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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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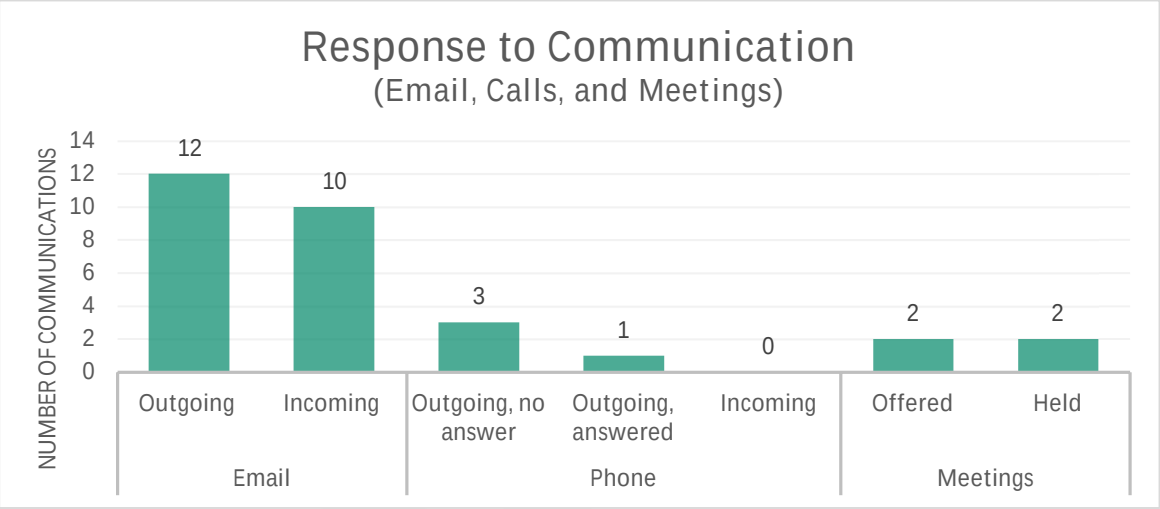
3.3.3 Mushkegowuk Council

Community Profile	
Location:	**Moose Factory Office:** 12 Centre Road, P.O. Box 370, Moose Factory, ON P0L 1W0 **Timmins Office:** 101 Cedar Street South, Timmins, ON P4N2G7
Indigenous Communities:	Missanabie Cree First Nation; Chapleau Cree First Nation; Taykwa Tagamou First Nation; Moose Cree First Nation; Fort Albany First Nation; Kashechewan First Nation; and Attawapiskat First Nation.
Treaty:	Treaty 9
Project Team Lead:	Clayton Coppaway, Kyla Ziebauer, and Jessica Wakefield

Communication Distribution



Summary of Participation During Reporting Period	
Date of Last Outgoing Communication from MFFN CAR Project Team (Email or Phone)	June 28, 2022
Date of Last Incoming Communication from Community (Email or Phone)	June 28, 2022
Participating in IK Program: Not offered	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: N/A

Summary of Participation During Reporting Period	
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: N/A
	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 – Nov 15, 2021	Emails about the opportunity to present at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM.
Oct 29, 2021	EA NoC distributed via email.
Nov 02, 2021	Received an inquiry about the status of ToR approval.
Nov 02, 2021	EA NoC distributed via mail (hard copy).
Nov 03, 2021	Sent an update about the ToR approval..
Nov 03, 2021	October 2021 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Nov 24, 2021	MFFN Leadership and the MFFN CAR Project Team provided a Project update at the Mushkegowuk AGM.
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 31, 2022	January 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Feb 04, 2022	Ungulate Aerial Surveys update distributed via email.
Feb 14, 2022	Wolverine Den Surveys Field Study Notice and Winter Field Programs update distributed via email.
Feb 28, 2022	Phone call and email regarding Project updates and consultation and engagement methods.
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 29, 2022	Early Spring Field Notice and Winter program updates distributed via email.
Mar 31 – Apr 21, 2022	Coordination of Project presentation at Mushkegowuk Council technical meeting.
Apr 29, 2022	April 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
May 11, 2022	Terrain and Soils Field Notice distributed via email.
May 18, 2022	The MFFN CAR Project Team presented to Mushkegowuk Council's Terrestrial Working Group.

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Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During EA / IA (October 29, 2021 – June 30, 2022)	
Date	**Consultation and Engagement Activity**
May 20 and 24, 2022	Follow up to meeting on May 18, 2022 and sharing content from the meeting.
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 09, 2022	Distributed minutes from the May 18, 2022 meeting via email.
Jun 10, 2022	Vegetation Field Notice distributed via email.
Jun 13, 2022	Notice for PIC #3 distributed via email.
Jun 20, 2022	Email and phone call invitation for PIC #3.
Jun 24, 2022	June 2022 E-Blast distributed via email.
Jun 27 – 28, 2022	Received an inquiry about PIC #3 being available virtually and a response that materials will be available after.
Jun 30, 2022	PIC #3 materials and online feedback form distributed via email.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Mushkegowuk Council					
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.	■ Cumulative Effects	■ **Issue—Moratorium on Development Associated with the Ring of Fire** ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received a letter from Mushkegowuk Council on June 15, 2021 requesting MFFN consider a moratorium on development associated with the Ring of Fire until the Regional Assessment is completed.	■ Email ■ Letter	■ Status: Completed ■ MFFN CAR Project Team responded on July 28, 2021, with a rationale for why a moratorium on the Project is not necessary at this time. ■ The letter explained that moratorium is not required as MFFN is planning, studying and executing projects within traditional territory, through a community led process to exercise inherit rights and jurisdiction. The purpose of the Regional Assessment is to analyze future developments and potential effects in the Ring of Fire and is not intended to be completed in advance of impact assessments. MFFN encourages Mushkegowuk communities to express Project concerns so they may be considered, addressed and mitigated as best possible.	■ N/A

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Item #	**Topic / Issue Raised**	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed through the NoC EA Milestone and / or in the EA / IS**
2.	■ Consultation Methods ■ EA Process	■ **Issue—ToR Documentation:** ■ Mushkegowuk Council send an email on November 2, 2021 asking whether the MFFN CAR ToR had been approved and where the final ToR document could be found.	■ Email	■ Status: Completed ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a response email to Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, on November 3, 2021 noting that the ToR has been approved by the MECP and that the MFFN CAR Project Team published the NoC of the EA on Friday October 29, 2021.	■ N/A
3.	■ Cumulative Effects	■ **Issue—Downstream Impacts:** ■ At the Annual General Meeting on November 24, 2021, Mushkegowuk Council asked about downstream impacts from a spill at the mine (Ring of Fire mine site) and if there should be immediate action and drinking water provided to the communities.	■ Meeting	■ Status: Completed ■ MFFN CAR Project team responded that mine site will have its own EA, permitting requirements and will be responsible for their management and plans. For the MFFN CAR there will also be concerns with accidents and mitigation measures will be implemented to avoid or prevent these types of potential accidents.	■ Downstream impacts to Mushkegowuk Council communities will be addressed in the EA / IS.
4.	■ Consultation Methods	■ **Issue—Consultation and Engagement:** At the Annual General Meeting on November 24, 2021, Mushkegowuk Council expressed concerns with consultation and engagement with communities.	■ Meeting	■ Status: Completed ■ THE MFFN CAR Project Team responded that the Project has been consulting and engaging with communities since the beginning of the Project. It was noted that MFFN CAR Project Team is open and willing to meet with communities to discuss the Project and that the Project is still in the early stages.	■ Continue to offer meetings with Mushkegowuk Tribal Council throughout EA / IA.
5.	■ Coordinated EA / IA Process ■ Lands, Territory and Title	■ **Issue—EA Thoroughness:** At the Annual General Meeting on November 24, 2021, Mushkegowuk Council, asked about the thoroughness of the EA.	■ Meeting	■ Status: Completed ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that this is a community-led process and that MFFN has asked for and undertaken the highest level of a provincial EA that can be done. It was noted that MFFN would like to set the bar high for development in their territory and offered to come to Fort Albany First Nation to speak about the Project.	■ N/A

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Item #	**Topic / Issue Raised**	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed through the NoC EA Milestone and / or in the EA / IS**
6.	■ Cumulative Effects	■ **Issue—Concerned with Future Downstream Impacts** ■ Mushkegowuk Council noted, during the introductory call on September 17, 2021 the councils concern with downstream impacts to the Mushkegowuk Council communities.	■ Phone	■ Status: Ongoing ■ On May 18, 2022 the MFFN CAR Project Team presented to the Mushkegowuk Council technical working group regarding Project updates, caribou, peatland, and water assessments. It was noted that during the September 17, 2021 phone call that potential impacts to the Albany River will be assessed as part of the EA. ■ Action: Ongoing follow up with Mushkegowuk Council as baseline information from field study programs become available.	■ Concerns about environmental impacts to be addressed and considered in the EA / IA.
7.	■ Field Studies ■ Caribou ■ Surface Water ■ Vegetation	■ **Issue—Request for Information:** Mushkegowuk Council Director Vern Cheechoo requested information on February 28, 2022, related to the Caribou Field Study Program and potential impacts to the Albany River and peatlands.	■ Phone ■ Email	■ Status: Completed ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered to coordinate a presentation discussing the Project and areas of interest for Mushkegowuk Council. ■ Action: The MFFN CAR Project Team presented to the Mushkegowuk Council Technical Working Group at their bi-weekly meeting on May 18, 2022. Caribou, surface water and peatlands were the main topics of discussion.	■ The Field Study Programs are continuing, and updates will be provided regularly, along with opportunities for feedback on the programs in advance of them starting. ■ Opportunities to provide feedback on field programs in advance of them starting will be carried forward into the EA / IA.
8.	■ Consultation Methods ■ General Project	■ **Issue—Governance:**. Inquiry during the May 18, 2022 meeting to elaborate on the governance structure of the Project	■ Meeting	■ Status: Complete ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team explained that the team arose from the need to meet community expectations and regulatory requirements. The MFFN CAR Project Team includes MFFN Community Member Advisors and technical experts who are directed and informed by MFFN Leadership and the community. These community leaders were able to help better inform the Project team on community specific processes and work in conjunction with regulatory requirements to create a system that works for the MFFN CAR Project. It was noted that it is an ongoing process but the governance of the Project has been fairly unique.	■ N/A

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9.	■ Coordinated EA / IA Process ■ Construction	■ **Issue—Construction:**. Inquiry during the May 18, 2022 meeting if construction would begin immediately after the EA	■ Meeting	■ Status: Complete ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team outlined that construction would not start immediately, as there is some time required after EA submission for organization with the Proponent, regulatory review and consultation. It was noted that there are often other conditions to be met before construction can begin, such as further studies.	■ N/A
10.	■ Field Studies ■ Vegetation	■ **Issue—Peatlands:**. During the May 18, 2022 meeting it was noted that there is interest in the thickness of peatland deposits, as there is a lot of variability in thickness and concern from a carbon perspective, and asked if this is something that is being considered in the Project.	■ Meeting	■ Status: Complete ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that this was something being considered by the Project, as it is a known issue. It was noted that peat depth and stratification will be part of the upcoming physiography field study program.	■ The Field Study Programs are continuing, and updates will be provided regularly, along with opportunities for feedback on the programs in advance of them starting. ■ Opportunities to provide feedback on field programs in advance of them starting will be carried forward into the EA / IA.
11.	■ Engineering & Design	■ **Issue—Engineering:**. During the May 18, 2022 meeting it was asked if the Project is considering floating roads, if design would differ depending on if the road was built to support community members versus mining or industrial uses.	■ Meeting	■ Status: Complete ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that design challenges and floating roads have been discussed for this Project, but that the design team has tried to find alternatives to avoid peatlands as much as possible. It was noted that avoiding impacts can also help to create a good design, and that further studies and discussion will help to refine the design process. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team described that the road design is being built to a typical Ontario highway road standard, but that the volume of traffic for this road is predicted to be far less. It was further explained that the road is to be built to a design that will meet the standards and community needs based on current available growth and traffic, but that it is to be built so that it does not have to be adjusted to meet different needs in the future. It was noted that the design is ultimately up to the Proponent.	■ N/A

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12.	■ Cumulative Effects	■ **Issue—Cumulative Effects:** During the May 18, 2022 it was asked if there has been any communication or coordination with the other road project teams, in terms of cumulative effects, as this is just one road of three to be linked in the area but they are all undergoing separate EA processes.	■ Meeting	■ Status: Complete ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team advised that cumulative effects assessment is part of the EA and impact statement process, and is a requirement of any EA project. It was mentioned that any reasonably foreseeable projects (including other roads and mining) and available information are to be considered in the cumulative effects assessment.	■ The Project's potential cumulative effects will be identified and assessed in the EA / IA Phase.

Consultation and Engagement Log– Mushkegowuk Council							
Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**Incoming**	**Outgoing**	**Contact Name**	**Contact Title**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
Oct 29, 2021	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Jonathan Solomon	■ Director ■ Former Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council Director of Lands and Resource, to enquire whether Chief Achneepineskum and the MFFN CAR Project Team would be able to present at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM and / or at the Mushkegowuk Council weekly technical meetings.
Oct 29, 2021	Email	X		■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Jonathan Solomon	■ Director ■ Former Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received a response email from Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council Director of Lands and Resources, letting the MFFN CAR Project Consultant know he would get back in touch to let the MFFN Leadership and MFFN CAR Project Team know if they will be able to present at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM.
Oct 29, 2021	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Jonathan Solomon	■ Director ■ Former Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team issued the NoC for the provincial EA to Mushkegowuk Council 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.

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Consultation and Engagement Log– Mushkegowuk Council							
Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**Incoming**	**Outgoing**	**Contact Name**	**Contact Title**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
Nov 02, 2021	Email	X		■ Vern Cheechoo	■ Director	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant \received a question from Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, asking whether the MFFN CAR ToR had been approved and where the final ToR document could be found.
Nov 02, 2021	Mail		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Jonathan Solomon	■ Director ■ Former Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team mailed the NoC for the provincial EA to Mushkegowuk Council and included the English Ojibway, Oji-Cree and Cree versions.
Nov 03, 2021	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Jonathan Solomon	■ Director ■ Former Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a response email to Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, noting that the ToR has been approved by the MECP and that the MFFN CAR Project Team published the NoC of the EA on Friday Oct 29, 2021. The email provided the notice, as attachments, in English, French, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Ojibway and provided a link to ToR documents on the MFFN CAR Project website. Received an email from Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, thanking the MFFN CAR Project Team for their response.
Nov 03, 2021	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Jonathan Solomon	■ Director ■ Former Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the October E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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 15, 2021	Email	X	X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Jonathan Solomon	■ Director ■ Former Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent and received various emails with Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to confirm and discuss the opportunity for Chief Achneepineskum, MFFN, and the MFFN CAR Project Team to present at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 4pm.

