeline. It was also requested that MNO respond to this email to confirm the report had been received and the document could be downloaded.
November 28, 2023	Email	x		■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor, MNO, confirming that MNO had received the Milestone #2 Progress Report. Erin requested that in the future MNO's President Margaret Froh not be copied on communications.
November 29, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at MNO noting that due to technical issues, the Milestone #2 Progress Report was updated. The link provided on November 27, 2023 remained valid and it was requested that MNO download the new version within the previously linked folder.

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November 30, 2023	Email		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Nicholas Richard to introduce another MFFN CAR Project Consultant, who would be their new main point of contact for the MFFN CAR Project. It was requested that all MFFN CAR-related inquiries be sent to the new MFFN CAR Project Consultant.
November 30, 2023	Email		x	■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sandra Gillis to introduce another MFFN CAR Project Consultant, who would be their new main point of contact for the MFFN CAR Project. It was requested that all MFFN CAR-related inquiries be sent to the new MFFN CAR Project Consultant.
November 30, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed key contacts at MNO to introduce a new MFFN CAR Project Consultant. The email noted beginning December 4, 2023, the new MFFN CAR Project Consultant would be the primary point of contact for MNO. The existing MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked to be cc'd on all emails for the immediate future.
November 30, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor, MNO, thanking the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for the introduction and contact update. Erin Reimer noted she would add the new MFFN CAR Project Consultant to communications going forward.

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December 06, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer stating that MNO has been receiving duplications of Project emails. Erin Reimer provided the appropriate contacts for MNO, being herself, Victoria Stinson, and Nick Richard (MNO Region 2) and directed the MFFN CAR Project Consultant to cc MNO's main consultation email.
December 06, 2023	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Erin Reimer, providing an update regarding the Community Access Road, including the Route Selection Webinar, ATRI Forum #2, Milestone #2 Progress Report, the upcoming webinar series, the Socio-Economic Interest Letter and the IK Program. The call was not answered and a voicemail was left to note that a follow up email will be sent. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided their phone number.
December 06, 2023	Phone		x	■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Nick Richard to provide an update regarding the Community Access Road, including the Route Selection Webinar, Milestone #2 Progress Report, the upcoming webinar series, the Socio-Economic interest letter and the IK Program. The call was not answered and a voicemail was left to note that a follow up email would be sent. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided their phone number.

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December 07, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Erin Reimer to ask if a contact from MNO Greenstone Council should be included in regular correspondence emails.
December 07, 2023	Email		x	■ Sandra Gillis	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent Sandra Gillis of the MNO Greenstone Council a letter via email regarding potential socioeconomic assessment interest from the community. The letter provided a brief update on the status of the Project and mainly asked if the community had any interest or concern related to potential socio-economic impacts as a result of the Project and included an attachment of a list of possible social and economic effects of the Project that are to be assessed. The letter welcomed any input from the community in regards to social and/or economic effects from the MFFN CAR project. Contact information was provided in the case the community would like to provide input.
December 07, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a letter via email to Erin Reimer regarding potential socioeconomic assessment interest from the community. The letter provided a brief update on the status of the Project and mainly asked if the community had any interest or concern related to potential socio-economic impacts as a result of the Project and included an attachment of a list of possible social and economic effects of the Project that are to be assessed. The letter welcomed any input from the community in regard to social and/or economic effects from the MFFN CAR Project. Contact information was provided in the case the community would like to provide input.

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December 08, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer indicating that Tim Sinclair (MNO Region 2 Councillor) and Sandra Gillis (President of MNO Greenstone Council) should only be included on formal correspondence related to Project consultation.
December 08, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Erin Reimer to thank her for the clarification and confirmed that the information would be provided to the broader Project Team.
December 08, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow up email to Erin Reimer to ask if Sandra Gillis (President of MNO Greenstone Council) and Tim Sinclair (MNO Region 2 Councillor) should receive updates on ATRI Forum #2, Milestone #2 Progress Report, the IK Program, and upcoming webinar series.
December 08, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer stating that Sandra Gillis (President of MNO Greenstone Council) and Tim Sinclair (MNO Region 2 Councillor) do not need to receive project notices/updates, and these can be sent to MNO Staff (Erin Reimer, Victoria Stinson and Nick Richard), and to cc the MNO consultation email.

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December 08, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Erin Reimer providing an update regarding the Community Access Road, including the Route Selection Webinar, ATRI Forum #2, Milestone #2 Progress report where comments are welcomed by February 15, 2024, upcoming Webinar Series, and the December 11, 2023, Milestone for the IK Program. Key contacts for the submission of IK were provided. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant wished Erin a happy holiday and new year and invited questions, a meeting, and/or phone call to discuss further.
December 12, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Year in Review E-Blast to MNO. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's 2023 project highlights which included: Public Information Center #5, Preliminary Technically Preferred Route Recommendation, Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forums, Community Access Road Webinar Series, field studies, and valued component videos. Information on the 2023 Field Study summaries included: Birds, wildlife, ungulates, groundwater and geochemistry, and vegetation and peatlands, and details on upcoming winter 2024 field studies were also included.

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December 14, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Tim Sinclair (Councillor)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed a letter to key contacts at MNO to respond to issues raised by MNO in a letter dated August 1, 2023. The general comments and concerns were on cumulative effects, regional impacts and community health and well-being. The letter provided the following responses: – The Project Team confirms their understanding that citizens of MNO have Aboriginal rights that are recognized and affirmed under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982. The Project Team confirms this information will be reflected in the Draft Preliminary ATRI Conditions Report for MNO, and will be used to complete the future EA / IS. – The Project Team confirms their understanding that MNO does not currently assert rights within the Project area. – MNO's concerns regarding regional and cumulative effects on the physical and human environment will be evaluated, as required, and mitigation and monitoring programs will be proposed through the EA / IA. MNO will have opportunities to participate and share feedback on this information as the federal and provincial regulatory processes continue. ■ Recommendations and information received from MNO will be considered as the EA / IS Report is drafted.

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December 20, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Tim Sinclair (Councillor) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to MNO attaching the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report (draft report), which was prepared based on information that was provided directly to Marten Falls First Nation and publicly available sources of information. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant expressed interest in working with MNO to update the Draft Report with information MNO chooses to share and asked that communities provide input on the draft report by January 31, 2023, so that it may be included in the Draft EA / IS Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that additional information, feedback, comments, and edits can be shared after this date, as the Draft Report will not be finalized until later in 2024 and information provided after January 31, 2023, will be woven into the next phases of the assessment processes including the Final EA / IS Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also expressed interest in meeting with MNO to listen to feedback, discuss optimal ways to update the draft deport, and to review and discuss the Project schedule and next steps. Finally, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that this is an iterative process and will continue to update their understanding of MNO's ATRI.

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December 20, 2023	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Erin Reimer to confirm that Sandra Gillis (President of MNO Greenstone Council) and Tim Sinclair (MNO Region 2 Councillor) should only be included in formal correspondence. Erin confirmed this approach, sharing that the intent is to limit the amount of correspondence that MNO leadership receives, and to allow MNO staff to share necessary information directly with leadership. Erin noted that MNO are not asserting rights in the Project area, but are rather participating in consultation due to interest and archaeology. The MFFN CAR Project consultant stated that a follow up email will be sent to confirm the conversation.
December 20, 2023	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Tim Sinclair (Councillor) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Erin Reimer as a follow up to a phone call that same day where Erin confirmed that Sandra Gillis (President of MNO Greenstone Council) and Tim Sinclair (MNO Region 2 Councillor) will only be included on formal correspondence going forward. Regular Project updates will continue to be sent to MNO staff while cc'ing MNO's consultation email. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked Erin to confirm Ted Pile's role at MNO, as the Project team has received input from Ted Pile on several items recently.
December 20, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Tim Sinclair (Councillor) ■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer confirming that interests/concerns respecting socio-economic impacts were documented and provided as part of comments in the IK program. The letter was provided with a reference to page 3. Erin confirmed that MNO Region 2 does not have additional concerns at the time of writing.

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December 20, 2023	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Tim Sinclair (Councillor) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer to confirm that Sandra Gillis (President of MNO Greenstone Council) and Tim Sinclair (MNO Region 2 Councillor) should only be included on formal correspondence. Erin confirmed that MNO Region 2 is not asserting rights in the Project Area but wishes to be kept updated on the Project on aspects such as cumulative effects, socio-economic impacts and archaeological assessments. Erin provided context that while Ted Pile is an MNO employee, comments received from him would be considered as from a private citizen.
January 10, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Erin Reimer, MNO, in order to follow up on Milestone #2 Progress Report and the ATRI Existing Conditions Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested feedback for the Milestone #2 Progress Report by February 14, 2024 and feedback for the ATRI Existing Conditions Report by January 19, 2024.
January 10, 2024	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer of MNO confirming that MNO has been able to download the Milestone #2 Progress Report. Erin indicated that MNO plans to review and provide any comments they may have prior to February 15, 2024.

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January 16, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed an invitation for the Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road Webinar on Thursday, February 8, 2024, to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email.
January 18, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Sandra Gillis (President) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Winter 2024 Field Notice to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). The Field Notice was attached to the email and noted dates and information for the Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation. A link to the Field Notice on the MFFN CAR Project website was included as well as links to the webinar recordings and videos for more information.
January 22, 2024	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Erin Reimer, MNO in order to follow up on Milestone #2 Progress Report and the ATRI existing Conditions Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested feedback for the Milestone #2 Progress Report by February 14, 2024 and feedback for the ATRI Existing Conditions Report by January 31, 2024. The call was not answered and a voicemail was left.
January 24, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Erin Reimer, providing an update regarding the CAR, including updates on the upcoming climate change Webinar for the Project, Milestone #2 Progress Report, and the ATRI Existing Conditions Report.

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January 31, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Tim Sinclair (Councillor) ■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the January E-Blast to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO). The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's current and upcoming activities including: A New Year Greeting from Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, the Climate Change Adaptation & Upcoming Webinars, and Winter Field Studies. Links to the Project website and Facebook page, along with contact information was provided.
February 06, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Erin Reimer to ask if Steven Sarrazin should be included as a key contact. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated that direction was previously received to include Steven as the lead contact. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if the direction received from Erin should take precedence over the previous direction.
February 07, 2024	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer confirming that Erin is the lead contact and Victoria and Nicholas should continue to be cc'd.
February 08, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Tim Sinclair (Councillor) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Sandra Gillis (President) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) a reminder for the Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road Webinar on Thursday, February 8, 2024. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email.

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February 13, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Tim Sinclair (Councillor) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Sandra Gillis (President) ■ Steven Sarrazin (Mineral Sector Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) a thank you for attending the Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road Webinar. Links to view the webinar online and to the Climate Change survey were included.
February 21, 2024	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned MNO to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Project webinar series. The call was not answered and a voicemail was left for Erin Reimer. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated a link to a recording of the Climate Change Adaptation webinar and a link to a survey to share how Climate Change has/is affecting the community would be shared in a follow up, and mentioned that the Engineering and Cumulative Effects webinars would be held in Q1 2024 with formal notices shared soon.
February 22, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed MNO to follow up on a phone call made a day earlier and to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Project webinar series. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a link to a recording of the Climate Change Adaptation webinar and a link to a survey to share how Climate Change has/is affecting the community, and mentioned that the Engineering and Cumulative Effects webinars would be held in Q1 2024 with formal notices shared soon.

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February 27, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Erin Reimer to follow up on the ATRI Existing Conditions Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that any information received after January 31, 2024 will be woven into the next phases of the EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked Erin if MNO planned to provide comments on the ATRI Existing Conditions Report.
March 01, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) detailing the February E-Blast. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's current and upcoming activities including: Updated Route Video, Climate Change Adaptation Webinar and Survey, and Spring Field Studies. Links to the Project website and social media pages, along with contact information was provided.
March 04, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Erin Reimer, MNO to provide updates on the status of the vegetation and groundwater field studies. Resources including existing conditions summaries, past webinars on groundwater and vegetation, and study plans were shared. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also stated that more information would be made available once the results of the studies have been analyzed. A meeting was offered to present the findings of these studies on vegetation once they are made available.

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March 14, 2024	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Erin Reimer, MNO, to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Milestone #2 Progress Report and ATRI Existing Conditions Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated a link to the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey on how Climate Change has/is affecting the community, and a link to an updated Route Selection Video would be shared in an email. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant invited the community to follow two new social media platforms in order to stay up to date on the Project and indicated links to both would be provided in an email. The phone was not answered, and a voicemail was left.
March 14, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Erin Reimer, MNO, following up on a phone call, providing an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Milestone #2 Progress Report and ATRI Existing Conditions Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a link to the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey on how Climate Change has/is affecting the community, and a link to an updated Route Selection Video. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant invited the community to follow two new social media platforms in order to stay up to date on the Project and included links to both.

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April 03, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) detailing the March E-Blast. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including: the Employment Readiness Project Meeting, infrastructure and exploration agreements signed by Marten Falls First Nation and Spring Field Studies. Links to the Project website and social media pages, along with contact information was provided.
April 17, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) providing the Spring 2024 Field Notice and Caribou Collaring Update. The email included information on the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program to occur late May to June, 2024, and the field notice was attached. The MFFN CAR Project Team also included an update on the Caribou Collaring Program, and stated that the atigwag / caribou collar retrieval could not be carried out as planned between April 8-12, 2024 due to poor weather conditions, and will occur from April 19 to April 23, 2024. Links to the field notice, webinar recordings, videos and contact information for the Project Team was provided.
April 22, 2024	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned community name to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a reminder to complete the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey and indicated a link to the survey would be provided in a follow up email to share how Climate Change has/is affecting the community. The call was not answered, and a voicemail was left.

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April 22, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Erin Reimer, MNO, to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, following up on a phone call. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a reminder to complete the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey and provided a link to the survey to share how Climate Change has/is affecting the community.
April 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with the April E-Blast. The April E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including, an update on Spring Field Studies and news articles featuring, "Bridges to the North" a documentary film by an Anishinaabe filmmaker, and another on MFFN's future access to clean electricity. Links to the Project website and social media pages, along with the Project Team's contact information.
May 23, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with the 2024 Spring Groundwater Program Update. The update provided the dates, June 2-9, 2024, that field crews are scheduled to carry out groundwater sampling and a notice was provided regarding the increase in traffic and noise within the study area during this time. Links to the field notice and MFFN CAR's website were included.

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May 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with the May 2024 E-Blast. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including, an update on Spring Field Studies, news articles featuring new economic and employment opportunities for Indigenous communities, and a description of the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment Process. Links to the E-Blast and MFFN CAR's website were included.
June 03, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with a link to the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report examined archaeological and land use history to assess potential sites in additional areas needed for aggregate impacts. The Report considers recent mapping, previous reports, and input from Indigenous communities, focusing on the CAR's impact on cultural heritage. The MFFN CAR Project Team encouraged Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to setup a meeting with the Project Team to review the reports and have their questions answered.
June 25, 2024	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Erin Reimer, MNO to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was sent out to MNO on June 3, 2024 and feedback and comments on the report are asked to be submitted by August 2, 2024. It was encouraged by the MFFN CAR Project Consultant to set up a meeting with the Project team to review these reports. The phone call was not answered and a voicemail was left.

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June 25, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Erin Reimer, MNO, following up on a phone call, to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was sent out to MNO on June 3, 2024 and feedback and comments on the report are asked to be submitted by August 2, 2024. A link to the report was provided and it was encouraged, by the MFFN CAR Project Consultant, to set up a meeting with the Project team to review these reports.
July 02, 2024	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Erin Reimer, MNO, stating that MNO plans to submit comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. Erin asked if comments would be posted publicly, and how comments will be considered, such as revisions to the Report.
July 05, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email acknowledging receipt of MNO's questions regarding the Archaeology Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated that they would follow up the following week after internal discussions.
July 09, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with the June 2024 E-Blast. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including, National Indigenous History Month, a summary of the Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo, and an update and description of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment. Links to the E-Blast and MFFN CAR's website were included.

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July 16, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email in response to questions posed by Erin Reimer, MNO, regarding the Stage 1 archaeology assessment. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated that all comments received would be part of the consultation record as part of the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that any sensitive information can be redacted, and a meeting was offered to discuss any sensitive information in advance of formal comments. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated that upon review of the comments, something can be accommodated within the archaeological scope of the project, revisions can be made to the report to reflect what has been raised.
July 16, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with the Summer 2024 Field Notice. The email included information on the Geotechnical Investigation occurring between July 19 and 21, 2024, and the continuation of the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program in late July / August 2024. The Summer 2024 Field Notice was attached. Links to the field notice, webinar recordings, videos, and contact information for the Project Team were provided.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
July 31, 2024	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Erin Reimer, MNO, noting that the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was sent out originally on June 3, 2024 and feedback and comments on the report are asked to be submitted by August 2, 2024. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted an email would be sent later that day containing a link to the report. It was encouraged by the MFFN CAR Project Consultant to set up a meeting with the Project team to review these reports.
July 31, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed key contacts at MNO noting that the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was sent out originally on June 3, 2024 and feedback and comments on the report are asked to be submitted by August 2, 2024. A link to the report was provided and it was encouraged, by the MFFN CAR Project Consultant, to set up a meeting with the Project team to review these reports.

B24. Métis Nation of Ontario

B24.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence
B24.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence
B24.3 Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Preliminary Existing Conditions Report
B24.4 Community Specific Meeting Materials

B24.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Upcoming Dates

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]> Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 4:47 PM
To: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>
Cc: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>, Steven Sarrazin <[redacted]>
Bcc: "McEwen, Kate" [redacted]

Good Afternoon Victoria,

I hope you've been well! I gave you a call a few minutes ago, however I didn't get an answer. As I noted in my voicemail, I'm following up with an email to provide you with a bit more detail regarding several upcoming Project events.

Firstly, Public Information Centre (PIC) #5 will be taking place in both Thunder Bay and Geraldton between October 23 and 27. Dates, timing and a more formal notice will be shared soon. We encourage you to join us for this event, which will include updates on the following:

- What we heard at the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) forum and plans for the next forum;
- Existing conditions results for completed studies;
- How Indigenous Knowledge is used and how it informs the process;
- How route alternatives will be assessed, recommended and a preferred route chosen;
- Cumulative Effects Assessment and why it is important; and,
- Next steps and future opportunities to get involved.

Secondly, there will be an upcoming Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) forum between November 21 - 23 in Thunder Bay where cumulative effects will be presented. More precise dates and a formal notice will be shared soon.

There will also be a climate change workshop which you are invited to attend in the first quarter of 2024. As with the other events, a more formal notice and exact dates will be shared soon.

Lastly, both the April 27th Meeting Minutes which Erin provided comments on, as well as a response to your letter outlining general Project concerns (sent in August) are undergoing internal review and will be returned to MNO in the next couple weeks. I do apologize for the delay in getting both of these documents back to you.

If you have any questions about the above topics, or the Project in general, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thanks,
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Vacation Alert: October 6 - 11

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Upcoming Events

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 4:05 PM
To: Nicholas Richard [redacted]
Bcc: "McEwen, Kate" [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
[redacted]

Good afternoon Nick,

I hope all is well. I am following up about the voicemail I left earlier today regarding some project updates for the MFFN CAR Project.

We would like to invite MNO Region 2 to three upcoming events we have planned in relation to the MFFN CAR Project. These include:

- **Public Information Centre #5.**
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  - Workshop to be held in Q1 2024 with interested Indigenous Communities. Dates and a more formal notice will be shared soon.
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If you have any questions about the upcoming events, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Thank you,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Upcoming Events

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 4:05 PM
To: William Gordon [redacted]
Bcc: "McEwen, Kate" [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good afternoon William,

I hope all is well. I tried to call you today regarding some project updates for the MFFN CAR Project, but the phone number we have on file is out of service. If you have an updated phone number that you would like to be reached at, please let us know. In the meantime, I am sending this email to provide details about these project updates.

We would like to invite MNO Greenstone to three upcoming events we have planned in relation to the MFFN CAR Project. These include:

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If you have any questions about the upcoming events, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Thank you,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]

April 27th Archaeology & Cultural Heritage Meeting Minutes

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted] Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 1:50 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Steven Sarrazin <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]
Bcc: "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]

Hi Erin,

Thank you for your comments on these minutes. I have accounted for your revisions and the revised document is currently undergoing an internal review. I should have the edited version back to you within the next week or two.

Thank you,
Lauren
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Weseluck, Lauren [redacted]

April 27th Archaeology & Cultural Heritage Meeting Minutes

Weseluck, Lauren [redacted] Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM
To: Erin Reimer [redacted], Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Steven Sarrazin [redacted]
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>

Good Morning everyone,

Please see attached the revised April 27th archaeology meeting minutes based on your comments from August 31st. If you have no further edits, I will consider the minutes finalized for the public record of consultation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,
Lauren
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Project Name:	Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All Season Community Access Road (CAR)	**Date of Meeting:**	April 27, 2023
		Time:	10:00 - 11:00 am EST
		Project #:	60593122
Attendees:	Victoria Stinson, *Métis Nation of Ontario* Erin Reimer, *Métis Nation of Ontario* Steven Sarrazin, *Métis Nation of Ontario* Jennifer Bruin, *MFFN CAR Project Team* Samantha Markham, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant* Leah Deveaux, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant* Lauren Weseluck, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*	**Location:**	Teams Meeting
		Prepared By:	Lauren Weseluck (MFFN CAR Project Consultant)

Regarding: MFFN CAR – Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Program

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Purpose:

The MFFN CAR Project Team and representatives from the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) met to discuss concerns the MNO had regarding Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Reports, and how the MNO's feedback can be incorporated into the Project process moving forward.
A summary of the discussion included:

- General archaeology and archaeological potential, settlement patterns, rights assertion and traditional / Indigenous Knowledge
- Timelines and next steps in the archaeological assessment
- Details on why a Stage 2 Archaeology Report was already developed

Summary of Meeting Action Items:

- The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to coordinate a meeting between the MFFN CAR Project Team and the MNO to discuss how information the MNO provides for the Project will be kept confidential.
- The MFFN CAR Project Team to continue to provide updates to the MNO on various Project updates and provide continuous outreach in order to address any concerns brought forth by the MNO.
- The MFFN CAR Project Team to take the MNO's feedback into account by including "Métis" as a separate category in future stages of archaeology reporting and to include information provided by the MNO in reporting.
- The MFFN CAR Project Team to provide updated shapefiles showing information about revised Project Development Area to the MNO.

- The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to connect the internal natural science team (specifically terrestrial ecology) with the MNO for discussion.
- The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to set up a meeting with the MNO to discuss ATRI and the IK Program and how the MNO can participate ****Post-Meeting Update – On June 6, 2023, the MNO notified MFFN CAR Project Team through email that they no longer require a meeting and will provide a letter with information. MNO submitted the letter to MFFN CAR Project Team on August 1, 2023. The MNO's correspondence clarifies that it does not have project specific information on IK or Land and Resource Use available to share.**
- The MNO to share (at their discretion) any available Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use with the MFFN Project Team. **[see above]**
- The MNO to share information on the boundaries of their area of interest related to ungulates, harvesting, etc. with the MFFN CAR Project Team. **[see above]**
- The MNO to share any information they can find to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for inclusion in archaeological reporting. The MNO to send references on historical use of the Project Area for to build into the background research of any upcoming archaeology reports**. [see above; the MNO would like to be informed and engaged on any future archaeological assessments]**
- The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to arrange a meeting between the MFFN CAR Project Team and the MNO, to assist the MNO in understanding how using their traditional knowledge can be included in the Impact Assessment process without them having to declare assertion.
- The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that additional details the MNO collects and provides could be included / considered in the upcoming archaeology / cultural heritage reports.
- The MNO and MFFN CAR Project Team to continue discussions on whether any of the preferred alternative routes intersect with trading routes the MNO is, or may become, aware of.

Item #	Topic / Theme	Comments / Questions	Response / Action Items
1	Lands, Territory and Title Species at Risk Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Land and Resource Use Cultural Heritage	• A representative of the MNO suggested they could provide maps and detailed information regarding the boundaries of their area of interest to help the MFFN CAR Project Team understand what ungulates, harvesting and other areas of interest may need to be considered. • It can be challenging for the MNO to share information on their area of interest. This is because their area of interest is evolving as a result of new information and full legal approval for	• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that additional details the MNO collects and provides could be included / considered in the upcoming archaeology / cultural heritage reports • The MNO to provide the MFFN CAR Project Team information that they presented to the Government on Métis territory. (boundaries of areas of interest related to ungulates, harvesting, etc.)

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	Resources (e.g., Archaeology) General Project	the MNO to share said information can be a lengthy process.	• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to set up a meeting with the Project Team and the MNO to provide detailed information on how information the MNO provides will be kept confidential.
2	Lands, Territory and Title Species at Risk Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Land and Resource Use Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology) General Project	• The MNO requested they stay updated on the MFFN CAR Project as the road could have long-ranging impacts on harvesting, ungulates and other traditional areas important to traditional Métis ways of life.	• The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to update the MNO on various Project updates and provide continuous outreach to determine if the MNO has updates or requests on the Project.
3	Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology)	• The MNO requested the inclusion of "Métis" in the archaeology reporting, through both historical context and methodology Inclusion of the Métis as part of the archaeological assessment is not only historically accurate, but will ensure that artifacts, culturally significant or historical sites, remains, etc. are identified correctly and protected.	• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant agreed with the MNO that it is problematic that Métis are missing from terminology in the archaeology report. • The MFFN CAR Project Team to take MNO's feedback into account by including "Métis" as a separate category in future stages of archaeology reporting and to include information provided by the MNO in reporting.

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4	Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology)	• The MNO asked if Stage 2 Archaeology Assessment was already completed.	• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the current Stage 2 Archaeology Report only relates to a very small portion of the Project Area. The existing Stage 2 focused on two river crossings, as these crossing were crucial to initial bridge design
5	Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology) Surface Water Study Area	• The Albany River, which the MFFN CAR would cross, was a major fur trading route with high potential for Métis artifacts in this area. (information on historical fur trading routes and posts is easily available online) • The MNO are still collecting information. This is an ongoing process. • The MNO suggested that known areas of settlement be examined further as there may be clues as to which community occupied particular settlements. i.e. archaeological potential	• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted there is a revised Project Development Area which includes aggregate sites • The MFFN CAR Project Team to provide updated shapefiles showing information about revised Project Development Area to the MNO. • The MFFN CAR Project Team to incorporate the online information on historical fur trading routes into the Archaeology reports. If MNO has additional details regarding this subject that they would like to share, this will be included in future stages of Archaeological reporting. • The MNO to share (at their discretion) any available Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use with the MFFN Project Team. • The MNO and MFFN CAR Project Team to continue discussions on whether any of the preferred alternative routes intersect with

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			trading routes the MNO is, or may become, aware of. • The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to connect the internal natural science team (specifically terrestrial ecology) with the MNO for discussion on whether there are further clues as to where settlements were located.
6	Education and Training	• A representative of the MNO noted that Métis archaeology experts are very limited in Canada, however those that exist are at the University of Alberta, specifically Dr. Kisha Supernant, Director, Institute of Prairie and Indigenous Archaeology, and Professor of Anthropology, University of Alberta.	• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked whether the MNO has background documentation outlining the Métis history in Ontario that the MNO would like included to supplement what can be found by general research. • The MNO to share any information they can find to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for inclusion in archaeological reporting.
7	Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology)	• In response to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant asking whether there is anything the team needs from the MNO to support cultural heritage work, the MNO noted they can send references on historical use of the Study Area to use in the background research for upcoming archaeology reports.	• The MNO to send references on historical use of the Project Area for MFFN CAR Project to build into the background research of any upcoming archaeology reports.
8	IK Program	• The MNO requested to be updated on Traditional Knowledge in the very specific area in which they are	• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to set up a meeting with the MNO and MFFN CAR IK Team regarding Traditional

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		declaring rights (Southern tip of Anaconda Painter Lake Road). • The MNO are reliant on Indigenous Knowledge to provide the Project Team, Technical Teams and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) with a more holistic picture of what existed in the region historically.	Knowledge. ****Update – On June 6, 2023, the MNO notified MFFN CAR Project Team through email that they no longer require a meeting and will provide a letter with information.** • The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to arrange a meeting between the MFFN CAR Project Team and the MNO to assist the MNO in understanding how using their traditional knowledge can be included in the Impact Assessment process without them having to declare assertion.

Any errors or omissions, please contact Lauren Weseluck within 2 weeks of distribution. Finalized meeting minutes will be included in the public Record of Consultation.

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Nov 10, 2023 at 10:48 AM
To: Nicholas Richard [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted], "McEwen, Kate" [redacted]

Good morning Nick,

I hope all is well. I left a voicemail for you yesterday to provide some updates for the MFFN CAR Project, and to specifically highlight upcoming events for the Project. I am sending this email to follow up about the topics discussed in my voicemail, which are listed below.

Route Selection Webinar:

You are invited to join us for a new webinar series on the Community Access Road. The first webinar is on **Route Selection.**

Date: Thursday November 16, 2023

Time: 4:00pm EST.

Please register HERE.

ATRI Forum #2:

You are invited to join us on the second ATRI Forum.

It will be held at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay from November 21-23, 2023. Building on the first Forum held in February 2023, this follow-up Forum provides an opportunity to identify and discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and interests as they relate to the above Projects.

Day 1 and 2 of the Forum will focus on Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests. On Day 3, we will be hosting a half-day discussion on Cumulative Effects as they relate to the Projects.

Location: Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay

Date: November 21-23, 2023

Additionally, join us Tuesday Nov 21 at 7:00 at the Valhalla Inn for the movie screening of Bridges to the North - a story about Webquie and Marten Falls First Nation

Check out the Movie Trailer here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TDk14SrDdgo

Climate Change Workshop:

Workshop to be held in Q1 2024 with interested Indigenous Communities. Dates and a more formal notice will be shared soon.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns,

Thanks

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Nov 10, 2023 at 10:52 AM
To: [redacted]
Bcc: "McEwen, Kate" [redacted] Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good morning Sandra,

I hope all is well. I wanted to reach out and congratulate you on your new position as President of MNO Greenstone Council, and to introduce myself. I also wanted to share some updates for the MFFN CAR Project, and to specifically highlight upcoming events for the Project.

My name is Jodi and I am MNO Greenstone Council's main point of contact for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project (MFFN CAR). The MFFN CAR is a proposed all-season road which will be designed to provide a safe and reliable connection between Marten Falls First Nation and the provincial highway network. The project is currently in the EA/IA phase, which aims to determine the preferred route and identify how the proposed Community Access Road may affect the social, cultural, economic, built and natural environments. If you would like to learn more about this project, you can check out the project website here.

I tried to give you a call yesterday at the number listed for you on the MNO website (807-853-0487), but the person who picked up said it was the wrong number. Is there a different number we would be able to reach you at in the future?

Next, I wanted to share some details about some upcoming events related to the MFFN CAR Project, the details of which are listed below:

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Thanks

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Weseluck, Lauren [redacted]

MFFN CAR November 2023 Project Updates

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]> Fri, Nov 10, 2023 at 4:54 PM
To: Erin Reimer[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Steven Sarrazin[redacted]
Cc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]
Bcc: "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>

Hello Erin,

I am following up on a voicemail I left for you a few minutes ago, regarding some general MFFN CAR Project updates.

Firstly, In response to Victoria's previous email from October 10th, the MFFN CAR Project Team recognizes that MNO's primary interest is related to the integration of archaeology and cultural heritage into the Project, with that being said we do want to ensure you remain informed on all aspects of the Project.

We also want to acknowledge receipt of your response to the General Project Team's email about having MNO's administrative boundaries removed from the Cumulative Effects Assessment Map. Victoria, your request has been forwarded to the appropriate discipline leads on the Project, who have noted action will be taken on this.

Regarding upcoming events, the MFFN CAR Project Team is starting a new Route Selection Webinar Series, the first of which will happen next Thursday November 16th at 4:00 pm. We encourage you to attend, the link to register can be found here:
[redacted]

Lastly, I have followed up internally to inquire about the status of our response to your general concerns and potential Project impacts letter sent on August 1, 2023. I will be sure to send you our response as soon as it is ready.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you and enjoy the weekend,
Lauren
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Weseluck, Lauren [redacted]

MFFN CAR Milestone 2 Progress Report

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted] Mon, Nov 27, 2023 at 12:15 PM
To: [redacted]

Dear Métis Nation of Ontario,

We hope this email finds you well.

The Milestone #2 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road has been drafted and is ready for review. The following link includes the Report and associated appendices to view or download, for Métis Nation of Ontario: [redacted]

The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023.

We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section by **February 15, 2024,** before the reports are finalized and shared publicly with the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and timeline, please reply to this email. We also kindly ask if you could let us know if you received this email and can view / download the documents successfully.

If you have any questions or comments about the Community Access Road, please reply to this email or give us a call at [redacted]

Sincerely,
Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Milestone 2 Progress Report

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted] Mon, Nov 27, 2023 at 1:16 PM

To: [redacted]

Dear Métis Nation of Ontario - Region 2,

We hope this email finds you well.

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If you have any questions or comments about the Community Access Road, please reply to this email or give us a call at 1-800-764-9114.

Sincerely,
Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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Email us: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Milestone 2 Progress Report

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted] Wed, Nov 29, 2023 at 12:33 PM

To: [redacted]

Due to technical issues, the Milestone #2 Progress Report was updated on November 28, 2023. The link in the original email remains valid. Please download the new version of the report provided in the community specific folder.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]

MFFN CAR Milestone 2 Progress Report

Weseluck, Lauren [redacted] Wed, Nov 29, 2023 at 3:50 PM
To: Victoria Stinson[redacted], Erin Reimer [redacted]>, Steven Sarrazin [redacted]>,
[redacted]
Cc: "McEwen, Kate" [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno[redacted]

Good Afternoon Métis Nation of Ontario,

There was a technical issue with the Milestone 2 Progress Reports, and they have been re-uploaded.

The link to the Google Drive folder in my forwarded message below is still live, and the report within the link has been updated. Please download the version that is now in the folder linked below.

My sincere apologies and thanks for your patience and understanding.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Lauren

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR New Main Point of Contact

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Nov 30, 2023 at 2:45 PM
To: Nicholas Richard [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Iain Quigley [redacted], Bob Baxter [redacted] Lawrence Baxter [redacted] Qasim Saddique [redacted] Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] "McEwen, Kate" [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good afternoon Nick,

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out to let you know that our team is undergoing some changes, and as a result, MNO Region 2 will have a new main point of contact for the MFFN CAR Project.

Starting December 4, 2023, Iain Quigley (CC'd) will be taking on the role of your new main point of contact for the MFFN CAR Project. Iain will be responsible for providing information about the project and addressing any inquiries you may have. His contact details are as follows:

Email: [redacted]
Phone: [redacted]

I will still be involved in the MFFN CAR project, and I will be CC'd on Iain's communications with you for the time being. However, please feel free to reach out to Iain for any MFFN CAR-related matters, and he will be happy to assist you.

Best regards,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR New Main Point of Contact

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Nov 30, 2023 at 2:48 PM
To: Sandra Gillis [redacted]
Cc: Iain Quigley [redacted] Bob Baxter [redacted] Lawrence Baxter [redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted], Jennifer Bruin [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, "McEwen, Kate" [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good afternoon Sandra,

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out to let you know that our team is undergoing some changes, and as a result, MNO Greenstone Council will have a new main point of contact for the MFFN CAR Project.

Starting December 4, 2023, Iain Quigley (CC'd) will be taking on the role of your new main point of contact for the MFFN CAR Project. Iain will be responsible for providing information about the project and addressing any inquiries you may have. His contact details are as follows:

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I will still be involved in the MFFN CAR project, and I will be CC'd on Iain's communications with you for the time being. However, please feel free to reach out to Iain for any MFFN CAR-related matters, and he will be happy to assist you.

Best regards,

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On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]

MFFN CAR - Main Point of Contact

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted] Thu, Nov 30, 2023 at 3:57 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>, Steven Sarrazin <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>,
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted], Jennifer Bruin [redacted], Bob Baxter [redacted], Lawrence Baxter [redacted], Iain Quigley [redacted], Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good Afternoon all,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to Iain Quigley. Iain will be MNO's new main point of contact for matters related to the MFFN CAR Project going forward.

Iain will be taking over as of Monday December 4th, 2023. With that being said, I will remain on the Project, and to help ease the transition, request that I be copied on all emails for the next little while.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thank you,
Lauren
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Lauren Weseluck
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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Main Point of Contact

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Thu, Dec 7, 2023 at 9:27 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: "Weseluck, Lauren" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]", Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>

Good morning Erin,

Thank you for reaching out to clarify the appropriate contacts. Just want to clarify if anyone from the Greenstone Council should be included in regular correspondence?

Thank you,
Iain
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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Socio-Economic Interests Letter

1 message

Quigley, Iain [redacted] Thu, Dec 7, 2023 at 2:04 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Bcc: [redacted], Bethany Haalboom [redacted], Don McKinnon [redacted],
Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], [redacted]

Good afternoon,

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is continuing the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and Federal Impact Assessment (IA) for the proposed Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project that is to provide all season access to the community. Attached is a letter requesting if your community has any interests or concerns regarding possible social-community and/or economic impacts as a result of the MFFN CAR project. Please also note that this request is different from other requests sent to the Greenstone Métis Council regarding the collection of Indigenous Knowledge and information pertaining to the assessment of impacts to Indigenous rights.

Should the Greenstone Métis Council have socio-economic interests or concerns related to the MFFN CAR project we would like to hear from you by December 30, 2023.

Best regards,
Iain
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Greenstone Métis Council
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Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project – Socio-economic Assessment Interest

Dear Sandra Gillis,

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is continuing the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and Federal Impact Assessment (IA) for the proposed Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project that is to provide all season access to the community. As per previous correspondence sent to your community, the Project is currently in the process of assessing alternative routes for the proposed access road. Most recently, Public Information Centres and webinars have been held to present information related to alternative route assessment. A preferred route is to be confirmed in early 2024.

Once the preferred route is selected, an assessment of possible Project impacts is to be undertaken. This impact assessment is to be completed in spring 2024 and a draft EA Report/IA Statement is to be completed and released in summer 2024.

The purpose of this letter is to again request **if your community has any interests or concerns regarding possible social-community and/or economic impacts as a result of the MFFN CAR project?** The construction of the Community Access Road has the potential to result in various social and economic effects, particularly for those communities that would be connected to or have access to the proposed road. This could include both potential positive and negative effects. Attached to this letter are a list of the possible social and economic effects of the Project that are to be assessed.

To meet the requirements of the Federal IA process, we are required to assess potential social and economic effects of the MFFN CAR project on all communities that have been identified for engagement. If your community has interests or concerns regarding possible social and/or economic effects from the MFFN CAR Project then we would like to hear from you. We would like to understand your concerns and explore related information collection that might include interviews with community representatives and/or community surveys.

Please also note that this request is different than other requests sent to your community regarding the collection of Indigenous Knowledge and information pertaining to the assessment of impacts to Indigenous rights.

Please get in touch with Iain Quigley at [redacted] should you have interest in, or would like to talk about concerns related to potential social and/or economic impacts of the MFFN CAR project.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

Lawrence Baxter

MFFN CAR Project Team Member/MFFN Community Member

What Are the Possible Social and Economic Effects of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project?

Social:

- Community populations.
- Supply and demand for housing and community services like education and childcare.
- Change in volume of traffic on existing roads that would connect with the Marten Falls Community Access Road.
- Change in local air quality and noise levels that could result in nuisance effects.
- Changes to community wellbeing.

Economic:

- New business opportunities.
- Change in regional economic activity.
- Project procurement opportunities (goods and services required for the project).
- Changes to the price of goods in local communities, traditional economies, job opportunities and training opportunities.
- Government expenditures and tax revenue.
- Regional economy, including changes to: prices for goods and services.
- Impact to local business operations, the labour market including employment and training, and public finances.

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Socio-Economic Interest Letter

1 message

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Thu, Dec 7, 2023 at 1:42 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted], [redacted], Lauren Weseluck <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, [redacted], [redacted]
Bcc: [redacted], Bethany Haalboom [redacted]>, Don McKinnon <[redacted]>, Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]>, [redacted]

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Should the Métis Nation of Ontario have socio-economic interests or concerns related to the MFFN CAR project we would like to hear from you by December 30, 2023.

Based on your earlier email, in the interim I will send this letter to Sandra Gillis, the current President of the Greenstone Métis Council. However, if you would rather distribute letters internally to avoid duplication I can definitely accommodate this going forward.

Best regards,
Iain
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
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Sent via email

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project – Socio-economic Assessment Interest

Dear Erin Reimer,

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Yours truly,

[redacted]

Lawrence Baxter

MFFN CAR Project Team Member/MFFN Community Member

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Main Point of Contact

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Fri, Dec 8, 2023 at 10:30 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: "Weseluck, Lauren" <[redacted]>, [redacted], Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard [redacted]

Thank you for clarifying Erin,

I will pass this along to the Project team.

Best,
Iain
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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Main Point of Contact

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Fri, Dec 8, 2023 at 11:50 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: "Weseluck, Lauren" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]", Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>

Sorry Erin, I have one follow-up question.

I do have updates on the Route Selection Webinar, ATRI Forum #2, Milestone #2 Progress Report, the Indigenous Knowledge Program and upcoming Webinars that I have sent to you, Victoria and Nick. Would you like me to share these with Sandra and Tim or should these (and these types of updates going forward) only go directly to you?
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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - December Project Updates

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Quigley, Iain [redacted] Fri, Dec 8, 2023 at 10:42 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, [redacted],
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good morning Erin,

Please see below for MFFN CAR project updates on past and upcoming events.

Route Selection Webinar:

The webinar on Route Selection took place on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. EST. A recording of the webinar can be found HERE.

ATRI Forum #2:

The second ATRI Forum (#2) was held at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay on November 21-23. During the forum we heard from various Indigenous communities on their Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and interests as they relate to the project.

Milestone #2 Progress Report:

It is my understanding that an updated link to your Milestone #2 Progress Report was shared with you on November 29, 2023. The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers all consultation with the Métis Nation of Ontario from July 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section by February 15, 2024, before the reports are finalized and shared publicly with the Draft Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and timeline, please let me know, or reply to the email that you received on November 29, 2023.

Webinar Series:

Webinars regarding Climate Change, Engineering and Cumulative Effects will be held in the first quarter (Q1) of 2024 with interested Indigenous Communities. Dates and a more formal notice will be shared in the coming weeks.

IK Program:

The December 11, 2023 milestone for the submission of Indigenous Knowledge is approaching! It is important that this information is received so that it can be included in the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you have any questions about this program, or feel welcome to reach out directly to [redacted] or Andrea Nokleby at [redacted]

If you have any questions or would like to set up a meeting and/or phone call to discuss anything please don't hesitate to reach out, my contact information is provided below. In case I don't hear from you before the holiday season, I wish you and your community a very happy holiday and new year. I'm very excited to be able to work with you on this project.

Yours truly,
Iain

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - General Project Comments Letter Response

1 message

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]> Thu, Dec 14, 2023 at 4:17 PM
To: [redacted], Erin Reimer [redacted], Victoria Stinson [redacted]
Cc: Iain Quigley <[redacted]a>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, [redacted], [redacted]

Good Afternoon Erin,

Please see attached the MFFN CAR Project Team's response to the letter which you sent out on August 1, 2023 regarding the Métis Nation of Ontario's general comments and concerns on cumulative effects, regional impacts and community health and well-being as they relate to the MFFN CAR Project.

I wanted to add a friendly reminder that Iain Quigley is now your main point of contact for the Project, however as your letter came in before Iain was on-boarded, I thought it would be best for me to wrap up communications on this topic to avoid confusion. If you have any questions regarding the response letter please reach out to myself, and cc Iain.

Thank you,
Lauren Weseluck
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
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December 12, 2023
Métis Nation of Ontario
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Dear Tim Sinclair,

Thank you very much for your correspondence dated August 1, 2023, in response to our request for information related to the Indigenous Knowledge Program.

In your letter you noted that the Project's Regional Study Area extends approximately 30 km within the northern extent of the currently known area of the Métis Nation of Ontario's Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten Traditional Territories. We understand that citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario have Aboriginal rights that are recognized and affirmed under section 35 of the *Constitution Act,* 1982. We can confirm that this information will be reflected in the Draft Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Conditions Report for the Métis Nation of Ontario and will be used to complete the future impact assessment / environmental assessment.

We understand that the Métis Nation of Ontario does not currently assert rights within the Project area. However, we appreciate you sharing a list of concerns associated with potential impacts (direct or indirect) related to regional and cumulative effects on the physical and human environment. Potential impacts will be evaluated, as required, and mitigation and monitoring programs will be proposed, through the impact assessment / environmental assessment. The Métis Nation of Ontario will have opportunities to participate and share feedback on this information as both the federal and provincial regulatory processes unfold.

The Project Team appreciates the recommendations the Métis Nation of Ontario has shared with us and we will consider this information as we draft the Impact Statement / Environmental Assessment Report.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the items outlined in your letter in further detail, please contact Lauren Weseluck, MFFN CAR Project Consultant, by email at [redacted] or by phone at [redacted].

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Qasim Saddique
Project Director

[redacted]
Senior Community Advisor

List of cc's:

Northern Lake Superior Historic Métis Community; MNO Region 2 Consultation Committee:
Trent Desaulniers, President – Superior Northshore Métis Council
Wendy Houston, President – Thunder Bay and District Métis Council
Victoria Stinson, Manager, Lands, Resources, and Consultations Branch – MNO
Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor – MNO
Iain Quigley, Project Consultant, Dillon Consulting Limited
All MFFN CAR Project Team Members

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

For Review - Draft Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions Report

1 message

Nokleby, Andrea <[redacted]> Wed, Dec 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, [redacted]
Cc: [redacted], Bob Baxter [redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, "Quigley, Iain" <[redacted]>

Booshoo / Wachea,

Marten Falls First Nation is completing a Federal Impact Assessment and Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Community Access Road Project.

Marten Falls First Nation is ***required*** to complete an Assessment of Potential Impacts on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as part of the assessment processes. Marten Falls First Nation also ***wants*** to understand your rights and how they may be affected by the proposed Project.

The Project Team has prepared the attached ***Draft Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions Report***, which describes our current understanding of your community's Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests as they relate to the proposed Project.

This report is important because it will be used for the future impact / environmental assessment (i.e., this report is not the assessment). In order to do a meaningful impact assessment in the future, the Project Team really needs to understand your community's rights and / or interests with respect to the proposed Project.

The Report has been prepared based on any information provided directly to Marten Falls FIrst Nation and publicly available sources of information.

We want to work with you to update the Draft Preliminary Existing Conditions Report with information your community chooses to share with Marten Falls First Nation. Important dates to note:

- We are asking for communities to provide input on the draft report by **January 31, 2024**, where possible, so it can be woven into the Draft Impact Statement / Environmental Assessment Report (2024).
- Additional information, feedback, comments and edits can be shared after this date. This Draft Preliminary Existing Conditions Report will not be finalized until later in 2024.
- Information **received after January 31, 2024** will be woven into the next phases of the assessment processes including the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (2025).

We would be more than happy to meet with you to:

- Hear your feedback - what did we miss, what did we get wrong, what is correct?
- Discuss the best way to update the report; and
- Review and discuss the Project schedule and next steps.

It is important to note that this is an iterative process, and we will continue to update our understanding of

your rights and / or interests as we work towards completing the Impact Statement / Environmental Assessment.

We hope all is well with you and your community. Have a wonderful holiday season,

Andrea

Andrea Nokleby
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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

Confirmation of Contacts

1 message

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Wed, Dec 20, 2023 at 11:32 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good morning Erin,

Thank you for speaking with me this morning regarding main points of contact for MNO leadership. Apologies for all the back and forth on this, the Project team is committed to appropriate consultation and want to ensure that we understand and fulfill these requests.

As discussed during our phone call, Sandra and Tim will be included in formal correspondence ONLY going forward. The Project team will continue to send regular Project updates directly to MNO staff, being you, Nick and Victoria while cc'ing the consultation inbox.

I've copied Sandra and Tim on this email for their awareness, and to document this update.

I forgot to ask you this when we spoke, but we received input from Ted Pile on several items recently, could you please confirm what his role is? We want to ensure we have the appropriate title in our contact list.

I look forward to continuing to work with you as the Project progresses.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Best regards,
Iain

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

Milestone #2 Progress Report Follow Up

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Wed, Jan 10, 2024 at 1:49 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted], [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Erin,

I hope this email finds you well.

On November 27, 2023, we sent you the Milestone #2 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project, with an updated link to your report provided on November 29, 2023, for your review.

The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers engagement that occurred for the MFFN CAR Project between July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023.

We welcome any edits or comments to the Report you received by **February 15, 2024**.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the report and timeline, please let me know. I understand you have confirmed receipt of the link provided on November 27, 2023. Could you please confirm that you were able to view/download the documents successfully with the updated November 29, 2023 link?

Thank you,

Iain

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

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1 message

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Wed, Jan 24, 2024 at 11:34 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good morning Erin,

I wanted to reach out to provide some updates regarding the MFFN CAR, please see below:

Milestone #2 Progress Report
Thank you for confirming you were able to access the Milestone #2 Progress Report. The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers all consultation with MNO from July 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section by February 15, 2024, and thank you for confirming that you will provide comments (if any) by this date. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the report and/or timeline, please let me know.

ATRI Existing Conditions Report
On December 20, 2023, Andrea Nokelby sent the draft ATRI Existing Conditions Report to MNO. The ATRI Existing Conditions Report describes our current understanding of MNO's Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests, as they relate to the proposed Project. We are asking for input on the draft report by January 31, 2024 where possible, so it can be included into the draft Impact Statement / Environmental Assessment Report. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the report and/or timeline, please let me know.

Webinar Series
Thank you for registering for the Climate Change Webinar, which is scheduled for Thursday, February 8 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST, we look forward to seeing you there. Webinars regarding Engineering and Cumulative Effects will be held in Q1 2024. Dates and a more formal notice will be shared soon.

As always, I'm available to speak if you have anything you would like to discuss regarding these updates.

Thank you,
Iain
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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

Contact Confirmation

Quigley, Iain [redacted] Tue, Feb 6, 2024 at 2:23 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson [redacted], Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Erin,

I hope this email finds you well.

I apologize for the continuous back and forth on this, however I wanted to reach out regarding a specific contact and direction that the MFFN CAR Project Team had previously received.

On May 9, 2023 as a follow up to a meeting regarding Archaeology, Victoria had indicated to Lauren (who I have taken over for) that Steven Sarrazin should be the lead contact. I just want to confirm that the direction you have provided on key contacts should take precedence over this previous direction.

Thank you and best regards,
Iain

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MFFN CAR - February Project Updates

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Thu, Feb 22, 2024 at 9:20 AM
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Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good morning Erin,

The Climate Change Adaptation and Community Access Road Webinar was held on February 8th, 2024, thank you for attending! If you would like to rewatch the webinar, a link to the video recording can be found on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road website here.

Your feedback, experience and insights are important to us. Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey linked[redacted] and share how Climate Change has / is affecting you and your community.

Webinars regarding Engineering and Cumulative Effects will be held in Q1 of 2024 with interested communities. Dates and a more formal notice will be shared soon.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call or respond to this email.

Thank you,
Iain

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MFFN CAR - ATRI Existing Conditions Report

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Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Erin,

I wanted to reach out regarding the ATRI Existing Conditions Report that was circulated on December 20, 2023.

As noted in the email accompanying the ATRI Preliminary Existing Conditions Report, we were originally asking for communities to provide input on the draft report by January 31, 2024, *where possible*, so it can be woven into the Draft Impact Statement / Environmental Assessment Report (2024).

However, additional information, feedback, comments and edits can be shared after this date. This Draft Preliminary Existing Conditions Report will not be finalized until later in 2024. Information received after January 31, 2024 will be woven into the next phases of the assessment processes including the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (2025).

Could you please indicate whether MNO plans to provide comments on the ATRI Existing Conditions Report?

Thank you,
Iain
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MFFN CAR - Vegetation & Geochemistry updates

1 message

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 10:19 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>,
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, [redacted], [redacted]

Good morning Erin,

The MNO has previously indicated interest in the vegetation and groundwater field studies as they relate to Reindeer Lichen and Geochemistry. I wanted to reach out to provide some updates on these studies;

Vegetation and Physiography:
The studies related to vegetation are now complete and the vegetation team is analysing and compiling the results. The results from these field studies will be shared during the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment phase. While there is some mention of Reindeer or Caribou Lichen in the materials below, more extensive details will be shared during the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment.

Some resources:

- Webinar was held last year, and shares more information about the studies completed up to that point: MFFN Webinar Series | Vegetation and Physiography on Vimeo
- Video: STUDY PLANS - VEGETATION - Marten Falls First Nation (martenfallsaccessroad.ca)
- Existing Conditions - Summary of Early Findings for Vegetation (attached)

Groundwater and Geochemistry:
The Groundwater and Geochemistry studies are ongoing with data being collected through 2024. Similar to the vegetation program, once the data is collected and analyzed it will be available and shared during the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

Some resources:

- Webinar: MFFN Webinar Series | Groundwater and Geochemistry on Vimeo
- Video: STUDY PLANS - GROUNDWATER - Marten Falls First Nation (martenfallsaccessroad.ca)
- Existing Conditions - Summary of Early Findings for Groundwater and Geochemistry (attached)

Once the data is collected and analyzed we can arrange for a presentation on the findings as they relate to MNO interests, I will keep you posted. If you have any questions on any of these materials please reach out.

Thank you,
Iain
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2 attachments

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Existing-Conditions_Vegetation.pdf
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Existing Conditions Fact Sheet: Groundwater and Geochemistry

Issued: October 2023

Groundwater is any water that is found below the Earth's surface. Groundwater is held below the ground in soil and rock layers known as aquifers. Surface water seeps through the Earth's surface and eventually becomes groundwater. The construction of the Community Access Road has the potential to directly and indirectly affect groundwater. For example, a spill entering surface water. Therefore, what happens to surface water can affect groundwater and must be studied.

Our Studies

The Study Area associated with the Community Access Road is dominated by bedrock in the southern parts, and sloping, generally flat terrain of wetlands with abundant peat to the northern and eastern parts. There were many glacial deposits left after the last major ice age, including glacial tills, and other coarse and fine materials. More recent organic deposits, such as peat, are common in poorly drained areas.

Generally, shallow groundwater flow directions would be expected to follow the local topography. On a regional scale, groundwater flow direction would be similar to the surface water, which is north and east towards James Bay. Most groundwater accumulates (or recharges) in spring as snow melts. Groundwater pooling may occur in low lying areas such as river valleys. There is one water supply well in the Study Area (at the Ogoki airport) and it is not reported to be used for drinking water.



During the groundwater field investigation, 49 monitoring wells were installed at 20 sites along the proposed Community Access Road route. The wells will be monitored three times a year, until the end of 2024.

Study Areas

Study areas identify the geographic limit where potential effects of the road may occur. The existing conditions are documented for three study areas:

- Project Development Area (PDA): the area of direct disturbance
- Local Study Area (LSA): the area where direct effects of the road are likely to take place
- Regional Study Area (RSA): the area where indirect effects are likely to occur

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Groundwater and Geochemistry

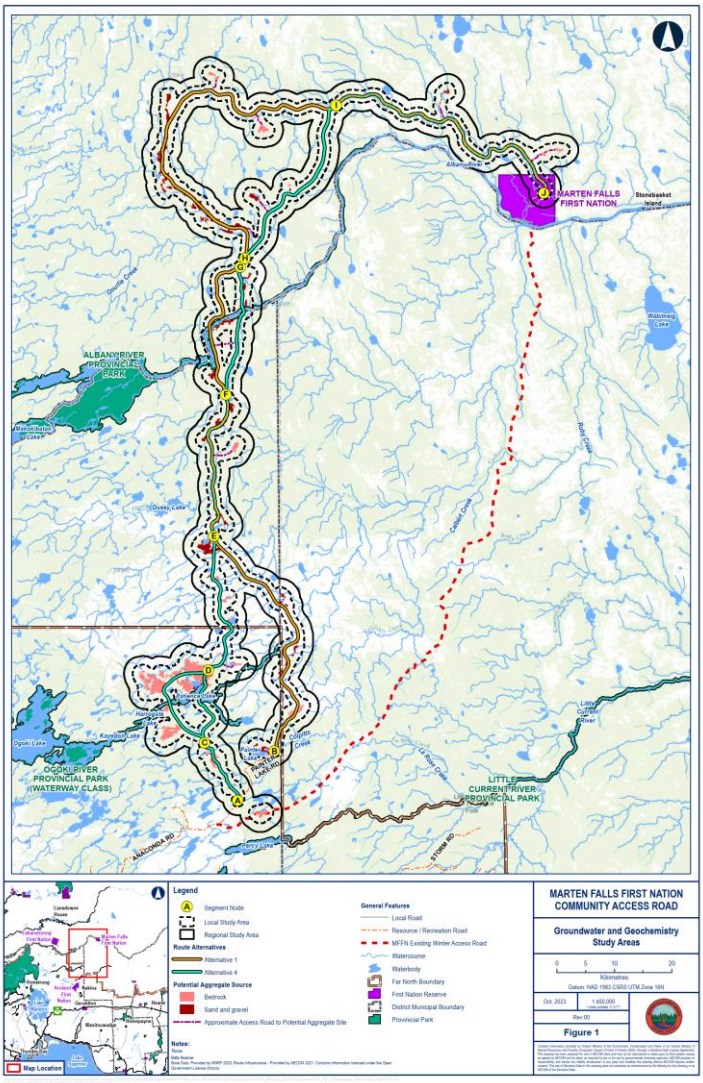
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Monitoring well depths range from about 2 m to 11 m below ground surface. Groundwater levels to date have ranged from near surface-level to about 10 m depth. Typical groundwater levels are less than 2 m below ground surface, but some sites have consistently deeper levels.

Our Findings

Regional investigations of groundwater quality have indicated that groundwater in northern Ontario has a high mineral content (considered hard water) and is relatively high in iron. Early groundwater quality results from the study samples are consistent with these observations, and more detailed testing is still in progress.

In addition, 94 overburden and 14 bedrock samples collected during soil and groundwater field work have undergone testing to understand their potential for acid generation and metal leaching. All 94 overburden samples are considered non-potentially acid generating. All but two bedrock samples are considered non-potentially acid generating. Trace metal results show bismuth and calcium levels are above 10 times the typical crustal abundance in multiple samples. Metal leaching assessment is still ongoing.



Contact Information

You are welcome to contact the Project Team at any time with questions or comments.

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Existing Conditions Fact Sheet: Vegetation

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The Local Study Area for the Community Access Road is divided into several different vegetation communities, including Upland, Wetland, and Riparian ecosites, designated areas, traditional use plants, plant species at risk, plant species of conservation concern, and invasive plant species have also been considered in the study. Vegetation communities are categorized based on the types of plants present in each community.

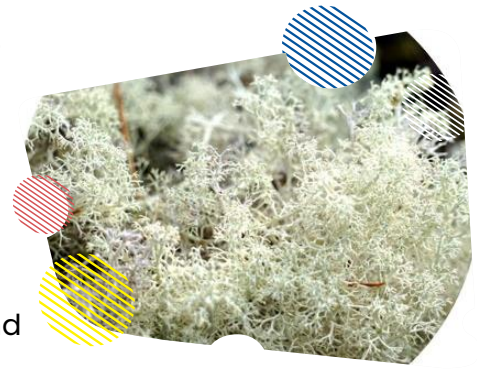
Our Studies

Our studies looked at vegetation in the area close to the footprint of the proposed Community Access Road, plus an additional 3 km from the proposed route to study to learn what the direct impacts will be, and an additional 11 km from the proposed route options and segments to learn what the indirect impacts will be.