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Consultation and Engagement Log– Mushkegowuk Council							
Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**Incoming**	**Outgoing**	**Contact Name**	**Contact Title**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
Nov 24, 2021	Meeting			■ Mushkegowuk Council Members	■ N/A	■ MFFN Leadership ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team presented, in person, at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM on Wednesday, November 24. MFFN's Chief Bruce Achneepineskum provided opening remarks which were followed by a 15-minute presentation from the MFFN CAR Project Team which provided updated information on the Project. Participants asked questions related to: how long the assessment process had been consulting and engaging; an offer to come to Kashechewan First Nation; downstream impacts; and the thoroughness of the EA process. The MFFN CAR Project Team provided responses and offered to visit Kashechewan First Nation. An offer was also made to visit other Mushkegowuk communities to discuss the Project if they wished.
Nov 30, 2021	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Rebecca Friday	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the November E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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.
Dec 10, 2021	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Rebecca Friday	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Winter Field Program Discussion Guide and Field Notice to Mushkegowuk Council. 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	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Rebecca Friday	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the December E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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.

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Dec 17, 2021	Phone		X	■ Vern Cheechoo	■ Director	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo, Lands and Resources Director for the Mushkegowuk Council to follow up regarding the MFFN CAR Field Program and year end letter sent via email on December 15, 2021. A voicemail was left detailing the purpose of the call and to provide contact information.
Jan 19, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ 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	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ 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 Mushkegowuk Council via email. The letter provided information on key IK Program and ATRI dates and deadlines.
Jan 31, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the January E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ 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.

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Feb 14, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ 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 28, 2022	Phone		X	■ Vern Cheechoo	■ Director	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to check-in with the council. Vern reminded the MFFN CAR Project Consultant that calls and emails aren't considered consultation with Mushkegowuk Council First Nations. Vern Cheechoo requested more information about the Caribou Field Study Program and potential impacts to peatlands and Albany River, when available. Vern Cheechoo also mentioned that Mushkegowuk Council technical advisors meet bi-weekly and that the MFFN CAR Project Team is welcome to share information at these meetings.
Feb 28, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow-up email to Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to thank him for the phone conversation that day and to summarize discussion. The email noted Vern Cheechoo's reminder that engagement with the Mushkegowuk Council should not be considered consultation with community rights holders and that the Council would like to hear more about the Caribou Field Study Program, and potential impacts to peatlands and downstream in the Albany River, when available. The email also noted the ongoing invitation by the Mushkegowuk Council for the MFFN CAR Project Team to share project information at their bi-weekly technical meetings.

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Mar 03, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ 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	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ 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	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the combined February / March E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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.

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Mar 29, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ 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.
Mar 31, 2022	Phone		X	■ Vern Cheechoo	■ Director	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to inquire about coordinating a Project update presentation by the MFFN CAR Project Team at one of the Mushkegowuk Council bi-weekly meetings in late April or early May. The call was not answered and a voicemail was left detailing the purpose of the call and provided contact information.
Mar 31, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo	■ Director	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent email to Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to inquire about coordinating a Project update presentation by the MFFN CAR Project Team at one of the Mushkegowuk Council bi-weekly meetings in late April or early May. It was noted that based on previous correspondence, areas of interest to discuss include potential downstream impacts to Albany River and peatlands, and the Caribou Field Study Program, and it was asked if there were any other topics of interest for discussion.

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Apr 06, 2022	Email	X	X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Kimberley Dunn	■ Director ■ Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council Lands and Resource Director, inquiring if the MFFN CAR Project Team was able to present that day (April 6 2021) at the Mushkegowuk Council Terrestrial Working Group meeting. Between April 6 and April 13, 2022, there were various logistical emails between Vern Cheechoo, Kimberley Dunn, and Clayton Coppaway, in coordination of a presentation at the Mushkegowuk Council Terrestrial Working Group meeting on May 18, 2022.
Apr 21, 2022	Email	X		■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Kimberley Dunn	■ Director ■ Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Kimberley Dunn, Mushkegowuk Council Advisor, thanking the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for confirming the Mushkegowuk Council Terrestrial Working Group virtual meeting on May 18, 2022. Kimberley noted that the Group meets at 1pm and that she would send a calendar invite for the Zoom meeting. Kimberley also noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team presentation would be first on the agenda and would recommend a time period of an hour including a 20-30 minute presentation and the rest of the time slotted for a Q & A period.
Apr 21, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Kimberley Dunn	■ Director ■ Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Kimberley Dunn, offering to present at the Mushkegowuk Council Terrestrial Working Group virtual meeting on May 18, 2022. The consultant asked Kimberley to provide a time and their preferred virtual meeting platform.
Apr 29, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the April E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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 for the EA in June 2022.

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May 11, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Physiography, Terrain & Soils Field Notice and an update for May field programs to Mushkegowuk Council. 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.
May 18, 2022	Meeting			■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday ■ Chelsea Martin ■ Megan C ■ Mark Brooks ■ Calvin Lincez ■ Lindsay Beck ■ Beatrice Frank ■ Nicole McDonald ■ Clare Wark ■ Eugenia Kwok ■ Lorna Harris ■ Sarah Finkelstein ■ Kimberley Dunn	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief ■ Terrestrial Working Group ■ Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team met with Mushkegowuk Council's Terrestrial Working Group to discuss the Project, with a particular focus on field study programs. The MFFN CAR Project Team delivered a presentation that included summaries of the Consultation and Engagement Program, the IK and ATRI Program, and the Field Study Program topics of interest (caribou, Albany River, peatlands). There was an opportunity for discussion and questions at the end of the meeting. Several questions were asked about road engineering, Project governance and peatlands.
May 20, 2022	Email	X		■ Kimberley Dunn	■ Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Kimberley Dunn, Mushkegowuk Council Advisor, thanking the Project Team for their presentation on May 18, 2022 and if the presentation could be shared with the group.
May 24, 2022	Email	X		■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Kimberley Dunn	■ Director ■ Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Kimberley Dunn, Mushkegowuk Council Advisor, letting the Project Team know she will share the provided pdf copy of the presentation with the group and noted that they will share the recording of the presentation recording with the MFFN CAR Project Team in about a week due to required editing.

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May 24, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Kimberley Dunn	■ Director ■ Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Kimberley Dunn, Mushkegowuk Council Advisor, with attached pdf of Terrestrial Working Group Presentation. It was asked if Kimberley could share a recording of the presentation.
May 27, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the May E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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 with the MFFN CAR Project Team in-person at the EA / IS Introduction PIC #3 in June 2022.
May 30, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Field Notice to Mushkegowuk Council. 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 09, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Kimberley Dunn	■ Director ■ Advisor	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Kimberley Dunn, Mushkegowuk Council Advisor and Vern Cheechoo regarding the May 18, 2022 Terrestrial Working Group Presentation with two follow up items. The first was to present the meeting minutes and request that any missed information be shared before June 24, 2022. The second was to ask if any attendees would like to join the list of Public and interested persons list to receive ongoing MFFN CAR Project emails.
Jun 09, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo	■ Director	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant ■	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to request contact information for Grand Chief Linklater.
Jun 09, 2022	Email	X		■ Vern Cheechoo	■ Director	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, with contact information for Grand Chief Linklater.

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Jun 10, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Vegetation Field Notice to Mushkegowuk Council 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	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday ■ Alison Linklater	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief ■ Grand Chief	■ 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.
Jun 20, 2022	Phone		X	■ Vern Cheechoo	■ Director	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called to invite the Mushkegowuk Council to PIC #3.
Jun 20, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday ■ Alison Linklater	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief ■ Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up on the call made June 20 to invite the Mushkegowuk Council to PIC #3.
Jun 24, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday ■ Alison Linklater	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief ■ Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the June E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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 27, 2022	Email	X		■ Haley Rice	■ Senior Environmental Coordinator	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Haley Rice, Mushkegowuk Council, who asked if there was an online option for the PIC #3 meeting on June 29, 2022.
Jun 28, 2022	Email	X		■ Vern Cheechoo	■ Director	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, who wanted to inquire if there was an online (zoom) option for the PIC #3 meeting on June 29, 2022.

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Jun 28, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Haley Rice	■ Director ■ Senior Environmental Coordinator	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Vern Cheechoo and Haley Rice, Mushkegowuk Council, stating that there was no online option for PIC #3 and suggested the project team could provide PDF versions of the PIC posters. Both Vern and Haley acknowledged the offer.
Jun 30, 2022	Email		X	■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday ■ Alison Linklater	■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief ■ Grand Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Mushkegowuk Council 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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B30.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence
B30.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence
B30.3 Community Specific Meeting Materials

B30.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence

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Coppaway, Clayton <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Offer to Present to the Mushkegowuk Council

1 message

Coppaway, Clayton <[redacted]> Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 2:31 PM
To: Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Grand Chief <[redacted]>
Cc: Larissa Stevens <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Don McKinnon <[redacted]>, "Fisken, Avril" <[redacted]>, Chief Bruce Achneepineskum <[redacted]>, "Ross, Kathryn" <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Hi Vern,

I hope you are well. I wanted to reach out to you to see if there would still be an opportunity for Chief Bruce Achneepineskum and the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project Team to make a presentation at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM.

We understand that it may be too late in the planning of the AGM that we may not have the opportunity to speak as part of the agenda. If this is the case, our Project Team would also be available and open to presenting Project information to the technical group you mentioned meets weekly on Wednesdays later in November, if there is an interest.

Please let me know and I can work with you to coordinate the details.

Sincerely,
Clayton Coppaway
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Coppaway, Clayton <[redacted]>

Re: Terms of Reference

1 message

Coppaway, Clayton <[redacted]> Wed, Nov 3, 2021 at 9:22 AM
To: Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>
Cc: Grand Chief <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Larissa Stevens <[redacted]>, Don McKinnon <[redacted]>, "Fisken, Avril" <[redacted]>, "Barss, Sara" <[redacted]>, "Ross, Kathryn" <[redacted]>
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Hi Vern,

Thank you for your email.

The ToR has been approved by MECP and we have published the Notice of Commencement for the EA for the MFFN Community Access Road Project (MFFN CAR Project) on Friday Oct 29, 2021.

I have attached the notice here for your reference in English, Cree, Ojibway, and Oji-cree. You can also find copies of the ToR documents, as well as other supporting documents, on the MFFN CAR Project website at http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/.

We also sent these notices out on Friday from our MFFN CAR Project webmail to all key contacts and are completing hard copy mail outs, this week, to those who have requested them.

Please let me know if you have any further questions about this.

Clayton Coppaway

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Subject: MFFN CAR IK Program Timeline Update

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca> Fri, Jan 21, 10:20 AM
to

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We hope the start of the new year brings with it safety, peace, and prosperity to your community.

On behalf of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team, please see attached an update on the Project's Indigenous Knowledge Program schedule and related updates.

For any questions you may have regarding the Indigenous Knowledge Program, or to follow-up on this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact Bob Baxter at [redacted] or [redacted] or myself at [redacted] or at [redacted].

Thank you and have a great day,

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline and Update

January 21, 2022

In December 2019, the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road Project Team (Project Team) introduced an Indigenous Knowledge Program to support the federal and provincial assessments for the Community Access Road Project (the Project). Since that time the following milestones have been accomplished:

- The Terms of Reference for the Project were approved with amendments on October 8, 2021 by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
- The Notice of Commencement of the Environmental Assessment (EA) was published on October 29, 2021; and
- The federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines were issued on February 24, 2020.

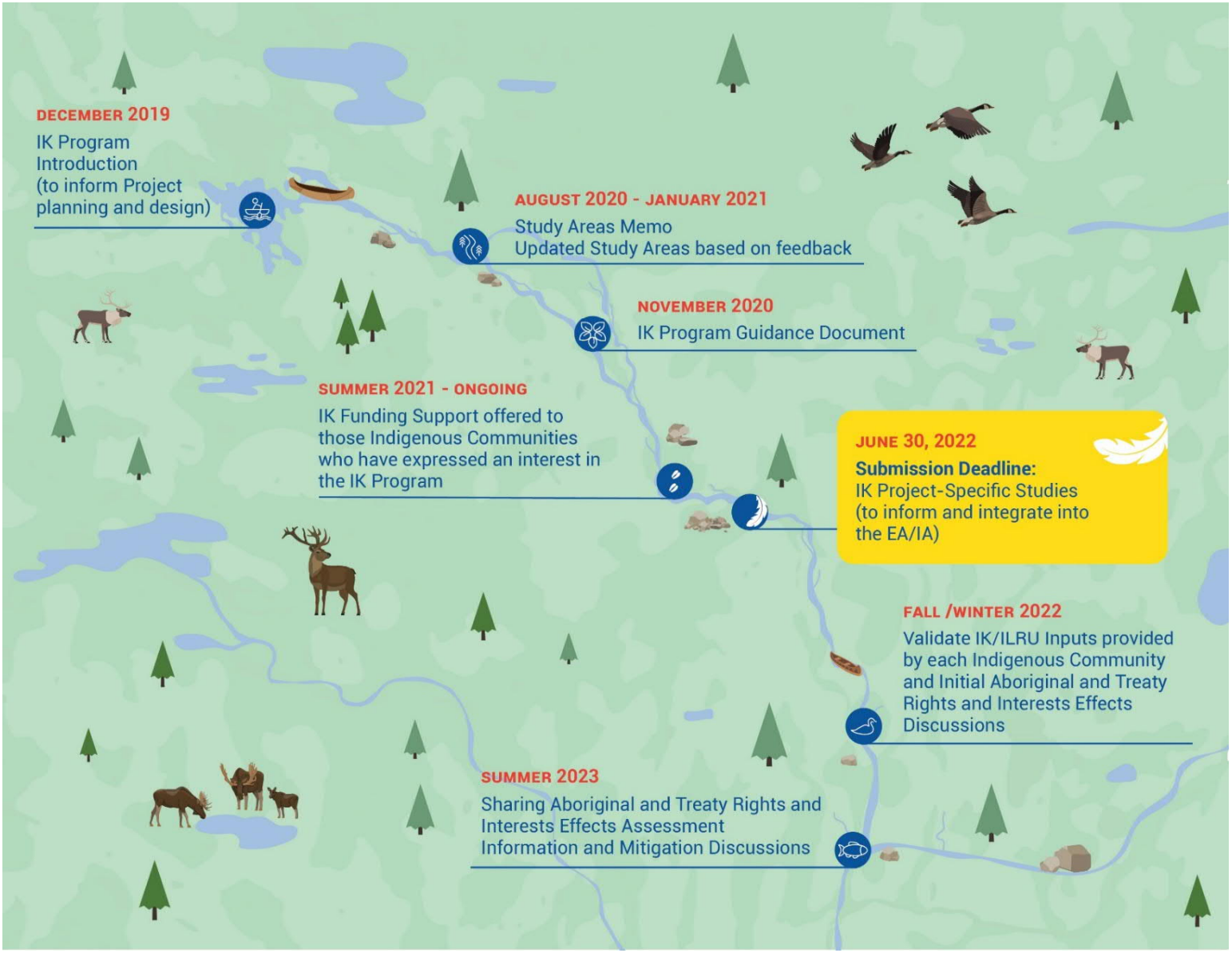
The Indigenous Knowledge Program is a critical component of the information base upon which the assessments will be conducted. The information generated through the Indigenous Knowledge Program will be used in tandem with scientific approaches, and both knowledge systems will be used in forming the foundation for baseline conditions, predicting potential project impacts, and determining appropriate mitigation and monitoring methods.