Our Findings

Upland Ecosystems

- Upland ecosites in the study area include: coniferous forests; deciduous forests; mixed forests; rock / barren areas; and, young, sparsely treed areas. They are found throughout the Local Study Area, but are more common south of Dusey Lake.
- Coniferous forests cover 22.8% of the study area, while deciduous forests cover 2.6%.



Wetland Ecosystems

- Wetland ecosite types were identified as swamp, marsh, fen, and bog. Generally, wetland ecosites are more frequent north of Dusey Lake.
- Fen plant communities cover 37.7% of the Local Study Area, swamp communities cover 29.7%. and marsh and bog communities comprise approximately 3%.

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Vegetation

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Riparian Ecosystems

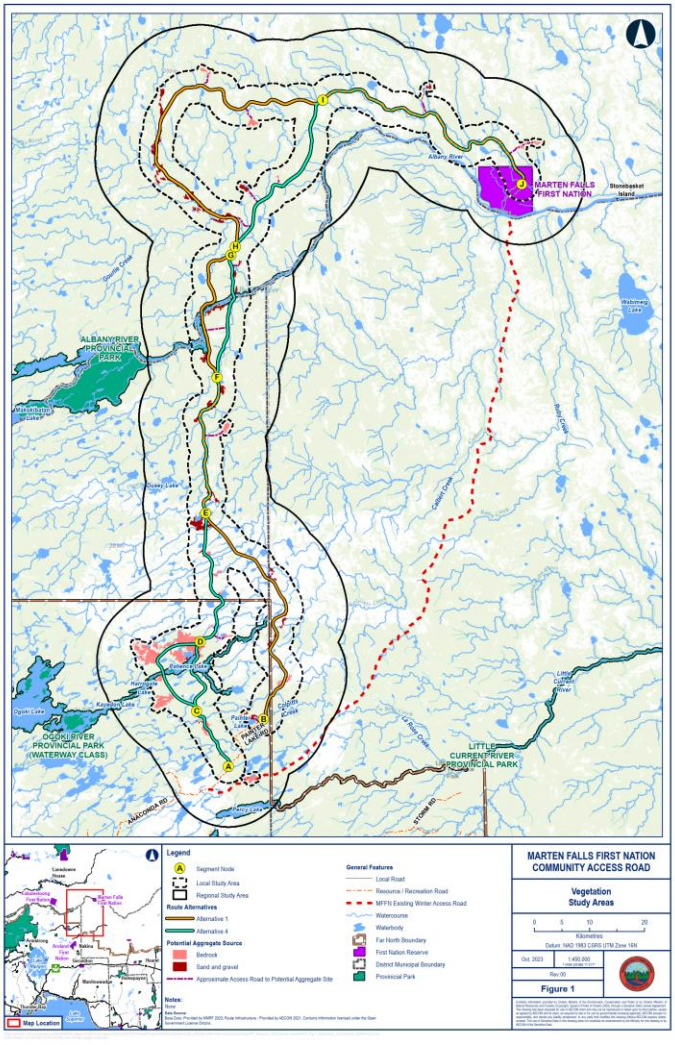
- Riparian habitat is characterized as being a transition between water and land-based ecosystems. Riparian habitat occurs alongside rivers, lakes, and streams, and can include both wetland and upland vegetation. A total of 4.4% of the Local Study Area is classified as riparian, the majority being made up of wetland vegetation.

Traditional Use Plants

- Traditional use plants include plants that have been historically used by Indigenous People for food, materials, medicinal or spiritual purposes, and are still of particular interest to Indigenous communities within the region. These species are generally well distributed across the region; however, most of the plant harvesting occurs close to access routes like large waterbodies or watercourses.

Species at Risk and Species of Conservation Concern

- Three plant species that are listed as Species at Risk and / or Species of Conservation Concern may be found within the Local Study Area: Black Ash, Pitcher's Thistle, and Northern Marsh Violet. Of these, only Black Ash was confirmed during field surveys, and was found in the south limits of the Local Study Area.



Invasive Plant Species

- No invasive plant species were identified during field investigations.

Contact Information

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MFFN CAR - March Project Updates

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Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good morning Erin,

I wanted to reach out to provide some project updates for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road, please see below:

Milestone #2 Progress Report
The Milestone #2 Progress Report is moving towards finalization and release to the public. All feedback must be received before March 30, 2024 to be woven into the report before it becomes publicly available.

ATRI Preliminary Existing Conditions Report
The ATRI Preliminary Existing Conditions Report is also moving towards public release, and will be finalized later in 2024. Information received will be woven into the next phases of the assessment processes including the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (2025).

Climate Change Survey
Following the Climate Change Adaptation Webinar, a link to a survey was released. Your feedback, experience and insights are important to us. Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey and share how Climate Change has / is affecting you and your community.
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Updated Route Selection Video

- As the Marten Falls Community Access Road progresses, we continue to use community feedback to revise the route for the road. An updated technically preferred route recommendation* has been identified. Please take a moment to watch our new video below.
- Marten Falls Firs Nation: Community Access Road Update
- **The technically preferred route recommendation is preliminary. The route will be further informed through consideration of Indigenous Knowledge.*

We are now on LinkedIn and Instagram! Follow us to stay up to date on the Community Access Road.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of these updates further, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best regards,
Iain

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MFFN CAR - April Project Updates

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To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, [redacted], "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Erin,

Please see below for April project updates regarding the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road.

Climate Change Survey:
Following the Climate Change Adaptation Webinar, we released a survey on climate change. Your feedback, experience and insights are important to us. Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey linked below and share how Climate Change has / is affecting you and your Community:
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If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best regards,
Iain

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Upcoming Vacation: April 23-25

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MFFN CAR - June Project Updates

1 message

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To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, [redacted], "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>,
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good morning,

Please see the below June Project updates for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road.

Three Road Project Gathering and Expo
Thank you to those who attended the Three Road Project Gathering & Expo from June 11 – 13, 2024. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact the MFFN CAR Project Team at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca.

Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report
The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report documents the archaeological and land use history, to determine whether there is potential for archaeological sites in the additional areas required for aggregate impacts. It incorporates a review of recent mapping, previous archaeological reports, and incorporation of any information collected from Indigenous communities.

The Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report was sent out to communities on June 3, 2024. The reports are available for download [redacted].

Feedback and comments on the report is requested by **August 2, 2024**.

To support your review we encourage setting up a meeting with our team to help walk you through the reports, answer any questions you may have or as an opportunity to provide feedback.

Thank you,
Iain

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Quigley, Iain [redacted]

MFFN CAR - June Project Updates

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Fri, Jul 5, 2024 at 2:25 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Erin,

Sorry for the delayed response. I was hoping to reply today with answers to your questions, however I need to speak further with the Archaeology team to confirm if comments will be posted publicly, and how comments will be considered.

I will provide more information following some internal discussion on these items next week.

Thank you,
Iain
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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]

MFFN CAR - June Project Updates

Quigley, Iain [redacted]> Tue, Jul 16, 2024 at 10:13 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, "[redacted]"

Good morning Erin,

In response to your questions I can provide the following answers:

All comments received will be part of the consultation record which is part of the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. If any information contained within your comments is noted to be sensitive or confidential, this information can be redacted upon your request. If a meeting would be helpful to discuss any sensitive information in advance of formal comments we can definitely accommodate this.

As for the consideration of comments, if upon review of the comments, something can be accommodated within the archaeological scope of the project, revisions can be made to the report to reflect what has been raised.

Let me know if this answers your questions, or if I can clarify anything further.

Best regards,
Iain
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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]

MFFN CAR General Project Updates - July 2024

Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted] Wed, Jul 31, 2024 at 3:48 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]
Cc: [redacted], "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted], Iain Quigley [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good Afternoon,

Hope you have all been keeping well. I'm reaching out on behalf of Iain to provide an update on the MFFN CAR Project as he is out of office this week.

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If you have any other questions regarding the MFFN CAR Project please do not hesitate to reach out!

Thank you,
Lauren
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B24.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]>

Follow Up from April Archaeology Meeting

Erin Reimer <[redacted]> Tue, Jun 6, 2023 at 2:31 PM
To: "Weseluck, Lauren" [redacted]>

Hi Lauren,

Following up on your voicemail and email. Apologies as I was away last week due to a family emergency.

In thinking about your meeting request, we are not sure how productive a meeting would be considering the MNO Region 2 is not actively engaging in the MFFN CAR project Additionally, the MNO does not have specific TKLU available to share for this project area, at this time.

However, we may have some more general concerns/comments related to the indirect effects of the MFFN CAR on the MNO Region 2 communities land and resource use. I suggest that we submit an informational letter outlining those comments in lieu of a meeting. Would this suit your purposes? Let me know your thoughts.

Best regards,

Erin Reimer (she/her)

Mineral Development Advisor – Northwest

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Subject: Fwd: Re: Summer 2023 Field Notice

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted] Fri, Jul 14, 12:19 PM
to lweseluck

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Subject: Re: Summer 2023 Field Notice
Date:2023-07-13 12:30
From: Victoria Stinson [redacted]
To:MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]
Cc: Erin Reimer [redacted]

Hi MFFN team,

After your field season ends our team would like to be presented on the results (particularly reindeer lichen & geochemistry).

Marsi
Victoria

From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 10:47:05 AM
Subject: Summer 2023 Field Notice

Hello,

Summer 2023 field studies for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road are continuing. This season's field studies include:

- Groundwater and Geochemistry (August)
- Vegetation (August)

The Summer 2023 Field Notice is attached (and on our website) with more information. An update will be provided once exact dates have been determined.

To learn more about our Vegetation and Groundwater and Geochemistry programs, view webinar recordings and videos on our website.

If you have any questions or comments about the programs, please reply to this email or give us a call at [redacted].

Sincerely,

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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Weseluck, Lauren <[redacted]>

Update on April 27th Meeting Minutes

Erin Reimer <[redacted]> Tue, Aug 1, 2023 at 3:19 PM
To: "Weseluck, Lauren" <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>

Hi Lauren,

Apologies for the delayed response.

I understand it is past your preferred submission timeline, however please accept the attached letter from the Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2 regarding the MFFN CAR Indigenous Knowledge Program. The MNO Region 2 is not actively engaging on this project, and we do not have specific Traditional Knowledge and/or Land Use information in this area available to share. However, this letter outlines some general concerns/comments related to cumulative impacts, regional impacts, and community health and well-being for the MFFN teams consideration in the assessment.

Additionally, regarding your meeting request, if you feel it would be productive we can look to schedule an informational session with our staff in the coming weeks. Let me know if you would like me to solicit some potential dates.

Marsi ~ Miigwetch ~ Thank you ~ Merci

Erin Reimer (she/her)

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August 1, 2023

Marten Falls First Nation
Community Access Road Project Team

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

RE: "Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road – Indigenous Knowledge Program; Request for Comments"

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) is writing in response to the Marten Falls First Nations Community Access Road Project (MFFN CAR) teams request regarding the submission of information to inform its Indigenous Knowledge Program. The MNO is aware that Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous land and resource use collected as part of the program will be used to understand existing conditions and predict the potential effects of the Project including impacts to Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests.

Marten Falls First Nation ("the Proponent") is proposing the construction and operation, including maintenance, of an all-season multi-use public highway located in northern Ontario.

The Project's Regional Study area extends approximately 30 km within the northern extent of the currently *known* area of the Métis Nation of Ontario's Lakehead/Nipigon/Michipicoten Traditional Territories, represented by the Northern Lake Superior Historic Métis Community (Region 2) Consultation Committee, as per the Consultation Agreement between the Métis Nation of Ontario and the Government of Canada. Citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario have Aboriginal rights that are recognized and affirmed under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. In addition, the Métis Nation of Ontario citizens have harvesting rights under the Framework Agreement on Métis Harvesting with the Province of Ontario.

The Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2 confirms that it has not asserted rights within the Project area, at this time. However, due to the inherent regional implications of the Project including the increased access to the Ring of Fire area from the provincial highway system, the Métis Nation of Ontario anticipates that this Project may have potential cumulative, regional, and far-reaching impacts to the physical and human environments. Below, we have provided a summary of potential impacts that are of concern to the Métis Nation of Ontario's Region 2 citizens.

Potential impacts (direct or indirect) to the current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes

1. Potential impacts to Métis harvesting and Way of Life as a result of the increased access (tourism). Year-round accessibility to a previously difficult to access and remote area will likely increase non-Indigenous hunting and fishing activities, which could have added pressure on wildlife populations (e.g. fish and moose).
2. Potential impacts to Métis harvesting and Way of Life due to vehicle traffic including mineral development/mining related vehicles, personal vehicles, and all-terrain vehicles. Traffic can produce dust and have negative impacts to vegetation. Additionally, traffic creates noise and can negatively impact wildlife populations through sensory disturbance.
3. Potential of the Project to disturb wildlife corridors, breeding grounds, overwintering sites, and reduced access for wildlife species, particularly migration species (e.g. moose and caribou) and fur-bearers.
4. Potential of the Project to act as a wildlife corridor for the movement of predatory species (e.g. wolf and wolverine), and increase predation on wildlife populations.
5. Potential to increase wildlife road mortalities, especially turtles and snakes.
6. Potential direct impacts on turtle nesting from the Project, or increased predation if nests located along the road.
7. Potential impacts to Species at Risk and Significant Wildlife Habitat and COSEWIC listed species resulting from increased access, habitat disruption, sensory disturbance, increased harvesting pressure, etc.
8. Potential impacts to native vegetation from invasive species. What monitoring and mitigation measures for invasive species are proposed?
9. Potential impacts to water quantity and quality from the Project, especially wetlands and downstream watersheds.
10. Given the absence of a completed Regional Assessment for the Project, there is likely significant uncertainty of Green House Gas (GHG) emissions estimates for the operations phase of the Project. Methodology, data collection and analysis should be provided, in addition to the proposed mitigations to reduce GHG emissions (e.g. limits to traffic levels). The Proponent should also consider how any mitigations and/or enforcement of limitations on road users such as those from mineral development projects, would be implemented.
11. Potential impacts to vegetation and wildlife from the use of dust suppressant as a mitigation for road dust. The Proponent should assess the effectiveness of various dust suppressants, as well as potential adverse impacts to flora and fauna.
12. The Proponent should consider the development of a Spill Response Plan which could include spill kits located along the route (e.g. water crossings), and Indigenous community reporting.
13. Potential cumulative effects from the Project. The adequate assessment of regional effects resulting from the access through the MNO Region 2 to the remote Ring of Fire mining area with respect to impacts to Aboriginal rights and interests.
14. The Project has the potential to contribute negatively to climate change, such as from disturbance and removal of peat and other wetlands, and through GHG emissions.

Climate change will cause impacts on current and future use of land and resources by Métis citizens.

Potential impacts to health, social, or economic conditions

1. Potential impacts to the health of Métis citizens using the road due to vehicle collisions. The Proponent should address road safety and rules of the road for all users of the road including recreational users, members of the public, and mineral development activity traffic. Additionally, the Proponent should consider the development of an Emergency Response Preparedness Plan to respond to accidents, and events occurring on the road.
2. How will the Project design and engineering account for future mine-related traffic if this metric is unknown at this time? For example, will the road design account for heavy mine vehicles and loads, will it include frequent pull-outs, visibility markers, etc. Will the preferred route consider visibility sight lines?
3. Potential impacts to community and personal safety (in surrounding communities) as it relates to Métis women, girls, and 2SLGBTQ+ citizens throughout the Project.
4. Potential impacts contributing to income inequality as it relates to the Project.
5. Potential impacts on infrastructure and services used in urban environments (in surrounding communities).
6. Potential impacts on community health and well-being, including potential decreased access to healthcare services and/or decreased quality of care. Potential impacts resulting from increased strain on the communities' healthcare system.

Other Recommendations

1. List all Indigenous groups alphabetically (or another format that shows there is no hierarchy between Nations).
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April 27th Archaeology & Cultural Heritage Meeting Minutes

Erin Reimer [redacted] Thu, Aug 31, 2023 at 10:01 AM
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Hi Lauren,

I apologize for the delay. Please see attached with some minor edits.

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MFFN CAR Upcoming Dates

Victoria Stinson <[redacted]> Tue, Oct 10, 2023 at 10:04 AM
To: "Weseluck, Lauren" <[redacted]
Cc: Erin Reimer <[redacted], Steven Sarrazin <[redacted]

Good morning Lauren,

Marsi for sending this along.

The MNO is primarily interested in hearing about the integration of Metis archeology into the Project.

Please update our team in that regard.

Sincerely,

Victoria Stinson, Ph.D.

Manager

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to MFFN Community Access Road Project Team, Erin Reimer, Linda Norheim

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Good morning,

Marsi for continuing to update the Métis Nation of Ontario support staff on the Marten Falls Access Road IAAC Project. Unfortunately our team was unable to attend the PIC #5 meeting as we had already confirmed another meeting in Geraldton.

I notice that your current Cumulative Effects Assessment Map contains the administrative Métis Nation of Ontario boundaries (see link below). I respectfully ask that these administrative boundaries be removed from the map, and all other current maps being used for the project, as the MNO does not assert rights within the Marten Falls Access Road. The MNO is currently involved in the Project due to the interest and potential for Métis archeology along trading routes through the Project Site, climate change, and long-range animals that may impact harvesting in traditional territories (e.g. caribou, wolverine, wolf).

Please reach out with any questions.

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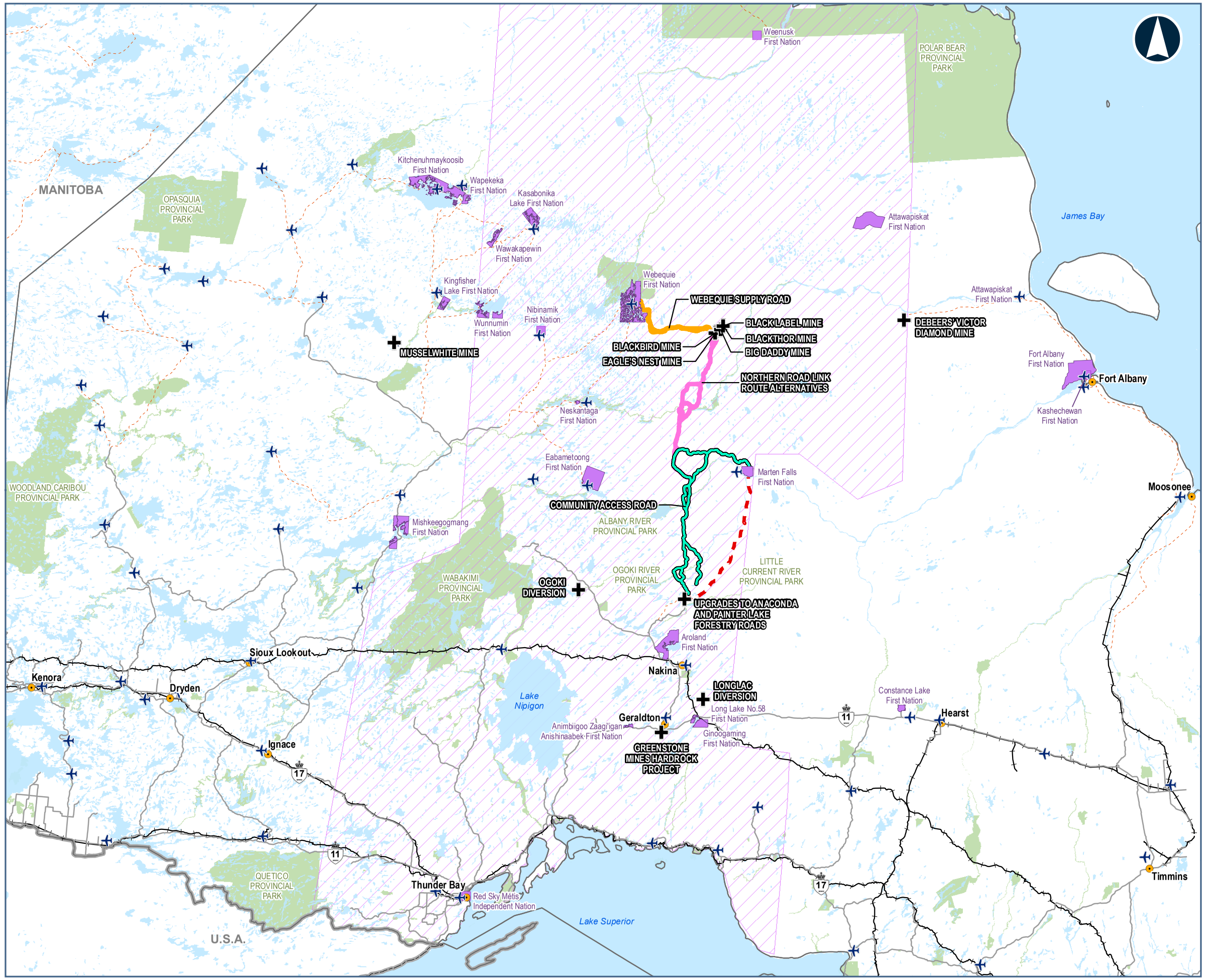
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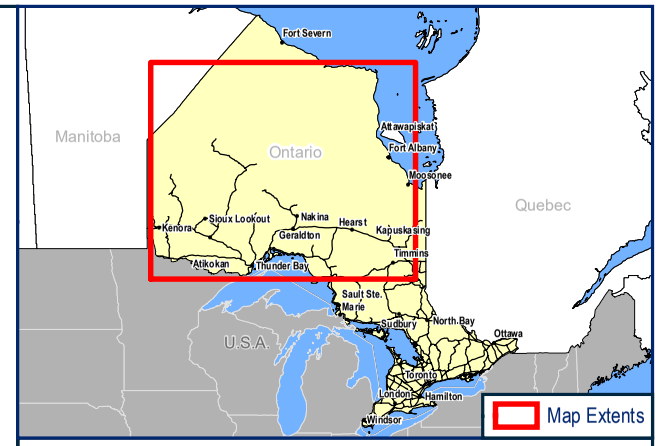
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- MFFN CAR Route Alternatives

Other Projects and Activities

- Points of Interest
- Railway Transload Facility
- Northern Road Link Route Alternatives
- Webequie Supply Road Route Alternatives

General Features

- Highway/Major Road
- Winter Road
- Railway
- MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
- Provincial Park
- Waterbody
- Neighbouring Indigenous Communities
- Mètis Nation of Ontario, Region 2
- Far North Boundary
- Airstrip

Notes:

First Nation Reserves of MFFN CAR Neighbouring Indigenous Communities are shown.

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Potential Cumulative Effects Inclusions List

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MFFN CAR November 2023 Project Updates

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Cc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Hi Lauren,

Thank you for following up on the below items. We look forward to continued updates on all aspects of the this project, as you have suggested. While our team is not able to attend the upcoming webinar (observing Louis Riel Day), we will make efforts to attend those in the future. We look forward to receiving your response to our August 1st letter when available.

Marsi ~ Miigwetch ~ Thank you ~ Merci

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Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted], Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Iain Quigley <[redacted]>, Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Hi Lauren,

Thank you for the contact update and introduction. We will ensure to add Iain going forward in communications with your team.

Marsi ~ Miigwetch ~ Thank you ~ Merci

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To: "Weseluck, Lauren" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>
Cc: Iain Quigley <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>

Hi Lauren, Jodi, and Iain!

Thank you for providing this update and the introductions. Welcome Iain.

We have noticed some duplication on Project emails we have been receiving, and wanted to ensure you were aware of the appropriate contacts at the MNO for the MFFN CAR Project.

Please CC myself, Victoria Stinson, and Nick Richard on all regular correspondence/emails going forward. If there are any consultation related notices, please also ensure to CC our main consultations inbox (consultations@metisnation.org).

Marsi ~ Miigwetch ~ Thank you ~ Merci

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Cc: "Weseluck, Lauren" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]", Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>

Hi Iain,

Please only include MNO Region 2 Councillor Tim Sinclair and Greenstone Métis Council President Sandra Gillis on **formal** correspondence related to consultation on this project.

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Hi Iain,

No need. The project notices/updates you have mentioned can just be sent to MNO staff (myself, Victoria, Nick) and cc'ing consultations@metisnation.org.

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MFFN CAR - Socio-Economic Interest Letter

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Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, Lauren Weseluck <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]>

Hi Iain,

The MNO Region 2 interests/concerns respecting socio-economic impacts were documented and provided as part of comments in the Indigenous Knowledge Program. Please see page 3 of the attached. The MNO Region 2 does not have additional concerns to provide at this time.

Marsi ~ Miigwetch ~ Thank you ~ Merci

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Marten Falls First Nation
Community Access Road Project Team

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

RE: "Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road – Indigenous Knowledge Program; Request for Comments"

The Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) is writing in response to the Marten Falls First Nations Community Access Road Project (MFFN CAR) teams request regarding the submission of information to inform its Indigenous Knowledge Program. The MNO is aware that Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous land and resource use collected as part of the program will be used to understand existing conditions and predict the potential effects of the Project including impacts to Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests.

Marten Falls First Nation ("the Proponent") is proposing the construction and operation, including maintenance, of an all-season multi-use public highway located in northern Ontario.

The Project's Regional Study area extends approximately 30 km within the northern extent of the currently *known* area of the Métis Nation of Ontario's Lakehead/Nipigon/Michipicoten Traditional Territories, represented by the Northern Lake Superior Historic Métis Community (Region 2) Consultation Committee, as per the Consultation Agreement between the Métis Nation of Ontario and the Government of Canada. Citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario have Aboriginal rights that are recognized and affirmed under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. In addition, the Métis Nation of Ontario citizens have harvesting rights under the Framework Agreement on Métis Harvesting with the Province of Ontario.

The Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2 confirms that it has not asserted rights within the Project area, at this time. However, due to the inherent regional implications of the Project including the increased access to the Ring of Fire area from the provincial highway system, the Métis Nation of Ontario anticipates that this Project may have potential cumulative, regional, and far-reaching impacts to the physical and human environments. Below, we have provided a summary of potential impacts that are of concern to the Métis Nation of Ontario's Region 2 citizens.

Potential impacts (direct or indirect) to the current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes

1. Potential impacts to Métis harvesting and Way of Life as a result of the increased access (tourism). Year-round accessibility to a previously difficult to access and remote area will likely increase non-Indigenous hunting and fishing activities, which could have added pressure on wildlife populations (e.g. fish and moose).
2. Potential impacts to Métis harvesting and Way of Life due to vehicle traffic including mineral development/mining related vehicles, personal vehicles, and all-terrain vehicles. Traffic can produce dust and have negative impacts to vegetation. Additionally, traffic creates noise and can negatively impact wildlife populations through sensory disturbance.
3. Potential of the Project to disturb wildlife corridors, breeding grounds, overwintering sites, and reduced access for wildlife species, particularly migration species (e.g. moose and caribou) and fur-bearers.
4. Potential of the Project to act as a wildlife corridor for the movement of predatory species (e.g. wolf and wolverine), and increase predation on wildlife populations.
5. Potential to increase wildlife road mortalities, especially turtles and snakes.
6. Potential direct impacts on turtle nesting from the Project, or increased predation if nests located along the road.
7. Potential impacts to Species at Risk and Significant Wildlife Habitat and COSEWIC listed species resulting from increased access, habitat disruption, sensory disturbance, increased harvesting pressure, etc.
8. Potential impacts to native vegetation from invasive species. What monitoring and mitigation measures for invasive species are proposed?
9. Potential impacts to water quantity and quality from the Project, especially wetlands and downstream watersheds.
10. Given the absence of a completed Regional Assessment for the Project, there is likely significant uncertainty of Green House Gas (GHG) emissions estimates for the operations phase of the Project. Methodology, data collection and analysis should be provided, in addition to the proposed mitigations to reduce GHG emissions (e.g. limits to traffic levels). The Proponent should also consider how any mitigations and/or enforcement of limitations on road users such as those from mineral development projects, would be implemented.
11. Potential impacts to vegetation and wildlife from the use of dust suppressant as a mitigation for road dust. The Proponent should assess the effectiveness of various dust suppressants, as well as potential adverse impacts to flora and fauna.
12. The Proponent should consider the development of a Spill Response Plan which could include spill kits located along the route (e.g. water crossings), and Indigenous community reporting.
13. Potential cumulative effects from the Project. The adequate assessment of regional effects resulting from the access through the MNO Region 2 to the remote Ring of Fire mining area with respect to impacts to Aboriginal rights and interests.
14. The Project has the potential to contribute negatively to climate change, such as from disturbance and removal of peat and other wetlands, and through GHG emissions.

Climate change will cause impacts on current and future use of land and resources by Métis citizens.

Potential impacts to health, social, or economic conditions

1. Potential impacts to the health of Métis citizens using the road due to vehicle collisions. The Proponent should address road safety and rules of the road for all users of the road including recreational users, members of the public, and mineral development activity traffic. Additionally, the Proponent should consider the development of an Emergency Response Preparedness Plan to respond to accidents, and events occurring on the road.
2. How will the Project design and engineering account for future mine-related traffic if this metric is unknown at this time? For example, will the road design account for heavy mine vehicles and loads, will it include frequent pull-outs, visibility markers, etc. Will the preferred route consider visibility sight lines?
3. Potential impacts to community and personal safety (in surrounding communities) as it relates to Métis women, girls, and 2SLGBTQ+ citizens throughout the Project.
4. Potential impacts contributing to income inequality as it relates to the Project.
5. Potential impacts on infrastructure and services used in urban environments (in surrounding communities).
6. Potential impacts on community health and well-being, including potential decreased access to healthcare services and/or decreased quality of care. Potential impacts resulting from increased strain on the communities' healthcare system.

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Cc: Sandra Gillis <[redacted]>, Tim Sinclair <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>

Hi Iain,

That's correct, thank you for following up. As mentioned previously the MNO Region 2 is not asserting rights in the project area at this time and therefore not actively engaging in consultations on this project. However the MNO wishes to be kept updated on the project particularly on aspects such as cumulative effects, socio-economic impacts and archaeological assessments. For these reasons we ask to send most correspondence to our staff and cc consultations@metisnation.org, while any consequential correspondence can be addressed to Councillor Sinclair and President Gillis.

Ted Pile is an MNO employee, however any comments received directly from him would be considered as from a private citizen, and not formal comments on behalf of the Métis Community.

Marsi ~ Miigwetch ~ Thank you ~ Merci

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Cc: "[redacted]", Consultations <[redacted]>

Hello Iain,

We were able to download the documents and plan to review and provide comments (if any) prior to February 15th.

Marsi ~ Miigwetch ~ Thank you ~ Merci

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Hi Iain,

Please keep myself as the lead contact, cc'ing Nick and Victoria. Thanks.

Marsi ~ Miigwetch ~ Thank you ~ Merci

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MFFN CAR - June Project Updates

Erin Reimer <[redacted]> Tue, Jul 2, 2024 at 3:26 PM
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Hi Iain,

The MNO plans to submit comments on the Stage 1 AA Report. Can you please confirm whether the comments would be posted publicly (i.e. IAAC registry)? And if or how any comments will be considered, such as if there will be revisions to the Report based on comments received.

Marsi ~ Miigwetch ~ Thank you ~ Merci

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Métis Nation of Ontario First Nation

Marten Falls First Nation

Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests:

Preliminary Existing Conditions Report

Marten Falls First Nation Community
Access Road Project

WORKING DOCUMENT



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December 20, 2023

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Introduction

Marten Falls First Nation is the Proponent of a proposed all-season Community Access Road (the Project). The Project would connect the community to the Ontario provincial highway network (**Figure 1-1**). The Project is subject to the federal *Impact Assessment Act* and the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* and associated regulatory processes. As part of these regulatory processes, the Proponent is required to assess the potential impacts of the Project on the rights and interests of Indigenous peoples, including on Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights which are recognized and affirmed in Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982.* The Project Team is currently consulting with 23 Indigenous communities, including Marten Falls First Nation, who may have Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests that have the potential to be adversely impacted by the Project. As a First Nation Proponent, constitutionally protected rights are of the upmost importance and significance to Marten Falls First Nation.

The purpose of this *Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions Report* is to:



Share our current understanding of rights and interests within the Project area specific to each Indigenous community;

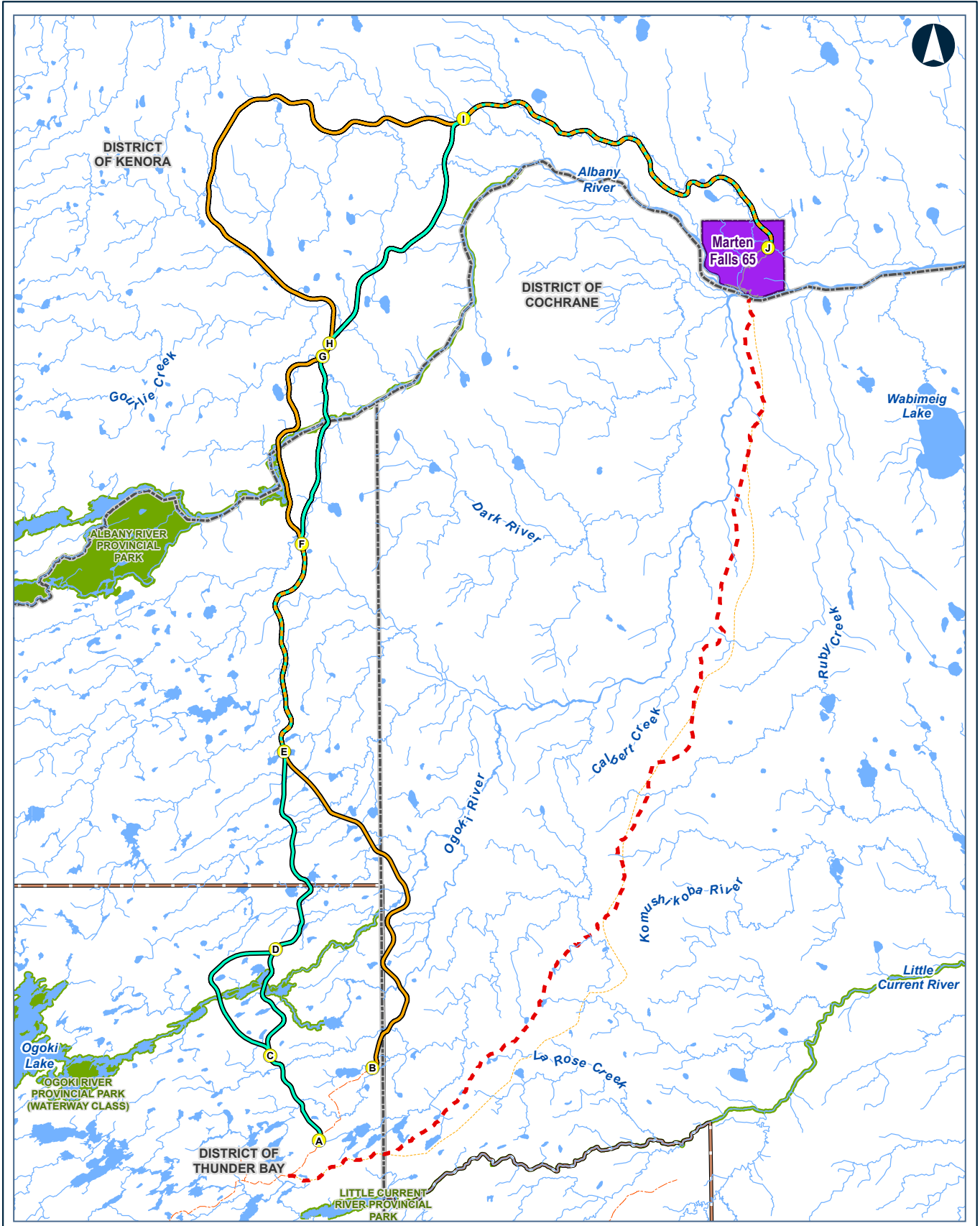


Provide our understanding of how rights are currently being exercised within the Project area; and



Seek your review and feedback on our current understanding.

The report begins with background information about the proposed Project and Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests, and why it is so important to have a strong understanding of rights and interests relevant to the proposed Project (**Section 1**). This is followed by our understanding of the historical and regional context with respect to Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests and how they have been cumulatively impacted to date (**Section 2**). The next section includes our understanding of your community today, including Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests that have the potential to be impacted by the proposed Project (**Section 3**). The report concludes with an overview of the next steps in the regulatory processes and how Marten Falls First Nation will continue to work with Indigenous communities on assessing the potential impacts of the Project on the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests of Indigenous peoples (**Section 4**).





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- Route Alternative Node
- Route Label
  - Alternative 1
  - Alternative 4
  - Alternative 1 and Alternative 4
- General Features
  - Local Road
  - Winter Road
  - Resource / Recreation Road
- Existing Winter Access Road
- Railway
- Watercourse
- First Nation Reserve
- Far North Boundary
- District Municipal Boundary
- Waterbody
- Provincial Park

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Project Overview

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1.1 Imagining Access – Why the Project?

The Project will offer Marten Falls First Nation the opportunity to grow as a community but also be part of the social and economic fabric of the region and country. The Community Access Road will reduce transportation costs for goods and services, making food, gas, and other supplies cheaper. It will help families be together in the community and increase social interactions with other communities. It will also provide a vital connection to emergency, health, and social services.

The development of the Community Access Road will mean that Marten Falls First Nation can begin to forge partnerships with businesses and governments to grow social and economic development opportunities. Opportunities will mean more training and jobs for youth in the region. In the near future, Marten Falls First Nation members will be able to work from their home community and spend or save their hard-earned money at the nearest urban centres. The road will also allow for the continuation of Marten Falls First Nation people on the land because community members will be able to access the lands and waters at a fraction of the price it is now for transportation.

Presently, many Marten Falls First Nation members, especially the youth, have migrated to the cities and towns in search of a better life. It only makes sense that they get a chance at a better life right in their own territory. The Community Access Road will support Marten Falls First Nation in repatriating their members and youth, and in continuing to honour their role as stewards of the lands, waters, and resources as their ancestors did.

1.2 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Overview

For the purpose of this report, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests are defined as follows.

Aboriginal Rights refer to the collective rights to practice traditions and customs that distinguish the unique culture of Indigenous groups and societies, which have been practiced since prior to European contact. These rights are grounded in the recognition of the status of Indigenous groups and societies as the original peoples of Canada, and their continued use and occupation of the land since before European contact; these rights flow to the descendants of Indigenous groups and societies on this basis. Aboriginal rights are not specifically defined under Section 35 as they can vary from group to group depending on the customs, practices and traditions that have formed part of their distinctive cultures, but they may include (CIRNAC, 2023):

- Indigenous title or ownership rights to land;
- Right to occupy and use lands and resources, such as hunting and fishing rights;
- Self-determination and self-government rights; and
- Cultural and social rights.

Treaty Rights are rights that are set out in historic and modern treaty agreements, including Treaty 9 and the Robinson-Superior Treaty, where the proposed Project is located. Treaties define specific rights, benefits, and obligations for the signatories of them, and vary depending on the time and circumstances in which they were negotiated (CIRNAC, 2023).

Aboriginal Interests refer to all requirements relating to Indigenous peoples required by both the federal *Impact Assessment Act* and the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. In addition to an assessment on potential impacts to Section 35 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Interests also include impacts under federal jurisdiction with respect to Indigenous peoples, including impacts on (i) physical and cultural heritage, (ii) current use of land and resources for traditional purposes, (iii) any structure, site or thing that is of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance, and any change occurring in Canada to the health, social or economic conditions of Indigenous peoples in Canada (IAAC & BCEAO, 2022). Therefore, Interests include those identified by Indigenous groups with respect to potential economic, social, health, heritage, or environmental effects of the proposed Project, which may or may not be directly related to specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights.

Note: Interests related to Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights only are presented in this **Preliminary Existing Conditions Report**. Interests that are not specifically related to Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights are presented in the existing conditions reports prepared by other disciplines (e.g., Socio-Economic, Land and Resource Use). Relevant information prepared by other disciplines will be used to inform the assessment on Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests.



1.2.1 What is the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Assessment Process?

The assessment of the potential impacts of the proposed Project on Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests is intended to be flexible and adaptable. The impact assessment process is generally undertaken as a series of seven steps (IAAC, 2022), as shown in **Figure 1-2**. Steps may need to be revisited and revised based on inputs from, and the specific context of, potentially affected Indigenous communities.

Dialogue (and ideally collaboration) with Indigenous communities throughout the process enables modifications to the process, if and as needed, and promotes a holistic understanding and consideration of Indigenous community needs, protocols, rights, and interests.

It important to note that the steps of the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests impact assessment are not completed in isolation of each other (i.e., step 1 does not need to be fully completed before moving onto the next step). This is because of the interconnectedness of the steps, the iterative nature of the process, the volume of information that is collected during the process, and the dialogue with Indigenous communities throughout the process.

Figure 1-2: Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Impact Assessment Process



The Marten Falls First Nation Project Team is currently working through Steps 1 to 3. This **Preliminary Existing Conditions Report** is a working document that has been developed based on dialogue with and inputs received from Indigenous communities to date and an extensive literature review of publicly available documents. By sharing this Preliminary Existing Conditions Report, we are wanting to work with Indigenous communities to validate, build on and / or revise our understanding of:

- Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests relevant to the proposed Project (Step 1);
- The context in which impacts on these rights and interests have already occurred, and how the proposed Project may further impact rights and interests (Step 2); and
- The guiding values and topics associated with community well-being, cultural expression, and the preferred means of exercising rights (Step 3).

The next steps in the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Impact Assessment process is to collaborate with Indigenous communities to grow the Proponent's understanding of:

- Pathways of potential impacts from the proposed Project (Step 4);
- Anticipated levels of impact that the Project may have (Step 5); and
- Measures and / or actions that can be taken to address potential impacts including the associated pathways (Step 6).
- The final step (Step 7) is to engage with communities to validate the outcomes of the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Impact Assessment.





1.2.2 Proposed Study Areas for the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Assessment

Study areas identify the geographic areas within which potential effects of the Project may occur. These study areas are used to guide the data collection and assessment processes.

The Project has both a general Study Area and a Project Development Area which are defined as follows:

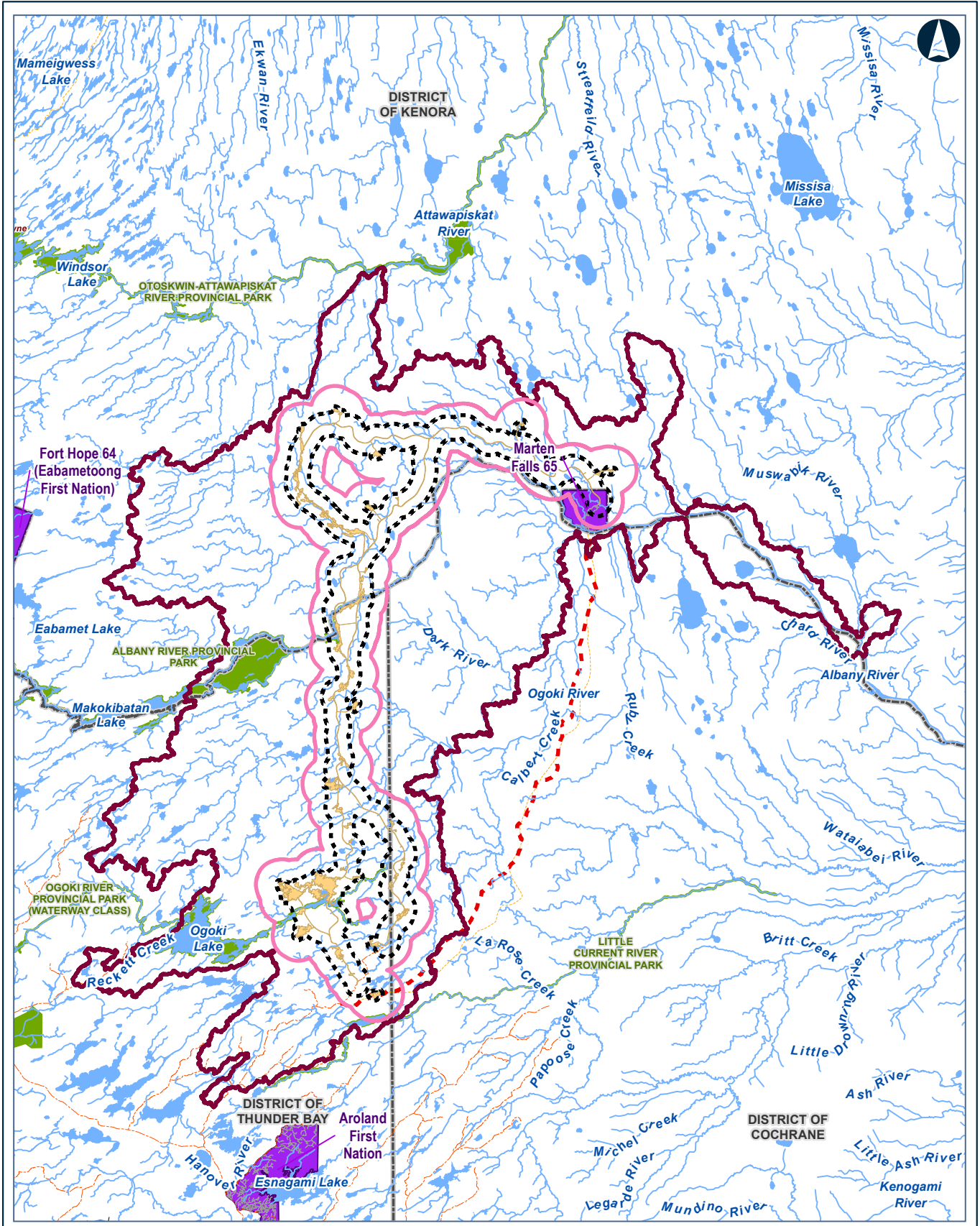
- Project Study Area- includes the area within 2.5 km of each side of the centreline of each alternative route (resulting in a 5 km wide Study Area). The preliminary Study Area generally allows for the documentation of existing conditions and prediction of potential effects for the Project. A 5 km wide Study Area provides flexibility for route refinements that may arise during the Environmental Assessment process through advancement of design (e.g., adjustment of the road alignment to avoid features). The specific location of Project components, including the roadway, quarries, borrow areas, aggregate source areas and temporary infrastructure, are not yet known and will be determined in the Environmental Assessment.
- Project Development Area – encompasses the 100-metre-wide Community Access Road right-of-way, temporary construction access roads, work areas, worker camps, and pits, quarries and associated access roads.

In addition to the Project Study Area and the Project Development Area, study areas have been identified for the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests assessment. Information on the proposed study areas for the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests impact assessment and associated requests for input have been previously shared with all potentially affected Indigenous communities, as follows:

- **August 2020:** The Project Team shared the Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Study Areas Memo with Indigenous communities for review and comment.
- **September 2020:** The Project Team received valuable feedback from Indigenous communities on the preliminary study areas.
- **January 2021:** The Project Team revised the proposed study areas for the assessment based on feedback received and distributed an Update on the Proposed Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Study Areas Memo outlining the changes and requesting any feedback.
- **August 2022:** The Project Team revised the proposed study areas based on changes to the proposed Project Development Area for the Project. Changes to the Project Development Area resulted to changes in the proposed Local Study Area for the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests assessment only; there were no changes to the proposed Regional Study Area for the assessment. An Update on the Proposed Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Study Areas Memo, outlining the changes and requesting any feedback, was distributed to Indigenous communities.

The current study areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and / or Interests assessment (as of September 2023) are shown in **Figure 1-3**.







Legend

- Project Study Area
- ATRI Local Study Area
- ATRI Regional Study Area
- Project Development Area

General Features

- Local Road
- Winter Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- Existing Winter Access Road
- Railway
- Watercourse
- First Nation Reserve
- District Municipal Boundary
- Waterbody
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Notes:
1. Local and Regional Study Areas are Preliminary.

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Study Areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Impact Assessment

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1.3 A Shared Understanding – Working Together

Marten Falls First Nation is committed to developing a shared understanding of Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests within the assessment study areas. The Project Team recognizes that there are things that may have been missed or misunderstood with respect to community Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests, and the intent in preparing and sharing this **preliminary report** is to encourage the community to validate, build-on, and /or correct any misunderstandings.

This report sets the stage for the Project Team's understanding of community Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests and will be foundational to the impact assessment that will be completed in the future. By understanding the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests of communities in relation to the proposed Project, the Project Team will be better positioned to have informed conversations with potentially impacted Indigenous communities and their members.

It is the objective of the Project Team to avoid, mitigate or reduce potential negative impacts associated with the proposed Project while enhancing potential positive impacts related to Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests.





02

Historical and Regional Context

The culture, knowledge, and history of Indigenous peoples is passed down through oral stories and accounts from generation to generation. The following chapter presents an historical and regional overview of the Indigenous peoples in the region. The information presented below was collected from written academic articles, journals, and other publicly available documents, many of which were informed by oral history. Indigenous authors and publishers were sought where possible to capture a more authentic understanding of the history, culture, rights, and interests of Indigenous peoples, both pre- and post-contact, and how Indigenous peoples and their rights and interests have been cumulatively impacted to date.

Note: the term "Indian", which is the historical term used by the Crown for First Nations peoples in Canada, is used throughout **Section 2** when referencing historical documents and associated content.

2.1 Pre-Contact Context

Section 2.1.1 to **2.1.6** describe aspects of the societies of Indigenous peoples of the region prior to more consistent contact with Europeans (pre-contact), which occurred in the mid- to late-17th century.

The Indigenous peoples of what is now known as northern Ontario primarily consisted of the Anishinaabeg (which translates to 'Original People') and the Cree peoples (The Canadian Encyclopedia, 2023).

The Anishinaabeg in this region of Ontario have been referred to as the Northern Ojibwa. The Cree people of this region are known as the Omushkegowuk ('People of the Muskeg'). Throughout **Section 2.1.1** to **2.1.6**, 'Indigenous peoples' refers to the Anishinaabeg and the Omushkegowuk peoples of the region specifically, unless otherwise stated. Information on the community as it is today – is provided in **Section 3**.



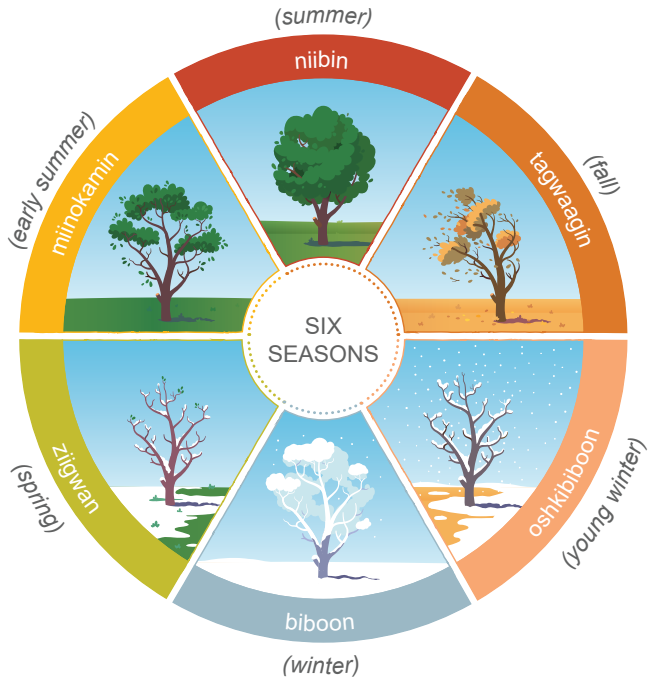


2.1.1 Seasonal Lifeways

Indigenous lifeways are typically shared and nurtured through culture, language, stories, and ceremony, and rooted in place and scared relationship with the Earth, sky, sun, plants, animals, and water (Robertson, 2023). Prior to contact, Indigenous peoples lived their lives following the animals they hunted and according to the seasons. As noted by Davidson-Hunt and Berkes (2003), the Anishinaabeg have six seasons:

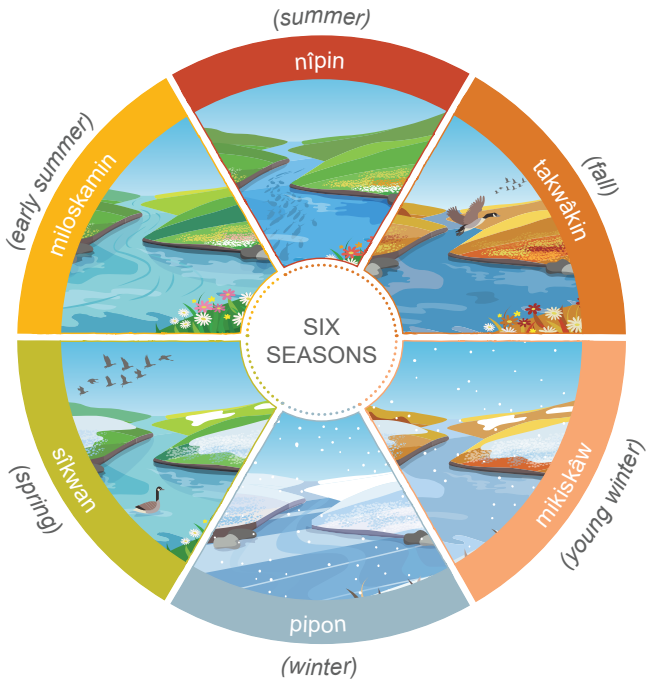
- *Ziigwan* (spring);
- *Miinokamin* (early summer);
- *Niibin* (summer);
- *Tagwaagin* (fall);
- *Oshkibiboon* (young winter); and
- *Biboon* (winter).

The seasons were denoted according to changes in the landscape. For example, *tagwaagin* begins when the leaves start to change colour and fall from the trees and turns into *oshkibiboon* when all the leaves have fallen off the trees and the first snows have fallen, while *biboon* turns to *ziigwan* when the ice on the lakes begin to melt and break up (Davidson-Hunt and Berkes, 2003).



The Omushkegowuk have described six seasons with several seasons reflecting the yearly melting and freezing of the waterways given their reliance on lakes and rivers for their livelihoods (Honigmann, 1948; Six Seasons of the Asiniskaw Ithiniwak, n.d.):

- *Sîkwan* (breakup, translates to "rattling feathers" because the geese fly in and it sounds like rattling);
- *Miloskamin* (spring, translates to "good moving water");
- *Nîpin* (summer, translates to "gifts from the water" because of the fish that are offered);
- *Takwâkin* (fall, translates to "gathering up" becaus e this is the season in which birds and people prepare for the coming winter);
- *Mikiskâw* (freeze-up, translates to "plenty of beads" because of the forming frost); and
- *Pipon* (winter).





Both the Anishinaabeg and the Omushkegowuk used the moon cycles to mark temporal dynamics of seasonal change, and to provide a more standardized way to note the passage of time during the year (Davidson-Hunt and Berkes, 2003; Six Seasons of the Asiniskaw Ithiniwak, n.d.).



Indigenous peoples of the region were hunters and gatherers who travelled seasonally, following the important resources that sustained them in each season. They used birch bark canoes, rafts, snowshoes, and toboggans for easier travel depending on the season (Long, 2010). A rich variety of foods were available, including birds (e.g., duck, goose, and partridge), big game (e.g., bear, deer, moose, and caribou), furbearers (e.g., beaver, muskrat, marten, and wolverine), and fish (e.g., whitefish, pickerel, pike, trout and sturgeon) (Dawson, 1976; Long, 2011; Long *et al*., 2017). Indigenous peoples also gathered berries, plants, medicines, and fuels (Long, 2011). *Manoomin* (wild rice) was an important staple food among the Anishinaabeg in the Great Lakes region (Desmarais, 2019). Kuhnlein and Turner (1991) noted that plants used in the Hudson Bay Lowlands, further north, included: the roots and sweet sap of large tamarack trees; rock tripe lichen; angelica (wild celery); wapato (arrowhead); the shoots, roots, and stems of fireweed; cattails; wild onions; and, the buds of juniper and spruce trees. Early accounts indicate that the Omushkegowuk spent much of the year pursuing game over large areas in the north, while areas to the south provided food the Anishinaabeg were able to harvest in large quantities including fish, deer, moose, and caribou, requiring less travel (Bishop & Smith, 1975).



The division of labour was based on gender. The men were hunters and trappers (and butchers prior to returning to the group), and makers of toboggans, sleds and snowshoe and wigwam frames. The women fished and hunted and trapped small game, gathered plant foods and medicines, collected firewood, prepared meals, and created material goods for family and trade, in addition to their child caregiver duties (McMillan and Yellowhorn, 2004, as cited in Soloway, 2015). The role of women in preparing geese for future use by drying and smoking, and in preparing feathers and quills for sale, was especially important among the Omushkegowuk, (Lytwyn, 2002).

Indigenous lifeways were intimately tied to the family (Long, 2010). The social organization consisted of community groups composed of immediate and extended families, which may have inhabited single or several drainage basins. Settlements consisted of small habitation sites and associated hunting camps (Dawson, 1987). Up to ten families lived and shared together, typically a group of brothers and their wives and children (Bohaker, 2020), depending on the season and circumstances (Long, 2011). Families resided in cone-shaped wigwams made of wood and moss, covered in moose or caribou hides (MFFN & OMNRF, 2020).

When studying traditional Omushkegowuk (Attawapiskat) land tenure, Cummins (1992) reported that two to five Omushkegowuk families lived and travelled together as a 'microband', and up to 15 families connected as a 'macroband'. The macrobands in the region were aware of each other as they completed their seasonal rounds (Cummins, 1992).

Communities would come together in the summer, usually at a lake or shore within the territory where food was abundant; these areas were occupied annually for extended periods by clustered groups (Dawson, 1987). Summer gatherings were the largest, and hundreds of people (sometimes over a thousand) from several 'bands' would assemble for visiting, trade, marriage negotiations and to discuss issues of common concern (Leacock, 1981; Bohaker, 2020).

Small camps used on a temporary basis by community members to harvest resources in both summer and winter were also present around the larger summer gathering sites. Groups would disperse in the winter to their hunting areas (Dawson, 1987), and each family had a hunting territory (Oldmixon, 1931, as cited in Long *et al*., 2017). According to anthropologist Edward Rogers (1963), hunting ranges (territories) were loosely managed and hunting groups returned to the same general area each year. Trapping was done mostly for subsistence as the hunter-gatherer lifestyle required seasonal movement to avoid resource depletion (Rogers, 1963).

Indigenous land use, cultural practices, and settlement systems were shaped primarily by the seasonal cycles of the region. During the summer, time was spent fish harvesting and drying, berry picking and drying, and collecting materials for building homes and utility items including wigwams, snowshoes and fish baskets (MFFN & OMNRF, 2020). Furbearer snaring and small bird hunting was also common (Long *et al*., 2017). Summer was also a time for traditional gatherings for ceremonies including marriages, feasts, new friendships, naming ceremonies, and celebrations for community members who passed away (MFFN & OMNRF, 2020).



Fall was spent preparing for the winter hunting camps and season. This involved preserving food and preparing hides, making any utility items needed (e.g., moccasins and snowshoes), and making sure the dogs were fattened up for the coming winter sledding when it was time to move to the winter

areas (Omushkego Education & OCCC, 2006; MFFN & OMNRF, 2020). Fish were an important source of food during this time (Omushkego Education & OCCC, 2006), as were a variety of birds including waterfowl, grouse, and ptarmigan (Omushkego Education & OCCC, 2006; Long *et al*., 2017). Caribou and moose provided additional sources of food during this time (Omushkego Education & OCCC, 2006).

During the early winter or freeze up, travel was limited until the rivers and streams were frozen and fishing and trapping were important for sustenance (Omushkego Education and OCCC, 2006). Winter was a prime time for hunting caribou and trapping furbearers (Long *et al*., 2017). Winter gave people freedom as they could travel all over the land, and not worry about food spoiling (MFFN and OMNRF, 2020).

Breakup and spring (early summer) brought warmth. Areas for new shelters away from winter homes were scouted to prepare for the spring hunt (MFFN and OMNRF, 2020). Among the lowland Omushkegowuk, the spring harvesting of goose and duck was significant and was seen as a celebration for the survival of the family through the harsh winter conditions (Cummins, 1992). Canoes were used as a mode of travel as the waters of the rivers and streams started to flow again (Omushkego Education & OCCC, 2006). After the ice breakup was a time for fish harvesting and drying, and muskrat hunting and trapping (MFFN & OMNRF, 2020).

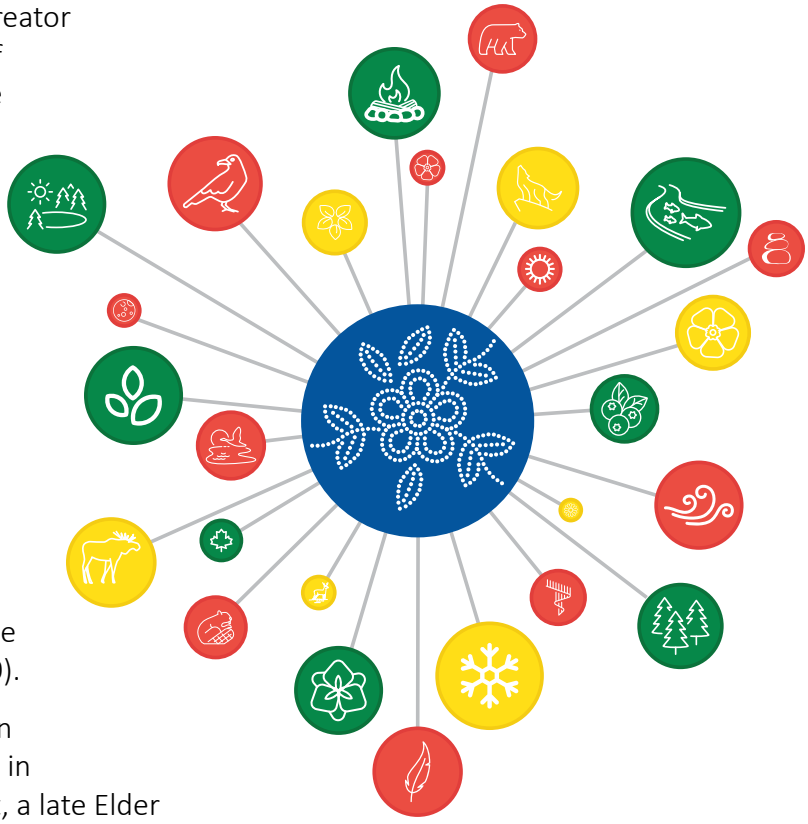


2.1.2 Culture and Worldview

Indigenous peoples of the region practiced a cultural way of living. The culture was, and continues to be, grounded in relationships with and knowledge of the environment, and shared through oral stories and practices (MFFN & OMNRF, 2020). When Europeans started to travel into the region, many viewed the land as something to be explored, owned, developed, and used for profit – this view was in contrast to the Indigenous' world view that the land and its resources is something to be shared, cared for, and honoured (Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021). From an Indigenous way of life, Indigenous peoples did not own the land; they were connected to it and depended on its generation and empowerment of all life, including the intangible aspects like culture, language, and dream (Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021). Indigenous worldview and identity were, and continue to be, grounded in intimate relationships with the land and the natural world, and the principles of kinship, respect, reciprocity, and responsibility (Bell, 2013; Guido, 2021).

The perspectives of many Indigenous peoples were, and continue to be, rooted in a recognition of the inter-relation of all of creation – everything is considered to be connected, like the strands of a spider's web (Bell, 2013). Moreover, many Indigenous peoples' beliefs on the origin of humankind framed their perspectives on relationships between humans and other beings: plants and animals inhabited the land before humankind and assisted humans when they arrived on earth (Johnston, 2005; Luby *et al*., 2021); and, all things in the natural world are valuable and equal (Simpson, 2000a).





According to the Anishinaabe origin story, the Creator envisioned humankind in response to feelings of loneliness. However, the Creator did not provide humankind dominion over Creation, and instructed that humankind was to take care of Mother Earth (Luby *et al*., 2021). The order of creation in the Anishinaabe creation story places humans last, as well as least in the order of dependence, and weakest in terms of bodily powers (Johnston, 1976). In addition, for the Anishinaabeg, all living beings were understood to have souls (and not just humans), and therefore personhood. Understanding the natural world and its inhabitants as kin, as brothers and sisters, was a critical piece of Anishinaabe culture and law; this is reflected in their presence in almost all Anishinaabe stories (Fontaine, 2020).

The important relationships and kinship between humans and the natural world are also reflected in Omushkego oral history. As told by Simeon Scott, a late Elder from Fort Albany First Nation, the first people were living in *the land above* when an unseen voice asked a man and a woman if they would like to go down and see *the land below*. They went to go see *the great net-maker*, a spider, to lower them down onto the land now called northern Ontario, but they did not heed his warnings that only one person may look down from the spider's line – they both looked down and fell. They were rescued from the eagle's nest in which they had landed by a bear and a wolverine. The first peoples then followed the bear, who taught them everything they needed to know to survive in their new home (Ellis, 1995).

The oral histories of Indigenous peoples of the region speak to the importance of respect, reciprocity, and responsibility.

- Among the Anishinaabeg, respect entails "a reverence for the diversity of life and peoples, for different ways of knowing, and for different ways of being" (Simpson in Bell *et al.,* 2010, p. 14). A deep respect for the natural world and the balance of all components of it underpins the worldview of Cree peoples (Preston, 2002), including the Omushkegowuk. The land and its resources had to be respected and sustainably utilized for the benefit of all, including ancestors and future generations (Honor the Earth, 2017).
- Indigenous peoples' relations with the land were primarily reciprocal in nature as this was considered critical to establishing and maintaining healthy relationships with the natural environment (Preston, 2002; Bell, 2013; Honour the Earth, 2017, Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021). If something

was taken or received, something had to be given back to give thanks. Gifts were offered for successful hunts and harvests; these included specific offerings that were often very private to the individual or group but they also entailed actions to sustain the life of a moose or caribou population from which they hunted (Tapestry Institute, n.d.).

- Indigenous stories also indicate important responsibilities to ensure healthy and balanced relationships with Creation. Anishinaabe teachings describe the gifts that each person is born with and responsibility of each person to "use their gifts to the best of their ability for the good of the community, and for the good of creation" (Bell, 2013, p. 103).

The perception of environments as social-ecological systems is an underpinning of an Indigenous worldview, and the spatial and temporal dynamics of the land were included in both memory and language (Davidson-Hunt & Berkes, 2003). As noted by Davidson-Hunt and Berkes (2003), Anishinaabe ways of remembering can be described as an experience of journeying within the land that is situated in both space and time: the journey is structured temporally according to the practices, seasons, moons, and ceremonies that mark of the passing of time and life stages, and spatially based on what is encountered and observed. This is evident in Indigenous place names, which provide a mental image of how a particular place in the landscape looks, how it relates to other places, and what occurred or might be found at the place (e.g., *Aagimakobawatig* describes a place where black ash grows beside a rapid). As noted by Berkes et al. (1998), the Anishinaabe notion of "land" is more akin to the concept of "ecosystem" but with the added dimensions of peoples, their culture and their history.

In addition to providing sustenance, the lands, waters, and their resources provided, and continue to provide, spiritual connection and well-being. Everything could be considered alive – both animate and inanimate objects were believed to have a spirit life (Simpson, 2000a). Many Anishinaabeg understood the world to be inhabited by spiritual beings known as *manidoos*, and these were known to be associated with places and seasons (Johnston, 2005). Moreover, the spiritual world was believed to exist as parallel world or plane of existence that could be accessed through prayer



or ceremony or that could manifest when it decided to do so (Honour the Earth, 2017). These beliefs remain an important part of Anishinaabe culture today.

In Anishinaabe culture, Johnston (2005, p. 17) describes that "there is an ongoing relationship between the Dead and the Living; between Ancestors and Descendent." It was considered the obligation of the living to bury their relatives in a proper manner (in marked graves with commemorative and symbolic items placed on them) and in a proper place (in their place of origin and/or near their ancestors), and to protect them from disturbance or desecration; failure to do so was thought to harm both the dead and the living (Johnston, 2005). Many Anishinaabe believed that bodies have several souls: one of them remains in the bones after death and only leaves when it is "recycled" into a descendant; the other leaves the body after death and travels to rejoin other relatives who have died (Johnston, 2003, as cited in Bohaker, 2020). Feasting to celebrate the dead (Feast of the Dead) was important for the care and protection of deceased souls (Johnston, 2005). The feasts also had a function of perpetuating alliances among kin and initiating alliances with outsiders (Bishop, 1976). Based on available records, the Jesuit missionaries were "mystified by the care and attention that Aboriginal people showed toward their dead" (Johnston, 2005, p. 8).

Prior to contact, Indigenous lifeways were based on a deep connection with the lands and all its inhabitants. As noted by Cajete (2000), "Native people expressed a relationship with the natural world that could only be called ensoulment" (p. 186). They spent so much time on the land, interacting with the natural world, that "their landscapes became reflections of their very souls" (Cajete, 2000, p. 187). The mutual relationships between, and the value of, all things in the natural world (including celestial bodies, spirits, and natural forces), as well as the need for balance among them, were recognized and honoured (Honor the Earth, 2017).



2.1.3 Language

Indigenous culture is rooted in language (Wastesicoot, 2015). Both the Anishinaabeg and Omushkegowuk are Algonquian in terms of their language group, one of the most populous and widespread Indigenous linguistic and cultural groups in North America. *Anishinaabemowin* (Ojibwe) was the language of the Anishinaabeg, while the Omushkegowuk spoke *Inilîmowin* (Swampy Cree).

Both languages are considered polysynthetic, which means that they have long, compound words to express complex meanings that would require many words, or even an entire sentence, in other languages (Oxford, 2019). A typical word is made up of several, or many small parts, with a variety of combinations that mean different things. For example:

- *Boozhoo* ("hello") in *Anishinaabemowin* acknowledges the original spirit of *Nanaboozhoo*, and also conveys the process of using the breath of life ("*boo*") to express the feeling of life ("*zhoo*") (Horton, 2021); and,
- The *Inilîmowin* word *niwanahikân* means "I am setting my traps" (Omushkego Education, 2016).

Both *Anishinaabemowin* and *Inilîmowin* also organize their nouns according to animacy: whether the noun is referring to a living thing like a human or animal (animate) or an object (inanimate); this is analogous to the use of masculine and feminine nouns in French, just on a different axis. However, some non-living objects, like drum and tobacco, are treated as animate, and this may have to do with the spiritual significance of these objects (Oxford, 2019).

There was no written form for the Ojibway and Cree languages prior to contact, though European missionaries later created a system of writing (OCCC, 1986). By the early 1800s, European traders noted that a mixed Cree-Ojibway dialect was spoken by Indigenous people who lived in territories shared by the Lowland Cree and Northern Ojibway, where mixing and intermarriage was common (Lytwyn, 2002); this became what is today referred to as *Anishininiimowin* (Oji-Cree).

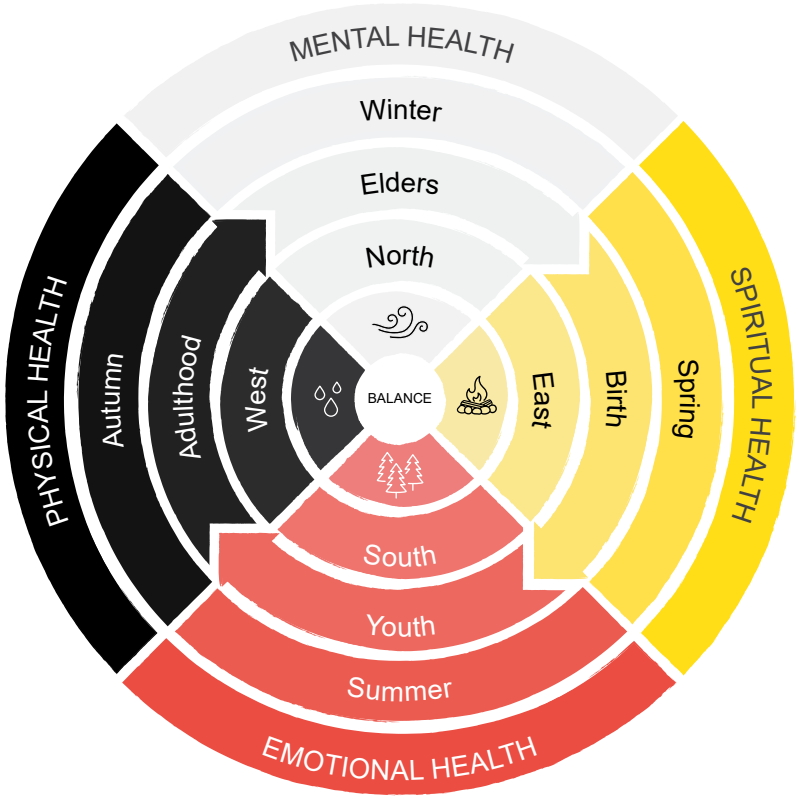




2.1.4 Learning and Knowledge Building

Indigenous educational traditions have been described as holistic whereby the learning process had to address the whole person, including the intellectual, spiritual, emotional, and physical dimensions (RCAP, 1996a). The process of learning and knowledge building among Indigenous people was considered a life-long process rooted in personal experience, ceremony, reflection and sharing (Simpson, 2000b), and recognition and honouring of the relationships with and within the natural world (McGregor, 2013).

Rituals, storytelling, and harvesting and gathering practices out on the land were foundational for conveying worldviews and handing down instructions for maintaining balance in the natural and spiritual worlds through the generations (Honor the Earth, 2017). As described by Johnston et al. (2018), Indigenous knowledge "originates in oral sources (conversations, stories, traditional teachings) in the day-to-day practices of Indigenous peoples according to Indigenous worldviews and including insights from the spirit world" (p. 4). The knowledge-transfer activities of rituals, ceremonies, storytelling and practices on the land were often directly tied to the place the knowledge relates to (Honor the Earth, 2017); that is, Indigenous knowledge sharing was not only relational in nature but also place-based.





Leanne Simpson (2000b) explored Anishinaabe ways of learning and identified a variety of important learning modalities, including dreaming, ceremonies, learning by doing (experiential learning), and storytelling. Dreaming, visioning, and ceremonies were considered important paths for knowledge transmission from the spiritual world to humans (Simpson, 2000b). Being on the land was considered critical for experiential learning, and young people learned how to participate by practicing the tasks and skills they would need to perform as adults (Antoine *et al*., 2018). Learning by observation was an important component of experiential learning. The Anishinaabeg often relied on plants, animals, and spiritual entities as teachers, each offering gifts and lessons of caring and sharing that were accessed through careful observation (Simpson, 2000b). For example, plants and animals could offer lessons based on where and when they grow, how they multiply, how they provide food for others, and who they prefer the company of, and who they avoid (Raven at el., 1998, as cited in Simpson, 2000b).

Storytelling was an important way to teach principles and values. There were various forms of stories, including stories of origin, sacred stories, stories of personal experience, and stories that convey laws, responsibilities, morals, values and life lessons, all of which were grounded in one's intimate relationship with the land (Fontaine, 2020). In oral tradition, storytellers may impart their own life and experience when telling stories, and the listeners filtered stories through their own experiences and reflective thinking to make them relevant to their own lives (Peltier, 2021). The meaning that was drawn from a story may depend on who was telling it, and the circumstances in which it was told in terms of time, place, and situation of the telling. Storytelling tradition is non-linear and cyclical in perspective. Time can be represented in different ways; while stories find their origins in the past, they can also speak to the present (RCAP, 1996b).



As described by Anishinaabe educator David Anderson (2002), traditionally children were often raised by their immediate and extended families, and taught the "big story" and the abstract messages of Anishinaabe being from infancy. Generally, children learned to listen and observe, and they watched as the community worked together to ensure the survival of all; role modelling was an important aspect of teaching (Bell, 2013). Children were expected to take the abstract concepts, morals, and values they were exposed to through storytelling, and develop them into their own meaningful relationships with all elements of the natural and spiritual world (Anderson, 200 2; Bell, 2013).

2.1.5 Governance and Legal Principles



Both the Anishinaabeg and the Omushkegowuk had their own forms of governance in place prior to contact with Europeans. As noted by Anishinaabe legal scholar John Borrows (2002), Indigenous peoples developed spiritual, political, and social conventions to guide relationships with each other and the natural environment, and "these customs and conventions became the foundations of many complex systems of government and law" (p. 47). Leadership among the Indigenous peoples in the region was observed to be markedly different from European societies, and European observers were "impressed by the lack of rigid, hierarchical political order among the Indians" (Lytwyn, 2002, p. 20).

The Anishinaabeg were traditionally governed by a hereditary clan system, the *Doodemaag*. Early accounts from the late 17th century indicate that the Anishinaabeg constituted their governments as *doodem* (clan) beings who met in council, and specific *doodem* beings took on responsibility for roles and places (Bohaker, 2020). *Doodems* were most often animals, but they could also be a tree or a *Manitou* (e.g., thunderbirds, mermen, underwater *manidoos*), and they tied people to specific places those *doodems* inhabited (Corbiere, 2019). Anishinaabe historian William Warren noted that Northern Ojibway *doodems* included Sucker, Goose, Beaver, Sturgeon, Gull, hawk, Cormorant, and Whitefish (Lytwyn, 2002). Each animal symbolized an ideal to be sought (Johnston, 1987). For example, "the leadership role in councils that was undertaken by members of the Loon *doodem* was visually reinforced by the fact that the common markings of loons has markings around its neck, resembling the wampum shell collars that leaders wore to indicate their status and political role" (Warren & Neill, 1885, as cited in Bohaker, 2020, p. 61).

The *doodem* was the foundation of Anishinaabe identity, exemplified by the fact that Anishinaabe leaders meeting in council signed colonial documents with imaged representing their *doodem* identities (Bohaker, 2020). Individuals were born into their *doodem*, which came from the father's side of the family (Bohaker, 2020). However, people could be adopted into a willing clan when seasonal cycles led to movements inland or upriver that led to a summer identity and a winter identity (Witgen, 2013, as cited in Corbiere, 2019). Marriages often functioned as micro-alliances that brought different *doodemag* together, sometimes from considerable distances away, for important social and political connections.



Given the role marriage had as an alliance-making institution, it was reinforced by a taboo against marrying someone from within the same *doodem* (Bohaker, 2020).

Each *doodem* had its own leadership system (common council), which may have involved an *ogimaa* (chief), an *aanikeogimaa* (second chief, deputy), and *gichi-Anishinabek* (elders, councillors), all of whom were leaders of their own *indinaakonigewin* (those whom one overwintered with, a group of usually 20-40 people) (Miller, 2010). In addition to these leaders, women's councils and warrior councils served to advise and significantly influence decisions. Each of these councils also had leaders (Bohaker, 2020). According to Miller (2010), women's councils were a central component of Anishinaabe governance, and women had defined political roles. One woman, an *ogimaakwe* or chief woman, would present the results of the women's council findings to the men during gatherings (Miller, 2010). Women could also hold the role of the *ogimaa* (Bohaker, 2020). Warrior councils had a responsibility to protect their people (Bohaker, 2020).

Historically, common councils met regularly and were responsible for local affairs, including where and what to hunt, where family groups reside through the seasons, settling conflicts and disputes in the community, and family alliances (Bohaker, 2020). Both women's and warrior councils provided common councils with advice on these matters (Bohaker, 2020). General councils between common councils occurred at least annually if not semi-annually, as part of the seasonal round. General councils were places at which alliances between common councils were established and renewed (Bohaker, 2020).

As noted by Bohaker (2020), leaders were expected to be generous with their wealth and "good leaders accumulated wealth in order to give it away" (p. 139). Their intended role was as "stewards" who took care of the people and the land. Leadership was not absolutely hierarchical and individuals could hold several leadership roles, with their status depending on their own personal gifts, expertise, and their *doodem* (Bohaker, 2020). Governance practices were primarily consensus-based through councils and alliances (Bohaker, 2020); this is reflected in Anishinaabe oral histories that demonstrate consultative and consensus-based leadership models through story (Borrows, 2010). Common practice was for leaders to exercise their authority *with* their community, not *over* them (Mills, 2019). *Doodem* kin ties could create and sustain lateral connections between different councils, and reinforce the political principle of interdependence through alliance (Bohaker, 2020).

Anishinaabe *aadizookaanag* (sacred stories) explain the origins of the *doodem* tradition: human beings are descended from, and therefore kin to, the other-than-human beings who are their *doodem*. To share a *doodem* was to be immediate kin. Indigenous worldview on kinship may be reflective of the idea of shared souls rather than shared blood, and "understanding this distinction is critical for understanding the concept of personhood in Anishinaabe law" (Bohaker, 2020, p. 53).

The governance structure of the Anishinaabe people was formalized through the *Niswi-mishkodewinan* (Three Fires Confederacy) of the Ojibway (Chippewas), Odaawa and Potawatomi Nations. The three groups shared similar languages and territories, and met for military and political purposes. Each group had a distinct role in the confederacy: the Ojibway were the providers and knowledge keepers of medicine and faith, the Odaawa were the warriors and keepers of trade, and the Potawatomi were the firekeepers who took care of the three fires (nations) and made sure they were strong. The fire was central to the governance structure, and continues to be so to this day (Anishinabek Nation, 2023a; Anishinabek Nation, 2023b).

While the Omushkegowuk did not have a clan system like that of the Anishinaabeg, they did have a kinship system where the family was the major self-governing unit, and extended family were involved to support each member in living up to their responsibilities (RCAP, 1996c; Wastesicoot, 2015). Elders served various functions based on their skills, including as storytelling historians, advisors, and counsellors to young people and others (Wastesicoot, 2015).







The Omushkegowuk had a leadership structure with *okimâw* (leaders) who were respected for their ability to make good decisions with respect to hunting practices and rules (Lytwyn, 2002). The *okimâw* were not intended to rule with force or dictate the lives of those who followed them, but rather, they were expected to display leadership based on their life skills, experience, and wisdom (Lytwyn, 2002), and their exemplary connection with the land, knowledge of the animals (Preston, 1990, as cited in Brekes *et al*., 1991). They did not have the right to impose decisions on others – leadership was meant to be consultative (Lytwyn, 2002), and decisions were accepted by consensus (Preston, 1990, as cited in Brekes *et al*., 1991). Similarly to the *ogimaa* of the Anishinaabeg, generosity, compassion, and a strong capacity to care for others were important attributes of *okimâw* (Wastesicoot, 2015). Heredity was noted to be an important factor, with leadership observed to be passed down from fathers to sons (Lytwyn, 2002). However, leadership roles were not necessarily inherited, and the *okimâw* remained as leader as long as they were able to maintain the respect of community members; if they lost this, the next person with high standing could assume the leadership role (Mandelbaum, 1979, as cited in Wastesicoot, 2015).



Women played an important role in the kinship system and decision-making processes of the Omushkegowuk (Walker, 2021). Historically, women in Cree society were the keepers of all stories and laws. McAdams (2015) notes that within Cree culture existed the clan mothers or warrior women whose role was to provide the legal "system" of the Cree people, and they were respected for their ability to show compassion and care for the people. Women were highly respected for their sacred role as bearers and teachers of future generations, and they were not only in charge of the 'household', but also the well-being of the community (Hookimaw-Witt, 2006). The knowledge of men and women was often considered complementary, and both were important for leadership. As noted by Hookimaw-Witt (2006), in Cree society, while the men had more knowledge about resources in the hunting territory, women had more knowledge about the resources they harvested and managed (small mammals, fish, and plants). Thus, in the realm of Cree politics, both genders had decision-making powers in their own domains, and through interactions with the other gender's decisions (Hookimaw-Witt, 2006). In addition, in both Anishinaabe and Mushkegowuk cultures it was women who were historically the voice for water, as both hold the important role of giver of life (Chief of Ontario, 2008; Chiblow, 2020).

Borrows (2002) suggests that "Indigenous laws originated in the political, economic, spiritual and social values expressed through the teachings and behaviour of knowledgeable and respected individuals and elders" (p. 13), and their principles are expressed through the stories, ceremonies, and traditions of Indigenous peoples across the country (Borrows, 2002). The instructions, laws, and ethics conveyed in Indigenous stories guided people on how to conduct themselves (McGregor, 2013). As noted by Borrows (2002), oral histories may inherently express Indigenous laws as they represent the accumulated wisdom and experiences of Indigenous peoples' conflict resolution. They record patterns of past disputes and their solutions while allowing for re-creation to meet emerging needs more easily, and do not depend on finding the first telling of the event, as common law does (Borrows, 2002).

The requirements for maintaining harmonious relationships among all beings have been referred to as Indigenous 'natural law' (McGregor, 2013). Among the Anishinaabeg, understanding the natural world as kin, as brothers and sisters, was a critical piece to Anishinaabe law (Fontaine, 2020). This is reflected in the sacred law of *Nda-Nwendaaganag* (all my relations), which acknowledges that all things in the universe are gifts from the Creator and have meaning and purpose. Further, all things are interconnected and important to one another, and respect is afforded to all of Creation (Anishinabek Nation Legal Department, 2018).



According to oral history, it is said that sacred or natural law was given to the Anishinaabeg by the Creator through their *Mino-Bimaadiziwin* (way of living the good life), language, philosophies, and ceremonies (Watts, 2010). *Mino-Bimaadiziwin* is representative of the relationship that the Anishinaabeg have with everything around them, and the understanding that everything is alive, and everything is related (Bell, 2013). It is a traditional legal principle rooted in all Anishinaabeg (Anishinabek Nation Legal Department, 2018). *Mino-Bimaadiziwin* was expected to be lived according seven original (ancestral) teachings that provide guiding principles for the way in which individuals are to treat each other and the natural environment (Bell, 2013; Seven Generations Education Institute, 2021):



Debwewin (truth) – To speak only to the extent we have lived or experienced. Represented by the turtle as the turtle was here during the creation of Earth and carries the teachings of life on his back.



Dabasendiziwin (humility) – To think lower of oneself in relation to all that sustains us. Represented by the wolf, who lives for his pack and the ultimate shame is to be an outcast.



Manaaji'idiwin (respect) – To go easy on one another and all of Creation. Represented by the buffalo as the buffalo gives every part of his being to sustain the human way of living, and respects the balance and needs of others.



Zaagi'idiwin (love) – Unconditional love between one another including all of Creation, humans and non-humans. The eagle represents love because he has the strength to carry all of the teachings.



Gwayakwaadiziwin (honesty) – To live correctly and with virtue. Represented by either the raven or the sabe (sasquatch) as they both understand who they are and how to walk in their life.



Zoongide'ewin (courage) – To live with a solid, strong heart. Represented by the bear. The mother bear has the courage and strength to face her fears and challenges while protecting her young. To face life with courage is bravery.



Nibwaakaawin (wisdom) – To live with vision. The beaver represents wisdom because he uses his natural gift by altering the environment for his family's survival.

The Omushkegowuk shared similar natural law and legal principles. *Wahkotowin* (having relations to all) was a central aspect of Cree natural law, and speaks to the interconnectedness of all things (Cardinal, 2007). According to the late Cree scholar and lawyer Harold Cardinal (2007), *Wahkotowin* is one of the most comprehensive doctrines of law among Cree people, and it contains a subset of laws (values) that establish principles that govern the conduct and behaviour of individuals within the family environment, within their communities, and with others outside the community. These principles are enshrined in the seven sacred teachings, or the seven scared laws (Wastesicoot, 2015):



Pakwaynamatowin (sharing);



Sahkiwewin (love);



Kistenchikewin (respect;



Kiskentamowin (wisdom);



Tapatenimowin (humility);



Tapwewin (honesty); and,



Sokenimowin (courage).

Similar to the Anishinaabe concept of *Mino-Bimaadiziwin*, the Cree concept of *Mino-Pimatisiwin* represents the cyclical nature of life and provides guidance on how to live in a good way with oneself, their community, and the natural world (Gaudet & Chilton, 2018). Connection to the land is central to the concept of *Mino-Pimatisiwin* (Gaudet & Chilton, 2018), as is respecting natural law.

2.1.6 Resource Management and Stewardship

Communal management of resources was a common feature of many Indigenous resource-use systems (Berkes, 1989, as cited in Berkes *et al*., 1991). Resources were considered the property and responsibility of all, and those that utilized them in an area were considered "stewards" who oversaw community norms and rules about their use, which were often comprehensive (Berkes *et al*., 1991). Collective, consensus-based decision making and enforcement of agreed-upon rules among group members was often the norm (Feit, 1986, as cited in Berkes *et al*., 1991).

Feit (2004) suggests that some form of hunting territories likely existed among Algonquian hunters in the northern Boreal areas. This would have enabled them to respond to disruptions caused by larger-scale forest fires, and / or resource depletions where groups displaced by these disturbances would have sought to resettle on lands used by adjacent groups of hunters and their families. In his study of hunting territories among the Northern Ojibwa, Bishop (1970) suggests that prior to settlement of interior northern Ontario by traders in the 1770s, hunting groups remained large throughout the year and moved *en masse* within a roughly defined region. Available records indicate a gradual stabilization of hunting groups in certain regions around major lakes and waterways following settlement in the region. By the late 1850s, there were fully developed hunting territories in the upper Albany River drainage area (Bishop, 1970). Leacock (1954, as cited in Bishop, 1970) suggests that the emergence of defined hunting areas held by family units after contact was driven by:



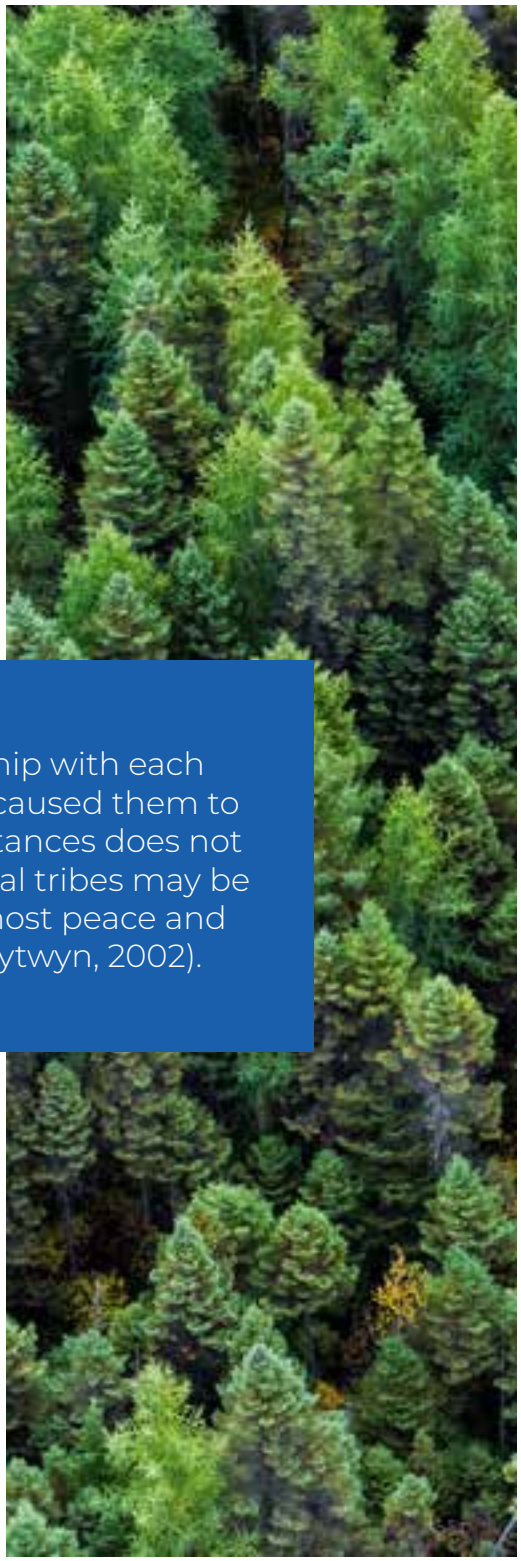
- Increasing scarcity in resources due to overharvesting, forcing bands to split into family units;
- Increasing access to store foods, enabling family units to be more self-sufficient;
- Weakened cooperative bonds among band members as economic ties were transferred from within the group to the trader;
- Non-migratory furbearers could be efficiently exploited by small family units;
- Preference among traders for dealing with individuals rather than groups; and,
- Hindered mobility with increasing dependence on single trading posts.

Within the literature, most available information on pre-contact land and resource management among the Indigenous peoples of northern Ontario pertains to the James Bay Cree, as these were among the first Indigenous peoples in northwestern North America to come in contact with Europeans. Comparatively, there is little information available on the social and economic life among the Ojibway north of Lake Superior in the early stages of contact because there were few literate traders in the area to describe it (Bishop, 1976) and few Europeans ventured inland from the coast until long after the trading posts had been settled (Lytwyn, 2002).

Lytwyn (2002) studied archived fur trade records of the Hudson Bay Company and reported that prior to contact, specific groups the Lowland Cree (Omushkegowuk) were usually named after prominent physiographic features, especially river basins. These basins were often used by winter hunting groups comprised of several related families (as described in **Section 2.1.1**), and led by a hunter or elder who was respected for their ability to make good decisions regarding hunting practices and rules (Preston, 1990, as cited in Berkes *et al.*, 1991). Within the hunting ranges, a smaller (core) area could be used

more intensively as a base camp from which hunters ventured over larger areas in search of big game (Preston, n.d., as cited in Tsuji *et al.*, 2011). The transmission of family-based hunting ranges was typically from father to son, but exceptions were documented (Cummins, 1992).

Based on the research of Lytwyn (2002), hunting groups did not have exclusive rights to their basins (hunting ranges), and there was considerable movement between the river-basin hunting groups. Early traders reported many examples of people moving back and forth between river basins, and commented on the freedom of Lowland Cree people (Omushkegowuk) to hunt and travel without restriction; this pattern of land use was also observed inland among the Upland Cree and Northern Ojibway (Lytwyn, 2002). As recorded by a trader named George Holdsworth in 1815:



> "the tribes generally live in peace and friendship with each other, and altho the necessity of migration has caused them to encroach on each others territories the circumstances does not appear to have given rise to jealousies, and several tribes may be seen occupying the track of country in the utmost peace and harmony" (HBCA, B.135/e/1, fo. 4d, as cited in Lytwyn, 2002).

As cited in Tsuji et al. (2011), Honigmann (1956) contends that "the notion of territorial [i.e., circumscribed, rigid boundaries] ownership by families did not appear until after the arrival of the Hudson's Bay Company" (p. 64); prior to this, boundaries were fluid.

The recognition of the inter-relation of all of creation, the dependence of humankind on other beings for survival, and the principles of respect, reciprocity, and responsibility (as described in **Section 2.1.2**) serve as underpinnings of Indigenous land stewardship –

something that was considered a sacred responsibility bestowed upon them by the Creator (Davidson-Hunt *et al*., 2005; Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021). There was an understanding that without balanced relationships with the environment, their own generation as well as those in the future were at risk. As noted by Luby et al. (2021), "Anishinaabe Elders teach youth to live with humility and recognize that nonhuman lifeforms can survive without human intervention, but humankind depends on plants and animals for subsistence" (p. 5). According to the Anishinaabeg worldview, in return for the gifts provided to humankind, the Creator placed a moral, custodial responsibility on them referred to as the principle of *gimiinigoowizimin gaaganawendang*, which means 'keeper of the gifts' (Davidson-Hunt *et al*., 2005). Among the Anishinaabeg, feasts were held to respect the beings who made life possible during the past season, and for the beings that were to sustain people in the coming season (Davidson-Hunt & Berkes, 2003).



The responsibility to be stewards of the lands was also prominent among the Omushkegowuk. Berkes et al. (1991) contend that "the core of Cree culture is traditionally based on land stewardship activities, skills, and ethics" (p. 15). As told by Fort Albany First Nation elders (see Tsuji & Nieboer, 1999), each season corresponded to a period of time when one or a group of species were abundant and accessible, and just enough animals of a particular species would be harvested for subsistence and sharing. As other species became more plentiful or accessible, harvesting of the next species would begin. This switching of harvesting pressures was intended to prevent overharvesting in one season, which could have negative consequences on that species and thus the community.

Stewardship responsibilities were often conveyed through stories. For example, as told by Geniusz (2015), the Anishinaabe story "The Year the Roses Died" teaches that the gift of Creation requires careful stewardship. Rabbit was blamed by a council of animals for eating all the roses. A *Manitou* (spirit) appears and tells the council (p. 14): "Killing the *Waabooz* [rabbit] will not bring back the roses. You all noticed that the roses were in trouble, and you all decided to take your own shares even if it meant killing the roses forever. There is no honor in this. This is not keeping creation in balance as you were told to do in the Beginning Time." The story describes how the animals failed in the responsibility to consider the needs of others, and highlights the importance of relationality for stewardship (Campeau, 2019).

2.2 Post-Contact Context

Indigenous peoples interacted with European explorers as early as 1000 AD, but it was not until permanent settlements were established in the 17th and 18th centuries when prolonged contact occurred (CIRNAC, 2017). Soon after the establishment of British and French colonies in what is now eastern Canada, alliances with Indigenous peoples were established to support various interests, including the commercial interests of the newcomers. Utilizing existing Indigenous trade routes, a vast trade network focused on beaver pelts was established between the English and the French and their Indigenous allies. Trade spurred new exploration through the Great Lakes basin, and further east and south (CIRNAC, 2017). Explorers and trappers also became interested in the rich trapping grounds north of Lake Superior and beyond, but the overland journeys from the Great Lakes were challenging. As a result, French explorers sailed through the Hudson Bay in 1668 to establish trade relations and access the heart of fur country (McIntosh & Smith, 2022). This expedition led to the establishment of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1670 (Finch, 2013).

The profitability of the fur trade led to significant competition, and various European and Indigenous interests often clashed violently, with various Indigenous groups displaced from their territories as a result. In 1701, France and the 40 Indigenous groups around the Great Lakes basin entered the Great Peace Treaty to end the violence. Indigenous groups formed both military and commercial (trade) alliances with groups from England and France as power struggles between the two countries intensified (CIRNAC, 2017).

The fall of Montreal in 1760 put an end to French colonial efforts in what would become Canada. To establish peaceful relations with the Indigenous allies of France, the British undertook a series of "Peace and Friendship" treaties. In 1763, France officially ceded its colonial territories with the Treaty of Paris and ended over 150 years of European competition and conflict. That same year, King George III issued a Royal Proclamation, which specified how the British colonies were to be administered and established a framework for the British Crown to acquire Indigenous interests in land through treaties. The Proclamation also established strict protocols for dealing with Indians, including that only the Crown could purchase land from them. Thus, the Proclamation was the first public recognition of First Nations' rights to lands and title (CIRNAC, 2017).



For the next 120 years, the relationship between First Nations and the British Crown transformed from one of allyship to wardship, driven by the influx of newcomers following the American war of Independence (1775-1783) and the War of 1812 (1812-1815), greater demand for land by settlers as a result, increasing costs of supplying gifts to First Nations groups to ensure their loyalty, and declines in the fur trade (Pettit, 2016; CIRNAC, 2017). With a need for more land and military threats fading, the relationship between Indigenous peoples and settlers shifted from one where Indigenous peoples could be considered necessary allies, to one where they could be considered obstacles to growth. What followed was a series of treaties and legislative developments that increased Crown authority over First Nations and lands reserved for them (CIRNAC, 2017).

Section 2.1.1 to **2.2.10** describe the post-contact context, including: the fur trade; early legislation and policy and associated impacts on Indigenous peoples; the numbered treaties established in the region; perspectives on Aboriginal and Métis Rights; and legislative developments that have governed natural resource and land use.



2.2.1 Fur Trade and the Hudson's Bay Company

The Hudson's Bay Company was established by the King of England with a royal charter in 1670, recognizing the economic importance of the fur trade. The charter granted special powers to a corporation of established and wealthy gentlemen, who formed the Hudson's Bay Company. These special powers included exclusive rights to trade, mineral claims, and governance over the entire Hudson Bay drainage area (OCCC, 1986), which makes up a third of what is known today as Canada. However, the charter created no political or legal rights over Indigenous peoples living in the vast territory (Archives of Ontario, n.d.). The Charter named the vast area "Rupert's Land" after the King's cousin and the Hudson's Bay Company's first governor, Prince Rupert.

French fur trappers had already visited the region, but the Hudson's Bay Company was the first to establish permanent trading posts and presence in the region in 1679, with a trading post at Fort Albany on James Bay. The French-British competition for furs eventually led the Hudson's Bay Company to move inland to establish trading posts nearer to the Indigenous hunters who were supplying it furs, and settlements sprang up around the posts (CIRNAC, 2017). In 1743, the Hudson's Bay Company established the first inland trading post, the Henley House, on the north shore of the Albany River. It was moved further south in 1796 and remained operation until 1857. A trading post was first established at Martin's (Marten) Falls on the Albany River in 1794, although it was closed five years later in 1799. In 1818, the Hudson's Bay Company founded a new post at Marten Falls to take the place of Gloucester House, another nearby trading post which was established in 1774. This new post remained operational until 1924. Following the closure of the post, the Marten Falls First Nation community was relocated to the present-day community location of Ogoki Post, approximately 64 km downriver and east (Handfield, 2020). By 1870, the Hudson's Bay Company had 97 trading posts in Rupert's Land (Archives of Ontario, n.d.). A post was established at Fort Hope (present day Eabametoong First Nation) in 1894, and a post at Lansdowne House (present day Neskantaga First Nation) was established in 1900.





The trading posts became a centre for trade relationships and social gatherings during summertime. Pacts between Indigenous peoples living in the region and the Hudson's Bay Company made commerce possible (Archives of Ontario, n.d.). The early trading posts, including Fort Albany, became the base for an extensive trade alliance with the Cree, who became a sort of intermediary between the company and interior Indigenous groups (CIRNAC, 2017). The Albany River became a major east-west trading route as it linked James Bay with the Winnipeg River (Morse, 1968). The Hudson's Bay Company relied on Indigenous knowledge of the area, the animals, and the tools needed for travel and survival, as well as Indigenous trappers to supply valuable furs (OCCC, 1986).

For over 200 years, furs, meat, feathers and handmade objects were bartered at trading posts or factories set up at strategic locations, where dozens of families could gather for a few weeks in the summer to socialize and make collective decisions, including with respect to land use (Long, 2011). During this time, Indigenous peoples became increasingly more dependent on the fur trade, and supplies and items that were previously considered luxuries were now considered necessities; many aspects of Indigenous lifeways were changed by European products (OCCC, 1986). As a result, the traditional economies of Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabeg and the Omushkegowuk, began to change. With the introduction of money and European goods, Indigenous men began finding seasonal employment on the York boats (boats used by the Hudson's Bay Company for trade and the transport of goods) and steamboats on the Albany and Attawapiskat Rivers, or building Hudson's Bay Company forts. Some Indigenous people were taught how to keep stores (MFFN & OMNRF, 2020).

As the fur trade became more profitable, some free traders organized themselves to form the Northwest Company, which grew rapidly and became the Hudson's Bay Company's major rival, with open conflicts arising. The fur trade war intensified until 1821, when the Hudson's Bay Company merged with the Northwest Company (OCCC, 1986), extending the Hudson's Bay Company's fur trade monopoly to the Pacific Ocean (Archives of Ontario, n.d.). Without the competition that made them necessary, some trading posts were closed, and trading options for Indigenous peoples became fewer (Finch, 2013). The





Hudson's Bay Company monopoly lasted until 1869, when the company transferred its deed for the area to the English Crown (Canada) for $1.5 million to enable westward expansion and settlement. In the transfer, Canada had agreed to a "Protection Pledge" that ensured it would protect the interests of Indigenous peoples living in the territory. The transfer took place without consultation with the Anishinaabeg or Omushkegowuk, who didn't believed that the Hudson's Bay Company or the Crown had sovereignty over the land in the first place (Archives of Ontario, n.d.).

The presence of the Hudson's Bay Company had profound effects on Indigenous peoples across Canada, including the Anishinaabeg and Omushkegowuk. In addition to the lifestyle changes associated with the economic transition, many Indigenous peoples of the region faced starvation in the 19th century, especially between 1820 and 1880. Animals important for both food and the fur trade became scarce because of natural population cycles, over-harvesting, and overhunting. The Hudson's Bay Company reduced trapping operations in areas where beaver populations were exhausted. Moose almost entirely disappeared from what is now northern Ontario in the period from 1780 to 1930, shifting pressures to smaller game and fish and increasing reliance on foods purchased from trading posts (OCCC, 1986). Caribou also became increasingly rare. The disappearance of these animals meant leather and cloth had to be purchased to avoid cutting up pelts. The transition to small game and fish also led to more time spent settled in areas where these resources are found rather than out in the hunting territory (Bishop, 1970).

The influx of traders and settlers also brought new diseases such as measles, smallpox, whooping cough, influenza, and tuberculosis, all previously unknown to Indigenous peoples. This led to many deaths, especially among elders (OCCC, 1986). Alcohol was also introduced, with devastating effects on Indigenous populations (CIRNAC, 2017).

With the rapid spread of trade came missionaries dedicated to spreading and promoting their faith. Two religions were introduced to the Anishinaabeg and Omushkegowuk: Anglican by the English and Catholicism by the French. Much like how the English and French had competed in the fur trade, the two religions competed for the conversion of Indigenous peoples into their respective churches. This led to severe restrictions on Indigenous beliefs, ceremonies, and practices, such as drumming and dancing, as they were considered pagan and devil worship. Christian ceremonies replaced Indigenous ones, and missionaries encouraged the use of biblical or European names (OCCC, 1986).





2.2.2 Métis Peoples

Decades of intermarriage between English and French traders and explorers with First Nation women created new and distinct communities along waterways and trade posts and routes around the Great Lakes in what is present day Ontario (MNO, 2023a). These communities were historically referred to as "half-breed" or "Métis", a word used to describe individuals with mixed Indigenous and European ancestry. The term half-breed was more commonly applied to English-speaking descendants of English or Scottish traders and explorers, who were often of the Anglican denomination, while the term Métis was more commonly applied to French-speaking descendants of French traders and explorers, who were often of the Catholic denomination (Foster, 1978). However, the term half-breed fell out of use as it became derogatory (racist) in nature and Métis is now used for people of both French- and English-speaking heritage (Gaudry, 2009).

The Cree had two names for the Métis: *âpihtawikosisân* meaning 'half people' and *otipêyimisowak* meaning the 'independent ones'. The Ojibway referred to the Métis as *wisahkotewan niniwak* meaning 'men partially burned' (Teillet, 2013).

The origins of Métis peoples and communities are closely tied to the emergence of the fur trade in North America. The arrival of European explorers in eastern Canada in the 1600s led to unions with Indigenous communities through marriage (Dumont, 2017). As the fur trade and competition among the French, English, and Indigenous groups intensified through the 17th century, French traders were encouraged to seek marriage alliances with Indigenous peoples to establish the kinship basis for trade and military activities (Foster, 1978). These strategic alliances continued until French colonial efforts officially ended in 1763 with the ceding of New France to Britain (see **Section 2.2**), upon which time Indigenous peoples in the Great Lakes region rebelled against British rule. With increased hostility between Indigenous peoples and the British in the last few decades of the 18th century, the French practice of establishing alliances with Indigenous peoples through marriage and peace and friendship treaties was adopted (Surtees, 1975, as cited in Foster, 1978).

Initially, children of mixed European and Indigenous ancestry were classified as either Indian or European based on their way of life rather than race. The socio-cultural identity of children was primarily associated with that of their mother: if she remained with her Indian band, then the child was considered an Indian, but if she resided in a trading post for an extended period, the child was considered European (Brown, 1978, as cited in Foster, 1978). However, distinct Métis settlements began to emerge as the Métis population increased, and Métis people began to identify as a separate group rather than simply extensions of their maternal (First Nations) or paternal (European) relations (MNO, 2023a).

As the fur trade expanded north and westward, new trade routes were established, leading to new Métis communities along them (Dumont, 2017). Métis settlements emerged along waterways and watersheds in Ontario as an outgrowth of the fur trade. These settlements were part of larger regional communities, interconnected by (MNO, 2023b):

- The highly mobile lifestyle of the Métis;
- The fur trade network;
- Seasonal rounds;
- Extensive kinship connections; and,
- A shared collective history and identity.

Peterson (1985) described the Great Lakes Métis during the 18th century as “people in the process of becoming” given that although they may not have been self-consciously Métis before 1815, “their distinctiveness was fully apparent to outsiders, if not to themselves” (p. 39). By the early 19th century, there was a historically significant population of Métis descendants in the Great Lakes region of Ontario who had developed a network of trading villages and towns long the shorelines of rivers and lakes (Peterson, 1978, 1985). The Métis settlement at Fort Williams (in present-day Thunder Bay, historically known as Port Arthur) is recognized as one of the two first Métis settlements in Canada (Tronrud & Epps, 1995, as cited in Gale, 1998). According to Peterson (1978), this network of marital and fur-trade alliances among the Great Lakes Métis communities suggested that a larger regional Métis identity had developed.



The Red River Métis Settlement has been regarded as the site of the culmination of Métis political consciousness. Canada's purchase of Rupert's Land from the Hudson's Bay Company in 1869 was undertaken without consultation of the Métis residing there. In response, and given concerns about Métis rights, a National Committee of Métis (effectively a provisional government) was established, with Louis Riel as the leader, to stop the land transfer until Métis rights and title were recognized. This action and events that followed became known as the Red River Rebellion and led to the establishment of the Province of Manitoba (Ouellet & Hanson, 2009). Further discussion of Métis rights is provided in **Section 2.2.10.1**.



Dickason (1985) contends that the Métis ethnic consciousness was crystalized in the new Far Northwest (present-day prairies region of Canada) where the pressures of settlement were much lower, Métis communities were far more isolated, and the fur-trade continued to flourish. Many French speaking Métis from the Upper Great Lakes region migrated north and west to the Red River Settlement (in present-day Manitoba) through the early- to mid-19th century. This migration was a result of increasing settlement in the Upper Great Lakes region, significant depletions in fur-bearing animals (Peterson, 1978), and a preference to continue fur-trade practices rather than adopt agricultural ones (Ens, 1996). The Métis of Red River and the Great Lakes Métis were often connected through marriage and kinship practices (Gaudry, 2009). By the mid-19th century, descendants with mixed ancestry were no longer being persuaded to make a choice between Indigenous and European identities, and a distinct and unified sense of Métis identity had emerged (Brown, 1985).

The early ethnic identity among Métis was based on a strong association with and reliance on the fur trade, an independent lifestyle, a lack of agricultural development, subsistence practices to provide clothing and tools, and a lack of established land rights (Peterson, 1978). Both Indigenous and European cultural traditions were adapted and merged into the clothing, food, medical practices, languages, beliefs, and customs of Métis communities (Peterson, 1978). Many First Nations women who were part of

Métis families maintained close ties with their ancestral communities, and many of their traditional lifeways and cultural practices were preserved in Métis communities. For example, Ojibway and/or Cree languages were spoken in many Métis communities in the Great Lakes (Foster, 1985). In addition, many Indigenous groups (including the Anishinaabe and Cree) had close relations with the Métis and shared the land and ways of life on it, as well as aspects of culture and language. Prior to the establishment of First Nation reserves (see **Section 2.2.6**), First Nations and Métis shared territory, usually peacefully (Teillet, 2013). It was also common for First Nations and Métis families to travel on hunting expeditions together (Chartrand, 2007).

According to Chartrand (2017), while the identity boundaries between First Nations and Métis were porous and there was a lot of transfer between them, the core identity distinctions were present. An important distinction with respect to legal traditions related to land was that the Métis did recognize individual title and ownership (unlike the collective ownership perspectives of First Nations), which was part of their European heritage understanding (Chartrand, 2017).







Many Métis families flourished and spread further west and north with the expansion of the fur trade. The genetic diversity of Métis peoples enabled them to be more resilient to European diseases, and the Métis also had many allied First Nations families. In addition, the Métis were able to serve as intermediaries between European and First Nations cultures, enabling them to work as guides, interpreters, fur traders, and suppliers of goods to new forts and trading companies. As a result, the Métis became the largest Indigenous merchant family in North America, and strong competition against less acclimatized Europeans (Carrière, 2017). The transportation of goods and the development of many settlements could be attributed to the hard work of the Métis (Redbird, 1980, as cited in Peressini, 2000).

Prior to the 1800s, the British government was largely unaware of the existence of the Métis (Hayter, 2017). In 1810, the Royal Society reported the successes of the Métis to the British Crown, which set the stage for the primary policy of the British to remove the Métis as a threat to settlement (Carrière, 2017).

By the mid-19th century, British authorities had developed a policy of Métis collective non-recognition. In addition to the perceived threat that the Métis posed to colonial expansion, the Métis also posed a potential threat to colonial aspirations for civilization. To acknowledge the Métis as a distinct group could have been likened to acknowledging the failures of colonial policy to assimilate and "civilize" First Nation peoples, which would be inconsistent with colonial objectives of progress (Chartrand, 2017).

In 1884, in the face of increasing settlement in the west following Canada's purchase of Rupert's Land, and in defense of Métis ancestral rights, the leader of the National Commission of Métis (Louis Riel) organized a petition to the Government of Canada. The petition requested (Ouellet and Hanson, 2009):

- Title to the lands already occupied by Métis families;
- Provincial status for Saskatchewan, Alberta and Red River; and,
- Better treatment of all Indigenous peoples.

An unsatisfactory response from the government led to the Northwest Rebellion or Riel Rebellion of 1885, leading to hundreds of deaths and defeat by federal troops. For their roles, Riel and other Métis and First Nations leaders were arrested, and Riel was subsequently hung as a message to the Métis who challenged Canada's western expansion goals (MNO, 2023a). Following the rebellion, the first Prime Minister of Canada, Sir John A. McDonald, in effect denied the existence of the Métis as a distinct group when he stated that they must consider themselves either Indian or white (Sealey, 1980, as cited in Peressini, 2000). In response to the public backlash from these events, many Métis in Ontario were disinclined to self-identify and covertly continued to practice their culture and lifeways (MNO, 2023a).

Today, the Historic Métis Nation refers to itself and is referred to by others as the Métis Nation. According to the Métis Nation of Ontario Registry Policy (June 2023 Version) (2023c), "Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples and is accepted by the Métis Nation" (p. 2). To apply for citizenship within the Métis Nation of Ontario, individuals must meet and follow the requirements of the Métis Nation of Ontario Registry Policy which includes key measures related to self-identification, proving historic Métis Nation history, community acceptance, and provides provisions for appeals and the Harvesters Registry (MNO, 2023c).



2.2.3 Early Legislation and Policy

As the British need for the military allyship of Indigenous peoples waned, an emerging perspective from the British reflected a belief that British society and culture were superior. As a result, the Indian Department of the colonies of Upper and Lower Canada was tasked with a plan of "civilization", and Indian agents began encouraging Indigenous peoples to abandon their traditional lifeways and beliefs and adopt more agricultural and settled ways of life. Legislation was also introduced in support of the "civilization" program, starting with the *Crown Lands Protection Act* of 1839. The Act made the British government the guardian of all Crown lands, including Indian Reserve lands; this statute was the first to classify Indian lands as Crown lands to be protected by the Crown (CIRNAC, 2017).

As noted by Parrott (2022), the 1850 *Act for the better protection of the Lands and Property of the Indians in Lower Canada* was one of the first pieces of legislation that included a set of requirements, based on blood, for a person to be considered a legal Indian — a precursor to the concept of "status." These requirements essentially said that people were considered Indian if they were of "Indian blood" and were members of a "Body or Tribe of Indians." Descendants of such people were Indian, as were non-Indians who "intermarried with such Indians," people whose parents (one or both) would have been considered Indians, and "all persons adopted in infancy by any such Indians" (Parrott, 2022). Thus, early definitions of "Indian" were inclusive of Métis people.

Enfranchisement refers to the process that resulted in a person becoming of "citizen" of the country and no longer being considered an "Indian" under legislation, thus losing all benefits associated with that status. Enfranchisement was not abolished until the Indian Act was amended in 1985 through Bill C-31.

The British government introduced the *Gradual Civilization Act* in 1857, which offered 50 acres of land and monetary incentives to literate and debt-free Indians provided they abandoned their traditional way of life and adopted a civilized life as a "citizen". The Act had as its premise "that by eventually removing all legal distinctions between Indians and non-Indians through the process of enfranchisement, it would be possible in time to absorb Indian people fully into colonial society" (RCAP, 1996b, p. 249). This was followed by the *Management of Indian Lands and Property Act (Indian Land Act)* in 1860, which transferred exclusive authority for Indians, lands reserved for Indians, and Indian affairs from the Crown to the colonies, and then the new Dominion of Canada under the 1867 *Constitution Act* (*British North America Act*).

Assimilation became the fundamental principle of federal policy through the *Gradual Enfranchisement Act* in 1869, which aimed to remove any special distinction or rights of First Nations people to assimilate them into settler society. This marked the beginning of federal government efforts to legislate and regulate First Nations' identity (APPA, 2019). Between 1869 and 1985, an Indian woman marrying a non-Indian man would be enfranchised (AFN, 2020a).

2.2.4 The *Indian Act*

The *Indian Act* was introduced in 1876 to consolidate all previous regulations pertaining to Indians and provide greater authority to the Department of Indian Affairs. The Act enabled the Department to (CIRNAC, 2017):

- Intervene in a wide variety of band issues including governance structure;
- Make sweeping policy decisions, including who was considered to be a "Status Indian";
- Manage Indian lands (see **Section 2.2.6**), resources, and moneys;
- Control access to intoxicants, including alcohol; and,
- Take measures to promote "civilization", including mandating Indigenous children into government-sanctioned schools (see **Section 2.2.7**).

The *Indian Act* was based on the premise that it was the Crown's responsibility to protect Indian interests and thus the Crown would act as a "guardian" until such time that Indians could fully integrate into society (CIRNAC, 2017).

The Act has largely excluded Métis individuals since its enactment. The 1876 *Indian Act* simplified and further restricted the definition of "Indian" compared to definitions in earlier legislation (see **Section 2.2.3**). It excluded Métis who had received "half breed scrip" (individual land grants to Métis on the prairies beginning in the 1870s). It also excluded the children of Indian women who married non-Indian men (including Métis men). These exclusions effectively served to reduce the size of the category of Indian while increasing the size of the non-Indian category, which, in turn, reduced the amount of land necessary for Indians and enabled increasing settlement by Euro-Canadians (Hayter, 2017). Amendments to the Act beginning in 1879 increasingly excluded Métis people, with far reaching exclusions added through amendments up to and including 1951 (Teillet, 2013). While the result has been that Métis people have been largely excluded from the Act, many individuals who self-identify as Métis are today registered as Indians under the *Indian Act.*



According to Hanson (2009a) and CIRNAC (2017), throughout its history, the *Indian Act* has been highly invasive and paternalistic, and increasingly restrictive, imposing ever-greater controls on First Nations peoples. Between 1876 and 1920, individuals were automatically enfranchised and removed from their band lists if they (AFN, 2020a):

- Got a university degree and joined the medical or legal professions;
- Got any university degree and met the "fit" or "civilized" enfranchisement requirements; or,
- Became a priest or minister.