Figure 1: Indigenous Knowledge Timeline (attached) illustrates the key steps in the Indigenous Knowledge Program and their anticipated completion dates. As noted above, the Project Team began communicating with Indigenous Communities in December 2019, and Project funding support for those communities who have expressed an interest in participating in the Indigenous Program began in the summer of 2020 and is on-going. To more holistically integrate Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use into the assessment processes we have targeted a June 30, 2022 deadline for the completion of Project-Specific Indigenous Knowledge/Indigenous Land and Resource Use Studies.

Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use is invaluable in that it helps 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 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.

Figure 1: Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline



Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Mushkegowuk Council Checking IN

Coppaway, Clayton <[redacted]> 28 February 2022 at 15:32
To: Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Victoria Bikowski <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, "DGrand Chief R. Friday" <[redacted]>

Hi Vern,

Thank you so much for speaking with me today. Thank you for reminding me that our calls and emails shouldn't be considered consultation with the Mushkegowuk Council First Nation and that you'd like to hear more from us on our Caribou Field Study Programs as information and results become available. I also appreciate you letting me know that your technical advisors meet every 2 weeks and that your invitation for us to share project information with this group is still open. I am glad that you are receiving our information emails.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Clayton Coppaway

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Presenting to the Mushkegowuk Lands and Resources Team

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> 31 March 2022 at 14:37
To: [redacted]
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Avril Fisken <[redacted]>, Don McKinnon <[redacted]>, MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>

Hi Vern,

I hope this email finds you well. I just tried to give you a call as I wanted to reach out on behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team to see if we could coordinate a project update presentation by the MFFN CAR Project Team during one of your bi-weekly technical team meetings in late April or early May 2022.

Also, please let us know if there is anything in particular you or your team would like to hear from us during this presentation. From our correspondence so far our list of interests includes:

- Potential downstream impacts along the Albany River
- Peat Lands
- Caribou Field Study Programs

Please feel free to give me a quick call [redacted] if you'd like to discuss the details.

Sincerely,
Clayton Coppaway

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

Re: Presentation to Terrestrial Team

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> 21 April 2022 at 11:27
To: Kimberley Dunn <[redacted]>
Cc: Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Avril Fisken <[redacted]>, Don McKinnon <[redacted]>

Hi Kimberley and Vern,

We can confirm our availability to present, virtually, to the Mushkegowuk Council technical team on May 18, 2022. Please let us know a preferred time and let us know if you'd like us to set up a calendar invitation with virtual conference application (using google meet, MS teams, or Zoom).

We look forward to meeting with you soon!

Sincerely,

Clayton

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

Re: Presentation from Wednesday?

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> 24 May 2022 at 09:40
To: Kimberley Dunn <[redacted]>
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>

Hi Kimberley,

Please see attached pdf copy of the presentation. If possible would you be able to share the recording with us for our records as well. Recognizing that you continued your meeting afterward, so if your able to just provide our section that would be great.

Thanks so much,
Clayton Coppaway

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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - May 18th, 2022 Presentation Follow up

1 message

Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]> Thu, Jun 9, 2022 at 1:23 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>, [redacted]

Hi Kimberley and Vern,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Jessica Wakefield and I am supporting Clayton Coppaway with our engagement and consultation with the Mushkegowuk Council. We are just following up on our Presentation to the Mushkegowuk Council terrestrial team on Wednesday May 18th Meeting with two items:

1. We have attached the draft meeting minutes for the workshop. As we confirmed to Vern during the meeting, our presentation was for information purposes only, but we have still taken notes of the meeting to highlight any follow up or interests from your team on the MFFN CAR Project. If we have missed anything or not captured an important point, we kindly ask that you follow up with us by June 24, 2022.
2. We are wondering if attendees for the May 18, 2022 meeting would like to receive ongoing project emails and updates for the MFFN CAR Project. If yes, please provide their names and contact information (email is fine) of those who are interested in receiving these project updates and we will add them to our list of Public and interested persons contact list (not in association with Mushkegowuk Council or other Indigenous communities).

Thank you so much for taking the time to meet with us on May 18, 2022 and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jessica Wakefield

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MFFN CAR - Mushkegowuk Council Contact Update

1 message

Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]> Thu, Jun 9, 2022 at 1:29 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>

Hi Vern,

We hope that this email finds you well.

Would you be able to provide Grand Chief Linklater's contact information for our records?

Thank you so much,

Jessica Wakefield

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Jessica Wakefield, MES
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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

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

1 message

Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]> Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 12:41 PM
To: Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted]

Good afternoon Vern,

Great chatting with you today!

I'm following up on our call made earlier today (June 20th) about the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road's third Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Project on June 27th and June 29h. I hope Mushkegowuk Council 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.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gmail **Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>**

Fwd: Public presentation

3 messages

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From: **Clayton Coppaway** <[redacted]>
Date: Tue, Jun 28, 2022 at 7:41 PM
Subject: Re: Public presentation
To: Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>
Cc: Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>, Haley Rice <[redacted]>, <[redacted]>

Hi Vern and Haley,

Unfortunately, the event is an in person one for tomorrow and we don't have a virtual option.

We can send you copies of the poster boards for you to review if you'd like.

Clayton

B30.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence

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Coppaway, Clayton <[redacted]

Re: MFFN CAR - Offer to Present to the Mushkegowuk Council

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Vern Cheechoo [redacted] Fri, Oct 29, 2021 at 2:34 PM
To: "Coppaway, Clayton" [redacted] >
Cc Grand Chief [redacted], Lari a Steven [redacted], Qa im [redacted] >, Don McKinnon [redacted] a>, "Fisken, Avril" [redacted] >, Chief Bruce Achneepineskum [redacted] Ross, Kathryn" <k [redacted] >, Lawrence Baxter [redacted] >, Bob Baxter < [redacted] >

Good afternoon I will get back to you Would be good to do Will let you know

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Coppaway, Clayton <[redacted]>

Terms of Reference

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Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]> Tue, Nov 2, 2021 at 5:11 PM
To: "Coppaway, Clayton" <[redacted]>

Hi Clayton;

Has the terms of reference being approved and is there a final copy TOR document.

Vern Cheechoo

Director/Lands & Resources/Mushkegowuk Council

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On Wed, Apr 6, 2022 at 10:41 AM Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]> wrote:

> Good day Clayton;
>
> I noticed on our agenda for todays Terrestrial meeting you are listed to present. Would you be ready for information sharing at around 2:00pm today. We can send invite to you for that time. Let me know and I know you sent an email earlier to present later in April or early May. Let me know if you can that today, thanks. And sorry for the short notice.

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

Re: Presentation to Terrestrial Team

Kimberley Dunn <[redacted]> 21 April 2022 at 11:57
To: Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>
Cc: Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Avril Fisken <[redacted]>, Don McKinnon <[redacted]>

Hi Clayton,

Thanks for confirming. The Mushkegowuk Terrestrial Working Group meets at 1pm Eastern time on 18 May, via Zoom.

I'll forward the calendar invite to you for that meeting, which includes Zoom details. You can share it with those in your team who will be attending.

Your presentation will be the first item on the agenda, and you can plan for one hour in total inclusive of Q&A (so, 1pm-2pm Eastern). Presenters typically aim for 20-30 minute presentation to leave lots of space for Q&A. We'll do a round of introductions at the start of the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Kim

Kim Dunn, MREM (she/her)| Senior Specialist, Marine Conservation | WWF-Canada

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

Re: Presentation from Wednesday?

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On Fri, May 20, 2022 at 12:36 PM Kimberley Dunn <[redacted]> wrote:

> Hi Clayton,
>
> Thanks again to you and your crew for the information session on Wednesday. Are you still able to share a PDF of the slide deck?
>
> There were a number of folks missing from the meeting, and I'm sure it will come in handy, along with the recording.
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> Warmly,
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> Kim
>
> **Kim Dunn, MREM** (she/her)| Senior Specialist, Marine Conservation | WWF-Canada
>
> [redacted] wwf.ca | Lək̓ʷəŋən Territory

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

Re: Presentation from Wednesday?

Kimberley Dunn <[redacted]> 24 May 2022 at 11:45
To: Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>

Thanks, Clayton. We'll share with the group.

Re the recording, it will take some editing to get a version with just your presentation. I can ask someone to work on it and get back to you. It might take the week.

Kim

[redacted]

Gmail **Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>**

MFFN CAR - Mushkegowuk Council Contact Update

Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]> Thu, Jun 9, 2022 at 4:23 PM
To: Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>
Cc: Clayton Coppaway [redacted]>

Hi Jessica;

[redacted]best way to contact her.

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Subject: MF access road

Haley Rice <[redacted]> Mon, Jun 27, ·

to info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

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Good morning,

Would it be possible to join in online Wednesday evening? I would absolutely love to attend but am unable to trave such short notice.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Haley Rice
Senior Environmental Coordinator
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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

Fwd: Public presentation

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> On Jun 28, 2022, at 12:50 PM, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]> wrote:
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> Hi Clayton
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> Will you have a zoom connection for the presentation tomorrow evening. If my staff can join by zoom it would be great. Let me know thanks.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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B30.3 Community Specific Meeting Materials

Boozhoo!

ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

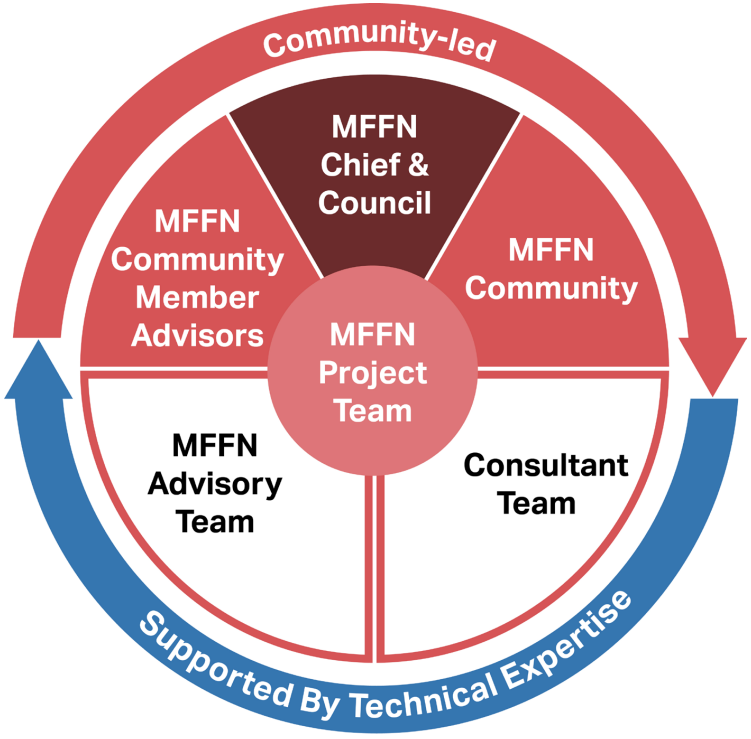
Mushkegowuk Council AGM
November 24, 2021

Agenda

- What is the Project?
  - Importance of the Project to MFFN
- Project Updates
  - Where we are in the Assessment processes
- Opportunities for Participation
- Contact Information
- Discussion & Questions

What is the MFFN CAR Project?

- Proposed All Season Community Access Road to connect to the provincial highway network through the Painter Lake Road System
- Between 190 km to 230 km of all season, two-lane gravel road
- Water crossings, including a bridge crossing of the Albany River and numerous culverts
- Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is the Proponent—or owner of the Project—for the provincial Environmental Assessment and federal Impact Assessment
- The Community Access Road Project does not include a road to the Ring of Fire. It is also a separate to the Northern Road Link Project (NRL).

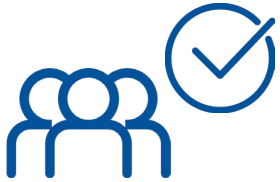


Why is a MFFN Community Access Road Needed?

- MFFN has access to a winter road, but it provides limited transportation and is not reliable
- An all-season road that connects MFFN to the existing provincial highway network will benefit the community by:

Increased Travel Safety

Improved Access to Services



Improved Community Well Being

Reduced Price of Food, Fuel and Supplies

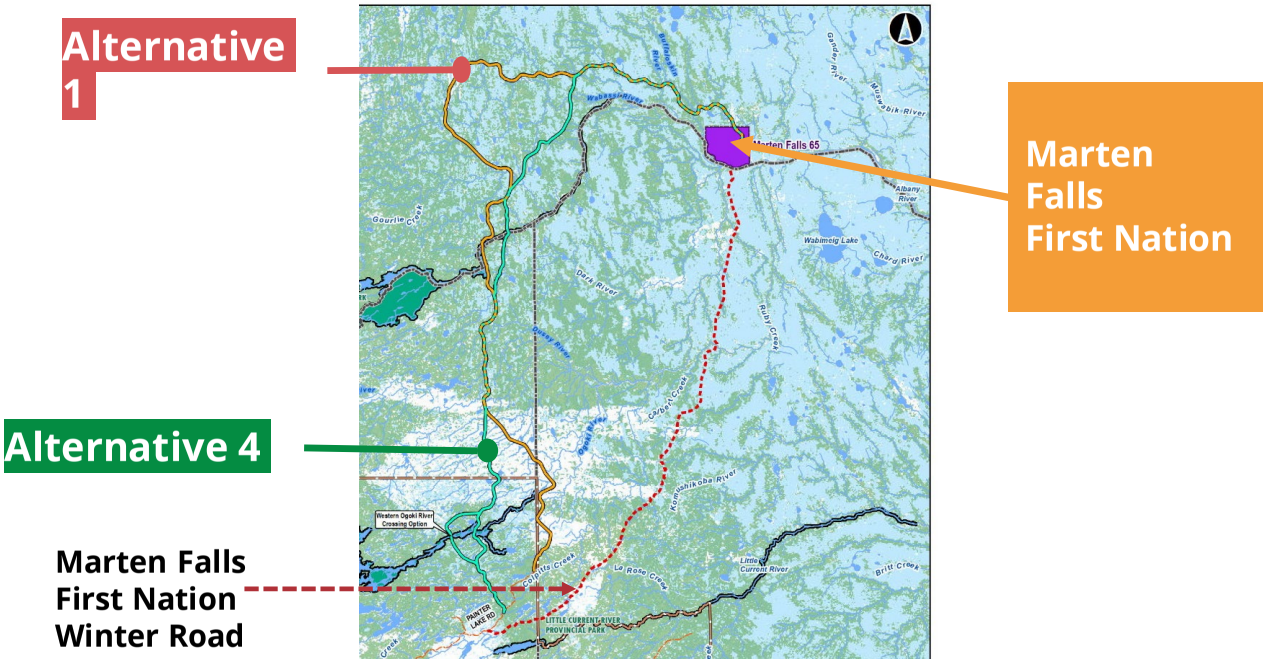
Economic Opportunities

- The community access road will be **multi-purpose** and use for **community access** and include **industry** use;
  - Multi-purpose use means fewer roads need to be built in the Far North

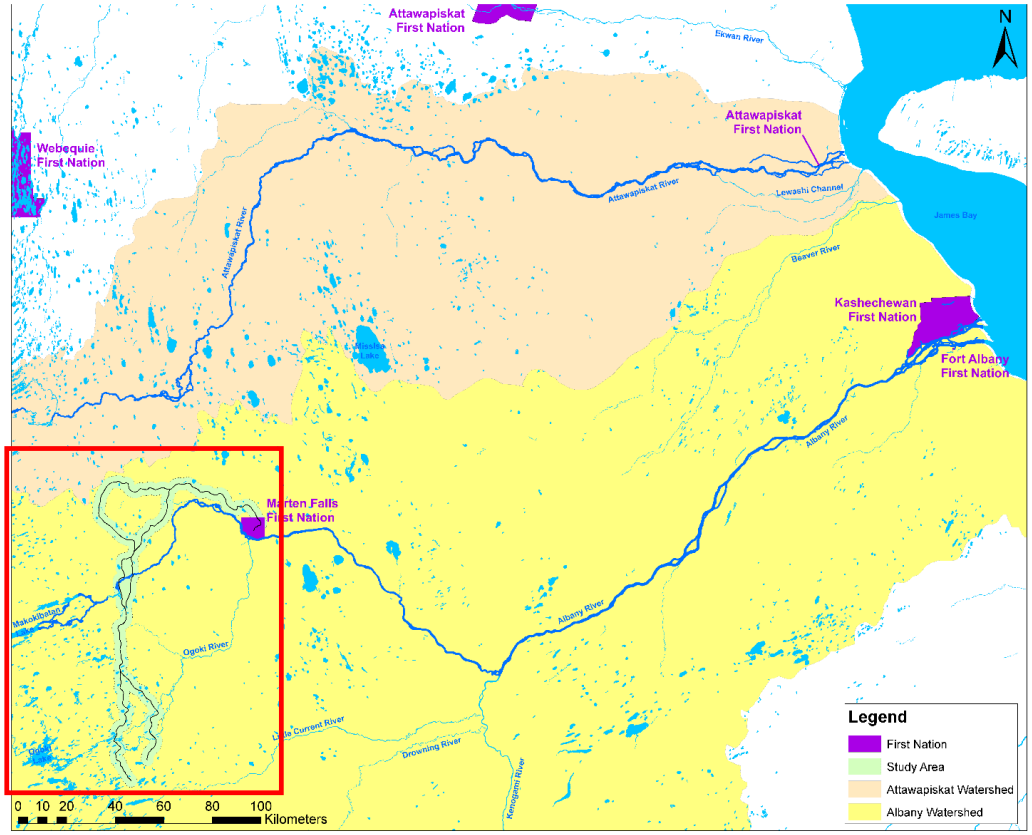
MFFN CAR - Potential Routes

Alternative Route 1 and Alternative Route 4 are being considered as potential routes for the Community Access Road because:

- Shorter bridge crossings
- Avoids potential effects on Indigenous value sites
- Savings to schedule and budget
- Increased health and safety (less traffic passing through the community)
- Better economic opportunities



MFFN CAR in relation to some Mushkegowuk Council Communities

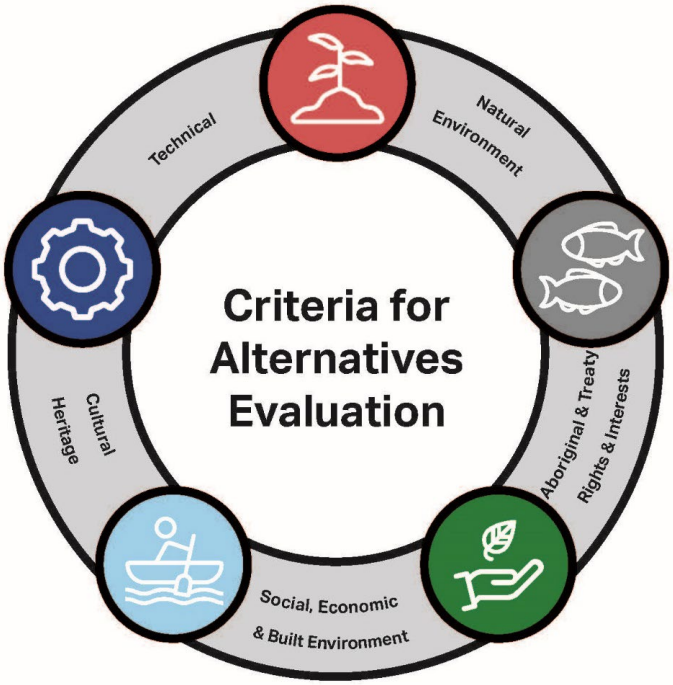


Respecting the Environment

Environmental assessments will be completed to compare route alternatives, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources against a set of specific criteria

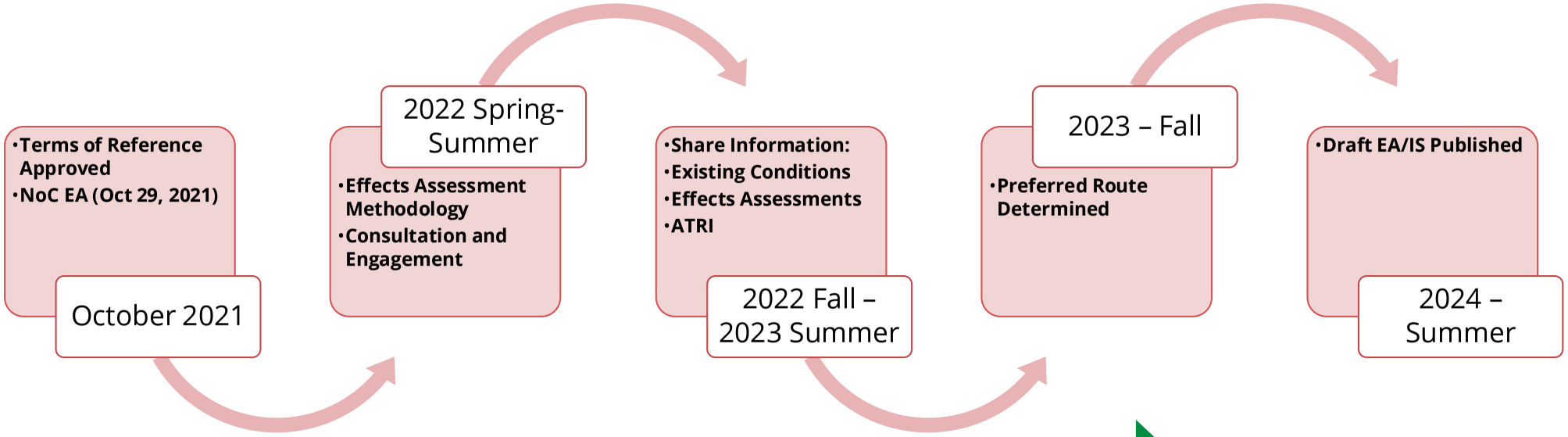
The goal is to identify the preferred route for the **Access Roads**, and locations for **temporary infrastructure** and **aggregate sources** with the:

- Least potential for negative effects
- Greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects
- Greatest benefit to the communities



The EA processes will carefully consider traditions, Indigenous Knowledge and land and resource use

MFFN CAR - EA Tentative Schedule



June 30, 2022: Deadline for Indigenous Knowledge input from Indigenous communities

MFFN CAR - 2021 Field Study Programs

Air Quality Monitoring (started & ongoing)

Bats (completed)

Remote Camera Program (started & ongoing)

Fish and Fish Habitat (started & ongoing)

Vegetation, Physiography and Peatlands (started & ongoing)

Surface Water (started & ongoing)

Caribou (Atigwag) Collaring (started & ongoing)

Videos now available on our website martenfallsaccessroad.ca/study-plan-multimedia-showcase/:

- Groundwater
- Vegetation (e.g., Okikatik)
- Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat (e.g., Okaas, Nameh)
- Ungulates (Caribou and Moose; Atigwag and Moozoog)

MFFN CAR - Upcoming Winter Field Study Programs

Furbearers (e.g., Makwa'ang)
Ground Track Survey
(2 trips between January – February 2022)

Ungulates (Caribou and Moose; Atigwag and Moozoog)
Aerial Winter Survey *(January – March 2022)*

Air Quality Monitoring Maintenance
(February 2022)

Wolverine (Wishkobishag) Hair Snag
(5 trips between February and May 2022)

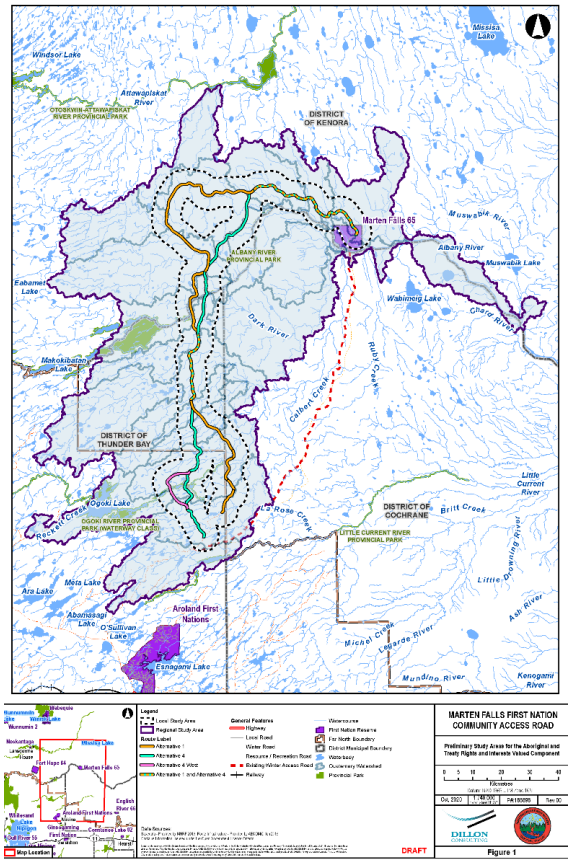
Birds ARU Winter Program
(February 2022)

How are we Studying Effects to the Rivers

- The **MFFN CAR** will require a crossing of the Albany River.
  - Bridge structures for the crossing of these rivers will be designed with the objective to minimize effects (short and long-term) to the rivers.
  - Other smaller watercourses will also need to be crossed using bridges or culverts.
- Studies are underway to characterize baseline conditions in the vicinity of the proposed crossings including water flow, water quality, fish habitat and presence of fish and other aquatic species.
  - Some short term disturbance effects (e.g. sedimentation) are possible during construction. Mitigation will be recommended to minimize these effects.
  - Long-term effects to the rivers once the road is operational are not expected and this will be assessed in the EAs.

MFFN CAR - IK Program

- An IK Program for the Project has started and will occur in two phases:
    1. Collecting existing IK data to help inform early stages of the EA; and
    2. Completing Project-specific IK studies.
- IK Sharing Agreements are an important component of the program and will guide the use, collection and protection of Indigenous Knowledge for the Community Access Road.
- Indigenous Knowledge is understood to be highly valuable and as such is treated confidentially.
- Indigenous Knowledge protocols for neighbouring Indigenous communities will be respected.



Ongoing Opportunities for Participation

MFFN CAR PROJECT

- EA Baseline Studies
  - Upcoming Winter Programs (Jan 2022)
    - Furbearers, Ungulates (Caribou and Moose), Wolverine, Birds, and Air Quality
- IK Program
  - Ongoing – June 30, 2022 tentative deadline for input
  - Funding available for Project-Specific Studies

Contact Information

- **PHONE NUMBER**
  - 1-800-764-9114
- **EMAIL ADDRESS**
  - info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca
- **WEBSITE**
  - www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Meegwetch!
Questions?