An amendment to the Act in 1880 marked the beginning of gender-based restrictions to First Nations status – women lost their Indian status if they married and non-Indian man (Hanson, 2009a). In the 1880s, a new system of band councils and governance was imposed, with the final authority resting with Indian agents. Outright bans on spiritual and cultural ceremonies were also imposed.

An amendment in 1927 forbid fundraising by First Nations for the purpose of pursuing a land claim without the permission of the Department of Indian Affairs, preventing First Nations from pursuing land claims of any kind (CIRNAC, 2017). It was not until significant amendments in 1951, as Canadian society became more aware of the concept of human rights following World War II, that (Hanson, 2009a):

- It was no longer illegal to practice Indigenous customs and culture;
- First Nations people were allowed to enter pool halls, gamble, appear off-reserve in ceremonial dress, and organize and hire legal counsel; and,
- First Nations women were allowed to vote in band councils.





Gender-based restrictions in the Act were in place until amendments were undertaken in 1985 to align with the equality rights guaranteed by Section 15 of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* (Bill C-31). The amendments enabled women who had previously lost their Indian status as a result of marriage to a non-Indian to regain it, as well as their children's status, and prevented a person's marriage from affecting their receipt or loss of status. However, the amendments created new forms of discrimination with the introduction of a "second-generation cut-off". Several cases were brought to court and as a result, Bill C-3 was passed in 2011 to address these issues and enable Indian status to grandchildren of women who regained status in 1985 (AFN, 2020b). Enfranchisement was also not abolished until the 1985 amendments.

2.2.5 Treaties

Canada undertook a series of treaties with First Nations with the aim of extinguishing title to large swaths of Indigenous land to enable settlement and resource development in western and northern Canada (Archives of Ontario, n.d.), and to reduce possible conflicts between First Nations and settlers (CIRNAC, 2017). When the Dominion of Canada was created in 1867, the Province of Ontario was a fraction of the size of the present-day province, and both legislation and the signing of treaties with Indigenous groups served to incrementally increase the landmass of Ontario (CIRNAC, 2021, as cited in Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021).

The Anishinaabeg and Omushkegowuk of the region are signatories to the Robinson-Superior Treaty (1850) and James Bay Treaty Number 9 (1905).

Although the Project is wholly contained in James Bay Treaty 9 boundaries, information on the Robinson-Superior Treaty is included in **Section 2.2.5.1.** as some of the Indigenous communities that are part of the Project Consultation and Engagement Program are signatories to the Robinson-Superior Treaty. While most Indigenous communities and groups in the area of the proposed Project are signatories to James Bay Treaty Number 9, an overview of the Robinson-Superior Treaty is presented first, in line with the chronological order of the treaties.

2.2.5.1 Robinson-Superior Treaty

Anishinaabeg requests for a treaty began in the 1840s when copper and iron deposits were discovered on the south and north shores of Lake Superior and the government started to issue mining leases; by 1846, 64 mineral licenses had been issued on the south shore of the lake, and surveying of the north shore had begun. In response, the Anishinaabeg and Métis seized the Montreal Mining Company site at Mica Bay, Lake Superior in 1849, forcing the government to negotiate treaties (Hele, 2020).

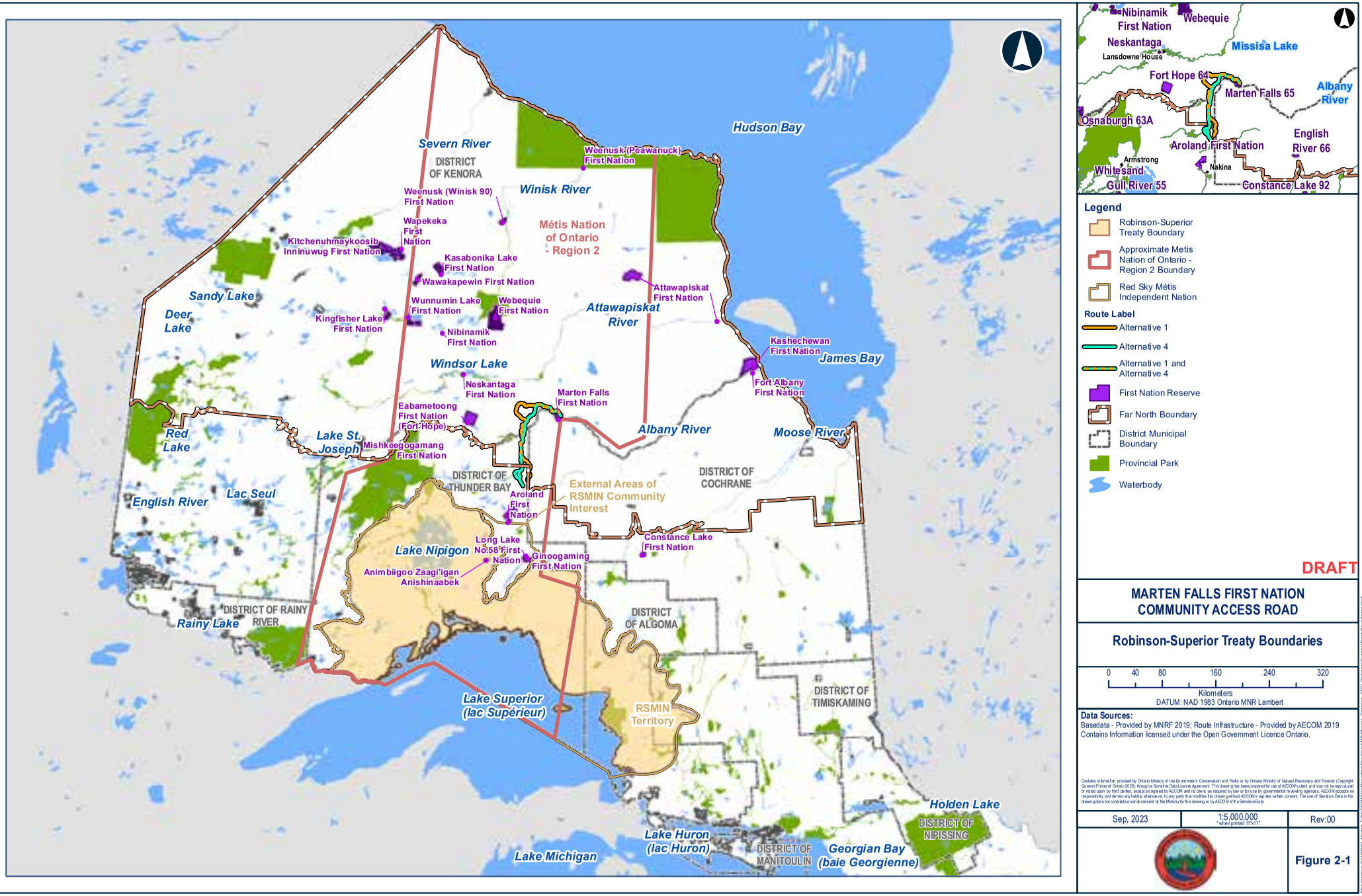
As of May 2023, there is an ongoing Ontario Superior Court trial related to the Robinson-Superior Treaty and the escalator clause for annuities. Communities associated with the treaty are seeking compensation for nearly 150 years of annuities without any increase in payments (Hopkins, 2023).

In September 1850, the Anishinaabeg of the Upper Great Lakes signed two separate but interconnected treaties: the Robinson-Superior Treaty, and the Robinson-Huron Treaty. These treaties provided Canada East and Canada West (the future Quebec and Ontario, respectively) with access to the north shores of Lake Huron and Lake Superior for settlement and mineral extraction. In exchange, the Anishinaabeg gained recognition of hunting and fishing rights, a one-time payment of £2000, an annual payment or annuity of £500 and £600 (respectively), and large reserves set aside specifically for First Nations from the surrender of specific lands for each signatory community. The treaties also contained an "escalator clause" for the annuity, which meant that the Crown would increase the annuity as revenues from lands increased (Hele, 2020).

While the recognition of the Métis in the Robinson-Superior Treaty was urged by the Indians (Gale, 1998), they were omitted as the treaty commissioner had no mandate to deal with the Métis (MNO, 2023a). The treaty commissioners informed the Métis that they were not empowered to deal with them as collective, and they could only choose to identify as either Indian or white for the purposes of the treaty (Teillet, 2013). The Hudson's Bay Company did pay some "half breeds" annuities under the treaty between 1851 and 1875, as recorded in treaty annuity lists for the Lake Superior region (MNO, 2023a). However, all Métis were later excluded from the annuity lists when the Government of Ontario argued an error had been made when some Métis were included as beneficiaries in the treaty (McNab, 1985, cited in Peressini, 2000). As noted by Peressini (2000), this action established a precedent for the exclusion of the Métis from Aboriginal rights in Ontario.

The Robinson-Superior Treaty covers the north shore of Lake Superior from Batchewana Bay to Pigeon River at the western end of the lake, and the lands to the north up to the Hudson Bay watershed (**Figure 2-1**). Indigenous peoples residing in the area covered by the treaty at the time of signing include ancestors of the Animibiigoo Zaagi Igan Anishinaabek First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation, and the Red Sky Métis Independent Nation.

The Robinson treaties were the first to lead to the surrender of huge tracts of land with different and disparate Indigenous groups; previous treaties in Upper Canada negotiated for relatively small and compact parcels of land. They also established payments to individual band members instead of yearly lump sums paid to the band, formalized the setting aside of reserve lands for each individual signing group, and acknowledged ongoing rights to hunt and fish throughout traditional territories including a provision that lands could be "taken up" by the Crown for settlement, mining, lumbering, trading, or other purposes (referred to as the Taken Up Clause). These treaties became the model for subsequent treaties (CIRNAC, 2013), including the James Bay Treaty Number 9.



Legend

- Robinson-Superior Treaty Boundary
- Approximate Metis Nation of Ontario - Region 2 Boundary
- Red Sky Métis Independent Nation

Route Label

- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4
- Alternative 1 and Alternative 4
- First Nation Reserve
- Far North Boundary
- District Municipal Boundary
- Provincial Park
- Waterbody

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Robinson-Superior Treaty Boundaries

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2.2.5.2 James Bay Treaty Number 9

By the late 1800s, many Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabeg and Omushkegowuk of the region, were facing significant challenges including:

- Declining animal resources;
- Starvation;
- Illnesses brought by Europeans; and
- Unwelcome poachers and mining prospectors with the newly established railroads.

With problems worsening, some Indigenous peoples of the region began to press Canada to enter a treaty, with an aim of ensuring protection and economic security as settlement and development intensified. While initial requests for a treaty were not supported by Canada, the discovery of minerals in the region, combined with interests in further expansion of the railway network, timber development, and hydro-electric production, led to negotiations of the James Bay Treaty Number 9 (Treaty 9) (Archives of Ontario, n.d.).

Similar to the Robinson-Superior Treaty, Treaty 9 set aside reserve lands for First Nations and granted them annuities and the continued right to hunt and fish on unoccupied Crown lands in exchange for Aboriginal title (CIRNAC, 2017), and the surrender of over 230,000 km^2 of territory (OCCC, 1986). In addition, the treaty included: schools and teachers to educate First Nations children on reserve; and ceremonial and symbolic items such as medals, flags, and clothing. During negotiations, First Nations were encouraged to settle on reserve lands, take up agriculture, and receive an education (CIRNAC, 2017).

Treaty 9 was unique among the numbered treaties in that there was a requirement for the concurrence of the Province of Ontario given extended boundaries of the province west and north to the Albany River. However, based on oral history and available written records, the Indigenous signatories were not informed of the negotiations between Canada and Ontario with respect to the treaty (Armstrong, 2008, as cited in Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021). The terms of the treaty were finalized in advance by the Dominion of Canada and the Province of Ontario, and presented to Indigenous leaders; government representatives were not permitted to change the terms during the treaty expedition. The Ontario government had a series of demands, including that one of the three commissioners would represent the province, and that no Indigenous reserves in the treaty territory would be located in areas with hydro-electricity development potential greater than 500 horsepower (Archives of Ontario, n.d.).

Treaty 9 was the first major treaty in Ontario in which treaty signing took place in many locations rather than one (Archives of Ontario, n.d.). During the treaty expedition in 1905 and 1906, treaty commissioners travelled to trading posts along the rivers in what is now northern Ontario and met with Cree and Ojibway peoples. While the Indigenous people encountered at the trading posts at the time of the expedition were not necessarily part of a “band”, they were designated as such for administrative convenience. Each trading post was to give advance warning as to when the treaty party would arrive, but as it turned out, many Indigenous people were not present upon their arrival (OCCC, 1986).



The intent of the commissioners was to describe the contents of the treaty, establish reserves and associated boundaries, and obtain the signatures of Indigenous leaders. At each stop, the commissioners requested the community to select representatives who heard the treaty explained to them by interpreters (generally Hudson's Bay Company employees or clergy), as the document was provided in English only. Most community members received an $8 gift and the promise of a $4 annuity in perpetuity. It was noted in the Treaty 9 Commissioners' official report that the reserves were generally selected by the commissioners after conference with Indigenous people (Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021), but very little was actually described within the report (Morrison, 1986). Commissioners neither provided a full version of the treaty translated into the languages of the local Indigenous peoples, nor did they leave the document or a copy for review (Archives of Ontario, n.d.).

Treaty 9 covers most of present-day Ontario north of the height of land dividing the Great Lakes watershed from the Hudson and James Bay drainage basins (**Figure 2-2**). Signatories to Treaty 9 between 1905 and 1930 included the following:

- Marten Falls Band of Oji-Cree (Marten Falls First Nation);
- Osnaburgh Band of Ojibway (Mishkeegogamang First Nation);
- Fort Hope Band of Oji-Cree (Eabametoong First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation, and Webequie First Nation);
- English River Band of Oji-Cree (Constance Lake First Nation);
- Fort Albany Band of Cree (Fort Albany First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Aroland First Nation);
- Long Lake Band of Ojibway (Ginoogaming First Nation);
- Big Trout Lake Band of Oji-Cree (Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Kingfisher First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Wapekeka First Nation, Wawakapewin First Nation, and Wunnumin Lake First Nation);
- Winisk Band of Cree (Weenusk First Nation); and,
- Attawapiskat Band of Cree (Attawapiskat First Nation).

Ontario's northern border was extended from the Albany River to its present day location in 1912, leading Indigenous peoples in the newly acquired areas to petition the government for a treaty. Formal adhesions to Treaty 9 were made in 1929-1930 as a result (Archives of Ontario, n.d.).

Treaty 9 was considered to be one of the least generous of the numbered treaties: the monetary gifts and annuities were much lower than Treaty 8 or Treaty 10, and there was to be no distribution



of ammunition or net twine, no farm implements or cattle, no carpentry tools, and no salaries of clothing for the chiefs and councillors (Ry, Miller, & Touch, 2000, as cited in Long, 2011). In addition, as noted by Long (2010), Treaty 9 historians contend that the treaty was flawed due to the lack of oversight by the people who drafted it, and it may have been the first of the numbered treaties that lacked the oversight of the Colonial Office in Great Britain. The conditions and factors present when the treaty was signed were also problematic (Archives of Ontario, n.d.; OCCC, 1986):

- The treaty commissioners could not speak any of the local Indigenous languages;
- Many Indigenous signatories didn't speak, read or write English so interpreters selected by the commissioners were used;
- Indigenous peoples lacked an understanding of the Canadian legal system and were not provided with lawyers to advise them; and,
- The worldviews, culture, history, and ways of knowing land ownership of Indigenous signatories and the commissioners were very different.

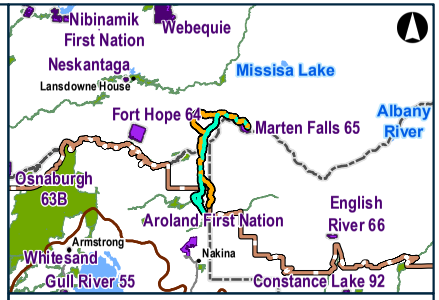
Long (2006) contends that there were two treaties: the official written version, and the one that was orally described to Indigenous peoples. This has been substantiated by Indigenous oral history and the Treaty 9 commissioners' own writings, which indicate that the commissioners told the Elders two key things:

- The treaty would last as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the winds blow; and,
- Traditional and cultural activities of Anishinaabe and Mushkegowuk signatory communities would be protected.

The Indigenous signatories understood, through oral promises, that the treaty would help them achieve *Mino-Bimaadiziwin* and *Mino-Pimatisiwin* (Archives of Ontario, n.d.).

Archival records also suggest that the commissioners did not explain the "Taken Up Clause" (see **Section 2.2.5.1**) – if they had, it is possible that Indigenous representatives would never have signed the document (Archives of Ontario, n.d.).





Legend

- Treaty 9
- Robinson-Superior Treaty Boundary
- Approximate Metis Nation of Ontario - Region 2 Boundary
- Red Sky Métis Independent Nation

Route Label

- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4
- Alternative 1 and Alternative 4
- First Nation Reserve
- Far North Boundary
- District Municipal Boundary
- Provincial Park
- Waterbody

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Treaty 9 Boundaries

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2.2.6 Damming and Diversion

Today, not all of the water that would normally flow to Hudson's Bay remains within the watershed. The damming and diverting of waterways in the area has occurred at various scales over time. Demand for water in the Great Lakes region for shipping and hydropower has led to diversion from the Albany River watershed to the Great Lakes in the form of three key projects: one from the Kengami River; one from Lake St. Joseph; and one from the Ogoki River (Garrick, 2020). The Long Lake Diversion Project included the construction of the Kenogami Lake Dam and the Long Lake Diversion Dam, undertaken in 1937. The Ogoki Diversion Project, in the early 1940s included the construction of the Waboose and Summit Dams to divert water to Lake Superior through Lake Nipigon. The Lake St. Joseph Diversion Project was built to divert water from Lake St. Joseph to Lac Seul in the late 1950s (Garrick 2020; Creger, 2018). In discussion about the potential development of more waterway diversion projects in the 1960s, Marten Falls First Nation Councillor Sam Achneepineskum commented "Our community would have been a lake where it is now… I think that is part of the reason why Nishnawbe Aski Nation came to be, all the chiefs got together and they started to push back on trying to kill the project. It was called Damn the Dams" (Garrick, 2020, p. 15).

2.2.7 The Reserve System

The reserve system concept evolved from the early settlements created by missionaries. As more newcomers were arriving, they began occupying the traditional territories of Indigenous peoples in increasing numbers, and reserves were initially considered a pragmatic solution to land disputes and conflicts between Indigenous peoples and settlers. As treaties began to be reached with Indigenous peoples, provisions were included for the creation of reserves. The reserve system was formalized under the *Indian Act*, which permitted the government to determine the land base of First Nations in the forms of reserves set aside for their exclusive use (Hanson, 2009b).

While Treaty 9 specified that First Nations would choose the location of their reserves, the Ontario Order-in-Council later changed the terms – the commissioners would now decide, and one of the three treaty commissioners would be appointed by the Government of Ontario (Matheson, 1905a, as cited in Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021). The size of the reserves was based on the number of people in the band; however, the population data at the time for these communities could not be considered accurate and many people were not at the trading post during treaty deliberations because of the late start to the treaty expedition (Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021). This led to many reserve locations and sizes being determined based on local settler demand. Even in areas covered by the numbered treaties, reserve size was calculated differentially, ranging between 160 and 640 acres per family of five (Smith, 2009, as cited in Smith, 2016).

As noted by Smith (2016), even as the land base of First Nations was reduced though the reserve system, reserves were still vulnerable to surrounding land uses. Demands for mineral, forest, and agricultural lands; the construction of transportation routes or military sites; and other purposes that arose, often led to the alienation of reserve lands under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Government.

While consent from First Nations was often sought, this consent was regularly acquired under what could be considered questionable circumstances. The sale of reserve lands was consistently presented as being in the long-term interest of the First Nation community, yet railway and corporate executives, and other members of the settler elite (including Indian Affairs Department staff and other public officials), often gained possession of alienated reserve lands (Smith, 2016).

The creation of the reserve system had far-reaching implications for Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabeg and the Omushkegowuk. As noted previously, the land base of First Nations was significantly reduced: the reserve system dispossessed the Anishinaabeg of all but one percent of their traditional territory (Pitawanikwat, 2009). Under the reserve system, which provided First Nations with fragments of their ancestral territory, Indigenous residents held the right to occupancy only, which ownership and title remained in the hands of the Crown (Smith, 2016).

As noted by Hanson (2009b), the reserve system was essentially a government-sanctioned displacement of First Nations people, with reserves dividing up not only lands but also peoples and communities that had existed for hundreds, if not thousands, of years. Many families and clans that had hunted, gathered, and celebrated together for generations were abruptly and arbitrarily joined with other families and clans, disrupting long-established social networks and kinship systems that determined who could hunt, fish, and gather in particular areas (Hanson, 2009b).

Amendments to the *Indian Act* led to a requirement for First Nation reserve residents to secure a permit before selling or giving away any goods located or produced on reserves or by reserve residents (Smith, 2016), further restricting the lives of Indigenous peoples. This disruption of traditional networks and the significant changes to Indigenous traditional lifeways contributed to disproportionate levels poverty on many reserves; however, leaving reserves often meant facing discrimination, relinquishing one's First Nations status, and / or losing or jeopardizing connections to family and territory (Hanson, 2009b).



2.2.8 Residential School System

One of the most infamous consequences of the *Indian Act* was the promotion of the residential school system for Indigenous children. This was an extensive school system set up by the Canadian government and administered by churches, with intent to: indoctrinate Indigenous children into Euro-Canadian and Christian ways of living; and assimilate them into mainstream Canadian society (Hanson *et al.*, 2020). Duncan Campbell Scott, Head of Indian Affairs from 1913 to 1932, famously said in 1920 that "the goal of the Indian Residential School is to kill the Indian in the child" (Wilson & Hodgson, 2018).

The system originated from the mission system in the 1600s, when missionaries made plans to establish schools and farming settlements to try to educate, change, and settle Indigenous peoples. However, managing the schools and associated supplies proved challenging for the missionaries to carry out alone (OCCC, 1986). Following confederation, Canada's first Prime Minister, John A. Macdonald, commissioned a study of industrial schools established for Indigenous children in the United States, and a recommendation to follow their approach to "aggressive civilization" led to the creation and funding of the residential school system (Hanson *et al.*, 2020), although some schools were funded by provincial governments or by the various religious orders (Union of Ontario Indians, 2013). An amendment to the *Indian Act* in 1894 made it mandatory for Indigenous children to attend school (TRC, 2015a). Further amendments to the *Indian Act* in 1920 and 1933 reinforced the requirement for every Indian child between the ages of 7-16 to attend a residential school, and led to the legal guardianship of Indian children attending a school being assumed by their principals upon the often forcible surrender of legal custody by their parents (Union of Ontario Indians, 2013).



The residential school system was primarily located off-reserve (and often far from Indigenous communities), and children generally attended for 10 months of year, although some children lived at the school year round (Union of Ontario Indians, 2013). A primary purpose of the schools was to systematically dissolve all aspects of Indigenous cultures and languages. English, and in some cases French, were the only languages allowed. Indigenous languages and practices were forbidden, with punishments – often severe ones – for children who broke these rules (TRC, 2015a). Students had their long hair cut short as a way to strip away their personal and cultural identities, and they were stripped of their clothing and dressed in uniforms (Hanson *et al.*, 2020). Their days were long and strictly regimented between academic learning, religious prayer, and manual labour and tasks (Union of Ontario Indians, 2013). Boys and girls were kept separate, and as a result, siblings rarely interacted, further weakening family ties (Hanson *et al.*, 2020).

It is estimated that over 150,000 Indigenous children attended one of the almost 140 residential schools established by Canada and the Catholic, United, Anglican, and Presbyterian churches across the country between 1857 and 1996 (CIRNAC, 2017); 16 of these schools operated in Ontario (Auger, 2005). Some Métis children also attended residential schools (APPA, 2019). Children living in the Treaty 9 area attended residential schools at Moose Factory, Chapleau, Pelican Lake, and Fort Albany (Archives of Ontario, n.d.). The St. Anne's Residential School in Fort Albany ran from 1910 to 1963, and was attended by children from the Fort Albany, Weenisk, Attawapiskat, Fort Hope, and Ogoki (Marten Falls First Nation) communities. It is estimated that by 1945, approximately 170 children attended the school, with half of their days spent doing schoolwork and the other half spent on manual labour and domestic tasks (Auger, 2005).

The residential school system struggled with funding, often resulting in poor and unsuitable nutrition, unsanitary conditions, and inadequate medical care. With crowded dormitories, infectious diseases like tuberculosis were rampant, often leading to death. The education received was generally insufficient as many teachers assumed that Indigenous children were unfit for anything more than a basic education which focused on practical skills and religious training.



Messages of the inferiority of Indigenous peoples, their culture, and lifeways were commonplace (TRC, 2015a). Emotional and psychological abuse was commonplace, physical abuse was considered standard punishment, and sexual abuse was common (Hanson *et al.*, 2020). Survivors of the school at St. Anne's in Fort Albany have described serious physical and sexual abuse at the hands of school staff (Roman, 2013), leading to criminal charges of former school staff in the 1990s. The abuses combined with the poor living conditions resulted in an extremely high death toll. In 1907, government medical inspector P.H. Bryce reported that 24 percent of previously healthy Indigenous children across Canada were dying in residential schools, and this figure did not include children who died at home where they were frequently sent when critically ill (Hanson *et al.*, 2020).

2.2.9 The Sixties Scoop

The Sixties Scoop refers to the mass removal of Indigenous children, including Métis children, from their families into the child welfare system, without the consent of families or communities in most cases. As the government began phasing out compulsory residential school education in the 1950s and 1960s, residential schools persisted as a boarding school, primarily for children whose families were deemed unsuitable to care for them. An amendment to the *Indian Act* in 1951 enabled the province to provide services to Indigenous peoples that were not available federally, including child protection (Hanson, 2009c).

Provincial social workers assigned to reserves often assessed child safety and welfare by mainstream cultural standards, without adequate education and training to recognize the problems rooted in generations of trauma related to residential schools. As a result, thousands of Indigenous children were removed from their homes and placed into the child welfare system starting in the 1960s and continuing up to 1990 (TRC, 2015a). By the 1970s, roughly one third of all children in care were Indigenous (Johnston, 1983, as cited in Hanson, 2009c). Many children lived in institutionalized care, or floated between foster homes, where incidences of physical and sexual abuse were not uncommon but often covered up (Fournier & Crey, 1997, as cited in Hanson, 2009c). Similar to the impacts of residential school, the ensuing cultural suppression (denial of their Indigenous identity) and abuse among Indigenous children in the welfare system led to significant impacts on psychological and emotional health (Hanson, 2009c).



2.2.10 The *Constitution Act, 1982* and Aboriginal Rights

Between 1977 and 1981, the federal government entered into discussions with the provinces to reform and take authority of the Constitution from the British government. Aboriginal political organizations were unsuccessful in getting a seat at the negotiations table, and the first proposal for the Constitution put forward in 1981 excluded Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. However, several months of lobbying by First Nations, Inuit, and Métis organizations led to the inclusion of two clauses in Section 35 of the Constitution: recognition of “existing Aboriginal and Treaty Rights”; and, definition of Aboriginal peoples that included all three groups (CIRNAC, 2017). The presence of the word “existing” means that section 35 only applies to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights that were not extinguished when the *Constitution Act, 1982* came into effect. Therefore, if a right was previously extinguished (e.g., through surrender to the Crown), it is not revived by Section 35 (Centre for Constitutional Studies, 2021).

While attempts were made to define existing Aboriginal Rights between 1983 and 1987, they remained undefined because of disagreements between Canada, Indigenous groups, and the provinces. As a result, responsibility to define the extent and scope of Aboriginal Rights, and to direct government policies and programs so that they respect these rights and prevent infringement on them, has fallen to the courts (CIRNAC, 2017).

Several Supreme Court cases have reaffirmed Indigenous rights to harvesting activities. The *R. v. Sparrow* (1990) was a precedent-setting case and the first decision by the Supreme Court to interpret Section 35. In 1984, Ronald Sparrow from the Musqueam Indian Band was arrested for fishing with a net longer than was permitted by his food fishing license. The Supreme Court of Canada ruled that Musqueam's Aboriginal Right to fish had not been extinguished and was an existing right. The court also ruled that the government cannot override or infringe on these rights without justification. This ruling led to what is now known as the "*Sparrow* Test", which sets out a list of criteria that determines whether a right is existing, and if so, how a government may be justified to infringe on it (Salomons & Hanson, 2009).

The *R. v. Van der Peet* (1996) case was pivotal in further defining Aboriginal Rights under Section 35. Dorothy Van der Peet, a member of the Stó:lō Nation, was charged with selling salmon that had been caught under a food-fishing license. The court ruled that fishing constitutes an Aboriginal Right, but the sale of the fish does not. The ruling led to what is now known as the "*Van der Peet* Test" or the "Integral to a Distinctive Culture Test", which establishes ten criteria that must be met for a practice to be affirmed and protected as an Aboriginal Right (Hanson & Salomon, 2009):

1. The perspective of Aboriginal peoples themselves.
2. The precise nature of the claim (what is being claimed as a right).
3. The practice, custom, or tradition must be of central significance to the society in question.
4. The Aboriginal Right must have continuity with the practices, customs and traditions that existed prior to contact.
5. Courts must take challenges with evidence into account (e.g., oral history of Indigenous peoples rather than written records).
6. Claims must be specific and not general.
7. The practice, custom, or tradition must be of independent significance to the group (i.e. central to the group's identity).
8. The practice, custom, or tradition be distinctive (i.e., characteristic part of the culture).
9. European influence is only relevant if the practice, custom, or tradition is integral to the Indigenous society because of that influence.
10. Courts must take into account both the relationship of Aboriginal peoples to the land and their cultures.



Critics of the *Van der Peet* Test point out that the test situates Aboriginal cultural practices in the past and ignores the dynamic, adaptive nature of culture by treating Aboriginal cultures and traditions as static and unchanging (Hanson & Salomon, 2009).

2.2.10.1 Métis Rights

The rights of Métis communities and individuals were historically excluded or simply ignored by the government, contributing to vulnerabilities and marginalization (Teillet, 2013). Miner (2022) notes that Métis providing for their families and communities were often charged with poaching and illegal fishing throughout the 20th century. The rights of the Métis were not formally recognized until Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982.*

Since the early 2000s, two major Supreme Court of Canada decisions have initiated the long process of defining Métis rights, as well as highlighted the complexities associated with defining Métis identity in





the context of these rights. The first was *R. v. Powley* (2003), which forever transformed Métis harvesting rights. Two Métis hunters, Steve Powley and his son were charged with hunting a moose near Sault Ste. Marie without a license under the Ontario *Game and Fish Act*. They pleaded not guilty and asserted their Aboriginal Right to hunt. After a decade of court proceedings and a series of appeals by the Crown, the Supreme Court confirmed that as Métis people and members of a Métis community, the Powleys' right to hunt in the area was protected by Section 35 (Teillet, 2013). The evidence in the *Powley* case also showed that after the economic migration of Métis from the Great Lakes to the prairies in the early 19th century, a significant Métis population remained in the Great Lakes-Boundary Waters regions of Ontario (Teillet, 2013).

During the *Powley* case, the Supreme Court determined that the appropriate way to define Section 35 Métis rights is to modify the test used to define the Aboriginal Rights of First Nations, as determined *R. v. Van der Peet* (1996). The test to define Métis rights is now called the Powley Test and it includes ten components (Teillet, 2013):

1. The characterization of the right, including reason for harvesting (e.g., for food, for ceremonial purposes, etc.), the location of harvesting and other contextual information.
2. Verification of membership in the contemporary Métis community.
3. Identification of the historic rights-bearing Métis community with a distinctive collective identity that existed prior to when Euro-Canadians effectively established political and legal control in that area.
4. Identification of the contemporary rights-bearing community that is a continuation of the historic community.
5. The historical timeframe for the practice, which must have been undertaken post-contact but before Euro-Canadian political and legal control.
6. Whether the practice was integral to the claimant's distinctive culture.
7. Whether the practice is continue by the Métis community.
8. Whether the right was extinguished by the Crown by constitutional enactments, federal legislation, or by agreement with the Aboriginal people.
9. Whether the right was infringed upon for any reasons.
10. If the right was infringed upon, whether the infringement was justified.



In 2016, following a 17-year court battle, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled in the *Daniels v. Canada* case that Métis and Non-Status Indian are considered "Indians" under Section 91(24) of the *Constitution Act, 1867* (Gaudry, 2009). This interpretation means that the federal government holds the legal responsibility to legislate on issues related to Métis and Non-Status Indians rather than provincial governments. The case ended a long standing situation of legal uncertainty where neither levels of government took responsibility for the Métis and Non-Status Indians (Roy, 2021). The Supreme Court commented that Métis and Non-Status peoples had been essentially in a "jurisdictional wasteland with significant and obvious disadvantaging consequences" (Daniels v. Canada, 2016, para. 14). While the ruling does not grant Indian Status, as defined by the *Indian Act*, to Métis and Non-Status peoples, the ruling has resulted in new discussions and negotiations with the federal government over land claims, rights, self-governance, and access to education, health programs, and other government services (Roy, 2021).



Canadian legal definitions of Métis have further complicated the situation with respect to Métis Rights. The *Powley* case established who can legally qualify for Métis Rights and specific criteria to be considered Métis: the individual must self-identify as Métis, have an ancestral connection to a Métis community, and be accepted by that community as a member. However, in the *Daniels* case the Federal Court defined Métis as "a group of native people who maintained a strong affinity for their Indian heritage without possessing Indian status" (cited in Teillet, 2013). As noted by Teillet (2013), this definition separated individuals from Aboriginal collectives and held that there is no need for any ancestral connection to a Métis group and no need for community acceptance, and ultimately eliminated the Métis as a separate Aboriginal people. Regardless, the criteria of the *Powley* decision still define which Métis communities have Aboriginal Rights.

The Powley Test has been identified as problematic in that the criteria for being Métis is exclusionary to urban Métis families who may have lived in the city for generations, as well as people who have mixed Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal ancestry yet are not connected to a contemporary Métis society. This has contributed to tensions between different Métis groups (Ouellet & Hanson, 2009), and heated debate among many Métis people in Canada (Gaudry, 2009). As noted by Ouellet and Hanson (2009), it is expected that "the issue of Métis identity will continue to be the topic of much debate and discussion since Métis Rights depend on identifying the people who are entitled to such rights, and then specifying what those rights are" (para. 6).



2.2.11 Legislative Developments

In the period following the signing of Treaty 9, further British and later Canadian Governments laws, regulations, and policies on northern Ontario, contributed to growing intervention and regulation of Indigenous peoples by both the federal and provincial governments. This section reflects on some of the key legislative developments that have governed natural resource and land use, and the associated effects on the rights of Indigenous peoples in the region. It is important to note that this section is not exhaustive nor reflective of all legislation that may have impacted Indigenous peoples in the region.

2.2.11.1 Fish & Game Regulations

At the time of the Robinson treaties (1850), there was very little, if any, competition for fish resources from European fisherman, particularly in Lake Superior and areas to the north. There was also no comprehensive legislation pertaining to fish in place at the time. For varying periods of time, and depending on the location, the government generally did not restrict the full and free privilege to fish provided for by the Robinson treaties. However, changes occurred with the passage of comprehensive fisheries legislation and the drafting of subsequent treaties, including Treaty 9 (Hansen, 1991).

The first passage of comprehensive fisheries legislation came in 1857 with the *Fisheries Act*, under which the Department of Crown Lands became responsible for fisheries in Upper and Lower Canada. The Act did not contain any specific references to Indigenous people. An amendment in 1859 provided for the first time for special fishing

Treaty 9 was negotiated between Canada and Ontario at a time when federal-provincial jurisdiction over fisheries was well established. One of the treaty's provisions full reflected the state of fisheries legislation, in that the right to hunt, trap and fish is subject to regulations that may be made by "the government of the country".

licenses and leases on lands belonging to the Crown, with no specific reference to Indigenous people. Shortly after this, an agreement between the Department of Crown Lands and the Indian Department "for the protection of the interest of native tribes" was reached (as cited in Hansen, 1991, pg. 6). The agreement suggested that Indigenous people were considered subject to the regulations of the Act since they were exempt from paying fees for fishery leases anyways. However, they were exempt in cases of fishing for domestic consumption only, and they were subject to the regulations otherwise (i.e., when fishing commercially or for trade). Thus, fishing rights were being interpreted as domestic consumption fishing rights only (Hansen, 1991).

Amendments to the *Fisheries Act* in 1865 provided a regulation with respect to Indigenous fisheries for the first time. The regulation specifically referred to the allowance of 'certain Indians' to fish for their own use as food, reinforcing the interpretation of Indigenous fishing rights as rights related to domestic fishing purposes only. It also added a new component – an open season – which reflected developing conservation principles (Hansen, 1991). After confederation, Canada implemented the first federal *Fisheries Act* in 1868. The Act maintained the provisions of the preceding acts, including the licensing of Indians to fish for their own use. In addition, Indian fishermen were considered to be subject to all regulations (Hansen, 1991).

The government of Ontario was not involved in the legislative aspects of resource management until 1885 with the passage of the *Ontario Fisheries Act*. It contained several provisions from the federal act, and like his federal counterpart, the Ontario Commissioner of Crown Lands was authorized to establish licensing (Hansen, 1991). In 1890, a royal commission on game and fish was appointed to make recommendations with respect to these resources in the province.

The overlapping jurisdictional issues with respect to federal and provincial fisheries legislation were eventually resolved through the courts, where it was ruled that Canada had the authority to enact legislation for inland fisheries and Ontario had proprietary interests in fisheries and the authority to issue licenses for fisheries in the province (Hansen, 1991).



The expansion of the railway network led to new settlement in the region, which in turn led to an increase in the number of sportsman and tourists visiting the region and increased pressures on fish and wildlife. Upon recommendation by the commission, Ontario created the *Game and Fisheries Act* in 1892, replacing the previous fisheries legislation. In turn, the Act intensified enforcement for First Nations in Ontario (Calverley, 2009).

Under the new legislation, a series of law changes were enacted to address declining game populations, including: a new range of closed seasons for some of the most desirable species, such as deer, moose, and elk; new seasons for game birds; and complete hunting bans on certain species. In addition, new license requirements were introduced for non-residents and system of game overseers were established to enforce game laws and penalties (Calverley, 1999). Regardless of these efforts, wildlife populations continue to decline (Bate, 2023).

Initially, the *Game and Fisheries Act* contained a clause exempting treaty Indian hunters from the legislation based on their Treaty Rights. However, the clause referencing Treaty Rights was eventually removed from the Act in 1914 and by 1927, all hunting exemptions for First Nation hunters had been removed from the Act – all "persons" affected by the Act were now defined to include "Indians". By this time, game laws in Ontario included complete hunting bans on moose and deer, bag limits, quotas, required licensing, and hunting seasons (Bate, 2023). As a result of the hunting regulations, Indigenous hunters' control over resources, secured through treaty, was restricted, impacting their cultural lifeways.

A jurisdictional challenge arose with the application of the provincial Act to Indigenous peoples with Treaty Rights, which were under federal jurisdiction. Indian Affairs began to take increased interest in securing Indigenous peoples harvesting rights, as Indian Agents increasingly became allies to communities in the north.





As noted by Calverley (1999), after almost three decades of complaints, letters and petitions from the Anishinaabeg, some Indian Agents came to understand Indigenous perspectives on the application of provincial legislation; in part, the Act was taking food out of the mouths of Indigenous people. In terms of game depletion, the agents generally believed the increase in settler hunter and sportsman were the main conservation threat. Indian Affairs generally adopted a more proactive approach in relation to Indigenous hunting and trapping rights for a period. However, Indian Affairs was not completely opposed to regulating Indigenous hunting, and they would not openly challenge the Ontario government over treaty rights (Calverley, 1999).

In response to the *Sparrow* ruling (see **Section 2.2.9**), the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources issued an *Interim Enforcement Policy on Aboriginal Hunting and Fishing* in 1991 that states Aboriginal people harvesting game or fish for personal consumption or social or ceremonial purposes in their treaty areas or traditional lands will generally not be prosecuted. However, this policy was meant to be an interim measure and when the province enacted a new *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* in 1997, neither it, nor the detailed regulations under it, make any reference to Treaty or Aboriginal Rights to harvest.

2.2.11.2 The Registered Trapline System

In response to declining populations of fur-bearing species, and complaints from Indigenous trappers about other trappers encroaching into their territories, the government of Ontario issued new game regulations under the *Game and Fisheries Act* of 1946 that included the creation of the Registered Trapline System (Finch, 2020; Sutherland, 2020). While it was first implemented in southern Ontario, by 1948 the regulations applied to the north. Traplines established in the north were based on watersheds rather than the township system used in the south, as directed by the Department of Indian Affairs (Finch, 2020).

In the years following the introduction of the system, Indigenous trapping was impacted by several key factors such as new wildlife laws, changing lifeways, increased wage labour opportunities, increasing government aid, and multiple outbreaks of tularaemia, an infectious disease that affects beaver and muskrat (Finch, 2020). Input from Indigenous communities, including concerns that the established

trapping seasons did not work in the north because of the different climate in the James Bay region, were not reflected in trapping regulations (Sutherland, 2020). In addition, the Registered Trapline System involved licenses, registration, and quotas, all of which was foreign to Indigenous trappers (AMEC, 2004b, as cited in Tsuji *et al*., 2011).



2.2.11.3 Ontario *Far North Act*

In response to the need to balance development potential with conservation in the north, the provincial government launched the *Far North Planning Initiative* in 2008 (Bowie, 2017). The purpose of the initiative was to direct economic development, support conservation, and address Aboriginal and Treaty Rights through the development of community-based land use plans for the Far North region – an area that represents over forty percent of the province (MNR, 2011, as cited in Bowie, 2017).

The purpose of the 2010 *Far North Act* is to provide community-based land use planning in the Far North region that (*Far North Act*, 2010, s.1):

- Sets out a joint planning process between First Nations and Ontario;
- Supports the environmental, social and economic objectives for land use planning for the peoples of Ontario; and,
- Is done in a manner that is consistent with the recognition and affirmation of existing Aboriginal and treaty rights.

The land use planning process established under the Act entails the development of a terms of reference by a First Nations community interested in participating, which must then be approved by the Minister of Natural Resources, who then designates a planning area for the Community Based Land Use Plans (*Far North Act*, 2010, s. 9). The plans are intended to include maps that show historical and contemporary Indigenous use in the area. Communities can designate areas of significant cultural value such as burial sites, waterways and travel routes to be protected, caribou migration routes and areas to be considered open for or closed to mineral exploration. At least one protected area must be identified through the planning process (*Far North Act*, s. 9(9)(c)(d)). However, the plans must be jointly approved by the First Nation and the Ministry,

and once the final plan is approved, all decisions to authorize land use activities must be consistent with the land-use designations in the plan. For First Nations communities in the Far North, community-based land use plans signify inherent jurisdiction over lands and the authority to make decisions on contested land uses (Scott *et al*., 2018).



The legislation has been contested by First Nations and their regional organizations based on the level of and approach to consultation undertaken by the province, and concerns about how the recommendations provided by First Nations were incorporated. While amendments were made, including the addition of "joint bodies" that could be established with interested First Nations, the province retains ultimate decision-making powers related to amendments, policy documents, and exemption orders related to land use strategies (Gardner *et al*., 2012).

The Act was recently amended in December 2021, following the recommendations identified in a joint process with Nishnawbe Aski Nation and the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, and in consultation with First Nations and stakeholders in the region. Amendments were made to "encourage collaboration between Ontario and First Nations on land use planning and foster economic growth in the region while maintaining critical cultural and environmental protections" (Environmental Registry of Ontario, 2021).



2.3 Cumulative Effects to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests

For roughly seven generations nearly every Indigenous child in Canada was sent to a residential school. They were taken from their families, tribes and communities, and forced to live in those institutions of assimilation. The results while unintended have been devastating. We witness it first in the loss of Indigenous languages and traditional beliefs. We see it more tragically in the loss of parenting skills, and, ironically, in unacceptably poor education results. We see the despair that results in runaway rates of suicide, family violence, substance abuse, high rates of incarceration, street gang influence, child welfare apprehensions, homelessness, poverty, and family breakdowns. Yet while the government achieved such unintended devastation, it failed in its intended result. Indians never assimilated.

– Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair speech to the United Nations, 2010

The long history of colonialism in Canada and associated actions, legislation, and policy has involved both recognition of, and infringement on, the Aboriginal and / or treaty rights of Indigenous peoples in the region and across the country. This history has also been described as constituting cultural genocide (TRC, 2015b). The traditional lifeways, culture, and language of Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabeg, Omushkegowuk, and Métis of the region, have been forever transformed, in part because of centuries of displacement from their traditional land bases and use of resources. When combined with ongoing colonial structures and approaches that continue to overlap with the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests of Indigenous peoples, these changes impact cultural continuity and well-being as the ability of Indigenous peoples to transmit Indigenous knowledge, culture, and lifeways out on the land is increasingly challenged.

Colonial systems of governance and justice that have superseded and / or failed to respect the inherent jurisdiction of Indigenous peoples, and the spirit and intent of the treaties with the Crown, have been imposed on Indigenous peoples in the region for centuries (Anishinabek Nation Legal Department, 2018). Moreover, attention to Indigenous men rather than women and the application of patriarchal assumptions and approaches by European traders, missionaries, and political leaders have exacerbated violations to Indigenous governance by overlooking a segment of the population (i.e., women) that prior to contact, held important roles in leadership.

The impacts go well beyond Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests. While Canada has become a member of the world's leading nations, Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabeg and Omushkegowuk, continue to experience disproportionate inequities to the general Canadian population (OCCC, 1986). As noted by Matheson *et al*. (2022), the ongoing implications of various systemic structures experienced by Indigenous peoples has resulted in poor housing conditions, food insecurity, and the absence of potable water on some reserves. Many Indigenous people continue to experience the long term and often debilitating impacts of residential schools, and those that survived were often unprepared to succeed in the market economy or to pursue traditional activities such as hunting and fishing. In many cases, family connections were permanently broken. The overall suicide rate among First Nations communities is about twice that of the total Canadian population (TRC, 2015a). Indigenous peoples face higher rates of infant mortality, a greater burden of disease, and reduced life expectancy (Smylie & Firestone, 2016). In addition, Indigenous peoples are significantly overrepresented in the Canadian criminal justice system (RCAP, 1996, as cited in Government of Canada, 2023). Despite all of these atrocities and outcomes, Indigenous peoples are reclaiming their rights and reconnecting to their cultural roots.





2.4 Reconciliation and Looking to the Future

In more recent decades, there is increased awareness about colonization and its ongoing effects on Indigenous peoples. These efforts began with the establishment of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples in 1990, whose mandate was to study the evolution of the relationship between Indigenous peoples, the government of Canada, and Canadian society as a whole (Doerr, 2006). The Commission released a five-volume report in 1996 that ultimately noted that a complete restructuring of the relationship between Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada is needed (Doerr, 2006); the findings of the Commission's report have informed this one.

In 2008, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was established as part of the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement. The Commission was established to guide Canadians through the difficult facts of the residential school system, and to "lay the foundation for lasting reconciliation across Canada" (Moran, 2015, para. 1). The Commission conducted community hearings across the country to hear from Indigenous peoples directly. A six-volume final report documents the experiences of Indigenous peoples and identifies 94 Calls to Action to advance the process of reconciliation was released in 2015; the findings of the Commission's report have also informed this one. .

While there has been a recent focus, including efforts and actions on reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, many Indigenous communities, including Marten Falls First Nation, continue to experience day-to-day challenges with access to basic human rights including health services, education, personal and community safety, food security, and more. For Marten Falls First Nation, the development of the Community Access Road is an act of reconciliation – it helps to address access to basic rights while providing an opportunity to support Marten Falls First Nation's self-determination and their ability to pursue economic prosperity, social and community well-being and cultural continuity.



03

Métis Nation of Ontario

The information presented in this section of the report is based on the Proponent's current understanding of Métis Nation of Ontario's rights and interests in relation to the study areas for the Aboriginal Rights and Interests impact assessment.

The information presented here is largely from secondary sources given that at the time of writing, limited information on Métis Nation of Ontario's rights and interests in relation to the proposed Project had been provided to the Proponent. Métis Nation of Ontario was invited to participate in the Project's Indigenous Knowledge Program. However, the Métis Nation of Ontario has not yet provided a Project-specific Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land and Resource Use report or information. Further, Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2 has indicated that they do not currently have specific Indigenous Knowledge or Land Use information in the area available to share.

Imagining Access – Why the Project?

The Project will offer Marten Falls First Nation the opportunity to grow as a community but also be part of the social and economic fabric of the region and country. The Community Access Road will reduce transportation costs for goods and services, making food, gas, and other supplies cheaper. It will help families be together in the community and increase social interactions with other communities. It will also provide a vital connection to emergency, health, and social services.

It is the objective of the Proponent to share this information with Métis Nation of Ontario early in the assessment process to enable collaboration and discussion. The Proponent welcomes any information Métis Nation of Ontario may choose to share. The overarching goal is to enhance the Project Team's understanding of Métis Nation of Ontario Aboriginal Rights and Interests in relation to the proposed Project.



3.1 Community Profile

The Métis Nation of Ontario was established in 1993 to create a Métis-specific governance structure, and represents only those people and communities that are a part of Métis Nation, not all people identifying as Métis (MNO, 2023a). The Métis Nation of Ontario is divided into nine regions to serve its citizens (MNO, 2023b). Region 2 encompasses the proposed Project area and associated study areas for the assessment, and includes Nakina, Longlac, and Geraldton. Region 2 stretches from Lake Superior in the south, between Marathon and Thunder Bay, to Hudson Bay in the north, between Winisk and the Ontario-Manitoba border (**Figure 3-1**).

The Métis Nation of Ontario maintains a registry of Métis citizens in Ontario (MNO, 2023c). As of 2023, here are over 25,000 registered citizens of Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO, 2023a).

Seven historic Métis communities in Ontario have been identified and recognized by both the Métis Nation of Ontario and the province (MNO, 2023d):

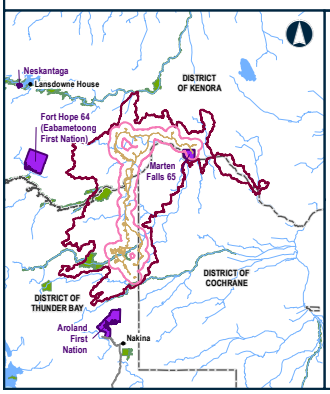
- Rainy River / Lake of the Woods / Treaty 3 Historic Métis Community;
- Northern Lake Superior Historic Métis Community;
- Abitibi Inland Historic Métis Community;
- Sault Ste. Marie and Environs Métis Community;
- Killarney and Environs Historic Métis Community;
- Georgian Bay and Environs Historic Métis Community; and,
- Mattawa / Ottawa River and Environs Historic Métis Community.

The Northern Lake Superior Historic Métis Community is the community in closest proximity to the proposed Project area and has settlement and traditional use between Lake Superior, Lake Nipigon, and Long Lake (MNO & Government of Ontario, 2017a).

Sections 3.1.1 to **3.1.3** provide information about Métis Nation of Ontario's history, language, and governance.







Legend

- The Métis Nation of Ontario Regions
- First Nation Reserve
- ATRI Local Study Area
- ATRI Regional Study Area
- Project Development Area

General Features

- Highway
- Railway
- District Municipal Boundary
- Waterbody
- Provincial Park

Data Source:
Base Data: Provided by MNRF 2019; Route Infrastructure - Provided by AECOM 2019. Contains Information licensed under the Open Government Licence Ontario. Approximate Boundaries of the Métis Nations of Ontario, 2018.

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

General Location of Métis Nations of Ontario Regions

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Figure 3-1

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3.1.1 History

Starting in the 1700s, decades of intermarriage between English and French traders and explorers with First Nations women created new and distinct communities along waterways and trade posts and routes around the Great Lakes in what is present day Ontario. These communities began to identify themselves as separate from European and First Nation communities (MNO, 2023c). This was evident in language, musical tradition (MNO & Ontario Government, 2017b), dress, Sunday night dances, practicing Christianity, and maintaining inter-group kinship practices (godparenting, marriage witnessing), which often differed from those of settler populations and First Nations (MNO & Ontario Government, 2017c). For instance, during canoe voyages, Métis people conducted unique religious and cultural rites, including (MNO & Ontario Government, 2017a):

- The "baptism" of newcomers by submerging them in the water;
- Making offerings or prayers at dangerous sites on their trips; and,
- Taking a ceremonial shot of liquor after lengthy portages.

By the early 19th century, there was a historically significant population of Métis descendants in the Great Lakes region of Ontario, and they had developed a network of trading villages and towns long the shorelines of rivers and lakes (Peterson, 1978, 1985). The Métis settlement at Fort William (in present-day Thunder Bay, historically known as Port Arthur) is recognized as one of the two first Métis settlements in Canada (Tronrud & Epps, 1995, as cited in Gale, 1998). According to Peterson (1978), this network of marital and fur trade alliances among the Great Lakes Métis communities suggested that a larger regional Métis identity had developed.

In the 1840s, mineral discoveries in the Great Lakes Region attracted settlers to the area. Many Métis from the Upper Great Lakes region migrated north and west



to the Red River Settlement (in present-day Manitoba) because of the increasing settlement in the Upper Great Lakes region, significant depletions in fur-bearing animals (Peterson, 1978), and a preference to continue fur-trade practices rather than adopt agricultural ones (Ens, 1996).

The influx of settlers and the issuance of mineral exploration licenses concerned the Métis and First Nation communities in the region, resulting in calls for a treaty from mining interests, Indigenous communities, and missionaries (Hele, 2020). In 1849, Métis and First Nations people near Sault Ste. Marie forced closure of a Quebec Mining Company operation on traditional lands in an episode known as the Mica Bay Incident (MNO, 2023c). The Robinson-Superior and Robinson-Huron Treaties were signed in 1850 as a result. Later, Treaty 9, which also covered areas used by Métis in Ontario, was signed in 1905 and 1906. However, the Crown did not negotiate with Métis people during any of the treaty negotiations. Therefore, the Métis in these three treaty areas did not give up their title, rights, and interests (MNO, 2023c).

Métis people were employed in a range of occupations from the fur trade through to the mid-20th century. Within the fur trade, Métis worked for the North West Company, the Hudson's Bay Company, or as independent traders (MNO & Ontario Government, 2017d). The fur trade was an important source of income until the 1860s (MNO & Ontario Government, 2017e). As the fur trade started to decline, Métis men of working age found employment in a variety of roles and areas, including as (MNO & Ontario Government, 2017a, b, c, d, e, f, g):

- Hunting guides;
- Surveyors;
- Commercial fishermen;
- Mechanics;
- Coopers (barrel makers);
- Mail contractors;
- Sailors;
- Ship crewmen;
- Blacksmiths;
- Interpreters;
- Canoe builders;
- Country food providers;
- Military men; and,
- Farmers.



Often these jobs were different than the roles filled by the settler and First Nation populations (MNO & Ontario Government, 2017a). Métis women and retired men picked berries, snared rabbits, gardened, and harvested maple syrup (MNO & Ontario Government, 2017c), fished, hunted, made and repaired nets, gathered spruce gum, and laced and repaired snowshoes (MNO & Ontario Government, 2017g).

In more recent decades, the Métis Nation of Ontario has been working to advance the rights of its citizens. In 2015, the role of the Métis Nation of Ontario as a representative of Métis people was enshrined in law with the passage of the *Métis Nation of Ontario Secretariat Act* (MNO, 2023c). Two years later, Métis Nation of Ontario and federal and provincial governments created the Framework Agreement on Advancing Reconciliation, which established a method for negotiating for core self-government (MNO, 2023c).

As noted in **Section 2.2.10.1**, the Supreme Court decision in *R. v. Powley* (2003) forever transformed Métis harvesting rights, and established the Powley Test to define Métis rights. A component of the Powley Test requires connection to a historic rights-bearing Métis community with a distinctive collective identity that existed prior to Euro-Canadian political and legal control. During *R. v. Powley* (2003), the Supreme Court identified an historic community at Sault Ste. Marie (MNO, 2023c). Since then, the Métis Nation of Ontario and the province have identified six historic Métis communities in Ontario (MNO, 2023c).

In 2019, the Métis Nation of Ontario and Canada signed the Self-Government Agreement (MNO, 2023c), in which the Government of Canada acknowledged the Métis people in Ontario had the right of self-government and a government-to-government relationship between the two (MNO, 2023e).

A more comprehensive overview of the historical context, including the fur trade, early legislation and policy and associated impacts on Indigenous peoples, the numbered treaties established in the region, perspectives on Aboriginal Rights, and legislative developments that have governed natural resource and land use, is provided in **Section 2.2**.





3.1.2 Language

The official language of the Métis people is Michif, though English is the most used language by Métis (Canadian Geographic, 2018) since the use of Michif declined as a result of European colonization (MNO, 2023f). There are efforts to revive the language after a steep decline in use due to government policies favouring the use of French or English (MNO, 2023f).

3.1.3 Governance

While the Métis Nation of Ontario is a not-for profit corporation under provincial law, it has served as a government for the Métis people (MNO, 2021). The Métis Nation of Ontario is in the process of transitioning to a Métis government with recognition from other governments in Canada, enabled by the 2019 *Métis Government Recognition and Self-Governing Agreement* (MNO, 2023g).

The highest governing body of the Métis Nation of Ontario is the Provisional Council, which consists of a president, chair, vice-chair, secretary-treasurer, executive senator, three senators, a provincial youth representative, a post-secondary representative, and nine regional councillors (MNO, 2023h). Nine regional councillors represent the 31 Chartered Community Councils, which represent citizens at a local level (MNO, 2023i). The Provisional Council reports to the Annual General Assembly and implements directives from the Annual General Assembly (MNO, 2023i).

Elections are held every four years for all Provisional Council positions, except the senators, via a province-wide vote of citizens; senators are elected at the Annual General Assembly (MNO, 2023h).



3.2 Understanding of Rights and Interests in Relation to the Project

Section 3.2.1 and **3.2.2** describe the current understanding of Métis Nation of Ontario's rights and interests in relation to the proposed Project. As noted in **Section 3.0**, this understanding was developed based on information shared during the Project's Consultation Program, as well as publicly available sources of information given that at the time of writing, limited information on Métis Nation of Ontario's rights and interested had been provide to the Proponent.

3.2.1 Aboriginal Rights Relevant to the Project

Métis Nation of Ontario has Section 35 rights to hunt, trap, and fish, as confirmed in *R. v. Powley* (2003) (MNO, 2023j). In addition, as noted in **Section 3.1.1**, the Métis Nation of Ontario and Canada's *Self-Government Agreement* acknowledges the right of Métis people in Ontario to self-government and a government-to-government relationship with Canada (MNO, 2023e).

In a letter to the Project Team provided in August 2023, the Métis Nation of Ontario, Region 2 noted the following:

- Métis Nation of Ontario citizens have harvesting rights under the *Framework Agreement on Métis Harvesting* with the province; and,
- It has not asserted rights within the Project area, at this time. However, given the regional implications of the proposed Project, there are concerns and interests related to the potential cumulative, regional, and far-reaching impacts to the physical and human environments.

For a conservative approach, and to enable a future assessment of the proposed Project that includes a fulsome assessment of potential regional and cumulative impacts, it is assumed that Métis Nation of Ontario rights related to the proposed Project include: the right to hunt, trap, fish, and gather materials in areas of traditional use, and that are of importance to the Métis Nation of Ontario cultural traditions and lifeways; and the right to cultural continuity and wellbeing (ability to practice and transmit cultural traditions and the Métis way of life). These rights are considered Valued Components, which means that they are important elements of Aboriginal rights that have the potential to be affected by the proposed

Project. The potential impacts of the proposed Project on these Valued Components / rights will be assessed in the future.

A more comprehensive overview of Métis rights is provided in **Section 2.2.10.1**.

General information on Métis Nation of Ontario's use of lands, waters, and resource for traditional purposes is presented in **Section 3.4**. Information on the Project Team's understanding of Métis Nation of Ontario's use the lands, waters, and resources for traditional purposes in relation to the Project is presented in **Section 3.5**.

General perspectives on the cultural continuity and wellbeing of Métis Nation of Ontario are presented in **Section 3.6**. Information on the Project Team's understanding of what is important for Métis Nation of Ontario cultural continuity and wellbeing is presented in **Section 3.7**.

3.2.2 Interests Related to the Project

The information on Métis Nation of Ontario's interests related to the proposed Project is based on information shared through the Project's Consultation Program. While Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2 has indicated it is not actively engaging on the proposed Project, general concerns and comments have been shared with the Proponent.





It understood that Métis Nation of Ontario's interests and concerns are related to:

- Potential impacts on Métis harvesting and Way of Life related to:
  - Increased, year-round access;
  - Increased traffic and associated impacts on vegetation and wildlife;
  - Increased pressure on wildlife;
- Potential impacts on wildlife related to:
  - Disruption to wildlife corridors, breeding grounds, overwintering sites, and reduced access, particularly for migrating species (e.g., moose and caribou) and furbearers;
  - Increased predation on wildlife populations if the Project area acts as a wildlife corridor for predatory species (e.g., wolves and wolverine);
  - Increased wildlife road mortalities, especially turtles and snakes;
  - Impacts on turtle nesting;
  - Impacts to species at risk and significant wildlife habitat due to increased access, habitat disruption, sensory disturbance, and increased harvesting pressure;
  - Impacts to native species related to invasive species;
- Potential impacts on vegetation and wildlife related to the use of dust suppressant as a mitigation for road dust;
- Potential impacts to water quality and quantity, especially wetlands and downstream watersheds;
- Implementing a spill response plan with spill kits;
- Greenhouse gas emissions and associated impacts on climate change; and,
- Potential cumulative effects and adequate assessment of regional effects resulting from access through Nation of Ontario Region 2 to the Ring of Fire.

These interests will inform the overall impacts assessment, including the assessment on Métis Nation of Ontario rights.

3.3 Area of Interest

For the purposes of the future Impact State*ment / Environmental Assessment, it is the objective of the Project Team to identify a* preliminary Area of Interest to identify where Indigenous communities may exercise / hold Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests that are relevant to the proposed Project.

In a letter to the Project Team provided in August 2023, the Métis Nation of Ontario, Region 2 noted that the Regional Study Area for the assessment on Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests extends approximately 30 km within the northern extent of the currently *known* area of the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas, represented by the Northern Lake Superior Historic Métis Community Consultation Committee.

Given that the available visual depiction of these traditional areas does not enable a clear understanding of their boundary, at the time of writing, a preliminary Area of Interest has not been identified / delineated. However, as noted above, it is understood that there is a potential 30 km area of the southern extent of the Regional Study Area that may overlap with Métis Nation of Ontario traditional areas.

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (2023), notes that an Indigenous community's "long-standing connection to, use of, or occupation of an area is indicative of a community's rights". It is the Proponent's understanding that an Indigenous community can assert an area of interest or traditional territory and that these assertions may consider many factors including, but not limited to, hunting and trapping areas, wildlife migration patterns, travel routes, watersheds, etc. However, these assertions "may not be well understood by all parties, they may raise uncertainty as they lack information, or there may be differing interpretations" (IAAC, 2023). Therefore, it is important to note that for the purposes of identifying a preliminary Area of Interest for the proposed Project, Marten Falls First Nation is strictly presenting information that has been provided by an Indigenous community or has been identified in publicly available data sources. By presenting this information, Marten Falls First Nation is neither validating nor confirming information regarding the assertion of areas of interest or traditional territories.

3.4 Use of Lands, Waters and Resources for Traditional Purposes



Available information on Métis Nation of Ontario land, water, and resource use is presented in **Sections 3.4.1** to **3.4.5**. The information presented in the upfront section is general to Métis Nation of Ontario. Information on Métis Nation of Ontario land, water, and resource use for traditional purposes in relation to the proposed Project is provided in **Section 3.5**.

The information presented is largely based on the following secondary sources of information (although several other supporting sources have been used and referenced throughout):

- The Robinson Treaty Métis, Historical Report (Gale, 1998), which details historical Métis communities based on reports from the mid- to late 1800s;
- *The Métis Nation of Ontario – Southern Ontario Métis Traditional Plant Use Study* (MNO, 2010);
- The Métis Nation of Ontario Traditional Knowledge & Land Use Study for the Project, Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten Traditional Territories (Know History, 2015);
- The Assessment of Potential Environmental Effects on Traditional Land and Resource Use (Stantec, 2017) for the Hardrock Project Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Assessment;
- The Assessment on Indigenous Current Use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes (Nextbridge Infrastructure, 2018a) for the East-West Tie Transmission *Project Amended* Environmental Assessment; and,
- *The Métis Nation of Ontario (2023k)* Harvesting website.

It is important to note the following about the information available on Métis Nation of Ontario land, water, and resource use for traditional purposes:

- Information on the quality and quantity of resources (including volumes harvested) and the frequency, duration, harvesting methods, and / or timing of traditional practices is limited or not available;
- Information on harvesting locations is limited to specific areas (e.g., Geraldton area) as this information came from studies undertaken for other projects;
- Information on the role of members within the community (e.g., women, men, elders, youth, people with disabilities) is provided, where possible, but is generally limited or not available; and,
- Information on resource thresholds that the community requires to exercise their rights is not available.



Historically, Métis communities hunted, trapped, fished, and gathered plants, though they were less reliant on country-food than First Nation communities (Gale, 1998). As noted in **Section 3.1.1**, as the fur trade started to decline and Métis men found employment in a variety of areas, Métis women and retired men picked berries, snared rabbits, gardened, and harvested maple syrup (MNO & Ontario Government, 2017c), fished, hunted, made and repaired nets, gathered spruce gum, and laced and repaired snowshoes (MNO & Ontario Government, 2017g).

Métis Nation of Ontario citizens have noted changes in the natural environment, and the use of lands, waters, and resources for traditional purposes as a result of these changes, which include:

- Moose populations in Ontario have been decreasing for the past twenty years due to parasites and disease, accidents, climate, hunting, biological characteristics, habitat disturbance, and competitors (Froh, 2016);
- There is a perception that Kenogamisis Lake is polluted, with associated impacts on fish quality and Métis harvesting (Know History, 2015);
- The introduction of suckers into Long Lake has harmed pike and trout populations (Know History, 2015);

- There are concerns that pesticide spraying is adversely affected the health of game species, including moose (Know History, 2015); and,
- Harvesting plants, berries especially, is becoming more difficult because of pesticide spraying (Know History, 2015).

Additional information on the cumulative effects that may have already interfered with the ability of Métis people to use their lands and resources for traditional purposes is provided in **Sections 2.2** and **2.3**.

Despite potential challenges to continued land, water, and resource use for traditional purposes, there is a strong connection between Métis identity and the consumption of traditional foods (Stantec, 2017).

Harvesting continues to be an integral component of the Métis way of life today, and wild foods are consumed regularly and are featured at Métis gatherings (Know History, 2015). In 2015, it was reported that Métis Nation of Ontario citizens in the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas harvested food between once a week to once a month, depending on the person's ability to harvest. Harvested food is often frozen and consumed throughout the year (Know History, 2015).



3.4.1 Hunting and Trapping

In the late 19th century, Métis people hunted but did not have regular hunting grounds, and they traveled on snowshoes for days or weeks to trap in the winter, though not as a family activity (Borron, 1894, as cited in Gale, 1998).

Hunting and trapping continue to be important land use activities among Métis people. Within the last decade, Métis Nation of Ontario citizens of the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas reported having hunted for game all their life (Know History, 2015). Moose and deer hunting occurs in the fall, while furbearers are harvested from fall to spring (Nextbridge, 2018). The most commonly harvested species are moose and partridge / ruffed grouse (Know History, 2015), but deer, geese, and various duck species are also important. Other species harvested include black bear, beaver, marten, mink, rabbit, and lynx (Stantec, 2017), as well as coyote, fox (red), fisher, snowshoe hare, weasel, wolf, wolverine, otter, and various upland birds and waterfowl (Nextbridge, 2018).

Harvesting sites and areas for large and small game hunting (not including birds) have been documented in the Longlac, Geraldton, and Nakina areas (Know History, 2015). Bird harvesting sites and areas have been documented west of Lake Nipigon between Lake Superior and Armstrong to the north, and east of Lake Nipigon between Marathon and Nakina to the north, as well as just north of Aroland (Know History, 2015). Trapping areas have been documented in the Lake Nipigon, Long Lake, and Geraldton areas (Know History, 2015).

A summary of wildlife of potential importance to Métis Nation of Ontario is provided in **Table 3-1**.



Table 3-1: Wildlife of potential importance to Métis Nation of Ontario

Common Name	Oji-Cree Translation
BIG GAME AND FURBEARERS	
Moose	*mooz*
Deer	
Black bear	*makwa*
Red fox	
Coyote	
Wolf (grey)	
Lynx	
Weasel	
Muskrat	
Beaver	*amik*
Marten	*wabizheshih, wabashtan*
Mink	*shakweshi*
Otter	*nigig*
Wolverine	*wishkobish, wiingwa'waake*
Fisher	*ojiig*
Rabbit (snowshoe hare)	*waabooze*
BIRDS	
Goose (unidentified)	*nikah*
Partridge (ruffed grouse)	
Duck	*shesheeb*
Waterfowl (various)	
Upland birds	*wabihse*

3.4.2 Fishing

In the late 19th century, Métis people harvested whitefish in October and November and preserved them by salting them in barrels. These fish were consumed in the winter or sold (Borron, 1894, as cited in Gale, 1998). In the Lakehead and Nipigon areas, fishing by Métis people was especially important to provisioning the trading posts (MNO & Ontario Government, 2017a).

Fishing continues to be an important land use activities among Métis people. Within the last decade, it has been reported that fishing occurs year-round and fishers use a variety of techniques to catch fish, including the use of rods, spears, nets, and rock weir systems (Know History, 2015). Walleye, northern pike, and trout are harvested in the most locales (Stantec, 2017). Other species harvested include bass, burbot (ling cod), yellow perch, rainbow smelt, sucker, lake whitefish, salmon, lake sturgeon, and other non-commercial fish (Stantec, 2017). Métis Nation of Ontario harvesting rules do not allow for fishing in spawning areas (White, 2017).

Métis Nation of Ontario citizens have reported that commercial fishing occurs on Lake Nipigon, and non-commercial fishing occurs west of Lake Nipigon and Red Rock, in the areas around Longlac and Geraldton (including Kenogamisis Lake, Magnet Creek, and Mosher Lake), and in some areas north of Aroland (Know History, 2015). There is a perception that Kenogamisis Lake is polluted, with associated impacts on fish quality and Métis harvesting (Know History, 2015). In addition, the introduction of suckers into Long Lake has harmed pike and trout populations (Know History, 2015).

A summary of fisheries of potential importance to Métis Nation of Ontario is provided in **Table 3-2**.



Table 3-2: Fisheries of potential importance to Métis Nation of Ontario

Common Name	Oji-Cree Translation
Lake whitefish	*atikameg*
Walleye	*okaas*
Trout	*masamekos*
Northern pike	*ginozhe*
Lake sturgeon	*nameh*
Perch (yellow)	
Salmon	
Smelt (rainbow)	*namebin*
Herring (lake)	
Burbot (ling cod)	
Bass	
Sucker	



3.4.3 Berry, Plant, and Fungi Gathering



Berry, plant, and fungi harvesting continues to be an important activity among Métis people, and some Métis Nation of Ontario citizens have indicated they have been harvesting all of their lives and do so throughout all seasons (Stantec, 2017). Berries, plants and fungi are harvested for food, medicinal, cultural, and utility or construction purposes Stantec, 2017; Nextbridge, 2018). It has also been reported that Métis in northern and southern Ontario trade with each other in species that do not grow in their respective regions (MNO, 2010).

A variety of berries are harvested in the summer month for food, including blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, cranberries, currants, blackberries, pin cherries, and Saskatoon berries (Stantec, 2017; Nextbridge, 2018).

A variety of trees and shrubs are used for medicinal, ceremonial, and utility or construction purposes. For example:

- Sage, cedar, tobacco and sweet grass are considered sacred and are used for smudging and in smoking mixture, among other things (MNO, 2010);
- Spruce gum is used for healing cuts (Stantec, 2017);
- Birch bark is used as a digestive remedy as a tea (Stantec, 2017);
- Willow branches are used to make a tea for headaches (Stantec, 2017);
- Chaga mushrooms are harvested for their healing properties (Know History, 2015);
- Birch bark, cedar, and spruce roots are used to make traditional canoes (Migneault, 2014); and
- Firewood is harvested for heating (Know History, 2015).

While plants are used for food and for healing physical ailments, there is also a spiritual aspect to the use, as well, as cedar is used for clearing “negative energy” (MNO, 2010).

Plant harvesting sites and areas have been documented near Long Lake, Lake Nipigon, Geraldton, and Longlac (Know History, 2015). It has been reported that harvesting plants, berries in particular, is becoming more difficult because of pesticide spraying (Know History, 2015). Wild rice is harvested from Kenogamisis Lake (Stantec, 2017). Firewood for heating is often harvested by citizens in the area around Lake Nipigon and Long Lake (Know History, 2015).

A summary of berries, other plants, and fungi of potential importance to Métis Nation of Ontario is provided in **Table 3-3**.

Table 3-3: Berries, plants, and fungi of potential importance to Métis Nation of Ontario

Common Name	Oji-Cree Translation
BERRIES	
Blueberry	*miinesan, makomiinasan, minan*
Blackberry	
Cranberry (high bush)	
Cranberry (low bush)	
Raspberry	
Strawberry	
Saskatoon berry	
Currant	
Gooseberry	
Bearberry	
OTHER PLANTS	
Spruce (black)	*shikobaatik, mina'ig*
Cedar	
Balsam fir	
Birch	
Black ash	
Mountain ash	
Labrador tea	
Mint	
Sage	
Sweet flag (weecay, muskrat root)	
Sweetgrass	
Wild rice	
Willow (red, white)	
Yarrow	
Mushrooms (chaga, chanterelle, shaggy mane)	

3.4.4 Travel

Land and water travel routes are used to access areas for harvesting. Several water routes used by

Métis Nation of Ontario citizens have been documented (Stantec, 2017; Nextbridge, 2018):

- A route connecting Highway 11 with Mosher Lake;
- A canoe route along the Pukaskwa River;
- A water route along the Michipicoten River;
- A land or water route east of Kenogamisis Lake, extending to Long Lake; and
- A route of cultural practices along the center of Kenogamisis Lake.

Portages used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens have been documented in the Lake Nipigon, Long Lake, and Kenogamisis Lake areas (Know History, 2015).

3.4.5 Habitation

Habitation refers to places that people have lived, whether temporarily, semi-permanently, or permanently. Habitation sites and areas may include cabins, camp sites and areas, and historical family or village sites and areas.

Métis Nation of Ontario citizens have indicated that they have stayed at numerous camps and cabins throughout their lives, and these places have served as a base from where they can participate in harvesting activities (Know History, 2015). Families have generally traveled to the same cabin or camp site year after year. For some families, these locations hold deep spiritual associations as the ashes of their loved ones are spread there (Know History, 2015).

Cabins, camp sites, and tent sites have been documented near Geraldton (near Mosher, Kenogamisis, and Goldfield lakes) and in areas south of Nakina (Know History, 2015; Stantec, 2017).



3.5 Understanding of Lands, Water and Resource Use for Traditional Purposes in Relation to the Project

Sections 3.5.1 to **3.5.5** describe the current understanding of Métis Nation of Ontario's land, water, and resource use for traditional purposes in relation to the proposed Project, and specifically within the Project Development Area, Local Study Area, and Regional Study Area.

It is important to note that the purpose of this preliminary existing conditions report is to develop an understanding of where Métis Nation of Ontario is using the lands, waters, and resources for traditional purposes. This is not an assessment of potential impacts to Aboriginal Rights. The assessment of potential impacts will be completed in future stages of the Impact Statement / Environmental Assessment.

The assessment of potential impacts on the use of lands, waters, and resources for traditional purposes will also be informed by the results of other relevant Valued Component assessments (e.g., wildlife, vegetation, fish and fish habitat, etc.). It will also be informed by additional inputs from the Project's Indigenous Knowledge Program and / or Consultation Program.

The Proponent recognizes that the proposed Project has the potential to influence the exercise of Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights outside of the Regional Study Area. This is particularly relevant in the case of wildlife and water valued components given the movement of these important resources. This lens will be applied in the future stages of the Impact Statement / Environmental Assessment.



3.5.1 Hunting and Trapping

3.5.1.1 Project Development Area

Based on available information on areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens for hunting and trapping (see **Section 3.4.1**), and given that the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas do not extend into the Project Development Area (see **Section 3.3**), it is likely that hunting and trapping do not occur within the Project Development Area.

3.5.1.2 Local Study Area

Based on available information on areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens for hunting and trapping (see **Section 3.4.1**), and given that the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas do not extend into the Local Study Area (see **Section 3.3**), it is likely that hunting and trapping do not occur within the Local Study Area.

3.5.1.3 Regional Study Area

Based on available information on areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens for hunting and trapping (see **Section 3.4.1**), hunting and trapping has not been documented within the Regional Study Area. However, given that there is a potential 30 km area of the southern extent of the Regional Study Area that may overlap with Métis Nation of Ontario traditional areas (see **Section 3.3**), there is potential that hunting and trapping may occur within the Regional Study Area.



3.5.2 Fishing

3.5.2.1 Project Development Area

Based on available information on areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens for fishing (see **Section 3.4.2**), and given that the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas do not extend into the Project Development Area (see **Section 3.3**), it is likely that fishing does not occur within the Project Development Area.

3.5.2.2 Local Study Area

Based on available information on areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens for fishing (see **Section 3.4.2**), and given that the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas do not extend into the Local Study Area (see **Section 3.3**), it is likely that fishing does not occur within the Local Study Area.

3.5.2.3 Regional Study Area

Based on available information on areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens for fishing (see **Section 3.4.2**), fishing has not been documented within the Regional Study Area. However, given that there is a potential 30 km area of the southern extent of the Regional Study Area that may overlap with Métis Nation of Ontario traditional areas (see **Section 3.3**), there is potential that fishing may occur within the Regional Study Area.



3.5.3 Berry and Plant Gathering

3.5.3.1 Project Development Area

Based on available information on areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens for gathering (see **Section 3.4.3**), and given that the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas do not extend into the Project Development Area (see **Section 3.3**), it is likely that gathering does not occur within the Project Development Area.

3.5.3.2 Local Study Area

Based on available information on areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens for gathering (see **Section 3.4.3**), and given that the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas do not extend into the Local Study Area (see **Section 3.3**), it is likely that gathering does not occur within the Local Study Area.

3.5.3.3 Regional Study Area

Based on available information on areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens for gathering (see **Section 3.4.3**), gathering has not been documented within the Regional Study Area. However, given that there is a potential 30 km area of the southern extent of the Regional Study Area that may overlap with Métis Nation of Ontario traditional areas (see **Section 3.3**), there is potential that gathering may occur within the Regional Study Area.



3.5.4 Travel

3.5.4.1 Project Development Area

Based on available information on travel routes used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens (see **Section 3.4.4**), and given that the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas do not extend into the Project Development Area (see **Section 3.3**), it is likely that travel routes does not occur within the Project Development Area.

3.5.4.2 Local Study Area

Based on available information on travel routes used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens (see **Section 3.4.4**), and given that the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas do no extend into the Local Study Area (see **Section 3.3**), it is likely that travel routes does not occur within the Local Study Area.

3.5.4.3 Regional Study Area

Based on available information on travel routes used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens for harvesting activities (see **Section 3.4.4**), travel routes have not been documented within the Regional Study Area. However, given that there is a potential 30 km area of the southern extent of the Regional Study Area that may overlap with Métis Nation of Ontario traditional areas (see **Section 3.3**), there is potential for travel routes to occur within the Regional Study Area.



3.5.5 Habitation

3.5.5.1 Project Development Area

Based on available information on habitation sites and areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens (see **Section 3.4.5**), and given that the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas do not extend into the Project Development Area (see **Section 3.3**), it is likely that habitation sites and areas does not occur within the Project Development Area.

3.5.5.2 Local Study Area

Based on available information on habitation sites and areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens (see **Section 3.4.5**), and given that the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas do not extend into the Local Study Area (see **Section 3.3**), it is likely that habitation sites and areas does not occur within the Local Study Area.

3.5.5.3 Regional Study Area

Based on available information on habitation sites and areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens (see **Section 3.4.5**), these sites and areas have not been documented within the Regional Study Area. However, given that there is a potential 30 km area of the southern extent of the Regional Study Area that may overlap with Métis Nation of Ontario traditional areas (see **Section 3.3**), there is potential for habitation sites and areas to occur within the Regional Study Area.



3.6 Understanding of Cultural Continuity and Well-being in Relation to the Project Area

Sections 3.1.1 to **3.6.4** include the available information on Métis Nation of Ontario and / or Métis perspectives on cultural continuity and wellbeing. The information is general to Métis Nation of Ontario and / or the Métis. Information on Métis Nation of Ontario and / or Métis perspectives on cultural continuity and wellbeing in relation to the proposed Project is provided in **Section 3.7**.

The information presented is largely based on five secondary sources of information (although several other supporting sources have been used and referenced throughout):

- The *Métis Nation of Ontario – Southern Ontario Métis Traditional Plant Use Study* (MNO, 2010);
- A series of *Historic Métis Communities in Ontario* studies (MNO & Ontario Government, 2017a,b,c,d,e,f,g), in particular the studies on the historic Sault Ste. Marie and Northern Lake Superior Métis communities;
- *The Assessment of Potential Environmental Effects on Traditional Land and Resource Use (Stantec, 2017) for the Hardrock Project Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Assessment;*
- The article *Rivers of resistance: A history of the Métis Nation of Ontario* (Miner, 2022), which provides information about the history of Métis communities in Ontario; and,
- The Métis Nation of Ontario website (MNO, 2023l,m,n,o,p).





It is assumed that cultural continuity and wellbeing is dependent on several factors that are interrelated:

- **The protection of cultural, spiritual, and historical sites and areas of importance:** Loss of or changes to cultural, spiritual, and / or historical sites and areas of importance to Métis Nation of Ontario have the potential to impact the ability of citizens to continue their culture and traditions, and their cultural wellbeing as a result;
- **The ability for continued experiences on the land:** Changes to the ability of Métis Nation of Ontario citizens to continue their experiences on the land, and the many benefits these experiences provide, have the potential to impact cultural continuity and wellbeing;
- **A sufficient level of lands and resources for traditional use:** The continuation and wellbeing of Métis Nation of Ontario culture requires a sufficient level of and access to lands, water, and resources; and
- **The ability to practice and pass on language and cultural traditions:** Cultural continuity and wellbeing requires that Métis Nation of Ontario citizens not only practice their language and cultural traditions, but that they are able to and pass them on to the next generation.

These important factors set the stage for the structure of this section of the report.



3.6.1 Protection of Cultural, Spiritual, and / or Historical Sites and Areas

Cultural and spiritual sites and areas may include burial sites, ceremonial sites, traditional gathering sites and areas, sacred sites and areas, teaching sites, place names, and areas associated with important stories or legends. Historical sites and areas refer to areas of historical importance and may include old trading posts and churches.

Métis Nation of Ontario citizens have spoken about cultural, spiritual and historical sites, including burial sites, locations where ashes have been spread, and old trading posts (Know History, 2015). Citizens have also referred to sacred areas, which can include a variety of uncommon features that are of significance such as places for spiritual rituals related to harvesting (Stantec, 2017). Citizens have also referred to habitation sites and areas as cultural and spiritual areas given the gathering and cultural traditions that have taken place here (Know History, 2015). As noted in **Section 3.4.5**, for some families, cabins and camp site areas may hold deep spiritual associations if the ashes of their loved ones are spread there (Know History, 2015).

- Cultural, spiritual, and / or historical sites of importance to Métis Nation of Ontario have been documented in or near the following areas (Stantec, 2017):
- Kenogamisis Lake;
- MacLeod Provincial Park;
- Geraldton;
- Goldfield Creek;
- Mosher Lake;
- Rosedale Point; and,
- Barton Bay.







3.6.2 Continued Experiences on the Land

The lands in the region, and experiences on them, are important for Métis Nation of Ontario identity, and cultural continuity and wellbeing, because they provide:

- **Connection to the land:** The Métis are "a people of the lands", and Métis history, identity, and culture in intertwined with the land (MNO, 2010; MNO, 2023n). Métis people have relied on the land for spiritual, economic, cultural, spiritual, social, and physical well-being (Stantec, 2017). Hunting, fishing, and trapping have been, and continue to be, an integral part of Métis life, and these traditional activities sustain the Métis connection to the land and provide opportunities to transmit traditional knowledge to younger generations (Know History, 2015; MNO, 2023m). In *R. v. Powley* (2003), the Supreme Court of Canada wrote that the "evidence indicates that subsistence hunting was an important aspect of Métis life and a defining feature of their special relationship to the land" (MNO & Ontario Government, 2017c).
- **Peace and freedom:** Métis Nation of Ontario citizens have referred to the feeling of freedom and peace experienced when out on the land (Know History, 2015).
- **Connection to ancestors:** Métis people generally use the same land, trails, and waterways as their ancestors did, which contributes to their Métis identity and ways of knowing (Fedyk, 2016; Miner, 2022). This is seen as a link between past, current, and future generations, and Métis people are connected to the land through ancestral stories and memories that pass between the generations (Fedyk, 2016).
- **Connection to community:** The act of harvesting with others and sharing the harvest is a valuable time for the Métis community (Stantec, 2017). Citizens often harvest with immediate and extended family members (Know History, 2015). Harvested foods are often consumed and are shared at Métis gatherings (Stantec, 2017), which reinforces community connections.



3.6.3 Sufficiency of Lands and Resources

At the time of writing, there is no information available specific to Métis Nation of Ontario in terms of any thresholds that, if exceeded, impair the ability of citizens to exercise their rights, including maintaining their culture and cultural wellbeing. However, it is recognized that Métis Nation of Ontario identity, way of life, and cultural continuity and wellbeing is dependent on access to and availability of lands, water, and resources that can sustain the community today and into the future. This is because use of the lands and natural resources has formed a central part the culture and economies of these communities (MNO, 2010).

It is also recognized that Métis Nation of Ontario citizens hold an important responsibility as stewards of their lands (MNO, 2010). The Métis Nation of Ontario Statement of Prime Purpose declares that an aim of the organization is to "protect and preserve the lands and waters within our homelands for future generations" (MNO, 2023n). Métis Nation of Ontario (2010) describes the relationship between Métis communities and their traditional territories as "symbiotic" and states that "one cannot be healthy without the other one being healthy" (p. 7). If there are negative effects on the territories and their resources due to development, there will be harm done to the Métis communities (MNO, 2010).

Stewardship is also a critical aspect of both Métis Nation of Ontario identity and governance. The Métis Nation of Ontario Harvesting Policy and Card System are guided by traditions protocols based on conservation and stewardship, including taking only what you need (White, 2017) and selective harvesting, so as not to hunt or fish during times of reproduction (Know History, 2015).



3.6.4 Ability to Practice and Transmit Cultural Traditions

For the Métis Nation of Ontario, "traditional knowledge is part of the collective memory of a community and is passed orally from one generation to the next through songs and stories, as well as through actions and observation" (Know History, 2015, p. 24).

Harvesting out on the land provides an opportunity to pass traditional knowledge to future generations through observation and learning by doing (Stantec, 2017; Nextbridge, 2018; MNO, 2023m), and Métis Nation of Ontario citizens have shared that they learned these skills at a young age (Know History, 2015). Métis Nation of Ontario offers camps, intergenerational workshops, and a summer youth program to educate its youth about Métis history and culture (MNO, 2023o,p). Through engaging in harvesting activities, including hunting, fishing, wood cutting, guiding, repairs, and canoeing, the younger generations learn knowledge such as meat preparation and respecting the animal that has given its life for food (Stantec, 2017; MNO, 2023l).

In addition to experience out on the land, knowledge of the traditional way of life and how to interact with the land has been passed down to the current generations through the sharing of oral histories (Fedyk, 2016). Traditional knowledge and oral histories are generally passed down through families and between friends (MNO, 2010). Not only is this passage of knowledge practical, Métis Nation of Ontario citizens derive pleasure from passing Métis traditions, such as trapping, hunting, guiding, and canoeing, to younger generations (MNO, 2023k,l).

There are efforts to revive the Métis language after a steep decline in use due to government policies favouring the use of French or English (MNO, 2023f).



3.7 Understanding of Cultural Continuity and Wellbeing in Relation to the Project Area

Sections 3.7.1 to **3.7.4** describe the current understanding of Métis Nation of Ontario cultural continuity and wellbeing factors in relation to the proposed Project. It is expected that these factors will form the foundation for the assessment on Métis Nation of Ontario's cultural continuity and wellbeing.



It is recognized that Métis Nation of Ontario's cultural continuity and wellbeing is closely related to land, water, and resource use for traditional purposes. As noted in **Section 3.5**, Métis Nation of Ontario's land, water, and resource use for traditional purposes does not occur within the Project Development Area or the Local Study Area, but there is potential that traditional uses occur within the Regional Study Area for the assessment.

It is important to note that the purpose of this preliminary existing conditions report, is to develop an understanding of what is important for Métis Nation of Ontario cultural continuity and wellbeing. This is not an assessment of potential impacts to Aboriginal Rights. The assessment on potential impacts to rights will be completed in future stages of the Impact Statement / Environmental Assessment.

The assessment of potential impacts on cultural continuity and wellbeing will also be informed by the results of other relevant Valued Component assessments (e.g., visual, noise, air etc.). It will also be informed by additional inputs from the proposed Project's Indigenous Knowledge and / or Consultation programs.

3.7.1 Protection of Cultural, Spiritual, and / or Historical Sites and Areas

Sections 3.7.1.1 to **3.7.1.3** provide an overview of cultural, spiritual, and historical sites and areas in relation to the Project Development Area and the Local and Regional Study Areas.

3.7.1.1 Project Development Area

Based on available information on cultural, spiritual and / or historical sites and areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens (see **Section 3.6.1**), and given that the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas do not extend into the Project Development Area (see **Section 3.3**), it is likely that these sites and areas do not occur within the Project Development Area.

3.7.1.2 Local Study Area

Based on available information on cultural, spiritual and / or historical sites and areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens (see **Section 3.6.1**), and given that the Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten traditional areas do not extend into the Local Study Area (see **Section 3.3**), it is likely that these sites and areas do not occur within the Local Study Area.

3.7.1.3 Regional Study Area

Based on available information on cultural, spiritual and / or historical sites and areas used by Métis Nation of Ontario citizens (see **Section 3.6.1**), these sites and areas have not been documented within the Regional Study Area. However, given that there is a potential 30 km area of the southern extent of the Regional Study Area that may overlap with Métis Nation of Ontario traditional areas (see **Section 3.3**), there is potential for these sites and areas to occur within the Regional Study Area.

3.7.2 Continued Experiences on the Land

Based on the available information presented in **Section 3.6.2**, it is likely that the following is important to Métis Nation of Ontario for the continued experiences on the land, and for cultural continuity and wellbeing:

- Connection to the land, community, and ancestors by being able to access preferred and ancestral sites and locations, including traditional gathering and family harvesting sites and areas, for cultural practices;
- Being able to freely hunt, fish, and gather in quiet areas without interference; and,
- Being able to maintain community and kinship ties and values through harvesting and sharing.

This lens will be applied to the assessment on Métis Nation of Ontario's cultural continuity and wellbeing.



3.7.3 Sufficiency of Lands, Waters, and Resources

Based on the available information presented in **Section 3.6.3**, it is likely that the following is important to Métis Nation of Ontario and for cultural continuity and wellbeing, and for the ability of Métis Nation of Ontario people to honour their role as stewards of their lands:

- A sufficient level and quality of lands, waters, and resources, as well as access to these resources; and,
- Being able to continue stewardship protocols and traditional resource management practices.

This lens will be applied to the assessment on Métis Nation of Ontario's cultural continuity and wellbeing.

3.7.4 Ability to Practice and Transmit Cultural Traditions

Based on the information available and presented in **Section 3.6.4**, it is likely that the following is important to Métis Nation of Ontario for the continued practice and transmission of cultural traditions:

- Being able to have intergenerational experiences on the land to practice traditions (and traditional language);
- Being able to practice cultural traditions in the preferred way (i.e., harvesting resources using preferred methods and in preferred times of year); and,
- Being able to have continued access to and use of important cultural sites, storied sites, and sites for teaching.

This lens will be applied to the assessment on Métis Nation of Ontario's cultural continuity and wellbeing.





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Next Steps



The Marten Falls First Nation Project Team invites you to share your feedback and comments on the information contained in this preliminary draft report. We welcome any additional information you would like to share with us. If there are additional sources of information you would like us to include for this report, we welcome you sending us this information. We are available to meet at your earliest convenience to further discuss the information found in this report. To arrange a time to meet and / or to provide comments or share additional information, please contact:

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B24.4 Community Specific Meeting Materials

Project Name:	Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All Season Community Access Road (CAR)	**Date of Meeting:**	April 27, 2023
		Time:	10:00 - 11:00 am EST
		Project #:	60593122
Attendees:	Victoria Stinson, *Métis Nation of Ontario* Erin Reimer, *Métis Nation of Ontario* Steven Sarrazin, *Métis Nation of Ontario* Jennifer Bruin, *MFFN CAR Project Team* Samantha Markham, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant* Leah Deveaux, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant* Lauren Weseluck, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*	**Location:**	Teams Meeting
		Prepared By:	Lauren Weseluck (MFFN CAR Project Consultant)

Regarding: MFFN CAR – Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Program

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Purpose:

The MFFN CAR Project Team and representatives from the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) met to discuss concerns the MNO had regarding Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Reports, and how the MNO's feedback can be incorporated into the Project process moving forward.
A summary of the discussion included:

- General archaeology and archaeological potential, settlement patterns, rights assertion and traditional / Indigenous Knowledge
- Timelines and next steps in the archaeological assessment
- Details on why a Stage 2 Archaeology Report was already developed

Summary of Meeting Action Items:

- The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to coordinate a meeting between the MFFN CAR Project Team and the MNO to discuss how information the MNO provides for the Project will be kept confidential.
- The MFFN CAR Project Team to continue to provide updates to the MNO on various Project updates and provide continuous outreach in order to address any concerns brought forth by the MNO.
- The MFFN CAR Project Team to take the MNO's feedback into account by including "Métis" as a separate category in future stages of archaeology reporting and to include information provided by the MNO in reporting.
- The MFFN CAR Project Team to provide updated shapefiles showing information about revised Project Development Area to the MNO.

- The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to connect the internal natural science team (specifically terrestrial ecology) with the MNO for discussion.
- The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to set up a meeting with the MNO to discuss ATRI and the IK Program and how the MNO can participate ****Post-Meeting Update – On June 6, 2023, the MNO notified MFFN CAR Project Team through email that they no longer require a meeting and will provide a letter with information. MNO submitted the letter to MFFN CAR Project Team on August 1, 2023. The MNO's correspondence clarifies that it does not have project specific information on IK or Land and Resource Use available to share.**
- The MNO to share (at their discretion) any available Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use with the MFFN Project Team. **[see above]**
- The MNO to share information on the boundaries of their area of interest related to ungulates, harvesting, etc. with the MFFN CAR Project Team. **[see above]**
- The MNO to share any information they can find to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for inclusion in archaeological reporting. The MNO to send references on historical use of the Project Area for to build into the background research of any upcoming archaeology reports**. [see above; the MNO would like to be informed and engaged on any future archaeological assessments]**
- The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to arrange a meeting between the MFFN CAR Project Team and the MNO, to assist the MNO in understanding how using their traditional knowledge can be included in the Impact Assessment process without them having to declare assertion.
- The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that additional details the MNO collects and provides could be included / considered in the upcoming archaeology / cultural heritage reports.
- The MNO and MFFN CAR Project Team to continue discussions on whether any of the preferred alternative routes intersect with trading routes the MNO is, or may become, aware of.

Item #	Topic / Theme	Comments / Questions	Response / Action Items
1	Lands, Territory and Title Species at Risk Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Land and Resource Use Cultural Heritage	• A representative of the MNO suggested they could provide maps and detailed information regarding the boundaries of their area of interest to help the MFFN CAR Project Team understand what ungulates, harvesting and other areas of interest may need to be considered. • It can be challenging for the MNO to share information on their area of interest. This is because their area of interest is evolving as a result of new information and full legal approval for	• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that additional details the MNO collects and provides could be included / considered in the upcoming archaeology / cultural heritage reports • The MNO to provide the MFFN CAR Project Team information that they presented to the Government on Métis territory. (boundaries of areas of interest related to ungulates, harvesting, etc.)

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	Resources (e.g., Archaeology) General Project	the MNO to share said information can be a lengthy process.	• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to set up a meeting with the Project Team and the MNO to provide detailed information on how information the MNO provides will be kept confidential.
2	Lands, Territory and Title Species at Risk Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Land and Resource Use Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology) General Project	• The MNO requested they stay updated on the MFFN CAR Project as the road could have long-ranging impacts on harvesting, ungulates and other traditional areas important to traditional Métis ways of life.	• The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to update the MNO on various Project updates and provide continuous outreach to determine if the MNO has updates or requests on the Project.
3	Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology)	• The MNO requested the inclusion of "Métis" in the archaeology reporting, through both historical context and methodology Inclusion of the Métis as part of the archaeological assessment is not only historically accurate, but will ensure that artifacts, culturally significant or historical sites, remains, etc. are identified correctly and protected.	• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant agreed with the MNO that it is problematic that Métis are missing from terminology in the archaeology report. • The MFFN CAR Project Team to take MNO's feedback into account by including "Métis" as a separate category in future stages of archaeology reporting and to include information provided by the MNO in reporting.

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4	Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology)	• The MNO asked if Stage 2 Archaeology Assessment was already completed.	• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the current Stage 2 Archaeology Report only relates to a very small portion of the Project Area. The existing Stage 2 focused on two river crossings, as these crossing were crucial to initial bridge design
5	Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology) Surface Water Study Area	• The Albany River, which the MFFN CAR would cross, was a major fur trading route with high potential for Métis artifacts in this area. (information on historical fur trading routes and posts is easily available online) • The MNO are still collecting information. This is an ongoing process. • The MNO suggested that known areas of settlement be examined further as there may be clues as to which community occupied particular settlements. i.e. archaeological potential	• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted there is a revised Project Development Area which includes aggregate sites • The MFFN CAR Project Team to provide updated shapefiles showing information about revised Project Development Area to the MNO. • The MFFN CAR Project Team to incorporate the online information on historical fur trading routes into the Archaeology reports. If MNO has additional details regarding this subject that they would like to share, this will be included in future stages of Archaeological reporting. • The MNO to share (at their discretion) any available Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use with the MFFN Project Team. • The MNO and MFFN CAR Project Team to continue discussions on whether any of the preferred alternative routes intersect with

Item #	Topic / Theme	Comments / Questions	Response / Action Items
			trading routes the MNO is, or may become, aware of. • The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to connect the internal natural science team (specifically terrestrial ecology) with the MNO for discussion on whether there are further clues as to where settlements were located.
6	Education and Training	• A representative of the MNO noted that Métis archaeology experts are very limited in Canada, however those that exist are at the University of Alberta, specifically Dr. Kisha Supernant, Director, Institute of Prairie and Indigenous Archaeology, and Professor of Anthropology, University of Alberta.	• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked whether the MNO has background documentation outlining the Métis history in Ontario that the MNO would like included to supplement what can be found by general research. • The MNO to share any information they can find to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for inclusion in archaeological reporting.
7	Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology)	• In response to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant asking whether there is anything the team needs from the MNO to support cultural heritage work, the MNO noted they can send references on historical use of the Study Area to use in the background research for upcoming archaeology reports.	• The MNO to send references on historical use of the Project Area for MFFN CAR Project to build into the background research of any upcoming archaeology reports.
8	IK Program	• The MNO requested to be updated on Traditional Knowledge in the very specific area in which they are	• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to set up a meeting with the MNO and MFFN CAR IK Team regarding Traditional

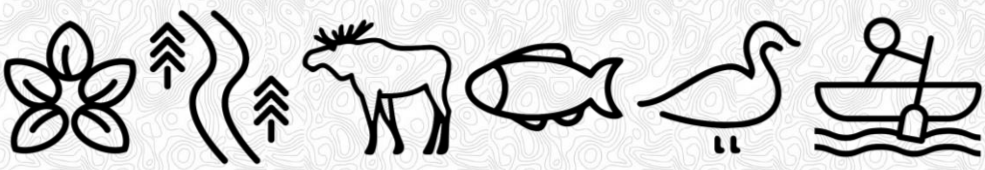
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		declaring rights (Southern tip of Anaconda Painter Lake Road). • The MNO are reliant on Indigenous Knowledge to provide the Project Team, Technical Teams and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) with a more holistic picture of what existed in the region historically.	Knowledge. ****Update – On June 6, 2023, the MNO notified MFFN CAR Project Team through email that they no longer require a meeting and will provide a letter with information.** • The MFFN CAR Project Consultant to arrange a meeting between the MFFN CAR Project Team and the MNO to assist the MNO in understanding how using their traditional knowledge can be included in the Impact Assessment process without them having to declare assertion.

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Progress Report 4: Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Milestone

January 2026



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Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
ATRI	Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests
ATRI: Draft IA Report	Community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Report
ATRI: Final IA Report	Community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Final Impact Assessment Report
EA / IS	Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement
E-blast	Electronic newsletter
GBA Plus	Gender Based Analysis Plus
IK	Indigenous Knowledge
MECP	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
MFFN	Marten Falls First Nation
NoC	Notice of Commencement
NRL	Northern Road Link
PIC	Public Information Centre
RoCE	Record of Consultation and Engagement
The Agency	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
The Assessment Process	The Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment
ToR	Terms of Reference
WSR	Webequie Supply Road

1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

This Milestone #4 Progress Report is the last of four consultation and engagement reports that collectively make up the Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE) for Indigenous Communities, as part of the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road's Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS).

A RoCE for Interested Persons and a RoCE for Government Agencies are also included in the Final EA / IS. Additionally, a Cumulative Effects Consultation Report has also been prepared[1]. All RoCEs are part of Appendix X of the Final EA / IS.

Figure 1-1 illustrates the four milestone reports and their respective date ranges; each of Milestones #1 through #3 Progress Reports have been previously released to individual Indigenous communities for review and comment. While a separate Milestone #4 Progress Report was not mandated, its inclusion reflects MFFN's commitment to transparency and meaningful consultation and engagement.

1. A Cumulative Effects Consultation Report was an additional requirement as part of the Terms of Reference approval.

Figure 1-1: The Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities



The reporting time period of Milestone #4 Progress Report begins on August 1, 2024, the day after the third milestone (Identification of Preferred Alternatives) concluded, and ends September 5, 2025.

This report documents all communications, consultation, and engagement activities during this time period, including efforts related to the preparation and release of the Draft EA / IS in support of the Final EA / IS submission.

The September 5, 2025, end date for this reporting period marked the conclusion of the Draft EA / IS review phase and accommodated extension requests from Indigenous communities and government agencies for submitting formal comments on the Draft EA / IS; the original submission date of June 23, 2025, provided Indigenous communities four months to provide feedback and with the extension a total of six and a half months was provided.

Outreach conducted after September 5, 2025, is reflected in Section 11 “We Listened” of the Final EA / IS, and feedback provided after this date may also appear in Appendix C, Feedback and Response Log, of the Final EA / IS. Accepting feedback on the Draft EA / IS up to September 5, 2025, accommodated extension requests and helped ensure that the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team had sufficient time to review, analyze, and respond to comments received on the Draft EA / IS. This approach allowed feedback to be thoughtfully and accurately documented and incorporated, where appropriate, into the Final EA / IS.

While the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team worked to include as much feedback as possible received after September 5, 2025, into the Final EA / IS, incorporation depended on when comments were received and the complexity of the issues raised. Indigenous communities have an opportunity to comment on the Final EA / IS and raise any outstanding or additional feedback at that time.

1.1.1 Major Consultation and Engagement Initiatives and Feedback

The reporting period for Milestone #4 Progress Report encompassed a broad range of communication, consultation, and engagement initiatives to provide Indigenous communities with meaningful opportunities to participate in the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment (Assessment Process), including but not limited to:

- **Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program:** Continued implementation of the IK Program supported the collection and integration of traditional land use and cultural information into the assessment. Several communities provided IK information during this period, which informed Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) and valued component studies.
- **Draft EA / IS:** Released the Draft EA / IS for early review by Indigenous communities on February 19, 2026, including plain language summaries in multiple languages and an Assessment Summary Package. Meetings, webinars, and Public Information Centre (PIC) #6 were also hosted to support understanding and encourage feedback during the Indigenous review period. More details on the Draft EA / IS are provided in **Section 1.1.2**.
- **Community Well-Being Report:** This report, focusing on socio-economic conditions, health, and cultural considerations, was advanced and shared with communities for review and feedback on April 10, 2025.
- **ATRI Work:** Community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Reports (ATRI: Draft IA Report) were distributed to communities between June 10 to July 11, 2025, for comment, reflecting both publicly available information and ATRI / IK provided to date by Indigenous communities.

- **Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo:** Hosted in Thunder Bay and Timmins in February 2025, this forum brought together Indigenous communities, provincial representatives, and project teams for the Community Access Road, Webequie Supply Road, and Northern Road Link. This event featured project overviews, panel discussions, and breakout sessions in an expo-style format to encourage dialogue on cumulative effects, ATRI considerations, and community priorities. Private breakout sessions were offered to Indigenous communities to discuss project-specific concerns and provide feedback.
- **Funding Programs:** The Community Capacity Funding Program was introduced in November 2024, to replace the Community Coordinator Program, offering flexible funding to support communities in reviewing the Draft EA / IS and participating in consultation and engagement activities.
- **PIC #6:** Held in Thunder Bay and Geraldton in May 2025, PIC #6 provided updates on the Assessment Process, Cumulative Effects Assessment, and community well-being findings.
- **Webinars and Multimedia:** A series of webinars and videos were delivered on topics such as cumulative effects, valued components, and socio-economic considerations. These were complemented by plain language summaries, translated materials, and monthly E-blasts to make technical information accessible.
- **Band Council Resolution:** MFFN members contributed IK, land and resource use information, and feedback on existing conditions and areas of concern. Community members participated in the evaluation of route alternatives, supported the development of preliminary route recommendations, and reviewed the technically Preferred Route. This engagement culminated in a Band Council Resolution supporting the Preferred Route in August 2024. These activities were supported by ongoing outreach through social media, targeted communications, and both virtual and in-person meetings, helping ensure consultation and engagement remained inclusive and responsive throughout the milestone.

Feedback heard through this reporting period includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- Community well-being;
- Cumulative effects;
- Access and safety;
- Consultation and engagement;
- Socio-economic opportunities;

- Construction activities and long-term operation and maintenance of the Community Access Road;
- Cultural heritage;
- Indigenous Knowledge; and
- Climate change.

1.1.2 Importance of the Draft EA / IS

As further described in **Section 1.2**, this milestone is voluntary—MFFN chose to release a Draft EA / IS even though this is not a regulatory requirement. Doing so, however, provided Indigenous communities, interested persons, and government agencies early access to Community Access Road information and findings, and created meaningful opportunities for feedback prior to the submission of the Final EA / IS.

This proactive step allowed for a more collaborative process. Without the release of the Draft EA / IS, the first and only opportunity to review and comment would have occurred after submission of the Final EA / IS to federal and provincial agencies. By contrast, the Draft EA / IS review period resulted in over 1000 comments from Indigenous communities. These comments informed the preparation of the Final EA / IS and allowed the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to incorporate input where possible in the Final EA / IS.

This Milestone #4 Progress Report demonstrates how consultation and engagement efforts were tailored to provide opportunities for Indigenous communities to participate in the review of the Draft EA / IS prior to the review deadline.

Consultation and engagement activities undertaken during this reporting period are included, as well as comments and feedback received up to the end of the Draft EA / IS review period. **This report does not include formal comments submitted by Indigenous communities on the Draft EA / IS or the responses to those comments. This information is available in the Feedback and Response Log, available in Appendix C of the Final EA / IS.** This log includes feedback received from Indigenous communities; the corresponding responses; and resulting changes to the Final EA / IS, where applicable. If specific topics were raised, section references of the Final EA / IS are also provided to direct readers to more detailed information.

1.2 Federal and Provincial Requirements

There are both federal and provincial requirements that set the framework for the Assessment Process. These are summarized below and were used to inform the Consultation and Engagement Plan developed during the Terms of Reference to guide communications, engagement, and consultation related to the Community Access Road.

1.2.1 Federal Requirements

Federal requirements for engagement, specific to Indigenous communities, on the Community Access Road can be found in the following federal documents:

- Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, 2020a); and
- Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan for the Community Access Road (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, 2021).

In addition, the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines require Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA Plus) to be applied to impact assessments in Canada. Section 11 of the Final EA / IS provides information on how GBA Plus has been applied to the Community Access Road.

1.2.2 Provincial Requirements

The Marten Falls-Ontario Memorandum of Understanding on Shared Consultation Responsibilities (AECOM, 2020) was signed in January 2020 between MFFN and the Province of Ontario. The Memorandum outlines shared responsibilities regarding the procedural aspects of Ontario's duty to consult in the context of the provincial Environmental Assessment for the proposed Community Access Road, for potentially impacted and interested Indigenous communities. Roles and responsibilities governed by the Memorandum include consultation planning and notification, delivery of the planned activities, issues resolution and follow-up, and record keeping for consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities.

A Terms of Reference (ToR) is the first step in the provincial EA process and is a roadmap for planning and decision-making. It outlines how an EA should be prepared, including the studies to be conducted, the process for identifying and assessing the effects of a proposed project, and how people should be consulted.

The ToR for the MFFN Community Access Road was approved with amendments on October 8, 2021, and the Notice of Commencement (NoC) of the provincial EA for the Community Access Road was posted on October 29, 2021. As part of the ToR – Notice of Approval, Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) included an amendment requiring three additional consultation and engagement reports with Indigenous communities (for example, Milestone Progress Reports) at key EA milestones. Visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/marten-falls-community-access-road-project to read the details on the Notice of Approval.

As required by the MECP, progress reports were developed to reflect consultation and engagement activities associated with each of the following EA milestones, with intent to support Indigenous communities in providing meaningful input during the development of the EA:

- **Milestone #1:** NoC of Provincial EA (referred to as NoC of EA) – sent to Indigenous communities December 6, 2022. The reporting period covered October 29, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and focused on the introduction of the Community Access Road.
- **Milestone #2:** Effects Assessment Methods – sent to Indigenous communities November 27 and 29, 2023. The reporting period covered July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023, and focused on the development of the Effects Assessment methodology, including review by regulators and presentation of the Effects Assessment methodology at PICs.
- **Milestone #3:** Identification of Preferred Alternatives – sent to Indigenous communities November 28 and 29, 2024. The reporting period covered June 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024, and focused on the development of: valued component metrics tables and evaluation of information; development of a preliminary preferred alternative; validation of information with MFFN Chief and Council and community members; and confirmation of the Preferred Route through submission of the final route recommendation memo to Chief and Council, resulting in a Band Council Resolution for the Preferred Route.

Each progress report was required to:

- Be organized by each Indigenous community;
- Contain a consultation and engagement log and summary that tracks consultation and engagement activities, information shared by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team with Indigenous communities, and community input and MFFN Community Access Road Project Team's responses to such input for the EA milestone; and
- Contain a discussion of how input and information provided by the Indigenous communities have informed the development of the EA milestone.

Each report met the requirements noted above and community-specific sections were distributed to each individual Indigenous community for review and comment. Each progress report was also shared with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Provincial requirements were inclusive of all federal requirements, and both were met during the Assessment Process. Additional requirements outlined in the Marten Falls-Ontario Memorandum of Understanding on Shared Consultation Responsibilities were also met.

1.3 Indigenous Communities Identified for Consultation and Engagement

MFFN has consulted and engaged with Indigenous communities identified by the MECP and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) based on the level of interest expressed by each community.

In total, there are 31 Indigenous communities, Tribal Councils, and Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations being consulted and engaged on the Community Access Road (23 Indigenous communities and 8 Tribal Councils, and Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations).

From August 1, 2024, to September 5, 2025, the Community Access Road received communication from 19 of the 31 being engaged, listed below. Additionally, 12 Indigenous communities, Tribal Councils, and / or Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations who met with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team during this reporting period are indicated with an asterisk (*):

- MFFN*;
- Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek*;
- Aroland First Nation*;
- Attawapiskat First Nation*;
- Constance Lake First Nation*;
- Chiefs of Ontario;
- Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope);
- Fort Albany First Nation*;
- Ginoogaming First Nation*;
- Kasabonika Lake First Nation;
- Kashechewan First Nation*;
- Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation;
- Long Lake #58 First Nation*;
- Matawa First Nations Management*;
- Métis Nation of Ontario;
- Mushkegowuk Council*
- Nibinamik First Nation*;
- Red Sky Métis Independent Nation*; and
- Weenusk First Nation.

The following 12 of 31 did not communicate with MFFN from August 1, 2024, to September 5, 2025. MFFN continued to offer to meet and shared updates on an ongoing basis (e.g., monthly E-blasts, notifications, field notices). The 12 Indigenous communities, Tribal Councils, and / or Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations include:

- Independent First Nations Alliance;
- Kingfisher Lake First Nation;
- Mishkeegogamang First Nation;
- Neskantaga First Nation;
- Nishnawbe Aski Nation;
- Nokiiwin Tribal Council;
- Shibogama First Nations Council;
- Union of Ontario Indians;
- Wapekeka First Nation;
- Wawakapewin First Nation;
- Webequie First Nation; and
- Wunnumin Lake First Nation.

The term “neighbouring” is used to identify any Indigenous community being consulted and engaged with respect to the Community Access Road; the term is not in reference to proximity. MFFN is regarded as both the Proponent and the most potentially impacted community; and participates in consultation and engagement activities for neighbouring Indigenous communities.

To help achieve an appropriate level of consultation and engagement related to the Community Access Road, (i.e., frequency and depth of consultation and engagement), the list of communities being engaged was considered against the following:

- Expressed interest (to-date) in the Community Access Road, including applying to Ministry of Energy and Mines, and the Agency for capacity funding, and / or participation in the IK Program, the Community Coordinator Program, and the Community Capacity Funding Program;
- ATRI, including any rights that neighbouring Indigenous communities have identified that may be adversely affected by the Community Access Road;
- Geographical distance or proximity to the study area;
- Located downstream of the Community Access Road, with the potential to experience effects to watercourses due to the Community Access Road;
- Traditional and / or current land use within the study area or of lands potentially affected by the Community Access Road;
- Potential for effects on the environmental and community well-being (social, economics, and human health conditions) of neighbouring Indigenous communities; and
- Provided comments during the Assessment Process.

Throughout the Assessment Process, the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team adjusted their approach to engaging each individual Indigenous communitiy in consideration of these criteria; evolving the list as new information became available and additional neighbouring Indigenous communities engaged in the consultation and engagement opportunities provided. These opportunities are summarized in **Section 2**.

The above criteria were also used to identify which communities were offered funding to participate in the Indigenous Knowledge Program and the Community Capacity Funding Program[2]. Section 11 of the Final EA / IS provides more information on the IK Program and the Community Capacity Funding Program. The status of participation for both these programs can be found in **Table 1-1**.

2. To better serve the interest of Indigenous communities in reviewing the Draft EA / IS, the Community Coordinator Program was replaced with the Community Capacity Funding Program in November 2024.

Additionally, MFFN and Aroland First Nation members were also offered employment opportunities as Field Study Support Staff to assist with field programs and were provided funding for goods and services associated with in-person meetings, such as transportation, catering, and meeting set-up.

Table 1-1: Status of Neighbouring Indigenous Communities' Participation in the Community Capacity Funding Program and Funding Offer for the IK Program

No.	Indigenous Community	Status of Uptake in Community Capacity Funding Program and Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	Status of Uptake for Community Coordinator Program	Status of Funding Offer for Indigenous Knowledge Program
1	Aroland First Nation	• Funding provided • Aroland First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Aroland First Nation was reviewing applicants for the position • The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community	• Funding Provided • Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community
2	Attawapiskat First Nation	• Capacity Funding information sent to community • No response received • Attawapiskat First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • No response received	• Indicated they do not want to participate in the Indigenous Knowledge Program
3	Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek	• Funding provided • Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • No response received	• Funding provided • Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community
4	Constance Lake First Nation	• Funding provided • Contance Lake First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • Expressed interest; noted difficulty finding resource to fill role • The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community	• The Sharing Agreement is with the community for signing • The updated funding agreement is with the community for review • Constance Lake First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge

No.	Indigenous Community	Status of Uptake in Community Capacity Funding Program and Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	Status of Uptake for Community Coordinator Program	Status of Funding Offer for Indigenous Knowledge Program
5	Eabametoong First Nation	• Community Capacity Funding information sent to community • Community acknowledged receipt of information and expressed interest. Follow-ups have been sent; no further response received regarding the program during the Assessment Process • Eabametoong First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, after the review period ended	• Offered • No response received	• Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review • Eabamatoong First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge
6	Fort Albany First Nation	• Funding provided • Fort Albany First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • Acknowledged offer • The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community	• Funding provided • Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community
7	Ginoogaming First Nation	• Funding provided • Ginoogaming First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • Have expressed interest in program; actively recruiting. • The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community	• Funding provided • Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community

No.	Indigenous Community	Status of Uptake in Community Capacity Funding Program and Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	Status of Uptake for Community Coordinator Program	Status of Funding Offer for Indigenous Knowledge Program
8	Kasabonika Lake First Nation	• Community Capacity Funding information sent to community • No response received • Kasabonika Lake First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • No response received	• Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review • Kasabonika Lake First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge
9	Kashechewan First Nation	• Funding provided • Kashechewan First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • Acknowledged offer • The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community	• Funding provided • Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community
10	Long Lake #58 First Nation	• Community Capacity Funding information sent to community • Community acknowledged receipt of information and expressed interest; Community Capacity Funding Agreement has been sent to the community. • Long Lake #58 First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • Acknowledged offer • The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community	• Initial versions of sharing and funding agreements sent to the community • Long Lake #58 First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge
11	Marten Falls First Nation	• Funding provided • Marten Falls First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• One previous Community Coordinator hired (living in Marten Falls); one current Community Coordinator (living outside of Marten Falls) • Funding provided	• Funding provided • Received Indigenous Knowledge from the Community

No.	Indigenous Community	Status of Uptake in Community Capacity Funding Program and Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	Status of Uptake for Community Coordinator Program	Status of Funding Offer for Indigenous Knowledge Program
12	Neskantaga First Nation	• Community Capacity Funding information sent to community • No response received • Neskantaga First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • No response received	• Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review • Neskantaga First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge
13	Nibinamik First Nation	• Funding provided • Nibinamik First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • No response received	• Initial versions of the sharing and funding agreements sent to the community • Nibinamik First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge
14	Webequie First Nation	• Community Capacity Funding information sent to community • No response received • Webequie First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • No response received	• Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review • Webequie First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge
15	Weenusk First Nation	• Funding provided • Weenusk First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • Acknowledged offer • The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community	• The final versions of the sharing and funding agreements have been signed by the Project Team and the community • Once banking information is shared by Weenusk First Nation, funding for Indigenous Knowledge will be provided to Weenusk First Nation • Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community

1.4 Summary of Input and Information Received

Throughout this reporting period, issues, comments, and interests were provided by Indigenous communities.