Project Name:	Marten Falls First Nation All Season Community Access Road	Date of Meeting:	November 24, 2021
		Time:	4:45-5:30 pm EST
		Project #:	60593122
Attendees:	Mushkegowuk Council AGM Delegates & Attendee's Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, MFFN Leadership Lawrence Baxter, MFFN Community Member Advisor Qasim Saddique, MFFN CAR Project Team Jennifer Bruin, MFFN CAR Project Team (Virtual) Clayton Coppaway, MFFN CAR Project Consultant (Virtual)	Location:	In-person & Zoom / Call-In
Absent:	N/A	Prepared By:	Clayton Coppaway (MFFN CAR Project Consultant)
Regarding:	MFFN CAR Project Presentation to Mushkegowuk Council AGM		

Notes of Meeting

	Action Items
➢ **Meeting Summary** • Vern Cheechoo, Lands and Resources Director for the Mushkegowuk Council invited the MFFN CAR Project Team to present to the Mushkegowuk Council at their Annual General Assembly (AGM) in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. Chief Achneepineskum, Lawrence Baxter, and Qasim Saddique attend in-person to present on the project.	• **N/A**
➢ **Presentation Notes** • Presentation began at 4:45 pm • Chief Achneepineskum opened the presentation • Chief Achneepineskum explained about his background and upbringing in the community. He explained that he is here to talk about the projects but also to listen. He talked about the importance of stewardship of the natural resources in the shared territories. He then turned it over to Qasim to begin the presentation. • Qasim introduced himself and began the presentation. He began at slide three and noted that the MFFN CAR Project and the NRL are separate projects.	• N/A

	Action Items

• Qasim progressed through the presentation, which was focused on the MFFN CAR Project.
• At the end of the presentation, Qasim noted that the Regional Assessment and the NRL were also taking place and that there were also other opportunities for engagement on those projects, in addition to the opportunities on the MFFN CAR Project. He noted the contact information for MFFN CAR and NRL and also showed a slide that illustrated where the three road projects were located in relation to the Mushkegowuk Council Communities.
• Qasim concluded the presentation and asked if there were any questions or comments on the Project.
  ○ An elder asked, in Ojibway, relating to how long the project has been consulting and where is the project in the process. Qasim was offered translation services.
  ○ Qasim noted that MFFN as proponent has been consulting with the communities from the beginning. He noted that we are open and willing to come to those communities to speak about the project. That we are just at the beginning of the project.
  ○ Chief Gaius Wesley, Kashechewan First Nation – invited the MFFN CAR project team to the community to discuss the project and share information. He asked that Qasim provide his email address.
  ○ A participating (Mike) asked In the event that something happens in the mine that will run down river, this is what the elder is worried about. Anything will run downstream, should there be an event that happens in at the mine there should be immediate action and drinking water be provided to the community.
  ○ Qasim clarified the mine sites will have their own EA assessments and permitting requirement, and are responsible for management plans and mitigation for their activities. From the MFFN CAR EA we are concerned with accidents and measures to avoid or prevent these types of actions.
  ○ Chief Robert Nakogee – Fort Albany: asked about the thoroughness of the EA.
  ○ Qasim noted that MFFN has asked and undertaken the highest level of the provincial EA that can be done. MFFN wants to set a high bar to help ensure we protect the MFFN community and traditional territory. Qasim noted the community-led process that MFFN is championing. He offered to come to Fort Albany and speak in person.
• The Chair noted that the MFFN CAR delegates would be available for a question and comments and offered for Chief Achneepineskum, Qasim, and Lawrence for dinner.	

	Action Items
➢ **Next Steps** • None at this time.	

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

ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Mushkegowuk Council
Terrestrial Working Group Project Update
May 18, 2022

Agenda

- MFFN CAR Project Team Introductions
- MFFN CAR Project Overview
- Consultation and Engagement Program Overview
- IK and Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interests Program Overview
- Natural Science & Field Study Programs Overview
  - Caribou
  - Surface Water/Fish
  - Peatlands
- Questions & Discussion

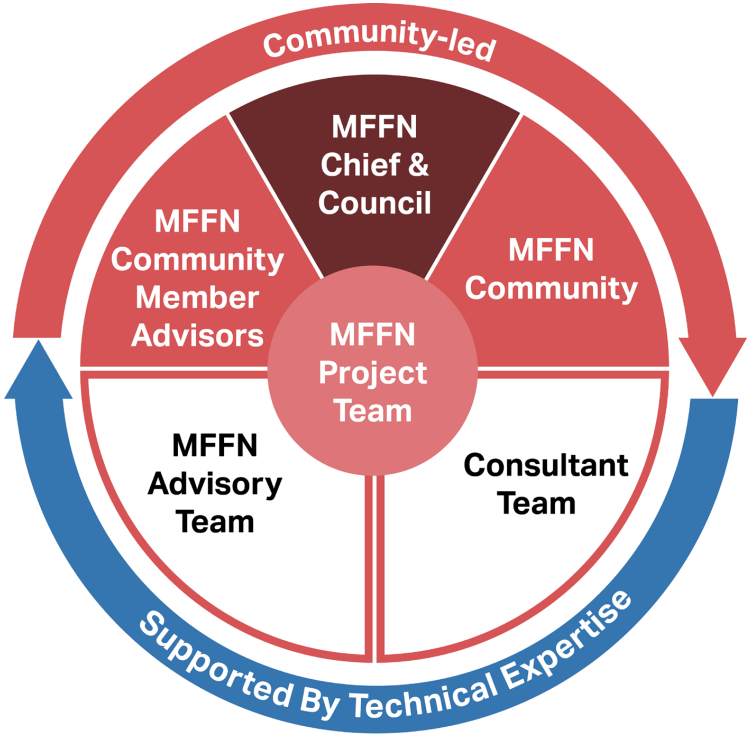
Project Team Introductions

MFFN CAR Project Team

- Lawrence Baxter, MFFN Community Member Advisor
- Qasim Saddique, Project Director
- Jennifer Bruin, Project Team

MFFN CAR Project Consultants

- Clayton Coppaway, Consultation and Engagement
- Leah Deveaux, Natural Sciences
- Avril Fisken, Consultation and Engagement
- Christine Cinnamon, EA/IA
- Don McKinnon, EA/IA
- Kyla Zielbauer, Consultation and Engagement



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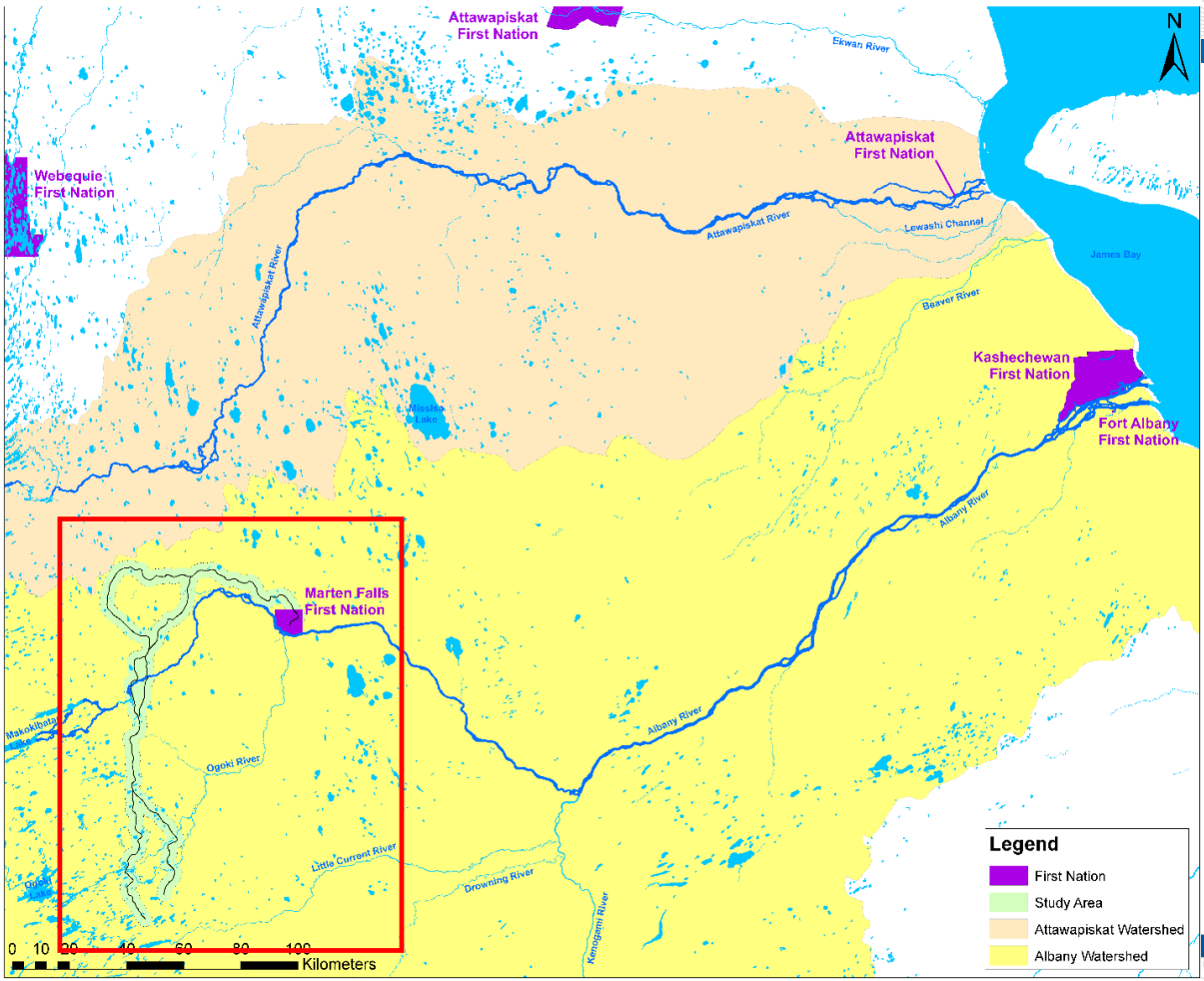
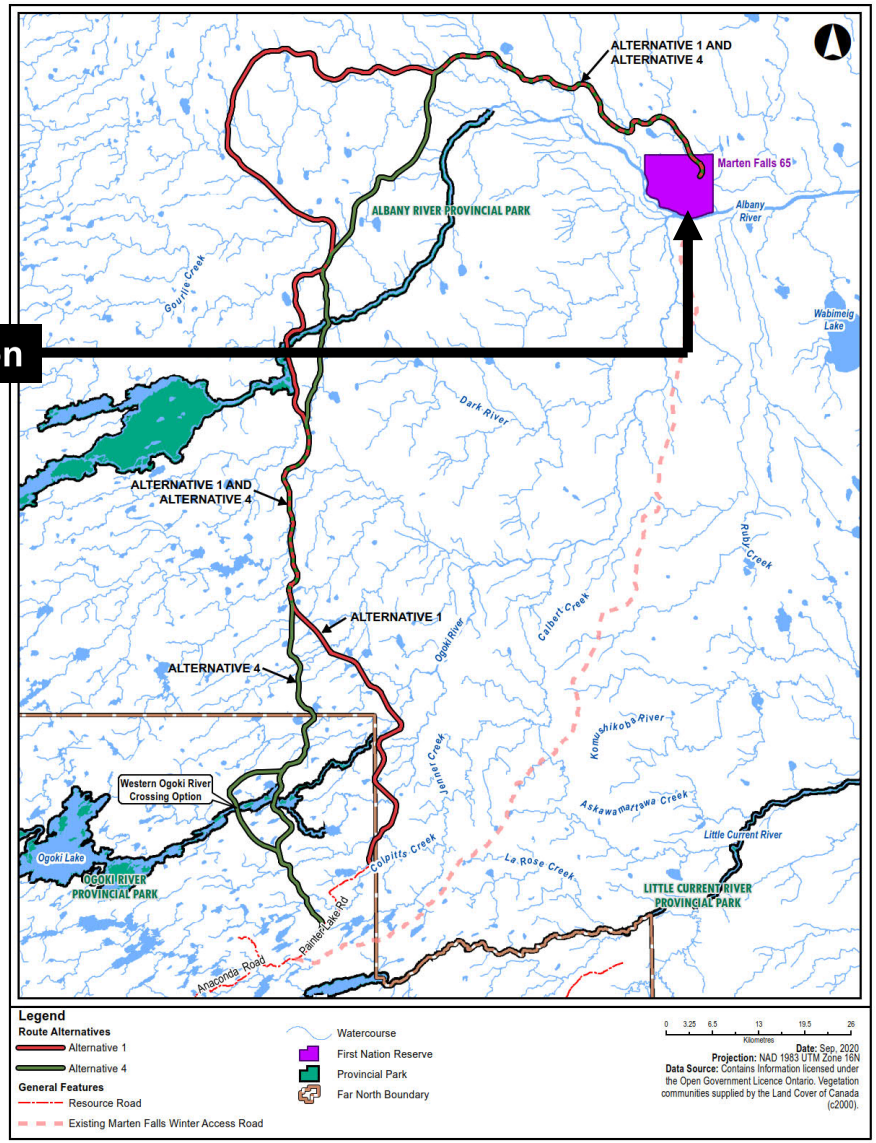
Project Location in relation to some of the Mushkegowuk Council communities



Community Access Road

- Several routing options for the Community Access Road are being assessed.
- Winter Road is denoted by the red dashed line.



What We've Accomplished So Far

ToR Approved with Amendments

2019 → **2019/2020** → **2020/2021**

Provincial Planning Phase (Terms of Reference)

Federal Planning Phase
(Project Description)

Federal Assessment Phase
(Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and Federal Notice of Impact Assessment Commencement issued)

- Engagement with Indigenous communities & collection of Indigenous Knowledge
- Field and other scientific studies

Environmental Assessment Schedule

Fall 2021 – Winter 2022	Spring – Summer 2022	Fall – Winter 2022	Spring – Summer 2023	Fall 2023 – Winter 2024	Summer 2024*	Spring 2025*
• **Milestone:** • **Oct 29, 2021** • Notice of Commencement of the Environmental Assessment (EA)	• **Milestone:** Effects Assessment Methodology Consultation / Engagement	• **Milestone:** First IC Workshop (Validate IK, Initial ATRI Effects)	• **Milestone:** Second IC Workshop (ATRI Effects Assessment)	• **Milestone:** Preferred Route Determination	• **Milestone:** Draft EA / IS Published for Comment	• **Milestone:** Final EA / IS Submitted to IAAC / MECP

Ongoing Field Programs

June 30, 2022: Deadline for Indigenous Knowledge input from Indigenous communities

*Timing (Tentative)

Consultation and Engagement

- Ongoing since 2019
- 23 Indigenous Nations
  - Fort Albany; Kashechewan; and Attawapiskat.
- Nine (9) PTO or Tribal Councils
  - Mushkegowuk Council included
  - Through consultation and engagement, Mushkegowuk Council has identified these topics as areas of interest:
    - Caribou
    - Surface Water/Fish
    - Peatlands

Challenges with Consultation & Engagement

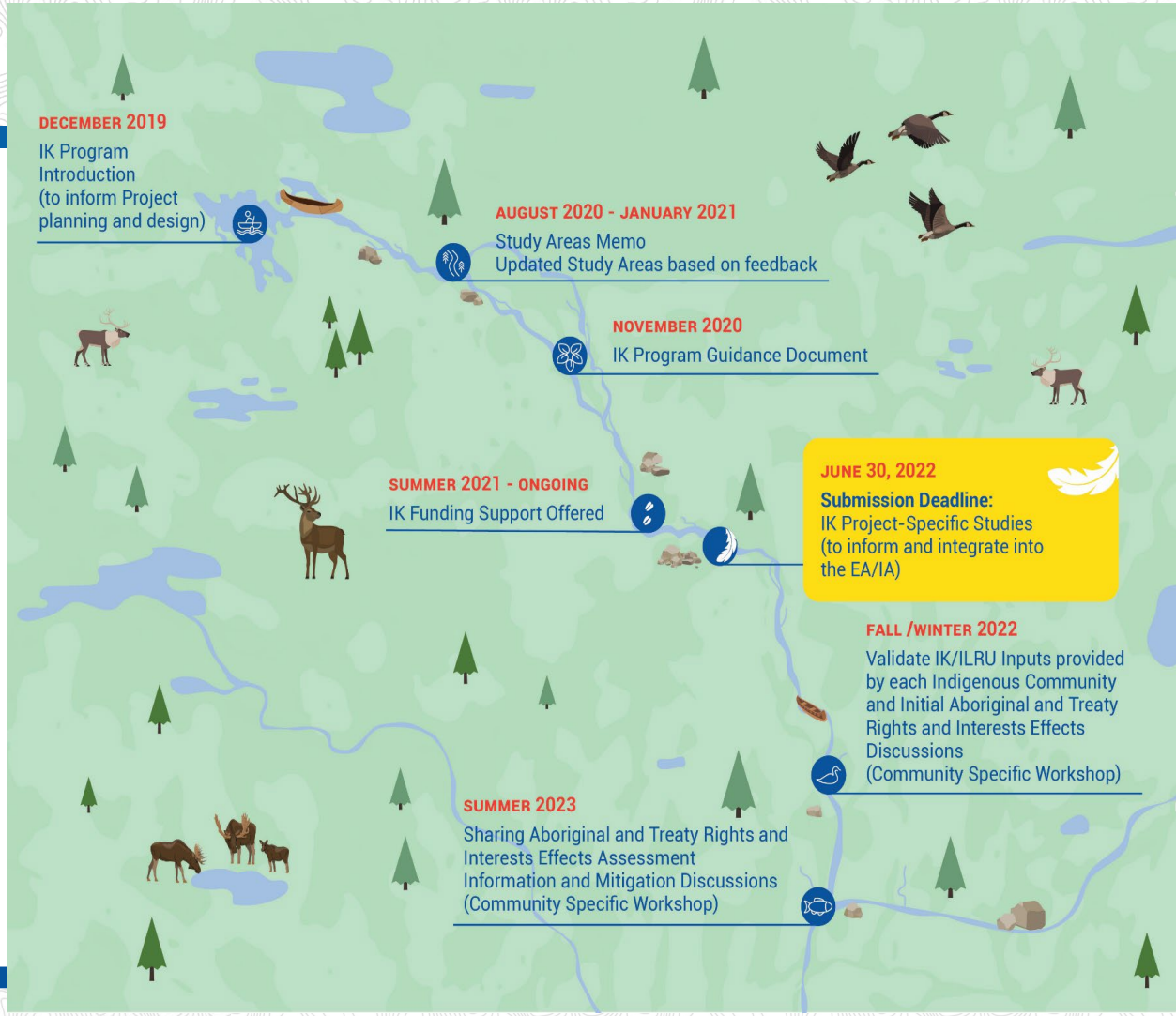
Some challenges we've heard facing Mushkegowuk Council and Communities:

- COVID-19; inability to bring the community together for in-person events and meetings;
- Emergencies and community crises, due to the pandemic or other issues;
- Not enough staff / capacity to help; and,
- Consultation fatigue with other projects going on in the area and requests from different government agencies and proponents.

Indigenous Knowledge

Indigenous Land and Resource Use (ILRU)

Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI)



Field Study Programs (completed)

Air Quality Monitoring
(installation, maintenance and monitoring)

Bats ARU
(deployment and recording in 2021)

Remote Camera Program
(installation and checks in 2019 and 2021)

Caribou (*Atigwag*) Collaring

Fish and Fish Habitat
(fall survey in 2019, 2020, and 2021)

Surface Water
(fall survey in 2019, 2020, and 2021)

Vegetation Surveys
(summer survey in 2019 and 2021)

Field Study Programs (completed) – cont'd

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Aerial Survey (winter program)

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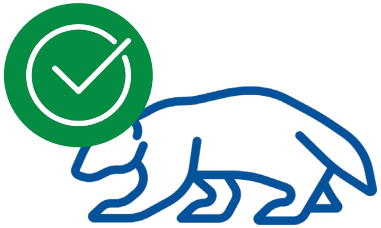
(deployment in early spring 2022)



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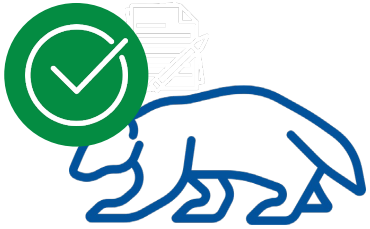
Hair Snag Survey
(winter program – three rebaits)



Wolverine (*Wishkobishag*)
Denning Survey
(in support of tree clearing activities for Groundwater)

2022 Field Study Programs (upcoming)

Breeding Bird Surveys
(Aerial – spring 2022)

Waterfowl Migration Surveys
(Aerial – spring 2022)

Bird ARU
(summer and fall survey in 2022)

Vegetation Surveys
(spring/summer survey in 2022)

Remote Camera Program
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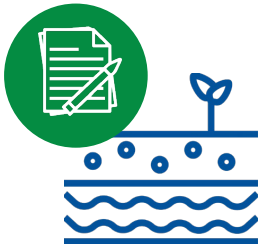
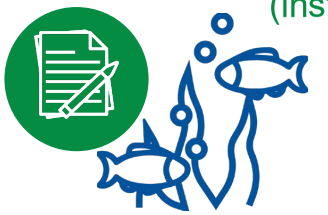
Surface Water
(spring and late summer survey in 2022)



Groundwater and Geochemistry
(installation and monitoring in 2022)

Caribou (*Atigwag*) Tracking



Fish and Fish Habitat
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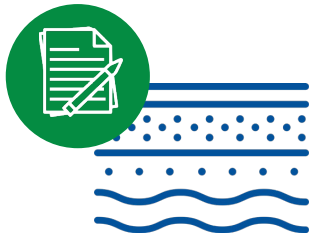

Physiography and Terrain Surveys
(summer survey in 2022)

Field Studies in 2023 and Beyond

Remote Camera Program
(check and retrieval in spring 2023)

Groundwater and Geochemistry
(monitoring in 2023 and 2024)

Bird ARU
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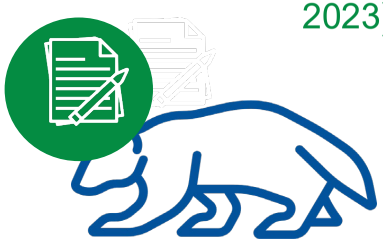

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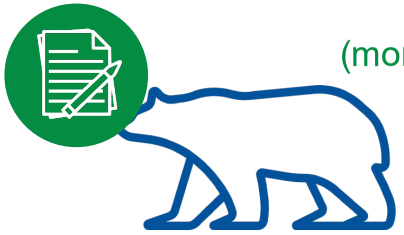
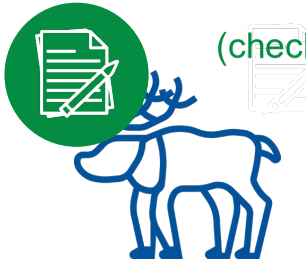
(late winter 2023)



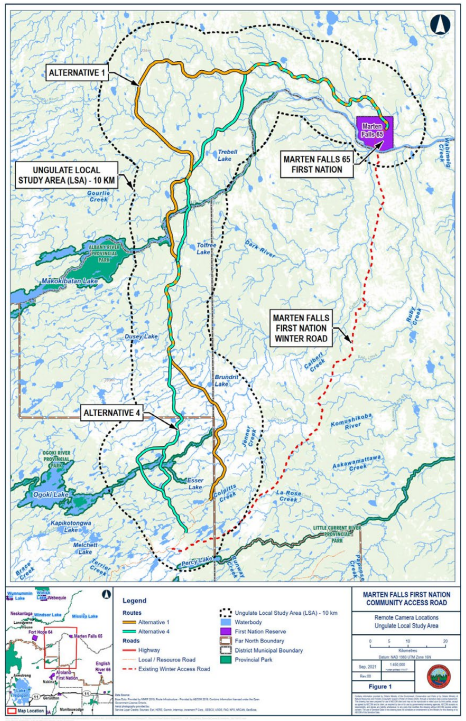
Furbearers (e.g., *Makwa'ang*)
Ground Tracking Survey
(winter 2023)



Ungulates (Caribou and Moose; *Atigwag* and *Moozoog*)
Aerial Survey & Mortality Investigations (spring 2023 and 2024)

Caribou

- Caribou Local Study Area: 20 km wide corridor
- Covers the four (4) ranges that intersect with the local study area
- https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/study-plans-hooved-animal-ungulates/



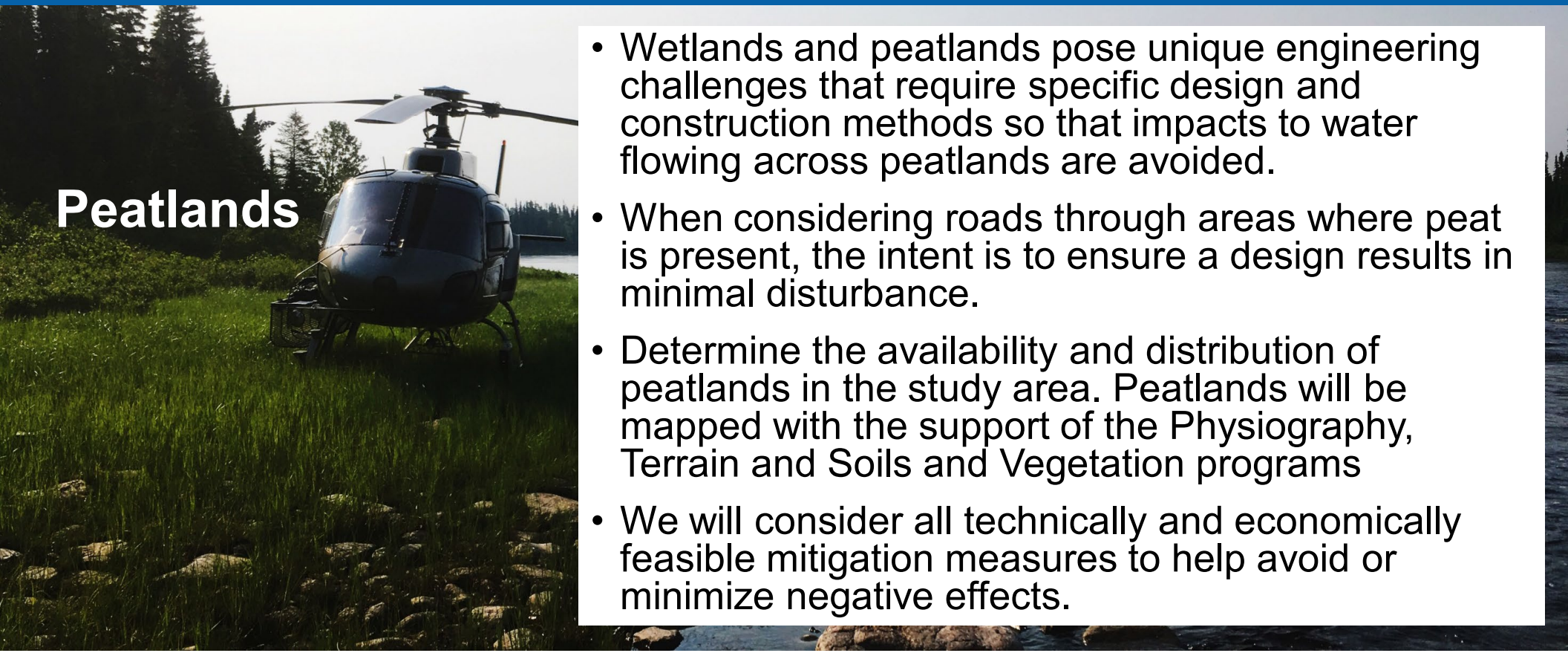
Caribou

Field Studies:

- **Population and distribution surveys, aerial surveys (2018)**
- **Field surveys (2019):** remote camera surveys and in field documentation
- **Radio collaring (2021-2024):** In February, 30 radio collars were placed on adult female caribou to collect data over three years.
- **Mortality Investigation (May 2-10 and Fall 2022):** Mortality investigations will look into collared caribou that have not moved in 12 hours, to assess their cause of mortality (e.g., predation, hunter, poor health, natural causes). Mortality investigations will continue to be conducted as needed.
- **Winter Aerial Transect survey**

Surface Water/Fish

- Local Study Area: 5km wide corridor
- Regional Study Area: watersheds that are crossed by the route alternatives
- There are more than 100 water body crossings along the proposed routes.
- Approximately 50-60 bridges or culverts will be required.
- Watercourses and their potential for fish habitat are being assessed
- https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/surface-water-fish-and-fish-habitat/



Peatlands

- Wetlands and peatlands pose unique engineering challenges that require specific design and construction methods so that impacts to water flowing across peatlands are avoided.
- When considering roads through areas where peat is present, the intent is to ensure a design results in minimal disturbance.
- Determine the availability and distribution of peatlands in the study area. Peatlands will be mapped with the support of the Physiography, Terrain and Soils and Vegetation programs
- We will consider all technically and economically feasible mitigation measures to help avoid or minimize negative effects.