An issue is defined as feedback provided that has the potential to influence the Assessment Process.

A comment or interest is defined as a question, statement, data, and / or information that does not have the potential to influence the Assessment Process.

Feedback is documented in the consultation and engagement log within each community-specific section, however, only issues are elaborated on in the community-specific Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action tables. All comments and interests are available in Appendix X of the Final EA / IS.

Section 2 includes a summary of key consultation and engagement activities and a more detailed summary of issues received through consultation and engagement activities.

Section 3 provides a detailed record of the consultation and engagement efforts with each of the 31 Indigenous communities and organizations, including all communications received between August 1, 2024, and September 5, 2025. The community-specific sections also include discussion of how input provided (e.g., issues) by the Indigenous communities has informed or been considered in the Assessment Process, as well as Final EA / IS section references for more information on select topics.

2. Consultation and Engagement

2.1 Approach and Consultation and Engagement Activities

As outlined in the Consultation and Engagement Plan to support the Assessment Process, this Milestone #4 Progress Report reporting period focused on the following activities and requests for targeted input.

Activities for Indigenous communities:

- Held Indigenous leadership and community discussions / meetings, considering applicable and relevant subgroups (e.g., women, youth, and Elders), in-person and virtual;
- Circulated Community Access Road updates, including 12 E-blasts;
- Sent emails and made phone calls to confirm interest in being consulted on the Community Access Road (for communities that had not yet expressed interest);
- Developed plain language updates (translated, as required);
- Maintained a website to share the latest updates and information on the Community Access Road;
- Distributed field notices and updates regarding specific programs;
- Circulated email updates;
- Posted social media updates;
- Conducted follow-up communications to confirm information was received and the material(s) provided were understood;
- Encouraged participation in Community Access Road programs including the IK Program and Community Capacity Funding Program;
- Circulated Notice of Release of the Draft EA / IS (translations available);
- Distributed Notice of PIC #6;
- Held PIC #6 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, along with two in-community MFFN meetings, two in-community Aroland meetings, and online version of PIC #6;
- Circulated materials to support the review of the Draft EA / IS, including an Assessment Summary Package and plain language summaries;
- Circulated information on the Community Capacity Funding Program to 15 communities to support the review of the Draft EA / IS;
- Distributed 11 plain language summaries in five languages (English, French, Ojibway, Cree, and Oji-Cree);

- Posted three videos on What We've Heard, Draft EA / IS Update, and Understanding Cumulative Effects;
- Distributed community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports;
- Held six meetings with MFFN Chief and Council and broader community;
- Held eight meetings with Indigenous communities;
- Distributed notices for the online webinar series, including Community Well-Being, Ungulates, Fish and Fish Habitat, and Land and Resource Use;
- Hosted an online webinar series on Community Well-Being, Ungulates, Fish and Fish Habitat, and Land and Resource Use;
- Held the second Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo;
- Shared multimedia-based communications related to the Draft EA / IS such as videos, live webinars, and web updates; and
- Sent an introductory letter and Frequently Asked Questions about the Draft EA / IS.

Requested information to determine and identify the following targeted input:

- The navigability of the Preferred Route;
- Indigenous community's values and topics of interest;
- Potential effects and mitigation measures to be considered, monitored and adapted to;
- Impacts of the Community Access Road on ATRI, socio-community, and economic impacts, and potential impact management measures to avoid, mitigate, and off-set the impact(s);
- Validation of reports including Milestone #3 Progress Report and ATRI: Draft IA Report;
- Cumulative effects assessment results and the Project Inclusions List;
- GBA;
- Confirmation on whether input and feedback provided during the previous milestone was captured appropriately;
- Confirmation of how Indigenous communities would like to receive the Draft EA / IS, language preferences for translations, study areas of interest, and their interest in scheduling a meeting with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team; and

- The Draft EA / IS conclusions, including technical reports and the Record of Consultation and Engagement for Interested Persons, and whether input and feedback provided during the previous milestone was captured appropriately.

The documents associated with the activities and targeted input for Indigenous communities can be found in **Appendix A**.

The following further describes the above activities and requests for targeted input that took place during this reporting period.

2.1.1 Draft EA / IS

The early release of the Draft EA / IS started on February 18, 2025, for an Indigenous community review period of 120 days. The public and regulator review period started on April 22, 2025, for a 60-day review period. The comment period for Indigenous communities, the public, and regulators was intended to conclude on June 23, 2025[3], however, requests for extensions were received from government regulators and Indigenous communities. Comments and feedback accepted up until September 5, 2025, are included within this reporting period; input received and information provided or activities conducted after this date are reflected within Section 11 of the Final EA / IS.

Consultation and engagement activities related to the release of the Draft EA / IS began with letters issued to the 31 Indigenous communities, Tribal Councils, and Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations engaged on the Community Access Road. The intent was to advise of the upcoming release of the Draft EA / IS; to help ensure those who were interested in taking part in the review were well informed and prepared for the process. The letter outlined the overall Draft EA / IS process, the review process, how the Community Access Road Project Team could support in the review process, and the estimated document content and size. A Frequently Asked Questions document regarding the circulation of the Draft EA / IS was also provided. An online questionnaire was included in the email to determine each community's main point of contact and preferred format to receive the Draft EA / IS. It also offered an opportunity to share their preferred language for translations, their key areas of interest, and whether they would like to meet with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to discuss the Draft EA / IS. A copy of the Frequently Asked Questions and questionnaire is provided in **Appendix A**.

In addition, key information related to the Draft EA / IS was provided in the monthly E-blasts, videos, and social media posts leading up to the official release.

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3. The deadline for the review of the Draft EA / IS was initially communicated as June 18, 2025. The deadline for feedback was changed to June 23, 2025, to account for the Easter holidays.

On February 12 and 19, 2025, the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team met with MFFN members in-community and in Thunder Bay, respectively, to deliver a printed copy of the Draft EA / IS and help guide the Community through the document. To assist in the review of the Draft EA / IS, an Assessment Summary Package was created. The Assessment Summary Package included a letter from Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, frequently asked questions, information on what is included in the Draft EA / IS, the Executive Summary, plain language summaries, a technical guide to the plain language summaries, and a USB with all the contents of the Draft EA / IS and its supporting documents.

On February 19, 2025, an email was sent to Indigenous community key contacts sharing the link to the Draft EA / IS and informing them of the 120-day review period for Indigenous communities. Links to supporting documents were also shared, including the Assessment Summary package and its contents. Communities who had requested hard copies of the Draft EA / IS had copies shipped to them. Furthermore, a hard copy of the Draft EA / IS and supporting technical documents were made available for in-person viewing at the MFFN Band Office in Ogoki, Matawa First Nations Management office in Thunder Bay, the Choose Life office in Geraldton, Greenstone Public Library at the Geraldton and Long Lac branches, Sioux Lookout Public Library, Thunder Bay Public Library – Waverley Resource Library, and Timmins Public Library.

The Community Well-Being Report was not available at the time of distribution of the Draft EA / IS. It was provided to Indigenous community key contacts on April 10, 2025, and MFFN community members on April 16, 2025 (the delay was caused by a technical difficulty).

Throughout the review period, meetings were offered to Indigenous communities to answer questions or assist in reviewing the documents. The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team relayed information on the Draft EA / IS through various information outlets, including but not limited to, monthly E-blasts, webinars, videos, monthly outreach to Indigenous key contacts, and website updates.

Feedback, comments and questions were welcomed via email, telephone or mail until June 23, 2025. To accommodate extension requests from Indigenous communities and government regulators, the comment capture period was extended until September 5, 2025. Over 1000 comments were received by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team on the Draft EA / IS from nine Indigenous communities, including Aroland First Nation, Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek, Constance Lake First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Ginoogaming First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Mushkegowuk Council, Nibinamik First Nation, and Weenusk First Nation. In addition, comments on the Draft EA / IS were provided by Attawapiskat First Nation to MECP and the Agency, copying the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team. Comments and responses to the feedback received on the Draft EA / IS, including how each was considered, is documented in a Feedback and Response Log in Appendix C of the Final

EA / IS. The log lists the comment submitted, the response to that comment, and where those changes appear in the Final EA / IS, if any changes were necessary.

The following Indigenous communities did not provide comments on the Draft EA / IS MFFN, Chiefs of Ontario, Eabametoong First Nation, Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation, Matawa First Nations Management, Métis Nation of Ontario, Red Sky Métis Independent Nation, Independent First Nations Alliance, Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Mishkeegogamang First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Nokiiwin Tribal Council, Shibogama First Nations Council, Union of Ontario Indians, Wapekeka First Nation, Wawakapewin First Nation, Webequie First Nation, and Wunnumin Lake First Nation.

The following table (**Table 2-1**) shows the topics / disciplines that each Indigenous community provided feedback on in their review of the Draft EA / IS. Topics that were commented on are shown with a check mark.

Table 2-1: Draft EA / IS Comments from Indigenous Communities by Topic / Discipline

Topic	Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek	Attawapiskat First Nation	Aroland First Nation	Constance Lake First Nation	Fort Albany First Nation	Ginoogaming First Nation	Kashechewan First Nation	Mushkegowuk Tribal Council	Nibinamik First Nation	Weenusk First Nation
Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests	☑	☐	☑	☐	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Access and Security	☑	☐	☑	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☐
Accidents and Malfunctions	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☑	☑	☑	☐
Acoustic Environment (Noise and Vibration)	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☑	☐	☑	☑
Atmospheric Environment (Air Quality)	☑	☐	☑	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Climate Change	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Community Well-being (Economics, Human Health, Social, Community)	☑	☐	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Construction (Camps, Aggregate, Waste Management, Decommis-sioning Abandonment, Construction Monitoring)	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Consultation Methods	☑	☐	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Country / Traditional Foods	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cultural Heritage and Resources (Archaeology)	☑	☐	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Cumulative Effects	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Draft EA / IS	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Economy	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☑	☐	☑	☐	☐
Education, Training and Employ-ment	☑	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☑	☐
Engineering and Design (including Bridges and Culverts)	☑	☐	☑	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☐
Federal Process	☐	☐	☐	☑	☐	☑	☑	☐	☐	☐

Topic	Anim biigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek	Attawapiskat First Nation	Aroland First Nation	Constance Lake First Nation	Fort Albany First Nation	Ginoogaming First Nation	Kashechewan First Nation	Mushkegowuk Tribal Council	Nibinamik First Nation	Weenusk First Nation
Fish and Fish Habitat	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Future Indigenous Involvment	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☐	☑	☑
GBA Plus	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐	☑
General Project	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☐	☑
Groundwater (Quality and Quantity)	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☐	☑	☑
Land and Resource Use	☑	☐	☐	☐	☑	☑	☐	☐	☑	☑
Operations and Maintenance (including Post-Construction Monitoring)	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Peatlands	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Physiography, Terrain and Soils	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☐	☑
Route Alternatives	☑	☐	☑	☐	☐	☑	☐	☑	☐	☐
Provincial Process	☑	☐	☑	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☐
Request for Regulators	☑	☐	☐	☑	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
Surface Water (Quality and Quantity)	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Ungulates	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Vegetation	☑	☐	☑	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Visual Aesthetics	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑
Wildlife	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑

2.1.2 PIC #6

PIC #6 was held on May 26, 2025, in Thunder Bay and on May 29, 2025, in the Municipality of Greenstone (Geraldton). PIC #6 was held in an open house format and featured a series of display boards, large maps, and hand outs. PIC #6 provided an update on the Community Access Road, including: the Assessment Process; the Cumulative Effects Assessment, the Project Inclusions List, and results; how the road will affect community well-being for MFFN and nearby communities; land and resource use; and information on the Country Foods sampling program. The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team, including MFFN Senior Community Member Advisors, and Consultants, were available to guide attendees through the display boards and answer questions. Attendees were encouraged to review the display boards and provide comments and feedback through discussions.

The following printed and online materials were available for attendees:

- Paper copy of the open house boards;
- Frequently Asked Questions – Draft EA / IS;
- Draft EA / IS Executive Summary (English, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Ojibway);
- 11 plain language summaries (English, Oji-Cree, and Ojibway)[4];
- Maps of: Preferred Route, tourism outfitter locations, Project Inclusions List (cumulative effects), and trapline areas;
- Cumulative Effects Inclusions List information sheet;
- Community Well-Being – Economics Information Sheet; and
- Socio-Community Effects and Mitigations Information Sheet.

Approximately 27 individuals attended PIC #6 (11 attendees in Thunder Bay on May 26, 2025, and 16 attendees in Geraldton on May 29, 2025). Attendees included Indigenous community members, federal and provincial agencies, members of the public / local residents, and environmental group and industry representatives.

A shuttle service was offered for nearby Long Lake #58 First Nation and Ginoogaming First Nation members to attend PIC #6. Shuttle services were declined, however, a group of Elders from Long Lake #58 First Nation attended PIC #6 in Geraldton.

In consideration of the type of feedback provided at PIC #6, insights provided were considered an interest or comment; no issues were raised at PIC #6. Key feedback themes reflected a range of interests and comments, highlighting the importance of

4. Due to the size and complexity of the documents, along with limited resources available across Canada to complete the translations in Cree, these documents were not available at the time of this meeting.

safety, environmental stewardship, and ongoing consultation and engagement. The following high-level interests / comments were provided at PIC #6 and community meetings:

- Questions regarding land access, such as for hunting and trapping;
- Adding visuals and known landmarks on maps;
- Engineering and design, including construction camps, water crossings, and road design;
- Community benefits received from the road;
- Access and safety of the road, including ownership and restrictions on use;
- Training programs and job opportunities during and post-construction;
- Interest in the Food Sampling Program;
- Community well-being, safety, including mental health, drugs, and alcohol;
- Cumulative effects and the Project Inclusion List;
- Consultation and engagement methods, including meeting outreach, Community Access Road timelines, map locations, and differentiations between other road projects in the area;
- Cultural heritage information including burial grounds (note: these areas were already known by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team); and
- In-Community Forestry Road upgrades.

A detailed description of PIC #6, including the materials presented, comments, questions, and responses (via summary report) is available in **Appendix A**.

2.1.3 Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo

A second Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo was held in Thunder Bay on February 19 and 20, 2025, and in Timmins on February 25 and 26, 2025, with the province offering to fund up to three representatives from each Indigenous community to attend the event in person. The forum was hosted by Indigenous & Community Engagement (ICE), with the support of the Community Access Road, Webequie Supply Road (WSR), and Northern Road Link (NRL). The purpose of this forum was to advance conversations from the last forum that took place in June 2024, with an emphasis on the release of the Draft EA / IS, and to provide a space where participants could engage and learn more about the three unique road projects, ask questions, and share feedback.

The first day of the February 2025 Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo provided project overviews, panel discussions, individual community breakout sessions, and an expo style forum where participants could visit various booths hosted by Project Team

members for all three road projects. The Community Access Road Booth emphasized the: Draft EA / IS, Cumulative Effects Assessment methodology, and the proposed Project Inclusions List; consultation and engagement efforts to date; and project effects and mitigations. The second day of the forum included panel discussions on ATRI and additional breakout sessions. Private breakout sessions with each road project were available for Indigenous communities. The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team held seven breakout sessions with ten communities (grouping of each breakout session is as follows):

- Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek;
- Aroland First Nation;
- Attawapiskat First Nation;
- Constance Lake First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, and Long Lake #58 First Nation;
- Kashechewan First Nation and Mushkegowuk Council;
- Nibinamik First Nation, and;
- Red Sky Métis Independent Nation.

Comments received during the private breakout sessions include but are not limited to the following key themes:

- **Construction:** Construction and accident prevention methods and such as spill control and dust abatement;
- **Consultation methods:** Consultation and engagement during the Draft EA / IS review period and document translation availability;
- **Employment and economy:** Capacity building benefits from the Community Access Road;
- **Socio-community:** Growth and development resulting from the Community Access Road;
- **Post construction:** Operations and maintenance activities during and post-construction, including traffic estimates and access;
- **Climate change:** Concerns and actions taken in consideration of the Community Access Road;
- **Cumulative effects:** Impacts in relation to other road projects and caribou; and
- **General project:** Road construction timelines.

Meeting notes from breakout sessions are included in each communities' specific appendix, and feedback is documented in their community-specific chapter of the Milestone #4 Progress Report (for issues) or the Comments and Interests List in the

Final RoCE for Indigenous Communities (for comments and interests). Confidential meeting notes and feedback are not included.

2.1.4 Community Meetings

Twenty-seven community meetings occurred during the reporting period. These meetings are summarized below, in addition to the Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo breakout sessions, which are listed above. Additional details may be found in individual community chapters.

MFFN

Two meetings with MFFN were scheduled in October 2024. A meeting occurred in Thunder Bay, Ontario, on October 15, 2024. A second meeting was planned in Marten Falls for October 17, 2024, but due to unforeseen circumstances in the Community, the meeting was cancelled.

A total of approximately[5] 16 MFFN community members attended the community member meeting. At these meetings, attendees were encouraged to share their feedback, concerns, and pose questions verbally or by completing the available feedback form. Questions were answered by MFFN Senior Community Member Advisors and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team members and Consultants. The MFFN community meetings focused on new information on the Draft EA / IS review process, construction, socio-community studies, potential effects and mitigation measures, offsetting activities, cumulative effects, and climate change challenges.

MFFN community members feedback centered around:

- Learning more about topics relating to socio-community, including housing, human health, and safety;
- Providing climate change observations within the Community;
- Water crossings; and
- Employment opportunities during construction.

Meetings with MFFN community members also occurred on February 12 and 19, 2025, in Marten Falls and Thunder Bay, respectively. A total of approximately 25 community members attended the community meetings. The intent of these meetings was to deliver a printed copy of the Draft EA / IS and to discuss what was included in the report

5. Sign-in at these events was voluntary, therefore numbers have been approximated.

and the review timeline. In addition to the full Draft EA / IS, Assessment Summary Packages were shared with community members.

Feedback centred around:

- Road construction, design, and the preferred route;
- Construction schedules; and
- Consultation and engagement methods during the Draft EA / IS review period.

Meetings with MFFN community members also occurred on May 27 and 28, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Marten Falls, respectively. A total of approximately 68 MFFN community members attended the community member meetings. At these meetings, attendees were encouraged to share their feedback and concerns, and to pose questions either verbally or in writing using the available feedback forms. Questions were answered by MFFN Senior Community Member Advisors and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team members and Consultants. The MFFN community meetings focused on the Draft EA / IS and how to provide feedback, the road and community well-being, and cumulative effects and final projects / activities considered.

Feedback centred around:

- Community well-being, including expressed excitement about the Country Foods Program;
- Concern regarding the road increasing access to drugs and alcohol; and
- Recommendations regarding different ways to provide notice about the community meetings in the future.

Additional opportunities to provide feedback were presented through the Country Foods Program and Story Beads Exercise. The Community Well-Being Team conducted a Country Foods Program where community members provided samples of foods to assess existing contaminant levels in traditional food species commonly harvested and consumed within the Community. The Story Beads Exercise was intended to create space for intergenerational dialogue and shared storytelling using beadwork as a metaphor. MFFN members shared stories and their hopes and concerns around the Community Access Road, including increased access to food and reduced cost of living, and their concerns about outsider access and substance abuse.

Figure 2-1: Photos from the Country Foods Program and Story Beads Exercise in MFFN



MFFN held a general meeting on July 4, 2025, in Thunder Bay, and invited a member of the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to present on the Community Access Road. The presentation outlined the Assessment Process, the EA / IS schedule, feedback received during the Draft EA / IS, consultation and engagement activities that occurred during the Draft EA / IS review period, and an update on the Country Foods Program.

Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team met in-person and online with Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek on August 28, 2024, to discuss the IK Program, along with the IK Funding Agreement. Four people attended the meeting, including representatives from Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek and MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Consultants. An overview of the IK Program and its deliverables was given, followed by a question and answer period.

Comments and questions received included, but were not limited to:

- If feedback on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report was still being accepted;
- How study areas were assessed; and
- How information on traditional territory would be used for Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek's area of interest.

Follow-up discussions included ATRI report feedback, information on study areas, clarification on traditional territory, and areas of interest. Representatives of Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek requested a Community Access Road schedule and consultation and engagement milestones to be distributed following the meeting, and indicated they would confirm if information on their traditional territory could be shared with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team.

Aroland First Nation

Meetings with Aroland First Nation occurred on May 28 and 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Aroland, respectively. Approximately 12 individuals attended the community meeting in Thunder Bay on May 28, 2025, and approximately 23 individuals attended the meeting in Aroland First Nation on May 29, 2025. Due to a miscommunication regarding the date and time of the Aroland First Nation members only meeting, members of Aroland First Nation also attended the MFFN members meeting on May 27, 2025. Approximately 22 Aroland First Nation members attended the meeting on May 27, 2025.

At these meetings, attendees were encouraged to share their feedback, concerns, and pose questions verbally or in writing using the available feedback form. Questions were answered by MFFN Senior Community Member Advisors and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Consultants. The MFFN community meetings discussed the Draft EA / IS and how to provide feedback, community well-being studies, cumulative effects, and the Project Inclusions List.

Questions and comments centred around:

- Community well-being and health;
- Trapline use;
- Water crossings; and
- Potential effects of the road.

The Community Well-Being Team hosted a Story Beads Exercise at these meetings which intended to create space for intergenerational dialogue and shared storytelling using beadwork as a metaphor. Aroland members shared stories and their concerns about environmental impacts in relation to the Community Access Road, especially related to water, wildlife migration, and the Ring of Fire. Aroland First Nation members also expressed strong interest in the Community Access Road, highlighting its potential to improve access to food, goods, services, and employment opportunities.

In April of 2024, a task force was created between Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation to discuss various topics, including advancing discussions related

to the Community Access Road and other road projects, as well as collaboration between the nations. Several task force meetings have occurred between the two communities; however, they are not specific to the Community Access Road and fall outside of the scope of this Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Two task force meetings occurred within the reporting period, on August 8, 2024, and October 29, 2024.

Constance Lake First Nation

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team held a meeting in Constance Lake First Nation on February 22, 2025, to provide a general overview of the Community Access Road and present an update on the Draft EA / IS. Approximately ten people attended. The meeting format consisted of a sit-down dinner and presentation from the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to share general information on the Community Access Road and the Draft EA / IS.

A variety of topics were discussed, which included:

- Mitigation measures and cumulative effects;
- Road ownership and access;
- Human health;
- ATRI; and
- Consultation and engagement methods.

Fort Albany First Nation

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team met virtually with Fort Albany First Nation on November 7, 2024, to discuss various Community Access Road updates and meaningful consultation and engagement. Five people attended this meeting, including representatives from Fort Albany First Nation and MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Consultants. During the meeting, discussions surrounded Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to the Community Access Road, consultation and engagement methods, and the release of the Draft EA / IS. Fort Albany also inquired about the comments they made on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment and the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. Updates were provided by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team on the IK Program and the new Community Capacity Program.

A variety of topics were discussed, which included:

- Availability of the Draft EA / IS;
- Communications regarding the Draft EA / IS timeline;

- The Community Capacity Funding Agreement;
- A request from Fort Albany First Nation on the response to comments on the Archaeological Assessment Report and the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report; and
- Fort Albany First Nation's Milestone #1 Progress Report comments, following the meeting.

A virtual meeting between the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Fort Albany First Nation also occurred on June 3, 2025, to discuss the ongoing review of the Draft EA / IS. 15 people attended this meeting, including representatives from Fort Albany First Nation and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Consultants. During the meeting, discussions surrounded identifying gaps noted by Fort Albany First Nation in the Draft EA / IS. Specific topics of discussion included:

- Bill 5;
- Future development in the Project area;
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent;
- Mitigations of psycho-social impacts, including but not limited to gendered violence and impacts to youth;
- Protection and plans for access and stewardship for harvesting areas, sacred areas, and burial sites;
- The importance of the Albany River and water assessments;
- Moose movement and habitat disruption;
- Regional impacts and other development as a result of the Community Access Road; and
- Anticipated timelines for the release of the ATRI: Draft IA Report.

Representatives from Fort Albany First Nation requested that the ATRI: Draft IA Report be distributed to the community. They also asked that the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team provide written responses to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft EA / IS, once submitted. Additionally, Fort Albany First Nation indicated that they would request an in-community meeting with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team after the community has completed its review of the Draft EA / IS.

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team requested Fort Albany First Nation's final IK Report and preferred payment method for the distribution of IK Program funding (note, IK funding has since been provided).

Ginoogaming First Nation

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team met with Ginoogaming First Nation on August 1, 2024, to discuss the work being done by the MFFN Community Access Road Archaeology Team. Nine people attended this meeting, including representatives from Ginoogaming First Nation and MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Consultants. The meeting was held virtually and discussed the Elder's Committee, as well as involvement of Indigenous perspectives (e.g., Indigenous archaeologists on archaeology work). The MFFN Community Access Road Archaeology Team provided an overview of their work and answered questions.

Following the meeting, Ginoogaming First Nation was provided an Executive Indigenous Summary of the Archaeology Assessment Report and information about findings in the study area of the Community Access Road. Two additional meetings were requested within the reporting period; one with Ginoogaming First Nation representatives and one Nation-to-Nation meeting between Ginoogaming First Nation and MFFN. Both meetings did not happen due to unforeseen circumstances. Two attempts to reschedule the meeting with Ginoogaming First Nation representatives were made during the reporting period, however, the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team did not receive a response regarding the meeting. The MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultant directed Ginoogaming First Nation to reach out directly to MFFN regarding a Nation-to-Nation meeting.

Long Lake #58 First Nation

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team met virtually with Long Lake #58 First Nation on February 6, 2025, to discuss the IK Program. Nine people attended the meeting, including representatives from Long Lake #58 First Nation and MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Consultants. Discussions surrounded the desire to participate in the IK Program, materials shared, collection efforts including the timeline, and the revised ATRI study areas for the assessment. Representatives from Long Lake #58 First Nation requested that the:

- Long Lake #58 First Nation Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report be re-sent; and
- Revised figure of the Local and Regional Study Areas will be used for the ATRI Impact Assessment.

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team also committed to follow-up with Long Lake #58 First Nation Chief and Council on the status of the IK Sharing Agreement and Funding Agreement.

Matawa First Nations Management

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team met with Matawa First Nations Management virtually on May 9, 2025. Ten people attended this meeting, including representatives of Matawa First Nations Management and MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Consultants. The meeting included a presentation followed by a question and answer period. Discussions surrounded the Community Well-Bring Report, included:

- Economic development;
- Human health;
- Education and training for community members;
- Housing options; and
- Road access.

Matawa First Nations Management requested the link to the Building the Community Access Road webinar; this was shared following the meeting.

Nibinamik First Nation

A community meeting was planned for November 14, 2024, with Nibinamik First Nation, but was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Attempts to reschedule this meeting continued, however, as of September 5, 2025, Nibinamik First Nation had not responded to requests to reschedule the meeting.

2.1.5 Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests

Community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports were prepared and issued to each community in June and July 2025, with a 90-day review period.

These community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports included IK information received from the community prior to January 2025, along with information obtained from publicly available sources. The community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports outlined the assessment process for ATRI related to the Community Access Road, and focused specifically on each community. Communities were given 90 days to provide feedback before the finalization of their ATRI: Draft IA Report in October 2025. The ATRI: Draft IA Reports are confidential, therefore feedback provided are not available publicly. An ATRI Summary Report is available in Appendix O of the Final EA / IS. Community-specific Final ATRI Impact Assessment Reports, including a specific Feedback and Response Logs will be available in Spring 2026.

2.1.6 Community Capacity Funding Program

The Community Capacity Funding Program was introduced in November 2024 as an evolution of the existing Community Coordinator Program, offering flexible funding to support communities in reviewing the Draft EA / IS and participating in consultation and engagement activities. The Community Capacity Funding Program offered a one-time capacity funding payment designed to support consultation and engagement on the Community Access Road in a way that best suited the unique needs of each eligible Indigenous community. This new approach provided communities with the flexibility and autonomy to allocate funds as needed to support their review of the Draft EA / IS. Each community who participated in the program provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS.

Introductory letters were sent to specific communities via email between November 1 and 8, 2024. An additional letter was sent to Neskantaga First Nation in May 2025 to provide information on the Community Capacity Program to new Chief and Council. The following nine communities requested and received funding: Aroland First Nation, Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek, Constance Lake First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Ginoogaming First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation, MFFN, and Weenusk First Nation. Eabametoong First Nation and Long Lake #58 First Nation, had also expressed interest by this time, but had not yet advanced the steps necessary to obtain funding (e.g., sign Funding Agreement, provide banking information).

This redirected approach resulted in more capacity for participation in consultation and engagement for the Community Access Road. During the timeline of the Community Coordinator Program, only one community participated, whereas nine communities received Community Capacity Funding and of those who received funding, eight provided feedback on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (as of September 5, 2025), with the exception of the Proponent, MFFN.

2.1.7 Field Programs and Education, Consultation, and Engagement on Valued Components

Four field programs took place during the reporting period. To help Indigenous communities better understand the field studies related to valued components, field notices were distributed with plain language information about what the Community Access Road is studying, why it is important, when the field studies will take place, and what to expect when crews are in the field (e.g., an increase in air traffic as crews travel by helicopter). The following notices were published in advance of their respective field studies:

- **Fall 2024 Field Notice** was distributed in September 2024, and provided information about the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program and the Geotechnical investigation;
- **Winter 2025 Field Notice** was distributed in January 2025 and provided information on the Atigwag / Caribou Collar Removal program; and
- **Summer / Fall 2025 Field Notice** was distributed in July 2025, and provided information on the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, Groundwater Well Decommissioning, and Geotechnical Investigation.

Whenever possible, in light of availability and safety considerations; field crews were accompanied by MFFN community members, Field Assistant(s), or Senior Community Member Advisor(s); the summer groundwater monitoring (August 2024), the fall groundwater monitoring (September / October 2024) and the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment (August 2025) were supported by community members. Although Field Assistants were sought from both Aroland First Nation and MFFN, Aroland First Nation members were not able to participate due to scheduling conflicts.

Each of the distributed field notices included links to educational videos and webinars on valued components related to the upcoming field programs. Field notices were distributed by email and posted on the Community Access Road website. Social media posts with information about upcoming field programs were also timed to coincide with the publication of field notices, and information was shared through the Community Access Road monthly E-blast.

2.1.8 Webinars and Videos

Webinars and videos were used to share information on the Assessment Process for the Community Access Road. A webinar series dedicated to technical aspects of the Community Access Road and on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement were held during the reporting period.

Five webinars in total were hosted: Building the Community Access Road, Community Well-Being, Ungulates, Fish and Fish Habitat, and Land and Resource Use. The recordings were made available on the Project website.

Informational videos were also developed and shared on the website to provide information on cumulative effects, the Draft EA / IS, and socio-economic considerations.

2.1.9 Raising Awareness

Several activities were completed to raise awareness of the Community Access Road and encourage opportunities to meet with the MFFN Community Access Road Project

Team. E-blasts were distributed and included a section encouraging those interested to reach out and schedule a meeting with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team. The public Community Access Road Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn accounts, and the private MFFN members only Facebook account, were used to share information and promote upcoming events. The Community Access Road website was regularly updated to reflect information that had been shared via the electronic newsletters and social media accounts.

In addition, a separate website was created to host the Draft EA / IS and related documents, along with educational videos and ways to connect with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team. A separate email account was also created to keep Indigenous communities updated on the Draft EA / IS review period. Communities were encouraged to submit feedback on the Draft EA / IS to this email account.

2.2 Community Access Road Notifications and Information Releases

The following notification and information releases cover communications activities during this reporting period, from August 1, 2024, to September 5, 2025. For all notifications and information releases prior to this reporting period, please visit:

- Community Access Road archive website https://archive.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/; and
- Community Access Road main website https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/.

2.2.1 Monthly E-blasts

Throughout the Assessment Process, E-blasts were distributed via email to approximately 600 people included on the contact list. E-blasts were distributed monthly and included Community Access Road updates relevant to the month of distribution (e.g., upcoming field programs and consultation and engagement activities). Links to the Community Access Road's social media pages and contact information were always included, along with an offer to meet with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team. Additionally, E-blasts were published on the Community Access Road website, receiving over 719 views during this reporting period. All E-blasts can be found in **Appendix A**.

2.2.2 Field Program, Webinar, and Video Notifications

Notices for each field program were distributed via email to persons identified on the contact list prior to the study taking place. These notices are provided in **Appendix A**

and on the Community Access Road website (https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices).

Notifications for virtual consultation and engagement opportunities, such as webinars, were also distributed via email to the contact list and posted on social media platforms, as appropriate, including the Community Access Road Facebook page and the private MFFN Facebook pages, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Notifications included the date and time of the webinar, links for registration, and webinar poster attachments. Reminder emails were sent shortly before the live webinar occurred. Video notifications were also posted to the Community Access Road website and included in relevant E-blasts, as appropriate. These were also shared to the Community Access Road Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages to encourage broader outreach with interested persons. Email information for webinars, along with webinar posters, are provided in **Appendix A**.

2.2.3 Release of Milestone #3 Progress Report – November 2024

The Milestone #3 Progress Report was released to each Indigenous community for their review via email between November 28 and 29, 2024. A link was provided to each community-specific section and feedback was requested by February 14, 2025. Only Mushkegowuk Council submitted feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report.

In comparison to previous reports:

Aroland First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, and Métis Nation of Ontario submitted feedback on the Milestone #1 Progress Report; and

Kashechewan First Nation, Weenusk First Nation, and Mushkegowuk Council submitted feedback on the Milestone #2 Progress Report.

A summary of comments received on all three reports, as well as material changes made to each report and where they can be found, is included in each respective community-specific report.

Individual community-specific Milestone #3 Progress Report can be found on the EA / IS website here: https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/progress-reports/.

2.2.4 Draft EA / IS – February 2025

Letters issued to Indigenous communities regarding the upcoming Draft EA / IS were issued between September 24 and 26, 2024, via email.

An email was distributed to Indigenous community key contacts on February 13, 2025, informing of the upcoming release of the Draft EA / IS, and was followed up with an

email on February 19, 2025, informing that the report is available online for their review until June 23, 2025. On April 10, 2025, the Community Well-Being Report was distributed via email to Indigenous community key contacts, and then to MFFN members on April 16, 2025, (the delay was caused by a technical difficulty).

A reminder email was sent on June 19, 2025, giving notice of five days remaining for the end of the review period for the Draft EA / IS. Requests for extensions were received from Indigenous communities and government agencies and were granted. The comment capture period was extended until September 5, 2025, to accommodate these requests. Draft EA / IS materials can be found in **Appendix A**.

2.2.5 PIC #6 – May 2025

PIC #6 was held on May 26, 2025, in Thunder Bay and on May 29, 2025, in Geraldton. A formal notice and invitation to PIC #6 was published on the Community Access Road and EA / IS websites, with the Notice of Publication of the Draft EA / IS, on April 22, 2025, in English, Cree, French, Oji-Cree, and Ojibway. The first hour of each PIC was advertised as for Indigenous community members only. The notice was published between April 26 and May 23, 2025, in the following newspapers: Wawatay News, Geraldton Times Star, and The Chronicle Journal. Online advertisements were posted on April 22, 2025, through the following media outlets: Northern Ontario Business, Windspeaker, Thunder Bay NewsWatch, and Wawatay News. Radio advertisements were released between April 22 and May 26, 2025, on the following radio stations: CFNO Radio, CHRZ-FM (91.3) REZFM, and Wawatay Radio. PIC #6 was also advertised on the Community Access Road Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages, the private MFFN Facebook page, and the Municipality of Greenstone online events calendar. PIC #6 materials can be found in **Appendix A**.

2.2.6 MFFN Community Member Meetings – October 2024

Meetings with MFFN, open to Chief and Council and community members, were planned for October 15, 2024, and October 17, 2024, in Thunder Bay and Ogoki, respectively. Notifications were distributed via email on October 2 and 9, 2024, and included a poster attachment; posters were placed at the health centre, band office and choose life building in MFFN. The notice was also posted on the private MFFN and the Ogoki Post Bulletin Facebook pages on October 8, 14, and 15, 2024. A copy of the notice is provided in **Appendix B**.

Due to unforeseen circumstances in the Community, the meeting planned for October 17, 2024, was cancelled.

2.2.7 MFFN Community Member Meetings – February 2025

Meetings with MFFN, open to Chief and Council and community members, were planned for February 11 and 12, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Ogoki, respectively. Notifications were distributed via email on January 30 and February 10, 2025, and included a poster attachment; posters were placed at the health centre, band office, and choose life building in MFFN. Due to the cancellation of the February 11 meeting, an additional email reminder was sent on February 14, 2025, for the rescheduled meeting on February 19, 2025. The notice was also posted on the private MFFN and the Ogoki Post Bulletin Facebook pages on February 15 and 18, 2025. A copy of the notice is provided in **Appendix B**.

2.2.8 MFFN Community Member Meetings – May 2025

Meetings with MFFN, open to Chief and Council and community members, were planned for May 27 and 28, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Ogoki, respectively. Notifications were distributed via email on May 21 and 27, 2025, and included a poster attachment; posters were placed at the health centre, band office, and choose life building in MFFN. The notice was also posted on the private MFFN and the Ogoki Post Bulletin Facebook pages on May 22, 2025. A copy of the notice is provided in **Appendix B**.

2.2.9 Aroland First Nation Community Member Meetings – May 2025

Meetings with MFFN, open to Chief and Council and community members, were planned for May 27 and 28, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Ogoki, respectively. Outreach consisted of an email with meeting details for each consultation and engagement along with a poster for distribution. The email notification showed the correct meeting dates (May 28, 2025, in Thunder Bay, and May 29, 2025, in Aroland First Nation), however, a typo on the poster led to a miscommunication around the Thunder Bay meeting date. As a result, Aroland First Nation members attended the MFFN members meeting on May 27, 2025, in Thunder Bay, as well as the planned Aroland meeting on May 28, 2025. A copy of the notice is provided in **Appendix B**.

2.3 Consultation and Engagement Snapshot

Table 2-2 provides an overview of consultation and engagement activities that took place from milestone 1 to milestone 4, including upcoming activities. Issues received through consultation and engagement activities during this reporting period are included in **Section 3**. Comments and interests received from Indigenous communities are included in Appendix X of the Final EA / IS.

Items without an asterisk occurred during the NoC of EA milestone between October 29, 2021, to June 30, 2022, the Effects Assessment milestone from July 1, 2022, to May

31, 2023, and the Identification of Preferred Alternatives milestone from June 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024. Items with an asterisk occurred during Milestone 4: Draft EA / IS reporting period from August 1, 2024, to September 5, 2025, or are planned to take place after September 5, 2025.

Table 2-2: Consultation and Engagement Snapshot – From October 29, 2021, to September 5, 2025

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	**Interested Persons**	**Agencies & Government Bodies**
NoC			
• Distribution of EA NoC (October 29, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
• NoC Advertisement (October 29 to November 12, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE)			
• Draft Interim RoCE distributed to Indigenous communities for review (December 6, 2022).	✓		
• Email follow-up distributed in January 2023.	✓		
Milestone #1 Progress Report			
• Draft Progress Report distributed to Indigenous communities for review (December 6, 2022).	✓		
• Email follow-up distributed in January 2023.	✓		
Milestone #2 Progress Report			
• Draft Progress Report distributed to Indigenous communities for review (November 27, 2023).	✓		
• Email follow-up to request re-download of Draft Progress Report (November 29, 2023).	✓		
Milestone #3 Progress Report			
• Draft Progress Report distributed to Indigenous communities for review (November 28 and 29, 2024).*	✓		
• Email follow up distributed in December 2024 and January 2025.*	✓		
Draft EA / IS			
• Draft EA / IS online Indigenous community release (February 18, 2025).*	✓		
• Draft EA / IS online Indigenous community release email notification (February 19, 2025).*	✓		
• The Assessment Summary for the Draft EA / IS was distributed to Indigenous communities via Canada Post registered mail (February 19, 2025).*	✓		
• Community Well-Being Report online Indigenous community release and email notification (April 10, 2025).*	✓		
• Notice of publication of the Draft EA / IS (April 22, 2025).*	✓	✓	✓
• Draft EA / IS online, Indigenous community, public and government agencies release and email notification (April 22, 2025).*	✓	✓	✓
• The Assessment Summary for the Draft EA / IS was made available online and at designated library locations (announcement made April 22, 2025).*	✓	✓	✓

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	**Interested Persons**	**Agencies & Government Bodies**
• Draft EA / IS reminder to provide feedback email notification (June 19, 2025).*	✓	✓	✓
Public Information Centres (PIC)			
• PIC #3 Notice distributed (June 13, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #3 in Thunder Bay (June 27, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #3 in Geraldton (June 29, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #4 Notice distributed (November 22, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #4 in Thunder Bay (December 7, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #4 in Geraldton (December 8, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #5 Notice distributed (October 10, 2023)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #5 in Thunder Bay (October 25, 2023)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #5 in Geraldton (October 26, 2023)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #6 Notice distributed (April 21, 2025)*	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #6 in Thunder Bay (May 26, 2025)*	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #6 in Geraldton (May 29, 2025)*	✓	✓	✓
Provincially-Supported Forums			
• Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #1 in Thunder Bay (February 8 to 9, 2023).	✓		✓
• Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2 in Thunder Bay (November 21 to 23, 2023).	✓		✓
• Three-Road Project Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay (June 11 to June 13, 2024).	✓		✓
• Three-Road Project Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay (February 19 to February 20, 2025).*	✓		✓
• Three-Road Project Gathering and Expo in Timmins (February 25 to February 26, 2025).*	✓		✓
Individual Project Meetings			
• In-person meeting with MFFN to provide an update on the Community Access Road and the approval of the ToR (November 16 to 17, 2021).	✓		
• Presented to the Mushkegowuk Council AGM (in-person, November 24, 2021).	✓		
• A teleconference meeting with MFFN to discuss the Assessment Process (February 2, 2022).	✓		
• Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022). Note: Also captured under the IK Program section below	✓		
• Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation (April 21, 2022). Note: Also captured under the IK Program and Community Coordinator section below	✓		
• Teleconference presentation to Mushkegowuk Tribal Council's Terrestrial Working Group (May 18, 2022).	✓	✓	
• Teleconference with Marten Falls First Nation Senior Community Member Advisor to discuss and collect feedback on the upcoming Bird Field Program (May 31, 2022).	✓		

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	**Interested Persons**	**Agencies & Government Bodies**
• In-person meeting with MFFN community members in advance of PIC #3 (June 28, 2022).	✓	✓	
• Virtual meeting with Ginoogaming First Nation to discuss the Indigenous Knowledge Program and the Community Coordinator Program (July 5, 2022).	✓		
• In-person meeting regarding Community Coordinator and IK Programs with Long Lake # 58 (August 9, 2022).	✓		
• In-person meeting with MFFN community members in advance of PIC #4 (November 2, 2022).	✓	✓	
• In-person meeting with MFFN community members in advance of PIC #4 (December 6, 2022).	✓	✓	
• In-person Council-to-Council meeting with Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation in Thunder Bay. Meeting minutes were not taken (January 26, 2023).	✓		
• A teleconference meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation to discuss the Community Coordinator Program and IK Program. (February 13, 2023).	✓		
• Virtual meeting with Ginoogaming First Nation to discuss the Indigenous Knowledge Program and the Community Coordinator Program (March 27, 2023).	✓		
• A virtual meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation, Constance Lake First Nation and Ginoogaming First Nation to discuss the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage reports (April 21, 2023).	✓		
• Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario to discuss Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Program (April 27, 2023).	✓		
• In-person Nation-to-Nation meeting with Eabametoong First Nation to provide an overview of the MFFN Community Access Road (May 10, 2023)	✓		
• A virtual meeting with MFFN was held regarding the engineering, construction and the route selection process for the Community Access Road (May 15, 2023).	✓		
• A virtual meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation's legal counsel to discuss the IK Sharing Agreement (May 17, 2023).	✓		
• A virtual meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation was held to provide a Community Access Road overview (August 29, 2023).	✓		
• In-person meeting with MFFN community members in advance of PIC #5 (October 23, 2023).	✓	✓	
• In-person meeting with MFFN community members in advance of PIC #5 (October 24, 2023).	✓	✓	
• In-person meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation Elders to discuss general updates for the Community Access Road (October 26, 2023).	✓		
• A virtual meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation was held as a follow up to discuss the Community Coordinator and IK Program meeting (November 10, 2023).	✓		
• A virtual meeting held with Attawapiskat First Nation representatives to discuss the Community Access Road and Caribou Study Plan (December 4, 2023).	✓		
• In-person meeting with Nibinamik First Nation to provide a Community Access Road update (January 16, 2024).	✓		

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	**Interested Persons**	**Agencies & Government Bodies**
• A virtual meeting with Red Sky Métis Independent Nation to review the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report (March 19, 2024).	✓		
• In-person Nation-to-Nation meeting with Aroland First Nation to build on and improve the relationship between the two nations and to provide both Nations the opportunity to discuss any concerns or issues, including the previously drafted Communication Protocol Agreement (April 19, 2024).	✓		
• In-person taskforce meeting between MFFN and Aroland First Nation (May 7, 2024).	✓		
• In-person taskforce meeting between MFFN and Aroland First Nation (May 28, 2024).	✓		
• In-person Chief and Council meeting with MFFN to provide a Community Access Road update (May 29, 2024).	✓		
• Virtual meeting with Attawapiskat First Nation to discuss the Spring Groundwater Program (May 31, 2024).	✓		
• In-person taskforce meeting between Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation (June 5, 2024).	✓		
• A virtual meeting with Weenusk First Nation to provide a Community Access Road update and discuss the IK Program and socio-economic programs (June 5, 2024).	✓		
• In-person meetings with Aroland First Nation community members to obtain feedback on the final route recommendation, existing conditions and cumulative effects, including inclusions list (June 19 to 20, 2024).	✓		
• In-person meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation Elders and community members to present the preliminary technically preferred routes (June 20, 2024).	✓		
• Virtual meeting with Ginoogaming First Nation to discuss the Archaeology Assessment Report, Community Coordinator Program and upcoming engagement opportunities (July 10, 2024).	✓		
• In-person taskforce meeting between Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation (July 11, 2024).	✓		
• In-person meetings with Aroland First Nation community members to obtain feedback on the final route recommendation including Segment 1, Dusey Lake, Segment 2, Segment 3, cumulative effects, evaluation approach and inclusions list, and engineering considerations and existing conditions (valued component studies) (July 15 to 16, 2024).	✓		
• In-person meetings with MFFN community members to confirm selection of the final route selection, cumulative effects, evaluation approach and inclusions list, engineering considerations and existing conditions (valued component studies) (July 17 to 18, 2024).	✓		
• A virtual meeting held with Attawapiskat First Nation to discuss the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report (July 23, 2024).	✓		
• A virtual meeting held with Ginoogaming First Nation to discuss the Stage 1 Archaeological Report (August 1, 2024).*	✓		
• In-person taskforce meeting between Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation (August 8, 2024).	✓		
• A virtual meeting held with Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek to discuss the IK Program (August 28, 2024).*	✓		

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	**Interested Persons**	**Agencies & Government Bodies**
• In-person meetings with MFFN community members to discuss final route selection, the Draft EA / IS, construction and design details, potential effects and mitigations, socio-economics, climate change adaptation, and offsetting (October 15, 2024).*	✓		
• In-person taskforce meeting between Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation (October 29, 2024).*	✓		
• A virtual meeting held with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss Community Access Road updates and meaningful consultation and engagement (November 7, 2024).*	✓		
• A virtual meeting held with Long Lake #58 First Nation to discuss the IK Program and the community's IK collection study (February 6, 2025).*	✓		
• In-person meetings with MFFN community members to present the Draft EA / IS and discuss the Draft EA / IS content (February 12 and 19, 2025).*	✓		
• In-person meetings at the Three Road Project Gathering and Expo with representatives from Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek, Aroland First Nation, Attawapiskat First Nation, Constance Lake First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Mushkegowuk Tribal Council, Nibinamik First Nation and Red Sky Métis Independent Nation (February 19 to 25, 2025).*	✓		
• In person meeting with Constance Lake First Nation community members to provide a Community Access Road overview and present the Draft EA / IS. (February 22, 2025).*	✓		
• Virtual meeting with Matawa First Nations Management to discuss the Community Well-Being Report (May 9, 2025).*	✓		
• In-person meeting with MFFN community members to discuss the Draft EA / IS content including community well-being and cumulative effects (May 27 and 28, 2025).*	✓		
• In-person meeting with Aroland First Nation community members to discuss the Draft EA / IS content including community well-being and cumulative effects (May 28 and 29, 2025).*	✓		
• Virtual meeting with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss the community's ongoing review of the Draft EA / IS (June 3, 2025).*	✓		
• MFFN Community Access Road Project Team attendance at in-person general meeting for MFFN in Thunder Bay (July 4, 2025).*	✓		
Field Program Involvement			
• Helicopter flyover to visually inspect three potential groundwater sites with Aroland First Nation (August 17 and 18, 2022).	✓		
• Well drilling activities monitored by Aroland First Nation representatives (November 25 to December 3, 2022).	✓		
• Helicopter flyover to inform the Geotechnical Program with Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation (July 19 and 20, 2024).	✓		
Other Notices / Newsletters			
• 2021 Highlights Letter distributed to Indigenous communities via email (December 15, 2021)	✓		
• Phone calls to Indigenous communities to follow-up on the December E-blast, Winter Discussion Guide and field notice (December 16 to 17, 2021)	✓		

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	**Interested Persons**	**Agencies & Government Bodies**
• Circulated Monthly Community Access Road Update Email Blast (referred to as E-blast) - October 2021 (November 3, 2021) - November 2021 (November 30, 2021) - December 2021 (December 15, 2021) - January 2022 (January 31, 2022) - February / March 2022 (March 15, 2022) - April 2022 (April 29, 2022) - May 2022 (May 27, 2022) - June 2022 (June 24, 2022) - July 2022 (July 26, 2022) - August 2022 (August 19, 2022) - September 2022 (September 29, 2022) - October 2022 (November 2, 2022) - November 2022 (November 25, 2022) - December 2022 (December 20, 2022) - January 2023 (January 30, 2023) - February 2023 (February 28, 2023) - March 2023 (April 4, 2023) - April 2023 (April 28, 2023) - May 2023 (June 7, 2023) - June 2023 (June 28, 2023) - July 2023 (August 2, 2023) - August 2023 (September 1, 2023) - September 2023 (September 28, 2023) - October 2023 (November 2, 2023) - 2023 Year In Review (December 12, 2023) - January 2024 (January 31, 2024) - February 2024 (March 1, 2024) - March 2024 (April 3, 2024) - April 2024 (April 30, 2024) - May 2024 (May 30, 2024) - June 2024 (July 9, 2024 - July 2024 (August 1, 2024)* - August 2024 (September 4, 2024)* - September 2024 (October 3, 2024)* - October 2024 (November 5, 2024)* - 2024 Year In Review (December 18, 2024)* - January 2025 (February 10, 2025)* - February 2025 (March 4, 2025)* - March 2025 (April 3, 2025)* - April 2025 (May 8, 2025)* - May 2025 (June 11, 2025)* - June 2025 (July 15, 2025)* - July 2025 (August 7, 2025)*	✓	✓	✓
• Circulated Field Study Notices and Discussion Guides: - Winter Field Program Notice and Discussion Guide (December 10, 2021) - Furbearer Ground Track Survey Update (January 19, 2022) - Bird Aerial Surveys Update (February 4, 2022)	✓	✓	✓

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	**Interested Persons**	**Agencies & Government Bodies**
- Wolverine Den Surveys Notice (February 14, 2022) - Wolverine Hair Snag Program and Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Update (March 3, 2022) - Wolverine Den Survey Update (March 9, 2022) - Early Spring Notice (March 29, 2022) - Terrain and Soils Notice (May 11, 2022) - Surface Water, Fish, and Fish Habitat Notice (May 30, 2022) - Vegetation Field Notice (June 10, 2022) - Groundwater and Geochemistry (July 29, 2022) - Fall Field Programs Update (September 16, 2022) - Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice (December 1, 2022) - Field Programs updates (March 9, 2023) - Spring 2023 Field Notice (April 21, 2023) - Summer 2023 Field Notice (July 12, 2023) - Fall 2023 Field Notice (September 15, 2023) - Winter 2024 Field Notice (January 18, 2024) - Spring 2024 Field Notice (April 17, 2024) - Spring Groundwater Program Update (May 24, 2024) - Summer 2024 Field Notice (July 16, 2024) - Fall 2024 Field Notice (September 18, 2024)* - Winter 2025 Field Notice (January 15, 2025)* - Summer / Fall 2025 Field Notice (July 17, 2025)* - Field Notice Update to Stage 2 Archaeology Assessment (July 31, 2025)			
• Matawa Messenger newsletter feature (June 2022)	✓	✓	
• Webinar Series: - Animals and Wildlife (Ungulates and Furbearers) (November 15, 2022) - Surface Water, Fish, and Fish Habitat (November 29, 2022) - Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (January 10, 2023) - Vegetation and Physiography (January 17, 2023) - Peatlands (January 31, 2023) - Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases, and Climate Change (February 14, 2023) - Socio-Economic Studies Part I (February 21, 2023) - Socio-Economic Studies Part II (February 28, 2023) - Groundwater and Geochemistry (March 14, 2023) - Birds (March 21, 2023) - Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects, and Bats (March 28, 2023) - ATRI (April 4, 2023) - Route Selection Milestone (November 16, 2023) - Climate Change Webinar (February 8, 2024) - Building the Community Access Road (November 26, 2024)* - Community Well-Being (May 6, 2025)* - Ungulates (May 15, 2025)* - Fish and Fish Habitat (May 22, 2025)* - Land and Resource Use (June 5, 2025)*	✓	✓	✓
• Engagement questionnaire sent to Indigenous communities (July 27 to 29, 2022)	✓		

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	**Interested Persons**	**Agencies & Government Bodies**
• Follow-up to furbearer winter tracking field program notice (January 27, 2023)	✓		
• Follow-up on ungulate aerial survey notice (February 15, 2023)	✓		
• Monthly emails and phone calls to Indigenous communities regarding the Community Access Road*	✓		
Archaeological Assessment Reports			
• Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology Assessment Reports distributed via email to Indigenous communities (February 3, 2023)	✓		
• Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report distributed via email to Indigenous communities (June 3, 2024)	✓		
Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program			
• Circulated an update on the MFFN Community Access Road IK Program which included an updated schedule and timeline for Indigenous communities to share IK (January 21 to 24, 2022)	✓		
• Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022)	✓		
• Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the IK Program (and Community Coordinator Program) (April 21, 2022)	✓		
• IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles were distributed via email. (August 2022)	✓		
• Distributed a Save the Date for the upcoming ATRI Forum and Cultural Heritage Workshop via email (December 20, 2022)	✓		
• Invitation to ATRI Forum distributed (January 13, 2023, and February 1, 2023)	✓		
• ATRI Forum and Cultural Heritage Workshop in Thunder Bay (February 8 to 9, 2023)	✓		
• IK Program timeline and update letter (March 22, 2023)	✓		
• IK Program timeline and update letter (June 22, 2023)	✓		
• IK Program timeline and update letter (October 5, 2023)	✓		
• IK Program timeline and update letter (November 10, 2023)	✓		
• ATRI Forum in Thunder Bay (November 21 to 23, 2023)	✓		
• Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report distributed via email to Indigenous communities (November 28, 2023)	✓		
• Distribution of community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports (June 10 to July 11, 2025)*	✓		
Community Coordinator Program			
• Distribution of letter introducing the Community Coordinator Program to 13 neighbouring Indigenous communities including job posting (March 17, 2022).	✓		
• Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the Community Coordinator Program (and the Indigenous Knowledge Program) (April 21, 2022).	✓		
Community Capacity Funding Program			
• Information on the Community Capacity Funding Program sent to 15 Indigenous communities via email (October 30 to November 13, 2024).*	✓		
Activities after September 5, 2025, to February 13, 2026			

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	**Audience**		
	Indigenous Communities	**Interested Persons**	**Agencies & Government Bodies**
• Distribution of monthly E-Blasts: - September 2025 E-Blast (October 17, 2025)* - 2025 Year End Message (December 18, 2025)*	✓	✓	✓
• Distribution of Field Notices and updates: - Groundwater Well Decommissioning Update (September 16, 2025)* - Fall Field Programs Update (September 23, 2025)* - Geotechnical Investigation Update (November 10, 2025)*	✓	✓	✓
• Distribution of community-specific Milestone #4 Progress Reports to Indigenous communities for review and validation (January 16, 2026)*	✓		
• Distribution of Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report (January 16, 2026)*	✓		
• Hybrid meetings with MFFN community members in advance of PIC #7 (August 3 and August 4, 2026)	✓		
• Virtual meeting session for Aroland First Nation community members (August 4, 2026)	✓	✓	
• Public Information Centre #7* - Distribution of notice (January 27, 2026)* - MFFN hybrid meetings (February 3 and 4, 2026)* - Aroland virtual meeting (February 4, 2026)* - Virtual public session (February 4, 2026)*	✓	✓	✓
• Ongoing planning for distribution of Final EA / IS*	✓	✓	✓
• Ongoing planning for distribution of community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Final Impact Assessment Reports (ATRI: Final IA Reports)*	✓		
• Ongoing conversations with 13 Indigenous communities regarding the IK Program and Community Capacity Funding, as needed*	✓		
• Ongoing follow-up to set-up meetings with Indigenous communities and ask about ATRI*	✓		
Planned Future MFFN Community Access Road Consultation and Engagement Activities			
• Ongoing outreach to Indigenous communities to engage on the Community Access Road*	✓		
• Ongoing outreach to Indigenous communities to address questions and discuss details of the Capacity Funding Program*	✓		
• Distribution of Notice of Submission*	✓	✓	✓
• Targeted outreach to Indigenous communities regarding the Final EA / IS release*	✓		
• Release of Final EA / IS*	✓	✓	✓
• Release of community-specific ATRI: Final IA Reports*	✓		
• Release of Country Foods and Water Use Assessment Report to MFFN and Aroland First Nation*	✓		
• Release of Draft Cultural Heritage Reports*	✓		
• Support government agency regulators in responding to comments on the Final EA / IS*			✓

3. Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities, Provincial and Territorial Organizations and Tribal Councils

3.1 Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities

To summarize overall consultation and engagement with each Indigenous community, the following analytics were performed:

The L**evel of Consultation and Engagement Effort and Response** bar graphs in each community-specific chapter reflect the efforts taken by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to engage Indigenous communities and the level of response received. Communications channels considered include **email correspondence** (outgoing and incoming), **phone correspondence** (outgoing and incoming) and **meetings offered in comparison to meetings scheduled**, by any means of communication.

- **Email Correspondence** reflects all emails sent between the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Indigenous communities:
  - **Outgoing Email Correspondence** reflects all personalized emails sent from the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to a specific Indigenous community and mass communications sent to all communities by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team; and
  - **Incoming Email Correspondence** includes emails received from an Indigenous community directly to MFFN Community Access Road Project Team; emails that only confirm receipt of an outgoing email or emails where the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team are copied but not directly mentioned are not included.
- **Phone Correspondence** reflects all call attempts between the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and an Indigenous community:
  - **Outgoing Phone Calls** reflect all phone calls made by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to an Indigenous community. Answered Phone Calls includes those calls that were answered immediately by the intended recipient or were returned at a later time when the contact was available; and

  - **Incoming Phone Calls** reflect instances where Indigenous communities contacted MFFN Community Access Road Project Team without a previous outgoing phone call.