Peatlands

The description and assessment of Peatlands is including the consideration of:

- Availability and distribution
- Carbon storage and flux
- Climate
- Hydrology and hydrogeology
- Composition
- Functional assessment

https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/vegetation-physiography-and-peatlands-field-program-discussion-guide-2021/

The Next Steps…

- **This year (2022) …**
  - Continuation of baseline study
  - Plans to solicit the interest of communities in relation to the project in summer
  - IK Input Deadline (June 30/22) & Validation (Fall 2022)
- **2023 and beyond…**
  - Assessment of potential impacts and evaluation of the alternative routes(2023)
  - Ongoing consultation and engagement with the communities
  - Draft EA/IA published for comments (Summer 2024)
  - Final EA/IA submitted (Spring 2025)

Questions?

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Project Name:	Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All Season Community Access Road (CAR)	**Date of Meeting:**	May 18, 2022
		Time:	1:00-2:15 pm EST
		Project #:	60593122
		Location:	Presentation with Q&A via Zoom
		Prepared By:	Kyla Zielbauer (MFFN CAR Project Consultant)

Attendees:
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Mark Brooks, WWF Canada
Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council
Calvin Lincez, Mushkegowuk Council
Chelsea Martin, Ducks Unlimited Canada
Copeland Forest Friends
Lindsay Beck, Ecojustice Canada
Beatrice Frank, WWF Canada
Nicole McDonald, MakeWay
Wildlands League
Clare Wark, WWF Canada
Eugenia Kwok, Wildlands League
Megan C, Wildlands League
Lorna Harris, Wildlife Conservation Society Canada
WCS Canada
Sarah Finkelstein, University of Toronto
Lawrence Baxter, MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor
Qasim Saddique, MFFN CAR Project Team
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Regarding: **Mushkegowuk Council Terrestrial Working Group Bi-weekly Meeting – MFFN CAR Project Team Presentation**

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Summary

The MFFN CAR Project Team met with Mushkegowuk Council's Terrestrial Working Group (Working Group) to discuss the Community Access Road Project, with a particular focus on field study programs. Specifically, caribou, surface water/fish, and peatlands Field Study Programs and information were discussed.

The meeting started with a presentation from the MFFN CAR Project Team to share information. There was an opportunity for discussion and questions at the end of the meeting. A summary of comments and questions are captured below.

The following materials were made available to Mushkegowuk Council representatives in advance:

- Meeting agenda

Summary of Meeting Action Items

- **Provide a copy of the presentation slides to Kimberly Dunn – Completed May 24, 2022.**
- **Provide additional information to this group on the field study programs as they become available.**

Item #	Topic / Theme	Comments / Questions	Response / Action Items
1	General Project	• Lawrence Baxter, MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor, provided opening remarks and expressed hope that the Project would meet the needs of the MFFN community. He noted the need for the community access road and gave reasons as to why the Marten Falls First Nation community would like to see the road built. • A member of the Mushkegowuk Working Group asked if someone could elaborate on the governance structure of the Project.	• The MFFN CAR Project Team explained that the Team arose from the need to meet community expectations and regulatory requirements. The MFFN CAR Project Team includes MFFN Community Member Advisors and technical experts who are directed and informed by MFFN Leadership and the community. These community leaders were able to help better inform the Project team on community

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			specific processes and work in conjunction with regulatory requirements to create a system that works for the MFFN CAR Project. It was noted that it is an ongoing process but the governance of the Project has been fairly unique. • The MFFN CAR Project Team explained that the MFFN community included members with EA and technical experience, who helped collaborate and organize the creation of the process, which not only included MFFN community specific processes but also met regulatory requirements. Community feedback and input was considered, and the process that was created was presented to Chief and Council for their endorsement. It was noted that it is an ongoing process but the governance of this Project has been fairly unique.
2	Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment	• A member of the Working Group asked if construction would begin immediately after submission of the EA.	• The MFFN CAR Project Team outlined that construction would not start immediately, as there is some time required after EA submission for organization with the Proponent, regulatory review and consultation. It was noted that there are often other conditions to be met before construction can begin, such as further studies.
3	Peatlands	• A member of the Working Group noted that there is some interest in the	• The MFFN CAR Project Team acknowledged the question and

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		thickness of peatland deposits, as there is a lot of variability in thickness and concern from a carbon perspective, and asked if this is something that is being considered in the Project.	expressed that this was something being considered by the Project, as it is a known issue. It was noted that peat depth and stratification will be part of the upcoming physiography field study program.
4	Road Design and Engineering	• A member of the Working Group asked if floating roads were being considered on the Project, and mentioned that they can be useful in some situations but often have design challenges. • A member of the Working group asked if the road design would differ depending on whether the road is built for community members versus for mining or industrial uses. • A member of the Working Group noted that if a design standard is being used for the Project, that floating roads are likely not feasible or practical, so a cut through road would be most likely.	• The MFFN CAR Project Team expressed that design challenges and floating roads have been discussed for this Project, but that the design team has tried to find alternatives to avoid peatlands as much as possible. It was noted that avoiding impacts can also help to create a good design, and that further studies and discussion will help to refine the design process. • The MFFN CAR Project Team described that the road design is being built to a typical Ontario highway road standard, but that the volume of traffic for this road is predicted to be far less. It was further explained that the road is to be built to a design that will meet the standards and community needs based on current available growth and traffic, but that it is to be built so that it does not have to be adjusted to meet different needs in the future. It was noted that the design is ultimately up to the Proponent. • The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that they agree with that

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			statement, and that the consensus has been to avoid areas like peatlands as much as possible, where those types of roads would usually be considered.
5	Cumulative Effects	• A member of the Working Group asked if there has been any communication or coordination with the other road project teams, in terms of cumulative effects, as this is just one road of three to be linked in the area but they are all undergoing separate EA processes.	• The MFFN CAR Project Team advised that cumulative effects assessment is part of the EA and impact statement process, and is a requirement of any EA project. It was mentioned that any reasonably foreseeable projects (including other roads and mining) and available information are to be considered in the cumulative effects assessment.

Any errors or omissions please contact Jessica Wakefield 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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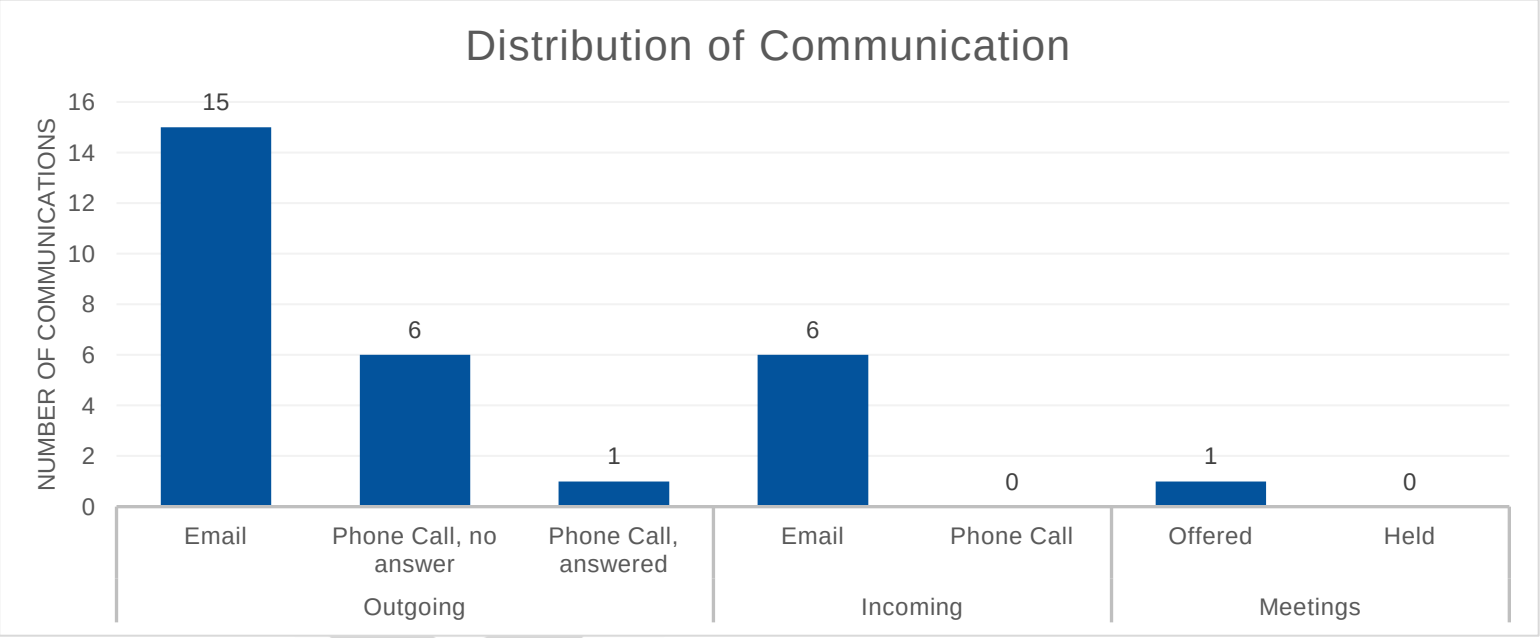
3.3.3 Mushkegowuk Council

Community Profile	
Location:	Moose Factory Office: 12 Centre Road, P.O. Box 370, Moose Factory, ON P0L 1W0 Timmins Office: 101 Cedar Street South, Timmins, ON P4N 2G7
Indigenous Communities:	Missanabie Cree First Nation; Chapleau Cree First Nation; Taykwa Tagamou First Nation; Moose Cree First Nation; Fort Albany First Nation; Kashechewan First Nation; and Attawapiskat First Nation.
Treaty:	9
Project Team Lead:	Jodi Miles



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 31, 2023 (Email)*
Participating in IK Program:	*Status of IK Sharing Agreement: Not offered*
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: Not offered

Summary of Participation During Reporting Period	
	IK information provided: No IK provided as of May 31 2023.
Participating in Community Coordinator Program	*Not Offered*

Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During the Reporting Period	
Date	**Consultation and Engagement Activity**
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 27 – 28, 2022	Phone call and email made to request participation in Engagement Questionnaire.
Jul 29, 2022	Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Notice distributed via email.
Aug 18, 2022	An IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles were distributed via email.
Aug 19, 2022	August 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Sep 16, 2022	Field programs update distributed via email.
Sep 21, 2022	Phone call and email to follow up about Engagement Questionnaire.
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 phone call and email to discuss Project updates.
Nov 22, 2022	Notice for PIC #4 distributed via email.
Nov 25, 2022	November 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Nov 28, 2022	Phone call and email to provide information about PIC #4 and the upcoming webinar series.
Dec 01, 2022	Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice distributed via email.
Dec 06, 2022	Draft Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report distributed via email for review.
Dec 07, 2022	Reminder for PIC #4 distributed via email.
Dec 14, 2022	PIC #4 materials and online feedback form distributed via email.
Dec 20, 2022	December 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Jan 06, 2023	Phone call follow-up to Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report.
Jan 10, 2023	Reminder for the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Webinar distributed via email.
Jan 17, 2023	Reminder for the Vegetation and Physiography Webinar distributed via email.
Jan 27, 2023	Follow-up to furbearer winter tracking field program notice distributed via email.
Jan 30, 2023	January 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Feb 03, 2023	Archaeology Assessment Reports for Stage 1 and Stage 2 distributed via email.
Feb 03, 2023	Confirmation that Mushkegowuk Council will not be providing comments on the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report, sent via email.
Feb 15, 2023	Follow-up on ungulate aerial survey notice distributed via email.
Feb 21, 2023	Reminder for the Socio-Economic Studies Part I Webinar distributed via email.
Feb 28, 2023	February 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Mar 09, 2023	Field Programs updates distributed via email.
Mar 14, 2023	Reminder for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Webinar distributed via email.

Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During the Reporting Period	
Date	**Consultation and Engagement Activity**
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 28, 2023	Email to follow up on the Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology Reports.
Mar 28, 2023	Phone call and email to follow up on the Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology reports.
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 21, 2023	Spring 2023 Field Notice distributed via email.
Apr 28, 2023	April 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
May 30, 2023	Email to follow up on the IK Timeline and Update letter.
May 31, 2023	Email received noting that Mushkegowuk Council intends on providing comments on the IK Program milestone.
May 31, 2023	Phone call to follow up on the IK Timeline and Update letter.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action - Mushkegowuk Council				
Topic / Issue Raised	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed in the EA / IS**
Cumulative Effects	Concerned with Future Downstream Impacts ■ Mushkegowuk Council noted, during the introductory call on September 17, 2021 the councils concern with downstream impacts to the Mushkegowuk Council communities.	■ Phone	Status: Ongoing ■ On May 18, 2022, the MFFN CAR Project Team presented to the Mushkegowuk Council technical working group regarding project updates, caribou, peatland, and water assessments. It was noted that during the September 17, 2021 phone call that potential impacts to the Albany River will be assessed as part of the EA. Action: ■ Ongoing follow up with Mushkegowuk Council as existing conditions data from field study programs become available.	■ Concerns about environmental impacts to be addressed and considered in the EA / IS.