- **Mail Correspondence** reflects all physical mail exchange between the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and an Indigenous community:
  - **Outgoing Mail** reflect all instances of mail distributed by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to an Indigenous community; and
  - **Incoming Mail** reflect all instances of mail received by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team from an Indigenous community.
- **Meetings Offered vs. Held** reflects the efforts taken by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to schedule a meeting in comparison to the number of meetings achieved between the Indigenous community and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team.

4. References

AECOM Canada ULC., 2019. Draft Terms of Reference Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road – Environmental Assessment.

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Appendix A

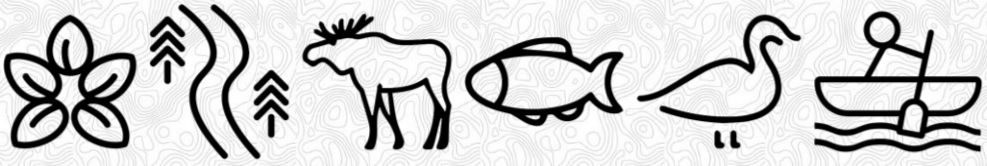
Notices and Other Information Releases

Appendix A is available online at https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/progress-reports/.

Appendix B

Community-Specific Correspondence

Appendix B is available online at https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/progress-reports/.



22. Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)

Table 22-1: Community Profile

Key Identifiers	Details
Location:	226 South May Street, Main Floor, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1B4
Tribal Council:	Thunder Bay Métis Nation, MNO Superior North Shore Métis Council
Treaty:	N/A
Project Team Lead:	Iain Quigley

Figure 22-1: Métis Nation of Ontario Distribution of Communication

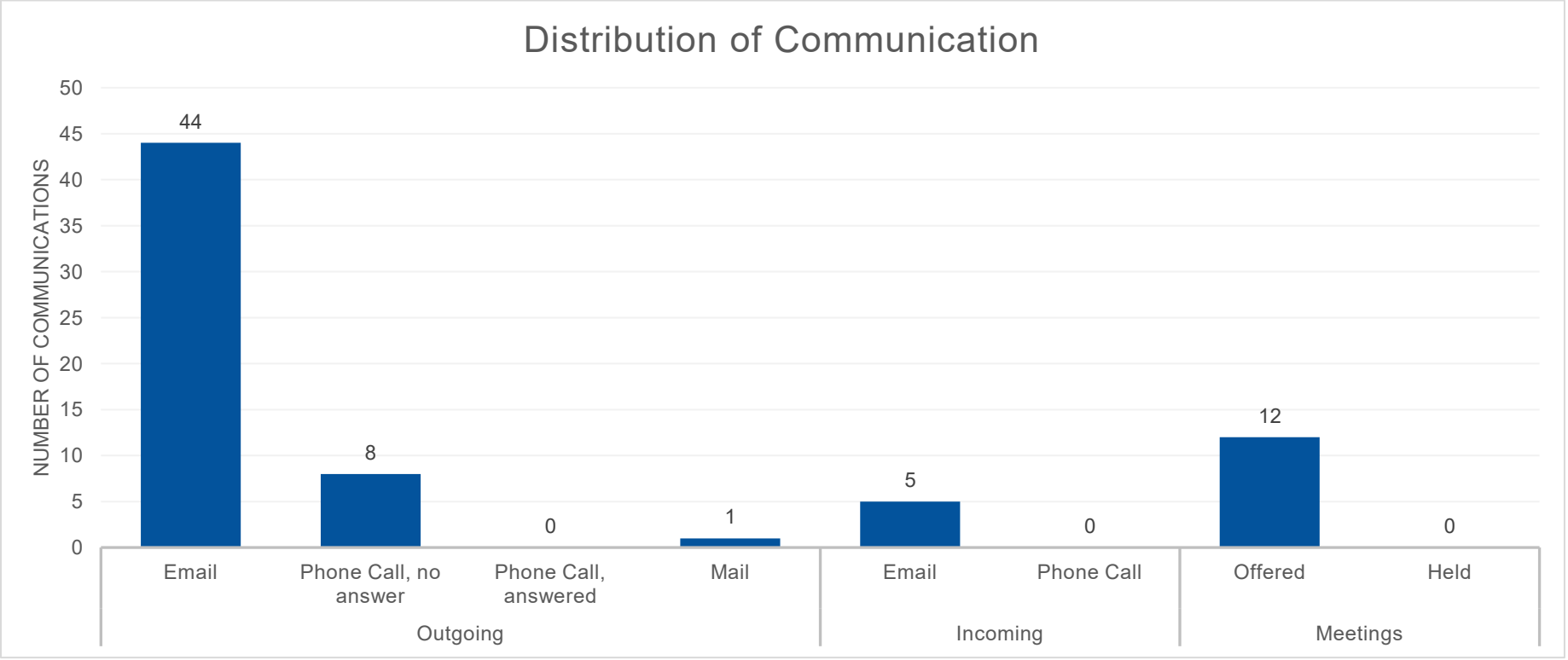


Table 22-2: Summary of Participation During Milestone 4

Activity	Status
Date of last outgoing communication from MFFN CAR Project Team (email or phone):	August 26, 2025 (Email)
Date of last incoming communication from community (email or phone):	N/A
Participating in Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program:	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: N/A
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: N/A
	IK information provided: N/A
Participating in Community Coordinator Program / Community Capacity Funding Program:	N/A
Provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Statement (IS):	No
Provided comments on the community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI): Draft Impact Assessment (IA) Report:	No
Provided comments on the Community Well-Being Report:	No
Provided comments on the milestone progress reports:	No

Table 22-3: Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During Milestone 4

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Aug 01, 2024	July 2024 E-blast distributed via email.
Sep 04, 2024	August 2024 E-blast distributed via email.
Sep 04, 2024	MNO submitted comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment via email.
Sep 18, 2024	Fall 2024 Groundwater and Geochemistry Program Update distributed via email.
Sep 19, 2024	Phone and email outreach about project updates including upcoming Fall 2024 field studies. A meeting was offered.
Sep 25, 2024	Letter and frequently asked questions (FAQ) shared via email regarding the circulation of the Draft EA / IS. A link to a questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process was also included.
Oct 03, 2024	September 2024 E-blast distributed via email.
Oct 28, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the Draft EA / IS report questionnaire.
Nov 05, 2024	October E-blast distributed via email.
Nov 20, 2024	Building the Community Access Road webinar announcement distributed via email.
Nov 26, 2024	Building the Community Access Road webinar reminder distributed via email.
Nov 29, 2024	Milestone #3 Progress Report distributed via email. A meeting was offered.
Dec 18, 2024	2024 Year in Review E-blast distributed via email.
Dec 19, 2024	Phone and email outreach about year-end updates including key milestones and meetings from 2024 and information on activities scheduled for 2025. Correspondence included a request for feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report. A meeting was offered.
Jan 15, 2025	2025 Winter Field Notice distributed via email.
Jan 21, 2025	Phone and email outreach about Project updates, including the release of the EA / IS and the upcoming Three Road Gathering and Expo. Correspondence also included a request for feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report. A meeting was offered.
Feb 10, 2025	January 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Feb 13, 2025	Notification of upcoming Draft EA / IS early release to Indigenous communities distributed via email.
Feb 19, 2025	Notification of availability of Draft EA / IS on website distributed via email.

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Feb 19, 2025	Assessment Summary: Draft EA / IS hard copy shipped to MNO.
Feb 20, 2025	Email outreach about Project updates, including the release of the Draft EA / IS and the passing of the deadline for Milestone #3 comments. A meeting was offered.
Mar 04, 2025	February 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Mar 27, 2025	Email and phone outreach about Project updates, including the upcoming webinar and the ongoing review period for the Draft EA / IS. A meeting was offered.
Apr 03, 2025	March 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Apr 10, 2025	Community Well-Being report availability announcement distributed via email.
Apr 22, 2025	Response to MNO's comments on the MFFN CAR Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report sent via email.
Apr 30, 2025	Draft EA / IS webinar series reminder distributed via email.
Apr 30, 2025	Email and phone outreach about Project updates, including the upcoming webinar series, the ongoing review period for the Draft EA / IS and Community Well-being report, and PIC #6. A meeting was offered.
May 06, 2025	Notification for Community Well-Being webinar distributed via email.
May 08, 2025	April 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
May 20, 2025	Notification for Fish and Fish Habitat webinar distributed via email.
May 22, 2025	Email and phone outreach about Project updates, including the upcoming webinar series, the ongoing review period for the Draft EA / IS and PIC #6.
May 26, 2025	Notification for Public Information Centre #6 distributed via email.
Jun 05, 2025	Notification for People: Land and Resource Use webinar distributed via email.
Jun 11, 2025	May 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Jun 26, 2025	Email outreach regarding Project updates, including the conclusion of the Draft EA / IS review period, materials from PIC #6, and the upcoming distribution of the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities.
Jul 15, 2025	June 2025 E-blast and Summer / Fall 2025 Field Notice distributed via email.
Jul 16, 2025	June 2025 E-blast and Summer / Fall 2025 Field Notice correction distributed via email.
Jul 16, 2025	Letter about MNO's Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights in relation to MFFN CAR sent via email in lieu of the community-specific ATRI: Draft Impact Assessment Report.
Jul 29, 2025	Email outreach regarding Project updates including the upcoming distribution of the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities and ongoing field studies.
Jul 31, 2025	Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment update distributed via email.
Aug 07, 2025	July 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Aug 26, 2025	Email outreach regarding Project updates including a new video about cumulative effects.

Table 22-4: Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Métis Nation of Ontario

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	IK Program ■ On January 21, 2022, Métis Nation of Ontario indicated that they would like to learn more about the Project's IK Program.. ■ On April 27, 2023, in a meeting between Métis Nation of Ontario and the MFFN CAR Project Team, a discussion on rights assertion within the Project Area was had. Métis Nation of Ontario stated that the only part of the Project Area where they are asserting rights is at the southern part of the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road. ■ On April 27, 2023 in a meeting between Métis Nation of Ontario and the MFFN CAR Project Team, MNO requested that a meeting be set up between the MFFN CAR Traditional Knowledge Discipline leads and Métis Nation of Ontario to help Métis Nation of Ontario understand how Indigenous Knowledge would be shared and included in the Assessment Process without them having to declare assertion of rights. ■ On June 6, 2023, MNO noted to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant, that Métis Nation of Ontario did not believe a meeting on Traditional Knowledge and Land Use would be productive as Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2 was not actively engaging in the Project and they did not have specific information on TKLU. Métis Nation of Ontario noted they did have general comments / concerns related to the indirect effects of the Project on Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2 land and resource use and that they	■ Email ■ Letter	■ On February 4, 2022, the MFFN CAR Project Team and Métis Nation of Ontario had a meeting to discuss the IK Program. ■ From June 6 and August 1, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant corresponded multiple times, with Métis Nation of Ontario to discuss setting up a meeting regarding IK / TKLU. It was concluded that a meeting would not be necessary given that Métis Nation of Ontario had no new Project Area specific information on IK/TKLU at the time and instead would submit a letter outlining general comments and concerns relating to the Project (August 1, 2023). The MFFN CAR Project Consultant responded to the Métis Nation of Ontario 's submission of the letter noted above. ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Métis Nation of Ontario 's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team understands Métis Nation of Ontario members have Aboriginal rights affirmed under section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982. The response confirmed that this information will be reflected in the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report for Métis Nation of Ontario and will be used to complete the future EA / IS. The response also stated that Métis Nation of Ontario will have opportunities to participate and share feedback on this information throughout the Assessment Process. ■ On December 20, 2023, the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report was shared with Métis Nation of Ontario, and the Project Consultant followed upon January 24, February 27,and March 14, 2024. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Métis Nation of Ontario which included information on the IK Program. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback.	■ The **Community Well-Being Technical Support Document (Appendix T)**, includes information on the economy, traditional use and culture, food and water, housing, safety, community and public health, infrastructure and services, and environmental factors. ■ Information on Indigenous Knowledge and the EA /I S can be found in **Section 6**. ■ Several communities have actively been participating in the IK program and IK has been used to inform the Assessment Process. See **Section 11.3.3** for more details on the IK program.

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
	would submit a letter in lieu of a meeting. ■ On August 1, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario sent an email notifying the MFFN CAR Project Consultant that Métis Nation of Ontario did not have Traditional Knowledge and / or Land Use information to share, nor was Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2 actively engaging on the MFFN CAR Project. Métis Nation of Ontario noted they had created and attached a letter outlining general comments and concerns related to the MFFN CAR Project, specifically relating to cumulative impacts, regional impacts and community health and well-being for consideration in the EA.		■ On April 10, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document with Indigenous communities, which included information on the IK Program. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback on the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document. ■ On July 16, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team sent a letter to Métis Nation of Ontario via email which noted that because they does not assert rights in the Project Area, an assessment on potential impacts to Métis Nation of Ontario's Aboriginal rights as a result of the Community Access Road was not prepared. The letter invited Métis Nation of Ontario to share comments on other sections of the Draft EA / IS, and offered to meet for further discussion. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS, including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document by MNO.	
Cumulative Effects, Land and Resource Use, Wildlife, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Aggregates, Engineering and Design, Study Area, mining	Cumulative Effects ■ At the February 4, 2022, meeting, Métis Nation of Ontario noted they do not have any land use interests in the Project study area but are interested in the regional aspects of the Project and how they may influence land use south of the Project study area, including: migratory animals, trapping and furbearers and watersheds. ■ On January 27, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario noted in their feedback on the Interim RoCE for Indigenous Communities, that there are ongoing concerns related to the Southern portion of the Project area where it would connect with the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road, specifically as it relates to cumulative effects, traditional land use and climate change. It was requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team continue to	■ In-person (virtual) ■ Email ■ Letter ■ Phone	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Métis Nation of Ontario 's comments on the Interim RoCE for Indigenous Communities Report on July 7, 2023. The response recognized that Métis Nation of Ontario 's concerns are mainly related to the southern portion of the Project study area, specifically where the MFFN CAR would connect to Anaconda/Painter Lake Road. The response also stated that throughout the EA process cumulative effects will be examined and consideration will be given on whether to combine net effects of the Project with effects of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable Projects. ■ The response noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team would continue to provide information on cumulative effects to Métis Nation of Ontario as the EA process progresses. ■ On November 10, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed key contacts at Métis Nation of Ontario acknowledging the receipt of their	■ Cumulative effects related to climate change and greenhouse gas are included in **Section 10**. This section includes predicted cumulative effects of the Preferred Route with the effects of past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects. Cumulative effects assessment methods and the Project Inclusions List were shared during PIC #4, #5, and #6, at the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2, and at Three-Road Project Gathering and Expos #1 and #2. ■ Information on climate change can be found in **Section 12** and in the **Climate Change and Resiliency Technical Support Document (Appendix Y)**. ■ An assessment of the existing watershed has been included in

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	follow-up on receiving traditional land use information when it becomes available and opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IS. Métis Nation of Ontario also requested the evaluation identify the preferred route, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community. In a letter submitted by MNO on August 1, 2023, outlining general Project impacts / concerns and cumulative effects were mentioned, specifically related to climate change, greenhouse gas emissions and the adequate assessment of regional effects resulting from the access through Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2 to the Ring of Fire mining area. ■ On November 3, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario sent an email requesting that MNO's administrative boundaries be removed from the Cumulative Effects Assessment map, and all other maps currently being used for the Project as Métis Nation of Ontario does not assert rights within the MFFN CAR Project study area. ■ On November 14, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario noted they look forward to receiving a response to their general Project comments / concerns letter they submitted to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant on August 1, 2023. ■ On December 20, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario noted their concerns related to socio-economic impacts were documented and provided in a letter on August 1, 2023, and there were no further comments at that time.		email to have Métis Nation of Ontario 's administrative boundaries removed from the Cumulative Effects Assessment Map. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that Métis Nation of Ontario would remain updated on all aspects of the Project and acknowledged their primary interests noted in the November 3, 2023, email (Métis archaeology along trading routes within the Project study area, climate change, and animal impacts of harvesting in traditional territories). The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provide an update on the status of the response to Métis Nation of Ontario 's general Project concerns letter they submitted to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant on August 1, 2023. ■ On November 2, November 9 and December 12, 2023, emails and reminders were sent regarding the upcoming Cumulative Effects Webinar. ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Métis Nation of Ontario 's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response noted that potential impacts will be evaluated, as required, and mitigation and monitoring programs will be proposed through the EA / IS. The response also noted that recommendations Métis Nation of Ontario has provided will be considered as the EA / IS is drafted. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Métis Nation of Ontario which included information on cumulative effects. they had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On August 7, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant to provide links to technical reports and noted a new video on cumulative effects would soon be released. ■ On August 7 and 26, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team and MFFN CAR Consultant sent a link to the new cumulative effects video. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS by Métis Nation of Ontario.	**Section 8.1.4.1**. It includes information on the main characteristics of the tertiary watersheds within the Regional Study Area and how the Regional Study Areas was selected. ■ Additional information on Trapping and Traplines in the Project Study Area can be found in the Final EA / IS in **Section 8.3.6, Section 8.3.9, and Figure 8.3-17**. Additionally, the **Land and Resource Use Technical Support Document (Appendix U)** includes information on trapping in **Section 5.1.6 and Figure 5-2**. ■ Concerns related to the route alignment closer to Marten Falls were noted and were considered as part of the Route Selection Process. The evaluation has identified the Preferred Route for the Community Access Road, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefits to the community. The **Metrics Tables Technical Support Document (Appendix A)** includes the information used to select the Preferred Route, which considered safety and erosion.

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Field Studies, Climate Change	Climate Change ■ In a meeting on February 4, 2022, Métis Nation of Ontario expressed that climate change and the environment are major concerns. ■ On November 3, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario sent an email noting that their primary interests include the potential for Métis archaeology along trading routes through the Project Site, as well as climate change. ■ A representative from Métis Nation of Ontario attended the Climate Change webinar hosted by the MFFN CAR Project Team on February 8, 2024.	■ In-person (virtual) ■ Email ■ Phone	■ During the February 4, 2022, meeting, the MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that protecting the environment through the MFFN CAR Project is of major importance to MFFN as well. ■ On November 10, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at Métis Nation of Ontario stating they recognize their primary interest is related to the integration of archaeology and cultural heritage in the Project but would keep Métis Nation of Ontario informed on all aspects of the Project, including climate change. ■ On November 2, November 9, December 12, 2023, and January 24, 2024, email reminders and information were sent regarding the upcoming Climate Change webinar. The invitation to the webinar was sent on January 16, 2024. ■ On March 4, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided updates on the progress of vegetation and groundwater field studies, noting that once data is analyzed, the results would be shared during the draft EA / IS. ■ The climate change survey was shared with Métis Nation of Ontario and feedback invited on February 22, 2024, and a follow up was provided on March 14, 2024, and April 22, 2024, via phone and email. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Métis Nation of Ontario which included information on climate change. they had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS by Métis Nation of Ontario.	■ Information on Climate Change can be found in **Section 12**.and in the **Climate Change and Resiliency Technical Support Document (Appendix Y)**. ■ In addition, cumulative effects related to climate change is included in **Section 10.** This section includes predicted cumulative effects of the Preferred Route with the effects of past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects. Cumulative effects assessment methods and the Project Inclusions List were shared during PIC #4, #5, and #6, at the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2, and at Three-Road Project Gathering and Expos #1 and #2.

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Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	Traditional Land Use ■ In a meeting on February 4, 2022, Métis Nation of Ontario expressed that protecting the traditional way of life is of major importance. ■ On January 27, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Métis Nation of Ontario requesting continued follow-up on concerns related to traditional land use, specifically where the CAR would connect to the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road area. ■ On June 26, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Métis Nation of Ontario noting that Métis Nation of Ontario did not have specific TKLU to share for the MFFN CAR Project at the time, and instead of organizing a meeting to discuss the matter, Métis Nation of Ontario noted a letter outlining general Project comments and concerns would be submitted. ■ On August 1, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario submitted a letter outlining general Project comments / concerns. In this letter, Métis Nation of Ontario identified these potential impacts, primarily over a concern on how they could impact land use and resources of Métis citizens currently and into the future. Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2 confirmed that it has not asserted rights within the Project area at this time. ■ On December 20, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario confirmed their concerns related to socio-economic impacts were documented and provided in a letter on August 1, 2023, and there were no further comments at that time. Métis Nation of Ontario confirmed they are not asserting	■ In-person (virtual) ■ Email ■ Letter	■ At the February 4, 2022,meeting, the MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that protecting the traditional way of life is of importance to MFFN as well. ■ On June 15, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to MNO agreeing that their suggestion of submitting a letter to highlight Métis Nation of Ontario 's general comments and concerns, instead of having a meeting, was sufficient. ■ On July 7, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at Métis Nation of Ontario in response to comments they left on the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement Report in January 2023. It was noted the MFFN CAR Project Team would continue to track Métis Nation of Ontario 's concerns related to traditional land use, as they relate to the southern portion of the Project Study Area, specifically where the CAR would connect to the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road. ■ On November 10, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed key contacts at Métis Nation of Ontario notifying them that a response was being drafted to their General Project Comments/Concerns letter submitted on August 1, 2023. ■ On December 14, 2023, a response letter was provided in response to the General Project Comments/Concerns letter dated August 1, 2023. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Métis Nation of Ontario which included information on traditional land use. they had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 10, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document with Métis Nation of Ontario, which included information on traditional land use. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback on the	■ The **Community Well-Being Technical Support Document (Appendix T)**, includes information on: economy; traditional use and culture; food and water; housing; safety; community and public health; infrastructure and services, and environmental factors. ■ Information on Archaeology is included in the **Archaeological Assessments Technical Support Document (Appendix R).** ■ Additional subsections on Archaeology included **Section 8.3.6**, **Section 9.5.5,** and **Section 10.4.5**.

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	rights in the Project area but are rather participating in consultation due to interest and archaeology.		Community Well-Being Technical Support Document. ■ On July 16, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team sent a letter to Métis Nation of Ontario via email which noted that because they do not assert rights in the Project area, an assessment on potential impacts to Métis Nation of Ontario's Aboriginal rights as a result of the Community Access Road was not prepared. The letter invited Métis Nation of Ontario to share comments on other sections of the Draft EA / IS and offered to meet for further discussion. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS, including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document by Métis Nation of Ontario.	
Socio-Community, Economy	Socio-Economics and Socio-Community ■ In a meeting on February 4, 2022, Métis Nation of Ontario expressed that socio-economic impacts are a major concern for them. ■ In a letter submitted by MNO on August 1, 2023, outlining general Project impacts/concerns, Métis Nation of Ontario noted that due to increased access to the Ring of Fire area, there is concern about the potential impacts to the Métis community. Specific concerns included were how the Project may contribute to income inequality and impacts to women, girls and 2SLGBTQ+ citizens. ■ In an email and phone call on December 20, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario noted their concerns related to socio-economic impacts were documented and provided in a letter on August 1, 2023, and there were no further comments at that time.	■ In-person (virtual) ■ Letter ■ Email ■ Phone	■ On February 4, 2022, the MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that MFFN is also concerned with the socio-economic environment and that the purpose of the CAR is to create opportunities and connections to MFFN, as well as reducing transportation costs. ■ On December 7, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Team sent a letter to inquire about any socio-economic interests or concerns Métis Nation of Ontario might have. Feedback was requested by December 30, 2023. ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Métis Nation of Ontario 's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response noted that potential impacts will be evaluated, as required, and mitigation and monitoring programs will be proposed through the EA / IS. The response also noted that recommendations Métis Nation of Ontario has provided will be considered as the EA / IS Report is drafted. ■ On Dec 20, 2023, the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report was shared with Métis Nation of Ontario, with follow ups sent on January 24, 2024, February 27, 2024, and March 14, 2024. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Métis Nation	■ The **Community Well-Being Technical Support Document (Appendix T)**, includes information on: economy; traditional use and culture; food and water; housing; safety; community and public health; infrastructure and services, and environmental factors. ■

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			of Ontario which included information on Socio-economics and Socio-community. MNO had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 10, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document with Indigenous communities, which included information on socio-economics and Socio-community. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback on the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS, or the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document bfromMétis Nation of Ontario.	
Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Study Area, Climate Change	Traditional Land Use ■ In a meeting on February 4, 2022, Métis Nation of Ontario noted they are working to understand their land use in the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road area and offered to share traditional land use information. ■ On January 27, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario noted in their feedback on the Interim RoCE for Indigenous Communities, that there are ongoing concerns related to the Southern portion of the Project area where it would connect with the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road, specifically as it relates to cumulative effects, traditional land use and climate change. It was requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team continue to follow-up on receiving traditional land use information when it becomes available and opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IS. Métis Nation of Ontario also requested the evaluation identify the preferred route, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative	■ Meeting (virtual) ■ Email ■ Letter	■ At the February 4, 2022, meeting, the MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that protecting the traditional way of life is of importance to MFFN as well. ■ On June 15, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario agreeing that Erin Reimer's suggestion of submitting a letter to highlight Métis Nation of Ontario 's general comments and concerns, instead of having a meeting, was sufficient. ■ On July 7, 2023, The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Métis Nation of Ontario 's comments on the Interim RoCE Report. The response recognized that Métis Nation of Ontario does not have area specific TKLU to share at this time, which is consistent from the last time the issue was discussed in February 2022. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted to be updated if that changed, and the Métis Nation of Ontario have information on traditional land use they would like to provide in the future to please notify the MFFN CAR Project Team. ■ Between June 6 and August 1, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant corresponded multiple times with Métis Nation of Ontario to potentially discuss setting up a meeting regarding IK/TKLU. It was concluded that a meeting would not be	■ Cumulative effects related to different projects are included in **Section 10**. This section includes predicted cumulative effects of the Preferred Route with the effects of past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects. Cumulative effects assessment methods and the Project Inclusions List were shared during PIC #4, #5, and #6, at the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2, and at Three-Road Project Gathering and Expos #1 and #2. ■ Concerns related to the route alignment closer to Marten Falls were noted and were considered as part of the Route Selection Process. The evaluation has identified the Preferred Route for the Community Access Road, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefits to the community. The

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	effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community. ■ On April 27, 2023, in a meeting between key contacts at Métis Nation of Ontario and the MFFN CAR Project Team, a discussion on rights assertion within the Project Area was held. Métis Nation of Ontario stated that the only part of the Project Area where they are asserting rights is at the southern part of the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road. Métis Nation of Ontario requested that a meeting be set up between the MFFN CAR Traditional Knowledge Discipline leads and key contacts at MNO to discuss the IK/TKLU program in more detail. ■ On June 6, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario noted in an email to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant that they did not believe a meeting on TKLU would be productive as Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2 was not actively engaging in the Project and the MNO did not have specific information on TKLU to share for the Project area at that time. Erin noted that the Métis Nation of Ontario did have general comments / concerns related to the indirect effects of the Project on Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2 land and resource use and suggested that they submit a letter in lieu of a meeting. ■ On August 1, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario submitted a letter outlining general Project comments/concerns. In this letter, Métis Nation of Ontario identified these potential impacts, primarily over a concern on how they could impact land use and resources of		necessary given that Métis Nation of Ontario had no new Project area specific information on IK/TKLU at the time and instead would submit a letter outlining general Project comments and concerns (August 1, 2023). The MFFN CAR Project Consultant responded to Métis Nation of Ontario's submission of the above noted letter by stating this was sufficient. A response would be sent back to the Métis Nation of Ontario addressing the potential impacts identified in the letter. ■ On November 10, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant left a voicemail and emailed key contacts at Métis Nation of Ontario acknowledging the receipt of their email to have MNO's administrative boundaries removed from the Cumulative Effects Assessment Map. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that Métis Nation of Ontario would remain updated on all aspects of the Project and acknowledged their primary interests noted in the November 3, 2023, email (Métis archaeology along trading routes within the Project study area, climate change, and animal impacts of harvesting in traditional territories). The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided an update on the status of the response to Métis Nation of Ontario 's general Project concerns letter sent to the Project on August 1, 2023. ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant responded to Métis Nation of Ontario 's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response letter confirmed that Métis Nation of Ontario 's Aboriginal rights are recognized and this information will be included in the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report for Métis Nation of Ontario, and will be used to complete the future EA / IS. ■ On December 20, 2023, the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report was shared with Métis Nation of Ontario, and follow ups were conducted on January 24, 2024, February 27, 2024, and March 14, 2024.	**Metrics Tables Technical Support Document (Appendix A)** includes the information used to select the Preferred Route which considered safety and erosion.

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	Métis citizens currently and into the future. Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2 confirmed that it has not asserted rights within the Project area at this time. ■ On November 3, 2023, Victoria Stinson sent an email requesting that Métis Nation of Ontario 's administrative boundaries be removed from the Cumulative Effects Assessment map, and all other maps currently being used for the Project as Métis Nation of Ontario does not assert rights within the MFFN CAR Project study area. ■ On December 20, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario confirmed their concerns related to socio-economic impacts were documented and provided in a letter on August 1, 2023, and there were no further comments at that time. Métis Nation of Ontario confirmed they are not asserting rights in the Project area but are rather participating in consultation due to interest and archaeology.		■ On February 22, 2024, the climate change survey was shared with MNO, and a follow up was provided on March 14, 2024. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Métis Nation of Ontario which included information on traditional land use. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 10, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document with Indigenous communities, which included information on Traditional Land Use. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback on the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document. ■ On July 16, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team sent a letter to Métis Nation of Ontario via email which noted that because t Métis Nation of Ontario does not assert rights in the Project area, an assessment on potential impacts to Métis Nation of Ontario's Aboriginal rights as a result of the Community Access Road was not prepared. The letter invited Métis Nation of Ontario to share comments on other sections of the Draft EA / IS and offered to meet for further discussion. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS, including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document, by Métis Nation of Ontario.	
Wildlife	Wildlife Migration and Potential Impacts to Wildlife Habitat ■ At the February 4, 2022, meeting, Métis Nation of Ontario expressed that impacts the road may have on wildlife migration is of major importance for them. ■ On August 1, 2024, the Métis Nation of Ontario submitted a letter outlining general Project impacts/concerns. Métis Nation of Ontario noted that due to increased access to the Ring	■ In-person (virtual) ■ Letter	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that protecting wildlife migration is of major importance to MFFN as well. ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Métis Nation of Ontario 's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response noted that potential impacts will be evaluated, as required, and mitigation and monitoring programs will be proposed through the EA / IS. The response also noted that recommendations Métis Nation of Ontario has	■ Information on Wildlife can be found in the **Wildlife Technical Support Document (Appendix K)**. ■ Field program results for individual disciplines are available in **Section 8**. ■ In addition, cumulative effects related to climate change is included in **Section 10.** This section includes predicted cumulative effects of the

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	of Fire area, they anticipate the MFFN CAR Project will likely have cumulative, regional and far-reaching impacts on physical environments, including potential impacts to wildlife, species at risk and wildlife habitat. Specific concerns/impacts Métis Nation of Ontario noted related to wildlife included disruption of wildlife corridors, breeding grounds and migration routes for fur-bearing animals, increased road mortalities on species such as turtles and snakes, negative impacts to species at risk resulting from increased harvesting pressure, sensory disturbance and habitat disruption.		provided will be considered as the EA / IS Report is drafted. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Métis Nation of Ontario which included information on wildlife migration and potential impacts to wildlife habitat. MNO had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On July 16, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team sent a letter to Métis Nation of Ontario via email which noted that because MNO does not assert rights in the Project area, an assessment on potential impacts to Métis Nation of Ontario's Aboriginal rights as a result of the Community Access Road was not prepared. The letter invited Métis Nation of Ontario to share comments on other sections of the Draft EA / IS, and offered to meet for further discussion. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS by Métis Nation of Ontario.	Preferred Route with the effects of past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects. Cumulative effects assessment methods and the Project Inclusions List were shared during PIC #4, #5, and #6, at the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2, and at Three-Road Project Gathering and Expos #1 and #2.
Aggregates, Alternative Means	Route Evaluation ■ On January 27, 2023, the Métis Nation of Ontario noted in their feedback on the Interim RoCE for Indigenous Communities, that there are ongoing concerns related to the Southern portion of the Project area where it would connect with the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road, specifically as it relates to cumulative effects, traditional land use and climate change. It was requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team continue to follow-up on receiving traditional land use information when it becomes available and opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IS. Métis Nation of Ontario also requested the evaluation identify the preferred route, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative	■ Email ■ Letter	■ On July 7, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Métis Nation of Ontario 's comments on the Interim RoCE for Indigenous Communities via email The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team would continue to track Métis Nation of Ontario 's concerns related to the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road as ongoing and will follow-up on them. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted they recognized it remains the case, as was mentioned by Métis Nation of Ontario in an email on June 6, 2023, that they do not have area specific TKLU to currently share. ■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a response letter to Métis Nation of Ontario 's August 1, 2023, letter. The response thanked Métis Nation of Ontario for sharing their concerns associated with the potential direct and indirect impacts related to regional and cumulative effects on the physical and human environment in the Project study area and noted that the potential impacts will be	■ The **Community Well-Being Technical Support Document, (Appendix T)**, includes information on: economy; traditional use and culture; food and water; housing; safety; community and public health; infrastructure and services, and environmental factors. ■ The cumulative effects related to different projects are included in Section 10. This section includes predicted cumulative effects of the Preferred Route with the effects of past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects. Cumulative effects assessment methods and the Project Inclusions List were shared during PIC #4, #5, and #6, at the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2, and at Three-Road Project Gathering

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	effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community. ■ On August 1, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario sent a letter outlining general Project impacts / concerns. Métis Nation of Ontario noted that due to increased access to the Ring of Fire area, they anticipate the MFFN CAR Project will likely have cumulative, regional and far-reaching impacts on physical and human environments.		evaluated, as required and monitoring and mitigation measures will be proposed throughout the EA / IS process. It was also noted that Métis Nation of Ontario will continue to have opportunities to share feedback on this matter as both the EA and IA processes continue to unfold. ■ On December 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared information on the Preferred Route selection for MFFN CAR, and offered further opportunities for engagement were offered, including scheduling a meeting. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Métis Nation of Ontario which included information on the route evaluation. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback ■ On April 10, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document with Indigenous communities, which included information on route evaluation. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback on the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS, including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document, by Métis Nation of Ontario.	and Expos #1 and #2.Information on Aggregate sources can be found in **Section 7**. **Our Road**. ■ Feedback on aggregate sites to support the construction on Segment 2 resulted in changes to the Preferred Route **Section 4.4.2**. ■ Concerns related to the route alignment closer to MFFN were noted and were considered as part of the Route Selection Process. The evaluation has identified the Preferred Route for the Community Access Road, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefits to the community. **Appendix A** includes the metrics tables with the information used to select the Preferred Route, which considered safety and erosion.
Land and Resource Use, Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology), Study Area	Métis Presence in the Study Area ■ On February 8 to 9, 2023, at the ATRI Forum, the Métis Nation of Ontario raised the concerns that a gap in the background information was identified, where information regarding the Métis presence in the Project Area should be added to the reports. The Métis Nation of Ontario also mentioned that while they were still uncertain of the level of participation within the consultation process for this project, they did want the opportunity to review all reports.	■ In-person ■ Email ■ Phone	■ On May 31, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a response to the comments received at the ATRI Forum. The response noted that a commitment was made to include detailed historic information in the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment, as well as all archaeological reports moving forward. ■ On December 20, 2023, the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report was distributed by email with follow ups sent on January 24, 2024, February 27, 2024, and March 14, 2024.	■ Information on Archaeology is included in the **Archaeological Assessments Technical Support Document (Appendix R)**. ■ Additional subsections on Archaeology included **Section 8.3.6, Section 9.5.5,** and **Section 10.4.5**. ■ Additional information on the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment can be found in **Section 8.3.6.6.**

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	■ On December 20, 2023, in an email and phone call Métis Nation of Ontario confirmed they are not asserting rights in the Project Area but are rather participating in consultation due to interest and archaeology. ■ On September 4, 2024, Métis Nation of Ontario provided comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report.		■ On June 3, 2024, Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report shared with Métis Nation of Ontario. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up via email and phone call soliciting feedback on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report . ■ On September 3, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to check the status of Métis Nation of Ontario 's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. ■ On September 4, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged receipt of Métis Nation of Ontario's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. ■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated the Project Team was working to address Métis Nation of Ontario's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. The comments were addressed. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with the Métis Nation of Ontario which included information on Métis presence in northern Ontario. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On July 16, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team sent a letter to Métis Nation of Ontario via email which noted that because MNO does not assert rights in the Project area, an assessment on potential impacts to Métis Nation of Ontario's Aboriginal rights as a result of the Community Access Road was not prepared. The letter invited MNO to share comments on other sections of the Draft EA / IS and offered to meet for further discussion. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS by Métis Nation of Ontario.	

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Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology)	Archaeology ■ On February 28, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Team was cc'd on an email to IAAC where the Métis Nation of Ontario requested a meeting to discuss concerns regarding Métis archaeology on the CAR, WSR and NRL Projects. ■ On March 16, 2023, during a phone call between the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and Métis Nation of Ontario elaborated on the issue they had related to archaeology which was raised in an email on February 28, 2023. Métis Nation of Ontario noted that the methodology of the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Reports was problematic as it only included “First Nations” or “European”, when Métis should fall under its own category. Métis Nation of Ontario noted that this is a common issue as there is only one archaeologist in Canada who specializes in Métis archaeology. An email was sent the same day summarizing the phone call. ■ On April 18 and 24, 2023, a meeting was held between key contacts at the Métis Nation of Ontario and IAAC, which provided an overview of the Federal Impact Assessment process, presented the Agency's understanding of the proposed Ring of Fire Road Projects, discussed how archaeological work is being conducted for those projects as well as the Regional Assessment and allowed the Métis Nation of Ontario to provide feedback and ask questions. The Métis Nation of Ontario invited the MFFN CAR Project Team to attend for transparency and	■ Email ■ Meeting (Virtual) ■ Phone	■ On March 16, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant agreed a meeting between Métis Nation of Ontario key contacts and the MFFN CAR Project Team would be beneficial. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that Métis Nation of Ontario will be notified on whether the Project Team would like to hold a meeting separately or in combination with a meeting that had already been proposed between Métis Nation of Ontario and IAAC. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reiterated the importance of holding a meeting as promptly as possible to ensure no future deadlines are missed and ensure the feedback provided by Métis Nation of Ontario could be accounted for. ■ On March 29, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario, thanking her for the invitation to a meeting between IAAC and Métis Nation of Ontario on April 18th to discuss Archaeology. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant suggested that it would be beneficial to have a separate meeting, solely with the MFFN CAR Project Team and archaeology discipline leads to specifically discuss Métis Nation of Ontario 's issues related to the MFFN CAR Project. Victoria agreed to this and requested Métis Nation of Ontario be included in the meeting. ■ Between February 28 and April 27, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant worked with Métis Nation of Ontario and IAAC to coordinate meetings to discuss the Métis Nation of Ontario 's concerns related to archaeology. Three meetings were held. ■ During the April 18, 2023, meeting The MFFN CAR Project Team agreed to meet with the Métis Nation of Ontario separately to discuss archaeology concerns specifically related to the MFFN CAR Project Area. ■ During an April 24, 2023, meeting the MFFN CAR Project Team noted they would confirm who the archaeologists on the Northern Road Link and Webequie Supply Road Projects are. MFFN CAR Project Team confirmed they	■ Information on Archaeology is included in the **Archaeological Assessments Technical Support Document (Appendix R)**. ■ Additional subsections on Archaeology included **Section 8.3.6,** \ **Section 9.5.5**, and **Section 10.4.5** . ■ Additional information on the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment can be found in **Section 8.3.6.6**.

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	understanding. Meeting minutes are to be kept confidential. ■ On April 26, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario sent an email regarding the upcoming meeting between the Métis Nation of Ontario and MFFN CAR Project Team. Métis Nation of Ontario noted that they mainly wanted to reiterate their concerns regarding archaeology in the reporting methodology. Métis Nation of Ontario would like to hear about how the MFFN CAR Project Team plan to address these concerns in upcoming stages of archaeological assessment. ■ On April 27, 2023, a meeting was held between key contacts at Métis Nation of Ontario and the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss Métis Nation of Ontario's concerns relating to the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Reports. The discussion was focused on general archaeology, archaeological potential, settlement patterns, rights assertion and Indigenous/Traditional Knowledge in relation to the MFFN CAR Project Area. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant then discussed timelines and outlined next steps in the archaeological assessment process. Time was provided for questions and answers. ■ On May 23, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario noted that the April 24, 2023, meeting minutes were confidential. ■ On August 31, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario sent several comments on the draft meeting minutes that were disseminated to MNO on August 1, 2023. A summary of MNO's comments include: clarification from MNO that they do not have Project-		would meet on April 27, 2023, to discuss archaeology issues specific to the MFFN CAR Project area. ■ During the April 27, 2023, meeting the MFFN CAR Project Team confirmed that feedback the Métis Nation of Ontario provided in this meeting would be taken into consideration. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that additional details the Métis Nation of Ontario collects and provides could be included / considered in the upcoming Archaeology and Cultural Heritage reports. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant will coordinate a meeting between the MFFN CAR Project Team and Métis Nation of Ontario to provide detailed information on how information Métis Nation of Ontario provides will be kept confidential. ■ During the April 27, 2023, meeting the MFFN CAR Project Team confirmed their understanding of the Métis Nation of Ontario 's concerns related to the archaeology reporting terminology. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted they would continue to update Métis Nation of Ontario on various Project updates and provide continuous outreach. ■ On May 17, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired with Métis Nation of Ontario and IAAC about meeting minutes from the April 24 meeting with IAAC and the Métis Nation of Ontario. On May 29, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant replied to Erin, thanking her for the notification that the meeting minutes were confidential. ■ Between May 9, 2023, and August 15, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent several emails to Métis Nation of Ontario key contacts to update them on the status of the meeting minutes from the April 27, 2023, archaeology meeting. ■ On August 15, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent Métis Nation of Ontario the meeting minutes from the archaeology meeting which took place on April 27, 2023, and asked	

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	specific information on IK or TKLU to currently share, their desire to be informed and engaged on future archaeological assessments, information about historical fur trading routes could be found online, details of the archaeology expert located within the University of Alberta, and slight wording suggestions. ■ On October 10, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario noted they are primarily interested in hearing about the integration of Métis archaeology into the Project and to update their team in regards to that topic. ■ On July 2 and August 1, 2024, Métis Nation of Ontario noted that they intend to provide comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report. Métis Nation of Ontario inquired about if the comments would be posted publicly and how comments will be considered, such as suggested revisions to the report. ■ On August 1, 2024, Métis Nation of Ontario requested an extension to provide comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. ■ On August 9, 2024, Métis Nation of Ontario confirmed an extension to August 30 to provide feedback on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report would work for Métis Nation of Ontario. ■ On September 4, 2024, Métis Nation of Ontario provided their comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report.		for Métis Nation of Ontario 's revisions and edits by August 29, 2023. ■ On October 5, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an update regarding the April 27, 2023, meeting minutes. ■ On October 25, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at Métis Nation of Ontario providing the revised April 27, 2023, archaeology meeting minutes based on Métis Nation of Ontario's comments which were initially provided to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant on August 31, 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested that Métis Nation of Ontario review the minutes once more and confirm they are fine with the document being finalized for the Public Record of Consultation. ■ On June 3, 2024, MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report with Métis Nation of Ontario. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up with Métis Nation of Ontario via email and phone call to solicit feedback on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report.. ■ On July 5, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario acknowledging her comments regarding the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report and let them know they would follow up with an answer. ■ On July 16, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant send an email to Métis Nation of Ontario, in response to her questions posed on July 2, 2024. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant outlined that comments received will be part of the RoCE for Indigenous Communities, that any sensitive information could be redacted and offered a meeting to discuss sensitive information in advance of formal comments. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that the archaeological scope of the Project could be accommodated to	

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			include feedback received and the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report could be revised based on comments received. ■ On July 31, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up on the deadline to submit Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, as feedback was requested by August 2, 2024. ■ On August 7, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered an extension of August 30, 2024, for the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report review. ■ On September 3, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to check on the status of Métis Nation of Ontario 's comments for the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. ■ On September 4, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged receipt of Métis Nation of Ontario 's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. ■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated the Project Team was working to address Métis Nation of Ontario 's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Métis Nation of Ontario which included information on archaeology. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 22, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a formal response letter, responding to Métis Nation of Ontario 's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. Responses generally indicated where recommended changes were made and provided further information on clarifying questions. ■ On July 16, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team sent a letter to Métis Nation of Ontario via email which noted that because Métis Nation of Ontario does not assert rights in the Project area, an assessment on potential impacts to Métis Nation of Ontario’s Aboriginal rights as a	

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			result of the Community Access Road was not prepared. The letter invited Métis Nation of Ontario to share comments on other sections of the Draft EA / IS and offered to meet for further discussion. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS by Métis Nation of Ontario. Action: ■ The owner / operator will follow-up with Métis Nation of Ontario in relation to archaeology studies and information, as well as the inclusion of Métis in future archaeological studies, as a commitment into detailed design, construction and / or maintenance.	
Geology and Geomorphology (incl. soils), Field Studies	Summer Field Study Results Presentation ■ On July 13, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario sent an requesting they be presented the results of the Summer Field Studies after the field season had ended. Métis Nation of Ontario specifically noted interest in being presented the results on reindeer lichen and geochemistry.	■ Email	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a response to Victoria Stinson, Manager of Lands, Resources and Consultations, Métis Nation of Ontario on August 9, 2023, stating that the summer field studies would be completed around the end of August 2023. It was noted some of the field studies would continue longer. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted they would connect the MFFN CAR Natural Sciences team to Métis Nation of Ontario to present the requested results, which were anticipated to be ready in late November or early December 2023. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario on March 4, 2024, to share resources on Groundwater and Geochemistry field studies. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated that more details would be made available during the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered Métis Nation of Ontario a meeting once the results of the field studies become available. ■ On September 18, 2024, the all groundwater and geochemistry program update was shared via email. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Métis Nation of Ontario which included information on field	■ Field program results for individual disciplines are available in **Section 8**.

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			study results. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS by Métis Nation of Ontario.	
Accidents and Malfunctions	Traffic and Community Safety ■ On August 1, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario submitted a letter outlining general Project impacts and concerns, Métis Nation of Ontario highlighted several concerns they believed the Project may have on community safety. In summary, these concerns were related to road safety as there will be the potential for more vehicle collisions due to increased vehicles on the roads and personal safety, especially as it relates to women, girls and 2SLGBTQ+ citizens.	■ Letter ■ Email	■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Métis Nation of Ontario 's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response noted that potential impacts will be evaluated, as required, and mitigation and monitoring programs will be proposed through the EA / IS. The response also noted that recommendations Métis Nation of Ontario has provided will be considered as the EA / IS Report is drafted. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Métis Nation of Ontario which included information on traffic and community safety. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 10, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document with Indigenous Communities, which included information on traffic and community safety. MNO had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback on the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS, including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document, by MNO.	■ Information on traffic can be found in the **Traffic Data Technical Support Document (Appendix W)**. ■ The **Community Well-Being Technical Support Document, (Appendix T)**, includes information on: economy; traditional use and culture; food and water; housing; safety; community and public health; infrastructure and services, and environmental factors
Human Health	Impacts to Health and Well-being ■ On August 1, 2023,Métis Nation of Ontario submitted a letteroutlining general Project impacts/concerns, Métis Nation of Ontario highlighted several concerns they believed the Project may have on community health and well-being. In summary, these concerns were related to decreased access and quality of	■ Letter ■ Email	■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a response to Métis Nation of Ontario 's August 1, 2023, letter. The response thanked Métis Nation of Ontario for sharing their concerns associated with the potential direct and indirect impacts on human health in the Project study area and noted that the potential impacts will be evaluated, as required and monitoring and mitigation measures will be proposed throughout the EA / IS process. It was also noted that Métis Nation of Ontario will	■ The **Community Well-Being Technical Support Document (Appendix T)**, includes information on: economy; traditional use and culture; food and water; housing; safety; community and public health; infrastructure and services, and environmental factors.

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	healthcare services and increased strain on the healthcare system.		continue to have opportunities to share feedback on this matter as the Assessment Process continues to unfold. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Métis Nation of Ontario which included information on impacts to health and well-being. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 10, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document with Indigenous communities, which included information on impacts to health and well-being. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback on the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document. ■ On July 16, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team sent a letter to Métis Nation of Ontario via email which noted that because theydo not assert rights in the Project area, an assessment on potential impacts to Métis Nation of Ontario's Aboriginal rights as a result of the Community Access Road was not prepared. The letter invited Métis Nation of Ontario to share comments on other sections of the Draft EA / IS and offered to meet for further discussion. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS, including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document, by Métis Nation of Ontario.	
Surface Water (Quality and Quantity)	Water Quality and Wetlands ■ In a letter submitted by Métis Nation of Ontario on August 1, 2023, outlining general Project impacts / concerns, Métis Nation of Ontario highlighted several concerns they believed the Project may have on surface water quality. In summary, these concerns were related to the quality of wetlands and downstream watersheds, mitigation strategies in the case of a spill, and the impact of	■ Letter ■ Email	■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Métis Nation of Ontario 's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response noted that potential impacts will be evaluated, as required, and mitigation and monitoring programs will be proposed through the EA / IS. The response also noted that recommendations Métis Nation of Ontario has provided will be considered as the EA / IS. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Métis Nation of Ontario which included information on water quality and wetlands. Métis Nation of Ontario	■ Field program results for individual disciplines are available in **Section 8**. ■ An assessment of the existing watershed has been included in **Section 8.1.4.1**. It includes information on the main characteristics of the tertiary watersheds within the Regional Study Area and how the Regional Study Area was selected.

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	increased access to the area on waterways.		had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS by Métis Nation of Ontario.	
Vegetation	Potential Impacts to Native Vegetation and Invasive Species ■ In a letter submitted by Métis Nation of Ontario on August 1, 2023, outlining general Project impacts / concerns, they highlighted several concerns they believed the Project may have on vegetation. In summary, these concerns were related to traffic impacts on harvesting, mitigation measures for adverse impacts and protection from invasive species and indirect impacts such as potential impacts from dust mitigation strategies.	■ Letter ■ Email	■ On December 14, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Métis Nation of Ontario 's letter dated August 1, 2023. The response noted that potential impacts will be evaluated, as required, and mitigation and monitoring programs will be proposed throughout the Assessment Process. The response also noted that recommendations Métis Nation of Ontario has provided will be considered as the EA / IS Report is drafted. ■ On March 4, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario to share resources on the Vegetation field studies. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated that more details would be made available during the draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered a meeting once the results of the field studies become available. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Métis Nation of Ontario which included information on potential impacts to native vegetation and invasive species. Métis Nation of Ontario had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On July 16, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team sent a letter to Métis Nation of Ontario via email which noted that because MNO does not assert rights in the Project area, an assessment on potential impacts to Métis Nation of Ontario's Aboriginal rights as a result of the Community Access Road was not prepared. The letter invited Métis Nation of Ontario to share comments on other sections of the Draft EA / IS and offered to meet for further discussion. ■ As of September 5, 2025, no comments were received on the Draft EA / IS by Métis Nation of Ontario.	■ Information on Vegetation can be found in the **Vegetation Technical Support Document (Appendix J)**. ■ Information on invasive species is included in **Table 9-17**, **Section 8.1.6.4** and **Section 8.2.4.9.**

Table 22-5: Consultation and Engagement Log – Métis Nation of Ontario

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
August 01, 2024	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Métis Nation of Ontario stating that they plan to submit comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. Métis Nation of Ontario asked for an extension to the original August 2, 2024, deadline to submit comments as it is anticipated to take a few weeks for Métis Nation of Ontario to submit comments.
August 01, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email toMétis Nation of Ontario with the July 2024 E-blast. The E-blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including, summer field studies involving geotechnical investigations and the groundwater and geochemistry program, as well as in-community meetings with Aroland First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation. Links to the E-blast, MFFN CAR's website and the route selection update video were included.
August 07, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario to offer an extension from August 2 to August 30 to submit comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. ■ A meeting was offered to discuss the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report prior to MNO submitting comments.
August 09, 2024	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Métis Nation of Ontario confirming that August 30, 2024, should work as an extended deadline to submit comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report.
September 03, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Métis Nation of Ontario to check the status of MNO's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report for which Métis Nation of Ontario indicated they would provide comments by August 30. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked if Métis Nation of Ontario still planned to provide comments, and if so, when they could be expected.
September 04, 2024	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Métis Nation of Ontario, indicating that Métis Nation of Ontario plans to submit comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report by the end of the day.
September 04, 2024	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Linda Norheim (Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Métis Nation of Ontario providing their comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report in an attached document. Comments were left on the original Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report document, generally regarding the use of certain cited sources, Indigenous vs Métis definitions, and the inclusion of Métis archaeology.

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September 04, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Linda Norheim (Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario, confirming receipt of their comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report.
September 04, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario with the August 2024 E-blast. The E-blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including the Draft EA / IS, the completion of Summer Field Programs, as well as information regarding the upcoming Fall Public Information Centres. Links to the E-blast, MFFN CAR's website and the recorded webinars for the completed Summer Field Programs were included.
September 18, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario with the 2024 Fall Groundwater and Geochemistry Program Update. The update provided the dates, September 28 - October 5, 2024, that field crews are scheduled to carry out groundwater sampling and a notice was provided regarding the increase in traffic and noise within the study area during this time. Links to the field notice and MFFN CAR's website were included.
September 19, 2024	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Métis Nation of Ontario, indicating the sign up for the Project E-blast, and Project social media accounts would be shared in a follow up email. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that the Fall 2024 field study notices were shared on September 18, 2024, and encouraged Métis Nation of Ontario to reach out if they had any questions or to set up a meeting. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared that the team is currently working to address Métis Nation of Ontario's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and the responses/edits will be sent when they are available. Métis Nation of Ontario could not be reached and a voicemail was left.
September 19, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario providing Project updates on the MFFN CAR for September. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared a link to sign up for the Project E-blast and social media platforms. The Fall 2024 field notices were shared on September 18, 2024. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted the archaeology team is working on addressing the comments previously received from the Métis Nation of Ontario on the Stage 1 Archaeology Report and a response would be sent once available.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
September 25, 2024	Email		x	■ Sandra Gillis (President) ■ Tim Sinclair (Councillor) ■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Paul MacInnis (Ministry of Energy and Mines) ■ Sasha McLeod (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks) ■ Dorothy Moszynski (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario to provide a letter with advance notice and an update on the Draft EA / IS Report for the MFFN CAR Project, as well as a Frequently Asked Questions document, and link to a questionnaire. The letter described the purpose of the Draft EA / IS Report, what information will be provided to the community for review and how the input received from Indigenous communities will be used to prepare the Final EA / IS Report. The letter requested a key contact for Métis Nation of Ontario and noted the exact date of the release of the Draft EA / IS Report and the review period timelines (Indigenous community and public / agency) would be shared once confirmed. Finally, the letter outlined the various methods the Project Team would use to support Indigenous communities during their review and mentioned meetings to discuss the Draft EA / IS Report chapters and technical reports were encouraged.
October 03, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario with the September 2024 E-blast. The E-blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current, and upcoming activities, including the release of the Draft EA / IS to Indigenous Communities, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, information about Fall Field Programs, and the celebration of the Preferred Route. Links to the E-blast and MFFN CAR's website were included.
October 28, 2024	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Métis Nation of Ontario to provide project updates for October 2024. The MFFN CAR Project consultant indicated a link to a questionnaire would be reshared, previously shared on September 25, 2024, to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review of the Draft EA / IS Report. The call was not answered, and a voicemail was left.
October 28, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Métis Nation of Ontario to provide project updates for October 2024, following up on an earlier phone call. The MFFN CAR Project consultant reshared a link to a questionnaire, previously shared on September 25, 2024, to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review of the Draft EA / IS Report.
November 01, 2024	Email	x		■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Métis Nation of Ontario noting that they have filled out the Draft EA / IS questionnaire and elected to receive a USB copy only. It was also noted that Métis Nation of Ontario does not require any language translation other than English.

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November 05, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario with the October 2024 E-blast. The E-blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current, and upcoming activities, including a new What We Heard video, an update on the ATRI Study Areas, MFFN Community Meeting, and the date for the Upcoming Webinar: Building the Community Access Road. Links to the E-blast and MFFN CAR's website were included.
November 20, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario with an announcement for the Building the Community Access Road Webinar on Tuesday November 26, 2024. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email.
November 26, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario with a reminder for the Building the Community Access Road Webinar on Tuesday November 26, 2024. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email.
November 29, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Advisor) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario, to provide the Milestone #3 Progress Report for the MFFN CAR Project. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a link to the report sections and noted edits or comments on the community-specific sections were due by February 14, 2025, to be incorporated into the Draft RoCEfor Indigenous communities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also reminded Métis Nation of Ontario, to fill out the questionnaire related to the Draft EA / IS review preferences and provided a link to the questionnaire. A meeting to discuss the reports was offered and confirmation that the reports could be successfully downloaded was requested.
December 18, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario with the 2024 Year In Review E-blast. The E-blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current, and upcoming activities, including a holiday message from Chief Bruce Achneepineksum, a recap of the activities and events that occurred throughout 2024, the release of a new video on the Preferred Route selection, and an update on the Draft EA / IS. Links to the E-blast and MFFN CAR's website were included.
December 19, 2024	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Métis Nation of Ontario with year-end updates and upcoming 2025 activities. Feedback was requested on the community-specific section of the Milestone #3 Progress Report, distributed November 29, 2024, by February 14, 2025. Feedback options included email, phone, or scheduling a meeting. The call was not answered, and a voicemail was left. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted a follow up email would be provided.

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December 19, 2024	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Métis Nation of Ontario with year-end updates and upcoming 2025 activities, following up on a previous phone call. The email outlined key milestones from 2024, including the Preferred Route selection for the road on August 26, 2024, confirmed by a Band Council Resolution from Marten Falls First Nation. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted participation in community meetings with Marten Falls First Nation in July and October 2024, Aroland First Nation in June and July 2024, and the Three-Road Projects Gathering and Expo in June 2024. Feedback was requested on the community-specific section of the Milestone #3 Progress Report, distributed November 29, 2024, by February 14, 2025. Feedback options included email, phone, or scheduling a meeting.
January 15, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario with the 2025 Winter Field Notice. The Field Notice provided an update to the Atigwag / Caribou Collar Removal Program and highlighted that field work has been scheduled to manually remove atigwag / caribou GPS radio tracking collars between February 10 to 28, 2025. Links to the MFFN CAR's website, webinar recordings and videos were included.
January 21, 2025	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Métis Nation of Ontario, providing updates on the MFFN CAR and upcoming activities, including preparations for the release of the Draft EA / IS. The phone call was not answered, and a voicemail was left providing details on the project and noting that a summary email would be provided. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant included a reminder that all information regarding the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account and requested that all questions or comments on the Draft EA / IS be directed to this address. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant invited MNO to book an in-person or virtual meeting to assist with the review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared event details and instructions on how to register. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also offered to book in-person meetings outside of the event timeframe. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also referenced the distribution of the Milestone #3 Progress Report on November 29, 2024, and requested feedback on the community-specific section by February 14, 2025. It was noted that feedback could be submitted via email, telephone, or by scheduling a meeting.

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January 21, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario, following up on an earlier phone call, providing updates on the MFFN CAR and upcoming activities, including preparations for the release of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant included a reminder that all information regarding the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account and requested that all questions or comments on the Draft EA / IS be directed to this address. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant invited MNO to book an in-person or virtual meeting to assist with the review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant included event details, instructions on how to register, and a link to book one-on-one time with the MFFN CAR Project Team at the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay (February 19-20, 2025) and Timmins (February 25-26, 2025). The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also offered to book in-person meetings outside of the event timeframe. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also referenced the distribution of the Milestone #3 Progress Report on November 29, 2024, and requested feedback on the community-specific section by February 14, 2025. It was noted that feedback could be submitted via email, telephone, or by scheduling a meeting.
January 28, 2025	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Métis Nation of Ontario to follow up on the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo. The call was not answered, and a voicemail was left. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided the dates to both the Thunder Bay and Timmins events. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided their phone number and noted that they were happy to answer any questions that Métis Nation of Ontario may have.
February 10, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario with the January 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: The Draft EA / IS, 2025 Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo, a new video on understanding project effects and mitigation, a reminder for the Winter 2025 Field Notice and information on the Indigenous Knowledge Program. Links to the MFFN CAR website, understanding project effects and mitigation video and the field notice were included.

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February 13, 2025	Email		x	■ Sandra Gillis (President) ■ Tim Sinclair (Councilor) ■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario to provide updates on the Draft EA / IS. The email noted that the Draft EA / IS would be available for review by Indigenous communities and groups on February 18, 2025, provided a link to the website where the Draft EA / IS is located and provided additional details. The email highlighted an Assessment Summary package to be mailed to Indigenous communities and groups and provided details of what was included in the package. The email provided a reminder that the Draft EA / IS public review period starts 60 days after the early release to Indigenous communities and groups, highlighting that Indigenous communities and groups have a total of 120 calendar days to provide their comments to the Project Team. It was noted that comments and feedback on the Draft EA / IS could be provided via the Project Website, email or letter by June 18, 2025. A link to the project website, email and mailing address were provided as well as the project phone number for any issues providing feedback. The email noted that four additional support documents would be released over the coming months, including the Milestone #3 Progress Report, Draft RoCE for Indigenous communities, ATRI Assessment Report and Community Wellbeing Technical Report. It was highlighted that any concerns raised by Indigenous communities and groups would be documented in the Final EA / IS Report.
February 19, 2025	Email		x	■ Sandra Gillis (President) ■ Tim Sinclair (Councilor) ■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario announcing that the Draft EA / IS and supporting documents are now available online. The MFFN CAR Project Team outlined the timeline for review of the Draft EA / IS and stated that the final date for comments and feedback is June 18, 2025. Methods of contact, including website, email, mailing address and phone number were provided to submit comments or feedback.
February 19, 2025	Mail - Outgoing		x	■ Sandra Gillis (President)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team shipped the Assessment Summary: Draft EA / IS hard copy to the Métis Nation of Ontario band office.
February 20, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project. The email noted that the Draft EA / IS was now available for review on the project website, provided the reminder that all questions and comments should be sent to the specific email address, and noted that an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS was available upon request. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided the reminder that feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report was due by February 14, 2025, and that any feedback received after that date would be incorporated in the forthcoming Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities. Additional information regarding the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities and other Milestone reports was provided.

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March 04, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario with the February 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: The Draft EA / IS release to Indigenous communities, community meetings with Marten Falls First Nation, 2025 Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo and information on upcoming engagement activities including Public Information Centre #6 and webinars. Links to the MFFN CAR website were included.
March 27, 2025	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Erin Reimer, MNO, to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including the Draft EA / IS and upcoming webinars. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided their new phone number. The call was not answered, and a voicemail was left.
March 27, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Erin Reimer, MNO, to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including the Draft EA / IS and upcoming webinars. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Draft EA / IS was available for Indigenous community review and that all information related to the Draft EA / IS would come from a separate email account. They mentioned that all questions and comments should be sent to that email account and offered a meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that the MFFN CAR webinar series was continuing in April and May and upcoming webinar topics included project effects and proposed mitigation measures for Land, Water and People.
April 03, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with the March 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: The public release of the Draft EA / IS, the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada 2025 Convention and upcoming spring 2025 webinars. Links to the MFFN CAR webinar archive and website were included.
April 10, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) announcing that the Community Well-Being Report is now available online, and those who requested hard copies will receive them shortly after. The MFFN CAR Project Team outlined the timeline for review of the Draft EA / IS and stated that the final date for comments and feedback is June 23, 2025. Methods of contact, including website, email, mailing address and phone number were provided to submit comments or feedback.

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April 22, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor) ■ Linda Norheim (Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email with an attached letter to MNO providing a formal response to MNO's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment (AA) Report, originally received on September 4, 2024. The letter included information on where updates will be made in the final draft of the Stage 1 AA Report based on MNO's comments. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked MNO for their patience with the response and noted that the comments provided will be integrated into the final draft of the report where possible and will help inform the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment efforts.
April 30, 2025	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Erin Reimer, MNO, to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including upcoming events and engagement opportunities and updates on the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that a follow-up email would be provided with further details. The call was not answered, and a voicemail was left.
April 30, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Erin Reimer, MNO, following up on an earlier voicemail, to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including upcoming events and engagement opportunities and updates on the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Draft EA / IS was now available for public review and the Community Well-Being Report was released for Indigenous community and group review on April 16, 2025. They provided a reminder that the review process concludes on June 23, 2025, noted how feedback can be submitted and offered a meeting to support the review. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant highlighted that PIC #6 would be happening on May 26 in Thunder Bay and May 29 in Geraldton, noting that the first hour of each PIC is dedicated to Indigenous community members and provided a link with more information. The MFFN CAR provided details on the upcoming webinar series which included webinars on ungulates, fish and fish habitat and land and resource use, mentioned the first webinar on Community Well-Being would be held on May 6 and provided a link to register.
April 30, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with a reminder for the new webinar series on the Draft EA / IS. The reminder provided information on upcoming webinars, including: Community Well-Being, Land: Ungulates (Moose and Caribou), Water: Fish and Fish Habitat and People: Land and Resource Use. Links to the MFFN CAR website and to register for the Community Well-Being webinar were included.

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May 06, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with a reminder for the Community-Well Being webinar. The reminder provided the time and access to the virtual webinar, in addition to information on upcoming webinars, including: Land: Ungulates (Moose and Caribou), Water: Fish and Fish Habitat and People: Land and Resource Use. Links to the MFFN CAR website and to register for the Community Well-Being webinar were included.
May 08, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with the April 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: The public release of the Draft EA / IS, a new video on the introduction to the Draft EA / IS, Valued Components: Impact of the Community Access Road on Ungulates webinar and other upcoming webinars and an invitation to Public Information Centre #6. Links to the MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS website, project website, introduction to the Draft EA / IS video, webinar registration portal and social media pages were included.
May 20, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) inviting recipients to register for the upcoming Fish and Fish Habitat webinar on Thursday May 22, 2025, from 4 to 5 p.m. EST. A reminder for the upcoming webinar on June 5, 2025, was also provided. Links to the registration page for the webinar and the location to view previous webinars were included.
May 22, 2025	Phone		x	■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Erin Reimer to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including upcoming events, engagement opportunities, and updates on the Draft EA / IS. The phone call was not answered and a voicemail was left noting that a follow-up email would be provided.
May 22, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Erin Reimer, following up on an earlier phone call to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including upcoming events, engagement opportunities, and updates on the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a reminder on how to submit comments and feedback on the Draft EA / IS, and that the review process concludes on June 23, 2025. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided a reminder for PIC #6, happening May 26 in Thunder Bay, and May 29 in Geraldton, noting that the first hour of each PIC is dedicated to Indigenous community members and provided a link with more information. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided details on upcoming webinars, providing a link to register for the fish and fish habitat webinar occurring on May 22 at 4:00 p.m. EST, and noting that the People: Land and Resource Use webinar will occur on June 5.

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May 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) inviting recipients to attend the upcoming Public Information Centre #6 on May 26 and 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. An informational poster for the event and a poster for the release of the Draft EA / IS release to the public was attached, and the date, time and location of each event were included in the body of the email. A link to the event information page was included.
June 05, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) inviting recipients to register for the upcoming People: Land and Resource Use webinar on Thursday, June 5, 2025, from 4 to 5 p.m. EST. An invitation to reach out if Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) is interested in a meeting to talk about any of the topics covered in the webinar series was also included. Links to the registration page for the webinar and the location to view previous webinars were included.
June 11, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with the May 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: the upcoming conclusion of the Draft EA / IS review period on June 23, 2025, new webinar recordings and informative videos, public materials from Public Information Centre #6 held May 26 and 29, 2025, and National Indigenous History Month. Links to the MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS website, project website, webinar recordings, videos, Public Information Centre #6 materials and social media pages were included.
June 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Erin Reimer, MNO, to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including updates on the Draft EA / IS, and the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the review period for the Draft EA / IS had officially closed on June 23, 2025. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated that the report would help inform the Final EA / IS that will be submitted to the federal and provincial governments for review in mid to late 2026. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a link to the PIC #6 consultation materials. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities will be released in Fall 2025.
July 15, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with the June 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: the conclusion of the Draft EA / IS review period on June 23, 2025, and upcoming 2025 Field Studies. Links to the MFFN CAR project website and social media pages were included.

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July 16, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with corrections to the June 2025 E-blast email including, the correct link for the June E-blast and attaching the Summer 2025 Field Notice. Links to the MFFN CAR project website, June 2025 E-blast, Summer 2025 Field Notice and MFFN CAR social media pages were included.
July 16, 2025	Email		x	■ Sandra Gillis (President) ■ Tim Sinclair (Councilor) ■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to MNO to provide a letter outlining the Project Team's understanding of MNO's Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights as it relates to MFFN CAR. The letter outlined previously received communications from MNO, noting that MNO does not assert rights within the Project area, and therefore will not be receiving a community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. The letter also noted that it recognized MNO is interested in cumulative effects, physical impacts, and archaeology, and encouraged them to provide comments on the Draft EA / IS regarding these topics. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked MNO to confirm receipt of the email and letter and offered to answer any questions that might arise.
July 29, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to MNO to provide July Project updates for MFFN CAR. The email noted that the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities is planned to be released in Fall of 2025, and methods of providing feedback on the RoCE for Indigenous Communities will be released at that time. The summer 2025 field notice was provided noting that the three ongoing field programs include Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, groundwater well decommissioning, and geotechnical investigations.
July 31, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with an update on Field Work regarding the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment. The email informed recipients that the field work will take place from August 7, 2025, to August 25, 2025 (pending weather and / or site conditions). Recipients were informed that those located within the study area may notice an increase in air traffic as field crews will be accessing sites by helicopter. Links to the Field Notice, MFFN CAR project website and social media pages were included.
August 07, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) with the July 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: the latest on the Draft EA / IS, Plain Language Summaries available in five languages, New Video: Understanding Cumulative Effects, a reminder of the Draft EA / IS Series and upcoming 2025 Field Work. Links to the MFFN CAR project website, plain language summaries, technical reports, Cumulative Effects video, webinar recordings, Field Notice and social media pages were included.

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August 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Victoria Stinson (Manager) ■ Erin Reimer (Mineral Development Officer) ■ Nicholas Richard (Consultation Assessment Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to MNO to provide August Project updates for MFFN CAR. The email shared a link to an educational video about cumulative effects in relation to the MFFN CAR Project.

B22. Métis Nation of Ontario

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MFFN CAR General Project Updates - July 2024

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Wed, Aug 7, 2024 at 12:45 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: "Weseluck, Lauren" <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Erin,

Sorry for the delayed response. We can definitely accomodate an extension to the original August 2 deadline to submit comments. Would August 30 work for you?

If it would be beneficial or helpful we can also arrange a meeting prior to MNO submitting comments to discuss anything regarding the Stage 1 AA Report.

Thank you,
Iain
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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Tue, Sep 3, 2024 at 2:09 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Erin,

Just wanted to follow up on this to check the progress of the MNO's Stage 1 AA Report comments, which were requested by August 30th. Does the MNO still plan to provide comments? If so, when can we expect to receive them?

Thank you,
Iain
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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

RE: MFFN CAR - Stage 1 AA Report - MNO Comments

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Wed, Sep 4, 2024 at 3:05 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, Linda Norheim <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Thank you Erin, confirming receipt.
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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - September Project Updates

1 message

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 11:14 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>, [redacted], Lauren Weseluck <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good morning Erin,

Please see below for Project updates on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road for September:

Stay up to date:
To stay updated on ongoing activities for the MFFN CAR, sign up for our newsletter here: Contact Us - Marten Falls First Nation (martenfallsaccessroad.ca)

Follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.

Fall 2024 Field Studies:
The fall 2024 field notices were shared on September 18, 2024. If you have any questions about these studies, or would like to discuss them further please do not hesitate to reach out.

I will be on Vacation starting September 23, 2024 and returning October 7 2024. If you have any questions during this time, my colleague Lauren Weseluck (cc'd) will be covering for me and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

The archaeology team is currently working on addressing MNO's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Report, I will keep you updated on this and send the team's responses/edits when they are available. As always if you have any questions or would like to set up a meeting to discuss any of these items, please contact me and/or Lauren, both of us will be happy to help.

Thank you,
Iain

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MFFN Community Access Road - About the Draft EA / IS

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]> 25 September 2024 at 15:38
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Iain Quigley <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, "MacInnis, Paul (MINES)" <[redacted]>, "Moszynski, Dorothy (MECP)" <[redacted]>, t[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Dear Erin Reimer,

My name is Kyla Zielbauer and I am a consultant on the MFFN CAR Project. Please note that I am sending this email on behalf of my colleague Iain Quigley, who is currently on vacation.

Please find attached a letter and frequently asked questions (FAQ) regarding the circulation of the **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (Draft EA / IS)** for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road for your community's review and comment.

The Draft EA / IS, and supporting documents, will describe how the preferred route was determined and identify how the proposed Community Access Road may affect the social, cultural, economic and natural environment.

As we prepare to submit the Draft EA / IS, we want to ensure your community has easy access to the documents and has identified a key community contact to help guide the review process.

Please fill out this questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process: [redacted]

We will be in touch in the Fall to discuss these matters with you. If you have any urgent questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Otherwise, Iain will be returning from vacation in early October and will be available for any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,
Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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FAQ - Draft EA IS - September 2024.pdf
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September 25, 2024

Métis Nation of Ontario
[redacted]
Sent via email

Subject: **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (EA / IS)**

Dear Erin Reimer,

This letter is to update you on the proposed Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road and the circulation of the **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (Draft EA / IS)** to Indigenous communities, the public and regulators for review and comment.

The Draft EA / IS, and supporting documents, will describe how the preferred route was determined and identify how the proposed Community Access Road may affect the social, cultural, economic and natural environment. Your input on the Draft EA / IS (e.g., on specific technical documents, proposed impact management and follow up measures, cumulative effects assessment, EA / IS conclusions, and on confirmation that input was captured appropriately) will help us prepare the Final EA / IS.

As we prepare to submit the Draft EA / IS, we want to ensure your community has easy access to the documents and has identified a key community contact to help guide the review process. We will be in touch in the Fall to discuss these matters with you.

Coming Soon for Your Review

Your input to these important planning documents is invaluable, and we want to ensure you have advance notice of when the Draft EA / IS will be circulated and what will be included in it. Some Indigenous communities have indicated that they would like time to review documents in advance of public release, so we're providing Indigenous communities early access to the Draft EA / IS this winter with a minimum review period of 120 days (additional time will be provided if the review period overlaps with the year-end holidays). **We will be in touch with the exact date of the release of the Draft EA / IS as soon as it is confirmed.**

The Draft EA / IS will be circulated to the public and regulators 60-days following the Indigenous communities review period. Individual members of an Indigenous community are welcome to

provide their own comments in addition to those provided on behalf of their community during the 60-day public review period. The exact review dates will be provided once confirmed.

We're Here to Help

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team is available to support your community during the Draft EA / IS review process.

In addition to publishing plain language summaries to help guide you through the technical documents, we are planning activities to help prepare you for the review process. We will:

- Release a new webinars series on topics we've heard are of interest to you including: The Final Route for the Community Access Road and How the Road will be Constructed.
- Launch new videos to describe the final route for the Community Access Road and to provide an overview to the Draft EA / IS, including ways you can provide feedback.
- Host Public Information Center #6 to provide an update on the Community Access Road, share the Draft EA / IS report, answer questions and gather your feedback; and
- Three-Road Gathering & Expo #2.

We will also be available for—and encourage—meetings to review chapters and technical reports of interest to your community. If you have questions or if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss, please contact us. We are happy to meet with you.

Be ready!

The Draft EA / IS will be a large document (approximately 500 - 1000 pages) and include thousands of pages of supporting documents (ranging from the technical documents to the Record of Consultation & Engagement).

We encourage you to book time with us before circulation of the Draft EA / IS to discuss how you would like to receive the Draft EA / IS from us and how best we can support you in your review.

Don't hesitate to be in touch! We're happy to support you through this review.

We thank you for your continued participation and collaboration as we work towards building the Community Access Road.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Qasim Saddique
Project Director

[redacted]

Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Member Advisor

Cc:

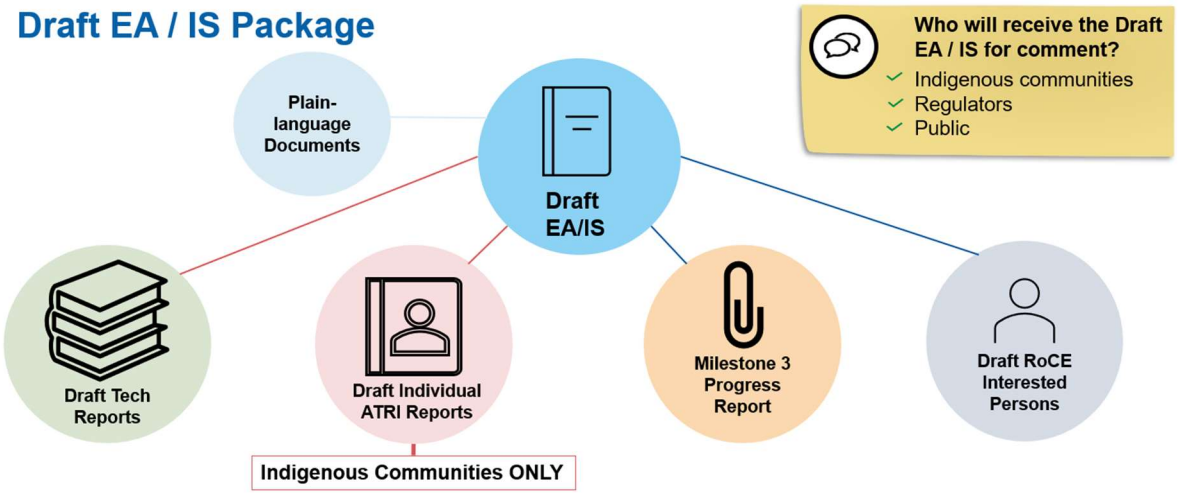
- Qasim Sadique, Project Director, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Lawrence Baxter, Senior Community Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Bob Baxter, Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Jennifer Bruin, Technical Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Paul MacInnis, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Mines
- Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officers, Ministry of the Environment
- Dorothy Moszynski, Special Project Officers, Ministry of the Environment
- Victoria Stinson, Mining and Regions 3 & 5 Manager, Métis Nation of Ontario
- Nicholas Richard, Region 2 Consultation Advisor, Métis Nation of Ontario
- Tim Sinclair, Region 2 Regional Councillor, Métis Nation of Ontario
- Sandra Gillis, President, Greenstone Métis Council, Métis Nation of Ontario

Frequently Asked Questions – Draft EA / IS

Issued September 2024

What is included in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (EA / IS)?

The Draft EA / IS will be a large document (approximately 500 - 1000 pages) which includes thousands of pages of supporting documents. These range from technical documents on valued components (like noise, air quality, peatlands—see below question for a full list), individual Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) reports, to the Records of Consultation & Engagement. We are here to help in your review—plain-language versions of select documents will be made available, and we encourage you to book time with us to discuss before we circulate the Draft EA / IS.



How have Indigenous communities influenced the Draft EA / IS?

Through consultation activities, the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road Project Team has collected feedback, information and Indigenous Knowledge to inform the final route selection and support the development of the Draft EA / IS. The ATRI / Three-Road Forums and Gatherings and Individual Community ATRI Existing Conditions Reports have facilitated the sharing of Indigenous Knowledge and provided a forum for open discussion around the proposed Community Access Road. The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team has engaged 22 Indigenous communities over the course of the environmental assessment process, working with key contacts and representatives of the communities who have provided their expertise, asked questions, and flagged concerns and issues that should be addressed and included in the Draft EA / IS.

Why is it important to provide your comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (Draft EA / IS)?

We are providing a Draft EA / IS to Indigenous communities, the public and regulators to allow for an early review of our information, approach and findings. Your input on the Draft EA / IS will inform the preparation of the Final EA / IS and allow us to incorporate your input and consider concerns related to the proposed Community Access Road.

How long do I have to review and provide comments on the Draft EA / IS?

Members of the Indigenous communities we are engaging will have access to the Draft EA / IS this winter via their community's key contact (identified by your Chief and Council). Indigenous communities have a minimum of 120 days to review and comment on the Draft EA / IS. If the 120 days overlap with year-end holidays; then additional time will be added to compensate. Access to the Draft EA / IS for Indigenous communities is 60-days in advance of the public and regulators' review period. The exact review dates will be provided once confirmed.

How and when will we get responses to the questions or comments that we provide on the Draft EA / IS?

Comments and questions received during the review process will be recorded and responses tracked and addressed, where possible, in the Final EA / IS. In addition, during the review period, we encourage you to contact us to schedule a meeting so that we can discuss with you directly any questions or concerns you might have. Our intent, where appropriate, is to provide you an opportunity to review or discuss your comments and our proposed response in advance of submitting the Final EA / IS.

What is the difference between the Draft EA / IS and the Final EA / IS version?

The Final EA / IS will incorporate comments, questions and feedback received on the Draft EA / IS from Indigenous communities, the public and regulators. Additional information from studies not completed before the release of the Draft EA / IS may also be included (if applicable). Because the Final EA / IS will be submitted by MFFN to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) for a decision by the Minister and Cabinet, it is important that communities participate in consultation on the Draft EA / IS, so that their input can be considered or addressed in the final version.

Where do we send our comments and feedback on the Draft EA / IS?

Once the key contact has compiled your community's feedback, the comments / edits / questions can be sent to your MFFN Community Access Road Project Team contact or to the Community Access Road general email address: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca.

How will my feedback be received if I am not an official representative of my community (e.g., key contact)?

Individual members of an Indigenous community are welcome to provide their own comments in addition to those provided on behalf of their community during the public review period. This input will be addressed along with other comments received from the public and regulators.

What Technical Reports are included in the Draft EA / IS?

The technical documents will include information on valued components existing conditions, effects assessment and cumulative effects.

The following technical reports are included in the Draft EA / IS.

1. Noise and Vibrations	10. Ungulates
2. Groundwater and Geochemistry	11. Air Quality and Green House Gas
3. Surface Water	12. Land Use
4. Fish and Fish Habitat	13. Human Health
5. Physiography, Terrain and Soils	14. Social
6. Peatlands	15. Economics
7. Vegetation	16. Visual
8. Wildlife	17. Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights Interests (ATRI) / Indigenous Knowledge
9. Birds	

What are Cumulative Effects and the Inclusions List?

Cumulative Effects are the potential effects of the Community Access Road combined with the

effects of other past, present and reasonably foreseeable future projects and activities. On their own, individual project effects may be minor, but when considered together with other project effects they may become significant.

As part of the provincial EA and federal Impact Assessment (IA) process for the Community Access Road, an assessment of the potential cumulative effects is being completed. The preliminary project Inclusion List identifies potential projects that will be considered for inclusion in the Cumulative Effects Assessment, which will be part of the Draft EA / IS.

How have Indigenous communities been consulted?

Indigenous Knowledge Program

The purpose of this program was to empower Indigenous communities to share information on their land and resource use, cultural practices and values, and rights and interests in the study area. Participation in the program enabled participating communities to either share existing Indigenous Knowledge (IK) and Indigenous Land and Resource Use (ILRU) information (previously collected by communities) or to complete project-specific IK and ILRU Studies.

Community Coordinator Program

The Community Coordinator Program supports the Community Access Road activities, meetings and events, helping to make sure input is collected and shared back with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team.

Community Coordinators strengthen our collective efforts related to the EA / IA process and allow for a more open and responsive consultation and engagement between Indigenous communities and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team.

Reports

Through the EA / IA process, the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team has worked with Indigenous communities to produce reports including: ATRI Existing Conditions Report, Milestone #1 and #2 Reports, Cultural Heritage Report, Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Reports, and the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE).

In-person & virtual consultation activities

To date, our consultation efforts have included:

- Five in-person Public Information Centres (PICs), including dedicated hours for Indigenous Community members;
- 31 in-person or virtual meetings with 11 communities, including 8 in-person or virtual meetings with MFFN;
- Two in-person ATRI forums;

- An in-person Three-road Project Gathering & Expo;
- Attendance at several conferences, including the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) conference and the Matawa First Nations Management gathering.
- Fourteen virtual webinars; and
- Ongoing outreach including phone calls emails, virtual meetings, and in-person meetings with communities and tribal councils.

Quigley, Iain [redacted]>

MFFN CAR - October Project Updates

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Mon, Oct 28, 2024 at 1:27 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, [redacted] "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Erin,

I hope this email finds you well. Please see below for October project updates related to the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road project:

In September, we sent you an email with a letter and FAQ in preparation for the release of the Draft EA / IS. As we prepare to submit the Draft EA / IS, we want to ensure your organization has easy access to the documents and has identified a key contact to help guide the review process.

Please fill out this questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process:
[redacted]

Kind regards,
Iain

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Quigley, Iain [redacted]

MFFN CAR - Milestone #3

1 message

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Fri, Nov 29, 2024 at 9:13 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted], Victoria Stinson [redacted], Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good morning Erin,

I hope this email finds you well.

The Milestone #3 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road has been drafted and is ready for review. The following link includes the Report and associated appendices to view or download, for MNO[redacted]

The Milestone #3 Progress Report covers June 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024.

We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section by **February 14, 2025**, before the reports are incorporated into the Draft Record of Consultation.

If you haven't already, please fill out this questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process: [redacted]

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and timeline, please reply to this email. We also kindly ask if you could let us know if you received this email and can view / download the documents successfully.

If you have any questions or comments about the Community Access Road, please reply to this email.

Sincerely,
Iain

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MFFN CAR - December Project Updates

1 message

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Thu, Dec 19, 2024 at 9:34 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, [redacted]
Bcc: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, "Zielbauer, Kyla" <[redacted]>

Good morning Erin,

I just called and left you a voicemail, but also wanted to provide a follow up email of Project updates below:

- **Happy 2024 Year-end**

As we approach the new year, we'd like to acknowledge the milestones achieved for the MFFN Community Access Road in 2024. In particular, we celebrated the selection of the final route for the Community Access Road. On August 26, 2024, Marten Falls First Nation Chief and Council signed a Band Council Resolution confirming the proposed final route.

We took part in multiple events this year, including hosting in-community meetings with Marten Falls First Nation in July and October and in-community meetings with Aroland First Nation in June and July. We also attended the Three-Road Projects Gathering and Expo in June. We extend a great thank you to everyone who attended and took part in these gatherings. Your collaboration has helped shape the future of the road.

Coming up in 2025, we are preparing for the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment. We look forward to receiving your insights on this document and are enthusiastic about what 2025 will hold for the Community Access Road.

The Community Access Road is more than infrastructure; it's about securing a better future for our people... It is not just a path to progress; it is a testament to our resilience, our vision for the future and our commitment to the well-being of our people. – Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation

- **Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback**

On November 28 / 29, 2024, we distributed your community specific Milestone #3 Progress Report.

We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section which you may provide through email, telephone or by scheduling a meeting. Please provide your community's feedback by **February 14, 2025.**

Thank you and Happy Holidays,
Iain
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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - January Project Updates

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Tue, Jan 21, 2025 at 1:34 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, [redacted], Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Erin,

I just left you a voicemail regarding the items listed below, but also wanted to provide an email summary, as always if there's anything you want to discuss further please do not hesitate to reach out;

- **Prepare for the release of the Draft EA / IS**
  - As we approach the release of the Draft EA / IS, we would like to provide a few reminders and updates:
  - **MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS Email**
    - All information pertaining to the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account **(** [redacted]**). Please ensure you send your questions and comments on the Draft EA / IS to this email address.**
  - **Book a meeting!**
    - We are here to assist you in the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please reach out if you would like to book an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. We understand the size of the document (~20 000 pages) can be overwhelming and we are here to support you with review.
    - The MFFN CAR Project Team will be attending the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay February 19-20 and Timmins February 25-26, 2025. Your community has received an invitation to this event with all the details on the event, how to register and a link to book a time to speak one-on-one with the Project Team. If you wish to meet with the MFFN CAR Project Team outside of this event, we are happy to book in-person meetings during this timeframe.
- **Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback**
  - On November 29, 2024, we distributed your community-specific Milestone #3 Progress Report.
  - We welcome any edits or comments to your community specific section which you may provide through email, telephone or by scheduling a meeting. **Please provide your community's feedback by February 14, 2025.**

Kind regards,
Iain
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Upcoming Release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement - February 18, 2025

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement <[redacted]> Thu, Feb 13, 2025 at 5:45 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] "Quigley, Iain" <[redacted]>

Dear Erin Reimer,

We are pleased to announce that the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team will be making the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement available for review by Indigenous communities and groups on **February 18, 2025,** at [redacted]. The Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement is approximately 1,100 pages long, and provides background on Marten Falls First Nation, why they need the Community Access Road, and the studies and activities they have completed to support the proposed development of a road to their Community.

In addition, Indigenous communities and groups can expect to receive a plain language summary of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement and Technical Supporting Documents—the Assessment Summary—by registered mail over the coming days. This information package includes the following:

- Introduction to the Assessment Summary;
- Executive summary (of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement);
- Letter from Chief Achneepineskum;
- Introduction to the plain language summaries and technical discipline reports (Tech Talk); and
- [redacted], including explanations of key definitions and common elements across all summaries.

Included with the Assessment Summary, to support your review, is a USB containing all documents related to the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, including the plain language summaries described above. In addition, Indigenous communities who requested hard copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement will receive these the week of February 24, 2025; approximately 5-6 banker boxes of information will be delivered to the address provided.

As a reminder, the Indigenous communities and groups we are engaging have early access to the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement; the public review period starts 60-days after the early release to Indigenous communities / groups and ends the same day. This means that Indigenous communities and groups have 120 calendar days to review and provide their comments to the Project Team on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. The review periods for Indigenous communities and groups, the public and regulators ends June 18, 2025.

Comments and feedback on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement can be provided via the Project Website, email or by letter mail, **until June 18, 2025**, at the addresses provided below.

Website: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Mailing Address:

AECOM Canada ULC.
C/O Joanne Wang
[redacted]

If you are not able to provide us with your feedback through any of these addresses, please contact us at [redacted] We will find a way to support your submission through other means.

Four additional support documents for the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment process will be released over the coming months. These are:

- **Milestone 3 Progress Report**—This summary of consultation activities was issued for review by Indigenous communities in November 2024, in advance of the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. This progress report provides a detailed account of engagement and communication activities conducted from June 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024. A final version of the report will be made available once feedback has been reviewed and addressed; feedback has been requested by February 14, 2025.

- **Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities**—This Record of Consultation and Engagement will be available this summer in advance of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. The Indigenous communities and groups we are engaging will have the opportunity to review and comment on the report prior to the release of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Communities will be provided 90 days to review the Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities.

- **Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Reports (ATRI) Reports**—In the coming months, Indigenous communities will be provided with community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interest assessment results. In 2024, communities were provided with community-specific preliminary existing conditions ATRI reports for their review. Some feedback was received, and this information will be included, where applicable, in the soon-to-be released ATRI assessment results. This phased approach allows Indigenous communities time to consider their community-specific ATRI assessment in consideration of the information shared in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Communities will be provided 90 days to review their ATRI assessment results and provide comment.

- **Community Well-Being Technical Report**— Community Well-Being examines three interconnected disciplines: economics, socio-community, and human health and community safety. The Community Well-Being Technical Report will describe changes that might result from the proposed Community Access Road; recognizing both opportunities and challenges. This report will be available for Indigenous communities and groups in April ahead of the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement to the public and regulators. Communities will be provided 90 days to review the Community Well-Being Technical Report and provide comment. A plain language Community Well-Being summary has been prepared and included with the Assessment Summary. It is also available on the Draft Environmental / Impact Statement website.

Any concerns raised during the review period by Indigenous communities will be documented in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report.

We appreciate your time and effort to review the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, and associated documents, and look forward to receiving your input. We encourage you to book time to meet with the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team to explore your interests, questions and insights.

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Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement
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Email: [redacted]

Phone: 1 800-764-9114

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MFFN CAR - February Project Updates

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 12:33 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, [redacted], Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Erin,

Please see below for February MFFN CAR Project updates:

- **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) available for Indigenous Community review**
  - **MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS Email**
    - As you may already be aware, the Draft EA / IS is now available for Indigenous community review. All information pertaining to the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account [[redacted]]. Please ensure you send your questions and comments on the Draft EA / IS to this email address.
  - **Book a meeting!**
    - We are here to assist you in the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please reach out if you would like to book an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. We understand the size of the document (~20,000 pages) can be overwhelming and are here to support you with review.

- **Milestone #3 Progress Report**
  - The deadline to provide feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report was February 14, 2025. Feedback was requested by this date in order to make updates to the Report before it is made available to the public on the project website. We will still accept feedback after this date. Any feedback received after February 14, 2025, will be incorporated into the Draft RoCE.

    Later this year, a Draft RoCE will be produced, which will contain the Milestone #3 Report, as well as the other milestone reports, the Interim RoCE and engagement since August 2024. Indigenous communities will have an additional opportunity to provide feedback for the time period covered by the Milestone #3 Report during their review of Draft RoCE.

As always if you have any questions or there is anything I can help with, please reach out.

Thank you,
Iain

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MFFN CAR March Project Updates

1 message

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 1:48 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, [redacted], Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Erin,

Please see below for MFFN CAR project updates for March.

- **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) available for Indigenous Community review**
  - **MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS Email**
  - The Draft EA / IS is now available for Indigenous community review. All information pertaining to the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account [[redacted]]. **Please ensure you send your questions and comments on the Draft EA / IS to this email address.**
  - **Book a meeting!**
    - We are here to assist you in the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please reach out if you would like to book an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. We understand the size of the document (~20,000 pages) can be overwhelming and are here to support you with review.
- **Upcoming Webinars**
  - In April and May, we will host webinars on identified project effects and proposed mitigation measures for Land, Water and People. Keep an eye out for a registration email from **info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca**!

If you wish to discuss anything further please reach out!

Thank you,
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MFFN CAR - Response to Stage 1 AA Comments

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Tue, Apr 22, 2025 at 10:41 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, Linda Norheim <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, [redacted], [redacted], Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, "Angelis, Niki" <[redacted]>, Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Hi Erin,

I hope you are doing well.

I am emailing you to provide a response to MNO's comments on the MFFN CAR Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, which we received on September 4, 2024. We wanted to thank you again for providing comments on the MFFN CAR Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, and for your patience with our response. The comments provided will be integrated into the final draft of the report where possible, and will help inform the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment efforts.

The information provided in your response has been reviewed by the MFFN CAR Project Team, and the attached letter has been written to respond to the comments provided.

If you have any other questions or comments to share, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Iain
On Behalf of the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project Team

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April 22, 2025

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Dear Erin,

Thank you for taking the time to review and provide comments on the MFFN CAR Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. The input provided will be reflected in the final draft of the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, and influence our ongoing archaeology efforts, including Stage 2 of the Archaeological Assessment. See below for the MFFN CAR Project Team's responses to the comments you provided.

Métis Nation of Ontario Comment	**MFFN CAR Project Team Response**
In reference to Section 1.2.2.1: This opening paragraph needs to be changed. Add the below sentence in quotations at the start of the second paragraph (the entire first paragraph is rooting Métis in mixedness and a period of time MNO does not acknowledge Métis communities existing). I have included citations. "As occurred in other parts of west central North America (also known as the historic Northwest), distinct Métis communities emerged in various areas surrounding the Upper Great Lakes and along the waterways and fur trade routes of what is now northern Ontario beginning in the late 1700s. These communities, along with other Métis communities that emerged in other parts of the historic Northwest, developed their own shared customs, traditions, and collective identities rooted in their special Aboriginal relationship to the land, and a distinctive culture and way of life. In the 1800s, these Métis communities in northern Ontario asserted their collective identity, rights, and interests through political action and advocacy, including the 1849 Mica Bay Incident, Métis petitions from Moose Factory in 1893 and 1905, and the negotiation of a collective Métis adhesion to Treaty 3. These historic Métis events in Ontario have long been recognized, including by the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples."	Thank you for clarifying and providing additional information. We acknowledge this and can commit to removing and updating the relevant passages.

(See Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples: Vol. 4: Perspectives and Realities (Canada, October 1996) at pages 242-243; Morrison, "Robinson Treaties" [CAP11312], section 3.6; Jacqueline Peterson, "Prelude to Red River: A Social Portrait of the Great Lakes Metis," Ethnohistory 25:1 (1978): 41 – 67 [CAP11188]; Jacqueline Peterson, "Many Roads to Red River: Metis Genesis in the Great Lakes Region, 1680 – 1815," in The New Peoples: Being and Becoming Metis in North America, eds. Jacqueline Peterson and Jennifer S. H. Brown, eds.) Section 1.2.2.1 Second Paragraph, first line: Current text: ..., there were substantial populations... Suggested edit: "there were substantial Métis populations"	
Section 1.2.2.1 Third Paragraph Current text: ... mixed ancestry family (Indigenous and English) Suggested edit: Métis family Suggests removing the sentence about Tom Goodwin stating it is irrelevant *Section 1.2.2.1 Fourth paragraph* States the fourth paragraph is irrelevant	Thank you for these corrections. Acknowledged, • Adjusted Metis family • Adjusted Tom Goodwin sentence to remove commentary on identity but kept him in as a documented Marten Falls post worker. • Removed 4th paragraph.
Section 1.2.2.1 Fifth paragraph "Are there any characteristics identified by UofA which could distinguish Metis from First Nations? Will there be additional methodology for the Stage 2 AA?"	Acknowledged and updated. At this time there is unfortunately no known additional methodology in Ontario that will be helpful to distinguish between First Nations, Metis or colonial settlements in the region. U of A was mentioned because their ongoing work is looking to remedy this. Further detail on their current findings included as clarification. Additional information was included from Beaudoin (2014) who found some success in identifying combinations

	of European and Inuit traditions across prescribed gendered artifacts (such as personal adornments and cooking implements) in the context of 19th century Labrador Metis communities. Depending on the types of sites identified this may provide methodological assistance going forward but would be dependent on the types of sites identified.
Section 1.2.2.2 First paragraph, last line: Metis are also Indigenous people under the Constitution Act 1982. This definition should be defined throughout. Indigenous people are defined in Canada as First Nation, Metis or Inuit. Under sub-heading Marten (Martin's) Falls House; second paragraph: "Other post managers were more prejudiced towards local Indigenous peoples." Comment: "referring only to FN's? Or Metis also?	We apologize for this miss. The correction has been acknowledged and the report has been updated to remove error where Metis and Indigenous were used as separate identifiers.

We hope this response adequately addresses the comments and concerns you raised in your response to the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. If you have any other questions or concerns about the MFFN CAR, please do not hesitate to reach out. If you would like to coordinate a meeting with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, or any other aspects of the Project further, please reach out to Iain Quigley at [redacted] or [redacted] to coordinate.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Qasim Saddique
Project Director

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Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Member Advisor

cc:

- Bob Baxter, Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Jennifer Bruin, Technical Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

- Victoria Stinson, Mining & Regions 3/5 Manager, MNO
- Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor, MNO
- Nicholas Richard, Consultation Assessment Advisor, MNO
- Linda Norheim, Director of Lands, Resources and Consultations Branch, MNO
- Iain Quigley, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Niki Angelis, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Lucia Jara Moreno MFFN CAR Project Consultant

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MFFN CAR - April Project Updates

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Wed, Apr 30, 2025 at 1:40 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, [redacted], Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Erin,

Please see below for April project updates for the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project:

• **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) Updates**

- **Public Review Period Now Starting**

• The Draft EA / IS is now available for public review. Comments and feedback can be provided via the Project website, email or by letter mail.

- **Book a Meeting**
  - We are here to assist you in the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please reach out if you would like to book an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. We understand the size of the document (~20,000 pages) can be overwhelming and are here to support you with review.
- **Community Well-Being Report**
  - On April 16, 2025, the Community Well-Being Report was released for review by Indigenous communities and groups.
- We are halfway through the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please keep in mind that the review process **concludes on June 23, 2025**.

• **Public Information Centre #6**

- We will be hosting our Public Information Centre (PIC) #6 on Monday, May 26, 2025, and Thursday, May 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. The first hour of each PIC is dedicated to Indigenous community members. For more information, visit https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/ and keep an eye out for an email from info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca.

• **Upcoming Webinars**

- Our Draft EA / IS webinar series will start in May. The first in this series is Community Well-Being, held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. EST. Register now by following this link: [redacted]
- Keep an eye out for more information on the remaining webinars in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Series:
  - **Land: Ungulates** - Thursday, May 8
  - **Water: Fish and Fish Habitat** - Thursday, May 22
  - **People: Land and Resource Use** - Thursday, June 5

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MFFN CAR - May Project Updates

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Thu, May 22, 2025 at 1:25 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, [redacted], Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Erin,

Please see below for MFFN CAR Project Updates for May 2025:

- **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) - Reminder for Final Review**
  - We are nearing the end of the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please submit your comments and feedback via the Project website, [redacted] email or by letter mail by **June 23, 2025.**
- **Public Information Centre #6**
  - We will be hosting our Public Information Centre (PIC) #6 on Monday, May 26, 2025, and Thursday, May 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. The first hour of each PIC is dedicated to Indigenous community members. For more information, visit https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/.
- **Upcoming Webinars**
  - Our next webinar in the Draft EA / IS webinar series is Water: Fish and Fish Habitat, to be held on Thursday May 22, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. EST. Register now by following this link: [redacted]
  - Keep an eye out for more information on the remaining webinars in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Series:
    - **People: Land and Resource Use** - Thursday, June 5

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further please reach out.

Thank you,
Iain

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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #6: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT / IMPACT STATEMENT

Join the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team to discuss updates on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Review.

Thunder Bay
Monday, May 26, 2025

Location:

Superior Inn and Conference Centre

555 Arthur St. W, Thunder Bay, Ontario

Time:

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Public Session.

*Light refreshments will be served.

Geraldton
Thursday, May 29, 2025

Location:

Geraldton Community Centre

200 Wardrope Avenue, Geraldton, Ontario

Time:

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Public Session

*Light refreshments will be served.

Learn about:

- What is the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement?;
- Understanding identified project effects and proposed impact management measures;
- Update on socio-economic studies and the Community Well-Being Report;
- Cumulative effects; and
- Next steps and future opportunities to get involved.

* The first hour is dedicated to Indigenous Community members only.

If you cannot make the in-person session, you can find the information posted on our website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca). Public Information Centres are wheelchair accessible; contact us if you require other accessibility accommodations.

Contact Information

Website: https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/

Email: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

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Scan the QR to learn more, and for other ways to Get Involved.

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MFFN CAR June 2025 Project Updates

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 1:35 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, [redacted], Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good morning,

Please see below for MFFN CAR June 2025 Project updates:

- **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Review Period Complete!**
  - The review period for the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact statement (EA / IS) officially closed on June 23, 2025. We sincerely value all the feedback provided. Input on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) is important to us and will help inform the preparation of the Final (EA / IS) that will be submitted to the federal and provincial governments for review in mid to late 2026.
  - If you have questions or if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss, please contact us.

- **Public Information Centre #6**
  - Public Information Centre #6 was held on May 26 and 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. Thank you to all those who were able to attend the meetings in person. You may review the materials on our website: https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/#pic6

- **Coming Up...**
  - The Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities will be released in Fall 2025. Keep an eye out for the report to be sent to your community! Ways to provide feedback will be included.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further please reach out!

Thank you,
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Inclusiveness: Enabling belonging to draw strength from our differences.

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MFFN CAR - Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 9:50 AM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted], Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Alana Vigna <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, [redacted], [redacted], [redacted]
Bcc: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good morning Erin,

Please see the attached letter on behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the content of the letter, do not hesitate to contact me or the contacts outlined in the letter.

Could you please confirm receipt of this email and letter?

Kind regards,
Iain

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June 16, 2025

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Dear Erin Reimer,

As part of our collaborative assessment process, Marten Falls First Nation (the Proponent) shared the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (Draft EA / IS) for the Marten Falls Community Access Road with the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) on February 19, 2025, for review prior to submitting the Final EA / IS. We look forward to receiving your comments. A public-facing summary of the Community Access Road's impacts on Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests will be prepared following input from communities.

In a letter sent to the Proponent on August 1, 2023, the MNO noted that the Regional Study Area (as presented in the Preliminary Existing Conditions Report) for the assessment on Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests extends approximately 30 km into the northern extent of the currently known area of MNO's Lakehead / Nipigon / Michipicoten Traditional Territories, represented by the Northern Lake Superior Historic Métis Community (Region 2). In this letter, MNO Region 2 confirmed that it does not assert rights within the Project area (i.e. Project study area) at this time. On November 3, 2023, Victoria Stinson, MNO Manager of Mining and Regions 3 & 5, sent an email to the Project Team requesting that MNO's administrative boundaries be removed from the Cumulative Effects Assessment map and all other maps currently being used for the Community Access Road as the MNO does not assert rights within the Project area. Based on this understanding, an assessment on potential impacts to MNO's Aboriginal rights as a result of the Community Access Road was not prepared.

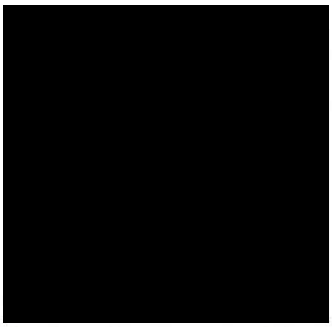
Through the Consultation and Engagement Program, the MNO expressed interest and raised concerns regarding potential cumulative effects in the southern portion of the Project area, particularly where it connects with the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road. As discussed at our February 2022 meeting and reiterated in the August 1, 2023, letter, the MNO is particularly interested in the cumulative and regional aspects of the Community Access Road and how it may influence land use south of the Project study area, including potential effects on migratory animals, trapping and furbearers, and watersheds. To address these important considerations, we would like to direct your attention to **Section 10** of the **Draft EA / IS**, which specifically addresses cumulative effects and includes information pertaining to these areas of interest.

Should you wish to discuss and / or review your comments and questions on the Draft EA / IS, our team would be happy to meet with you. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any other questions or concerns about the Community Access Road. If you would like to coordinate a meeting with the Project Team, please reach out to Bob Baxter at [redacted] and Alana Vigna at [redacted].

Sincerely,



Project Director



Senior Community Member Advisor

cc:

- Bob Baxter, Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Jennifer Bruin, Technical Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Kate McEwen, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Iain Quigley, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Andrea Nokleby, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
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- Victoria Stinson, Mining and Regions 3 & 5 Manager, MNO
- Nicholas Richard, Consultation Assessment Advisor, MNO
- Erin Reimer, Mineral Development Advisor, MNO
- Tim Sinclair, Regional Councilor and Chair, MNO, Region 2
- Sandra Gillis, Greenstone Council President
- [redacted]

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - July Project Updates

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 1:05 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, [redacted], Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Erin,

Please see below for July project updates related to MFFN CAR:

Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities
The Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities will be released in Fall 2025. Keep an eye out for the report to be sent to your community! Ways to provide feedback will be included.

Ongoing Field Studies
Field programs will be continuing into the 2025 summer and fall seasons to support the Preliminary Design and future permitting for the MFFN CAR. The following three field programs are included in the Summer 2025 Field Notice: Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, Groundwater Well Decommissioning and Geotechnical Investigation. For more information, read the full field notice attached to this email.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,
Iain

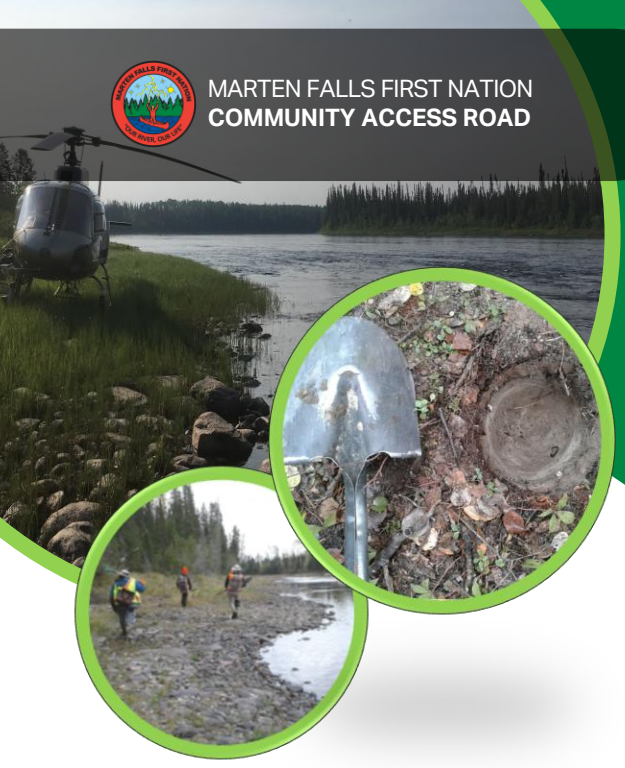
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Field Notice

Summer / Fall 2025 Field Notice

Issued: July 2025

What's Happening?

Field programs will be continuing into the 2025 summer and fall seasons to support the Preliminary Design and future permitting for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road.

The following three field programs are outlined in this notice:

- Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment
- Groundwater Well Decommissioning
- Geotechnical Investigation

Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment

Archaeological assessments are crucial for determining the potential presence of archaeological sites and artifacts and are mandated through the Ontario Heritage Act. For the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road, background archaeological research (Stage 1) began in 2019 to look into archaeological potential for possible unknown sites, and some initial field surveys were conducted in 2019.

Now that the preferred route has now been chosen for the Community Access Road, archaeologists will conduct Stage 2 field surveys in the following locations in advance of geotechnical investigations:

- where the road is planned to cross waterbodies;
- at sites where bridges may be built; and
- at one potential aggregate location.

The investigations will focus on the area where geotechnical drilling will be required, and where helicopter landing sites may be created.

The archaeology team will complete the work **during the summer or fall season**. Dates have yet to be determined, though the work is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete. An update will be provided once dates are confirmed.

The stages of an Archaeological Assessment in Ontario

1. **Stage 1** – Background Study: A background study is first conducted to determine archaeological potential, which means areas where people liked to live.

2. **Stage 2** – Field Survey: Archaeologists go out and look for sites that may be impacted by construction. In Northern Ontario, this is typically completed using a test pit survey. This means a team of archaeologists dig small holes in areas of high archaeological potential and sift the soil to search for artifacts.

   If the team finds artifacts, we have a site!

3. **Stage 3** – Find Site Limits: The next step is finding the site limits. When looking for site limits the team of archaeologists digs larger 1 m by 1 m excavation units and collect the artifacts. These units are dug every 5 m until we find the site edge.

4. **Stage 4** – Excavation or Avoidance: In the final step, the site is either excavated or the development is moved to avoid and protect the site. Depending on the size and nature of the site, it might be easy to move the purposed impacts than remove the site. Some projects are easier to move around archaeological sites than others.

Geotechnical Investigation

Field crews are proposing to conduct geotechnical investigations to support preliminary exploration of potential aggregate sites and water crossing locations along the route for the Community Access Road. Geotechnical investigations will focus on aggregate sites and water crossings to assess material quantity, quality, soil suitability and groundwater monitoring.

Advance notice was initially provided for the Geotechnical Investigation in the Fall 2024 Field Notice, however, work was unable to commence at that time. Instead, it is expected that this work will be conducted **during the fall 2025 season**. An update will be provided once dates are confirmed.

Groundwater Well Decommissioning

Field crews will be decommissioning selected monitoring wells this fall as part of the Groundwater and Geochemistry program. This program has been essential for checking the health of groundwater along the proposed route for the Community Access Road. The program has tested for things like minerals, dissolved metals (such as mercury), and volatile organic compounds. By understanding current groundwater conditions, we can better predict how the road might affect the natural environment.

The wells are being decommissioned are in a location that will not support future long term monitoring of the proposed roadway. Future wells within the final right of way may be installed in accordance with the mitigations outlined in Section 9.3.4 of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. The report is available here: https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/

Since 2022, field crews have collected samples from the same monitoring wells each spring, summer, and fall to track seasonal changes. With the sampling now complete, field crews will proceed with decommissioning selected wells **during the fall season**. An update will be provided once dates are confirmed.

What to expect

Field crews will be accessing sites across the study area by helicopter—you may see helicopters in the area. An update will be provided if the above schedule changes due to weather or other conditions.

To learn more about our studies, view our past webinar recordings, valued component videos, Groundwater and Geochemistry Discussion Guide, and the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement on our website.

Where?

See the next page for a map of the study area.

Contact Information

You are welcome to contact the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team at any time with questions or comments.

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Summer / Fall 2025 Field Programs

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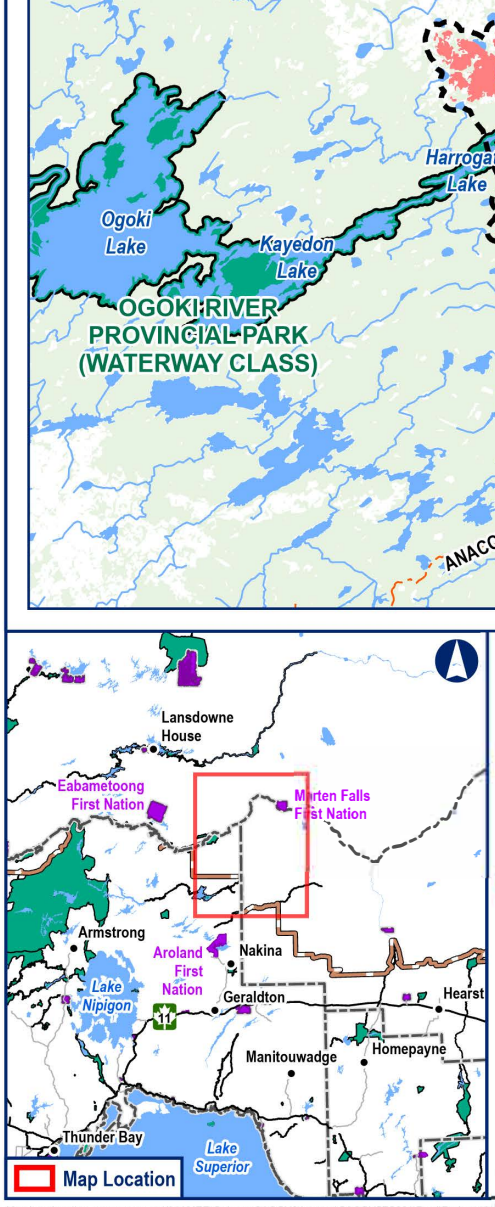
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OGOKI RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK (WATERWAY CLASS)
LITTLE CURRENT RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK
Albany River
Dark River
Gourlie Creek
Teabeau Lake
Washi Lake
Makokibatan Lake
Dusey Lake
Ogoki River
Calbert Creek
Rubby Creek
Wabimeig Lake
Patience Lake
Harrogate Lake
Ogoki Lake
Kayedon Lake
Painter Lake
Colpitts Creek
La Rose Creek
Little Current River
Percy Lake
PAINTER LAKE RD
ANACONDA RD
STORM RD



Legend

- Segment Node (A)
- Project Study Area
- Preferred Route

Construction Disturbance Area

Route Alternatives (100 m Right-of-Way)
- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4

Potential Camp Site
- 50 Persons (108 m x 150 m)
- 200 Persons (108 m x 150 m)
- Approximate Access Road to Potential Construction Camp (10 m Width)

Potential Aggregate Source
- Bedrock
- Sand and gravel
- Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site (10 m Width)

General Features
- Resource / Recreation Road
- MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- First Nation Reserve
- District Municipal Boundary
- Far North Boundary
- Provincial Park

Data Source:
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MFFN CAR - August Project Updates

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]> Tue, Aug 26, 2025 at 2:57 PM
To: Erin Reimer <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, [redacted], Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good morning Erin,

Please see below for August project updates related to MFFN CAR:

- New Video: Understanding Cumulative Effects
  - As part of the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment for the Community Access Road, we are looking closely at how different activities—past, present and future—may combine to affect the land, water, animals and people. This includes considering how the Community Access Road might interact with other projects happening in the same area or at the same time. By looking at the bigger picture, we aim to better understand the full impact of the Project on the environment and the Community.
  - To watch our latest video, click here: [redacted]

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further please reach out.

Thank you,
Iain
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Quigley, Iain [redacted]

MFFN CAR General Project Updates - July 2024

Erin Reimer <[redacted]> Thu, Aug 1, 2024 at 3:24 PM
To: "Weseluck, Lauren" <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>
Cc: Nicholas Richard <[redacted]g>, "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>, Iain Quigley <[redacted]>

Hi Lauren,

Thank you for following up. The MNO does intend to submit comments on the Stage 1 AA Report however may not be able to do so by Aug 2, as the preliminary comments are currently going through our internal review process. Is there any flexibility to the timeline? I anticipate a few weeks until we submit.

Marsi ~ Miigwetch ~ Thank you ~ Merci

Erin Reimer (she/her)

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Quigley, Iain [redacted]

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Erin Reimer <[redacted]> Fri, Aug 9, 2024 at 2:27 PM
To: "Quigley, Iain" <[redacted]>
Cc: "Weseluck, Lauren" <[redacted]>, Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>

Hi Iain,

Much appreciated. August 30 should work.

Marsi ~ Miigwetch ~ Thank you ~ Merci

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR General Project Updates - July 2024

Erin Reimer <[redacted]> Wed, Sep 4, 2024 at 11:11 AM
To: "Quigley, Iain" <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>

Hi Iain,

I am just putting together the final comments and should have them to you by end of day today. Apologies for the delay.

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

RE: MFFN CAR - Stage 1 AA Report - MNO Comments

Erin Reimer <[redacted]> Wed, Sep 4, 2024 at 2:57 PM
To: "Quigley, Iain" <iquigley@dillon.ca>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, Linda Norheim <[redacted]>

Hi Iain,

Please see attached for the MNO's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project, within the draft document.

Marsi ~ Miigwetch ~ Thank you ~ Merci

Erin Reimer (she/her)

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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - October Project Updates

Erin Reimer <[redacted]> Fri, Nov 1, 2024 at 9:30 AM
To: "Quigley, Iain" <[redacted]>
Cc: Victoria Stinson <[redacted]>, Nicholas Richard <[redacted]>, Consultations <[redacted]>, "McEwen, Kate" <[redacted]>

Hi Iain,

Just noting that we have filled out the questionnaire to receive a USB copy only. Please also note we do not require any language translations other than English. There was no option to select none on the questionnaire.

Marsi ~ Miigwetch ~ Thank you ~ Merci

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