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July 14, 2022	Email		x	■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent the PIC #3 PDF presentation boards to Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council and Haley Rice, Mushkegowuk Council. The MFFN

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						CAR Project Consultant also provided a link to the Project website and encouraged contacts to reach out with any questions.
July 14, 2022	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Mushkegowuk Council 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	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief), ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief), ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the July E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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 27, 2022	Phone		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council requesting participation in the Engagement Questionnaire to understand the topics of most interest to Mushkegowuk Council (e.g., valued components) and gather input on the best ways to keep Mushkegowuk Council informed on Project updates and activities. Vern noted that he was currently in a meeting but would happy to complete the engagement questionnaire.
July 28, 2022	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow-up email to Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council requesting participation in the Engagement Questionnaire to understand the topics of most interest to Mushkegowuk Council (e.g., valued components) and gather input on the best ways to keep Mushkegowuk Council 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	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief), ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief),	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program Notice to Mushkegowuk Council noting that the program is starting in September.

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				■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)		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.
August 18, 2022	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief), ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief), ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed an IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles to Mushkegowuk Council via email. The memo provided information on updates to the ATRI Study Areas. The MFFN CAR Project Team also provided information on the IK Program schedule.
August 19, 2022	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief), ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief), ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the August E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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.
September 16, 2022	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a field programs update to Mushkegowuk Council. 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

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						Discussion Guides where knowledge can be shared in relation to the field programs.
September 21, 2022	Phone		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Mushkegowuk Council to follow up on the Engagement Questionnaire and fall field programs. Vern Cheechoo was unavailable so a message was left with the receptionist.
September 21, 2022	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council to follow up on the Engagement Questionnaire and fall field programs. A link to the questionnaire form was provided, and Mushkegowuk Council was encouraged to fill it out if they have not done so already.
September 21, 2022	Email	x		■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Vern Cheechoo to let them know that he would fill out the questionnaire by the end of the week.
September 29, 2022	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the September E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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.

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November 02, 2022	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Chief) ■ Alison Linklater (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the October E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Tribal Council. 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 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	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Chief) ■ Alison Linklater (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a notice to Mushkegowuk Council 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	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to provide 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 IS extension from IAAC, and the upcoming ATRI workshop. There was no answer so a voicemail was left

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November 15, 2022	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Chief) ■ Alison Linklater (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed key contacts at Mushkegowuk Council Nation as a follow up to a phone call made November 15, 2022. The email provided updates on the MFFN CAR Project. The email provided 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 IS extension from IAAC and notification of upcoming ATRI workshops.
November 15, 2022	Email	x		■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Chief) ■ Alison Linklater (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to thank them for providing information about PIC #4, the upcoming webinars, the IS extension, and the upcoming ATRI workshops.
November 22, 2022	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Chief) ■ Alison Linklater (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed an invitation for PIC #4 to Mushkegowuk Tribal Council. 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	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Chief) ■ Alison Linklater (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the November E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to provide details about the upcoming PIC #4 in Thunder Bay on December 7 and Geraldton on December 8, and the upcoming webinar about Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat on November 29. There was no answer so a voicemail was left.
November 28, 2022	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Chief) ■ Alison Linklater (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed key contacts at Mushkegowuk Council Nation as a follow up to a phone call made November 28, 2022. The email provided details about the upcoming PIC #4 in Thunder Bay on December 7th and Geraldton on December 8th, and the upcoming webinar about Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat on November 29.
December 01, 2022	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Chief) ■ Alison Linklater (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice to Mushkegowuk Council. 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.
December 06, 2022	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Chief) ■ Alison Linklater (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the draft Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report to Mushkegowuk Tribal Council 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. Mushkegowuk Tribal Council 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.

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December 07, 2022	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Chief) ■ Alison Linklater (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for PIC #4 to Mushkegowuk Council 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	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Chief) ■ Alison Linklater (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Mushkegowuk Council 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.
December 15, 2022	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Chief) ■ Alison Linklater (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to confirm that Mushkegowuk Council received the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement and the Milestone #1 Progress Report. It was noted that edits and comments to the report must be submitted by January 31, 2023.
December 20, 2022	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Chief) ■ Alison Linklater (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the December E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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 06, 2023	Phone		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to remind Mushkegowuk Council that comments on the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1

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						Report are due January 31, 2023. There was no answer and a voicemail was left outlining the reason for the call.
January 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Webinar to Mushkegowuk Council. 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.
January 17, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Vegetation & Physiography Webinar to Mushkegowuk 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. It was noted that an upcoming webinar will take place on January 31 on Peatlands and a link to register was provided.
January 25, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to remind Mushkegowuk Council that comments on the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report are due January 31, 2023.
January 25, 2023	Email	x		■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Environmental Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Haley Rice, Mushkegowuk Council Environmental Coordinator, requesting a link to the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Reports.
January 25, 2023	Email		x	■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Environmental Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Haley Rice, Mushkegowuk Council Environmental Coordinator, with a link to the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report.
January 25, 2023	Email	x		■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Environmental Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Haley Rice, Mushkegowuk Council Environmental Coordinator, who thanked the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for providing a link to the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report.

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January 27, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ 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 30, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the January E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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 03, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Reports to Mushkegowuk Council. 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

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						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 03, 2023	Email		x	■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Environmental Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Haley Rice, Mushkegowuk Council Environmental Coordinator, to follow up on their review of the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report. It was noted that the reports would be finalized if there was no response.
February 03, 2023	Email	x		■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Environmental Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Haley Rice, Mushkegowuk Council Environmental Coordinator, to confirm that Muskegowuk Council will not be providing comments for the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report.
February 03, 2023	Email		x	■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Environmental Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to thank Haley Rice, Mushkegowuk Council Environmental Coordinator, in response to confirming Mushkegowuk Council does not have any comments on the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report and their sections of the reports can be finalized.
February 15, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ 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 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.

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February 21, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Socio-Economic Studies Part I Webinar to Mushkegowuk 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. 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 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the February E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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 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.
March 09, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ 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, along with a map. Links were also provided to relevant videos and webinar recordings.
March 14, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Webinar to Mushkegowuk 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. A link was also provided for the schedule and registration for the remaining webinars.

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March 21, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Birds Webinar to Mushkegowuk 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. A link was also provided for the schedule and registration for the remaining webinars.
March 22, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR 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 Mushkegowuk Council 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 28, 2023	Phone		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo to remind Mushkegowuk Council about the upcoming deadline to provide comments on the Archaeology Reports, which were distributed on February 3, 2023. There was no answer so a voicemail was left noting the reason for the call.
March 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email Vern Cheechoo to remind Mushkegowuk Council about the upcoming deadline to provide comments on the Archaeology Reports, which were distributed on February 3, 2023.
March 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats Webinar to Mushkegowuk 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. A link was also provided for the schedule and registration for the remaining webinars.

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April 04, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the March E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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. A link was provided for past webinar recordings as well as a link to register for the ATRI webinar.
April 21, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Spring 2023 Field Notice to Mushkegowuk Council. 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 referenced. A link was also provided to webinars to learn more about Vegetation, Peatlands, Cultural Heritage, Wildlife, Groundwater and Socio-Economic studies.
April 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the April E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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 30, 2023	Phone		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo to remind Mushkegowuk Council about the upcoming IK Milestone on June 30, 2023. There was no answer and a voicemail was left noting the reason for the call.
May 31, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Vern Cheechoo to follow up about the voicemail left from the previous day. The email reminded Mushkegowuk Council about the upcoming IK Milestone, which encourages communities to share IK and information on ILRU before June 30, 2023.
May 31, 2023	Email	x		■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Vern Cheechoo which stated that Mushkegowuk Council intends to provide comments on the IK Program Milestone to the MFFN CAR Project Team.

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May 31, 2023	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to thank Vern Cheechoo for the response to the email regarding the upcoming IK Milestone, which noted that Mushkegowuk Council intends on providing comments to the MFFN CAR Project Team.

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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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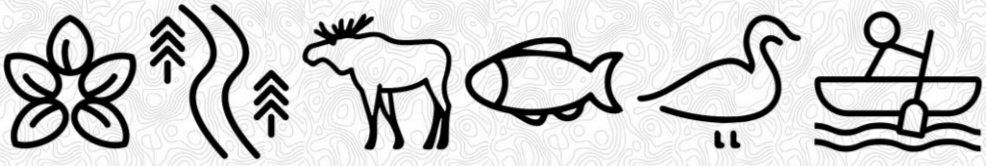

B30. Mushkegowuk Council

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Gmail **Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>**

MFFN CAR PIC #3 Display Boards

1 message

Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]> Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 10:53 AM
To: Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, [redacted]
Cc: Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>

Hello Vern and Haley,

Happy Thursday!

Please find attached the display boards from the PIC #3 held in Thunder Bay and Geraldton at the end of June. This material is also available in an accessible format on the project website. The website also provides easy access to maps, discussion guides, field notices and fact sheets.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

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Jessica Wakefield, MES
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Welcome! Boozhoo!

Marten Falls First Nation
All Season Community Access Road

Public Information Centre: Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Phase #1 Introduction (PIC #3)

Thunder Bay: June 27, 2022

Geraldton: June 29, 2022

Planning for an All Season Community Access Road to Marten Falls First Nation is progressing well.

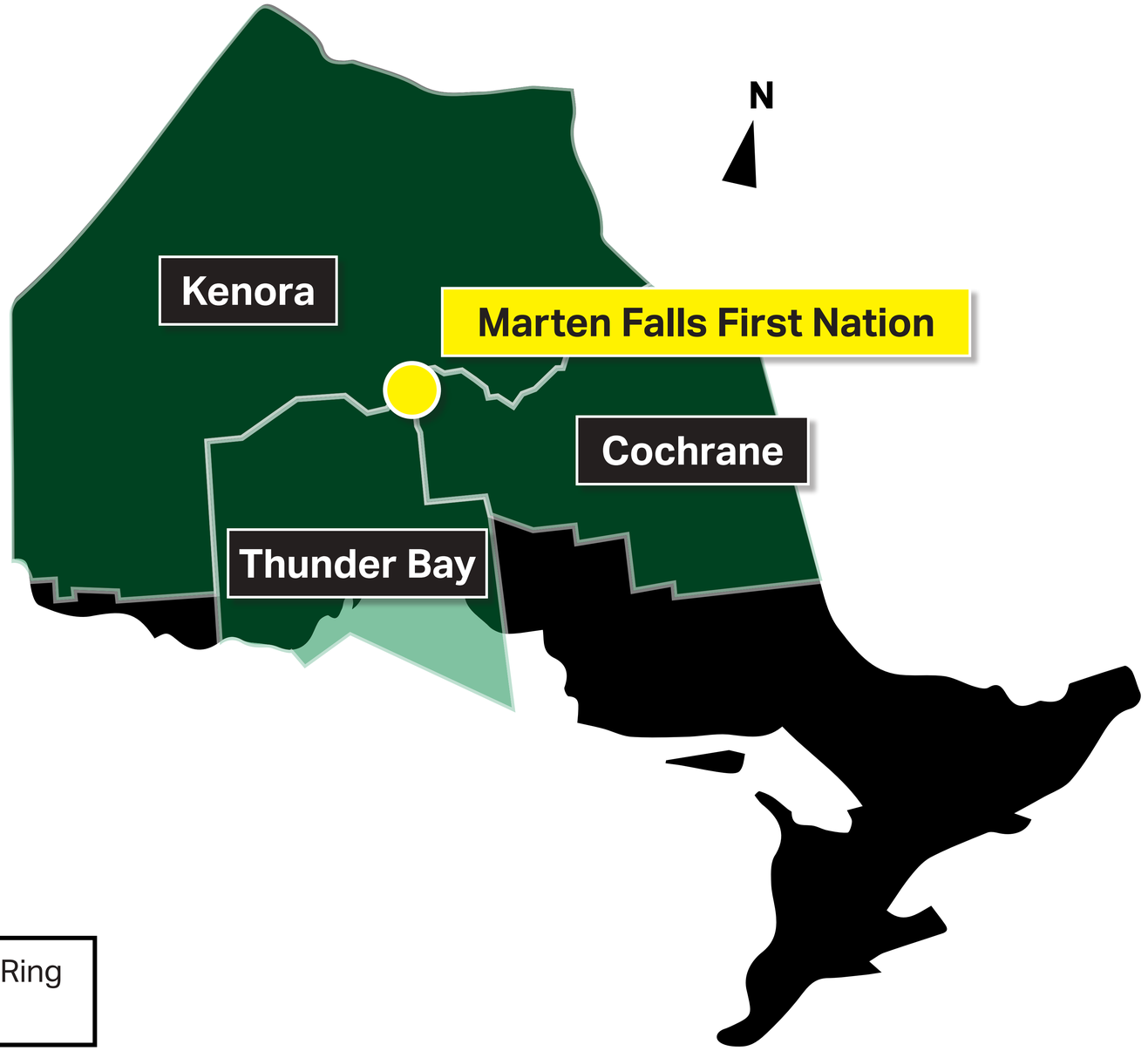
Thanks for joining us today to learn about:

- The Community Access Road history and updates since the Terms of Reference
- The Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment (EA / IA) process
- Study areas, including specific updates made to reflect potential sources of aggregate material
- Preliminary results of field studies, and information on upcoming field studies
- Indigenous Knowledge and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests
- How Indigenous communities have been involved to-date and plans for future consultation and engagement, including the Community Coordinator Program
- Feedback we've heard to-date and how it is being considered
- Ongoing and future consultation and engagement opportunities
- Next steps

Have your say. Share your comments, ideas and values with the Project Team.

Introduction to the Community Access Road Project

Marten Falls First Nation has a winter access road but it is not reliable and makes transportation of goods and people difficult. All season road access connecting Marten Falls First Nation to the existing provincial highway network is needed to improve the well-being of the community.



Components of the Community Access Road

- 190 km to 230 km of two-lane gravel road;
- Quarries, borrow areas and aggregate sources;
- Bridges for river and stream crossings; and
- Temporary construction access roads, work areas and camps.

The Community Access Road Project does not include a road to the Ring of Fire. It is a separate project to the Northern Road Link Project.

About Marten Falls First Nation

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is a remote First Nation community led by an elected Chief and Council.

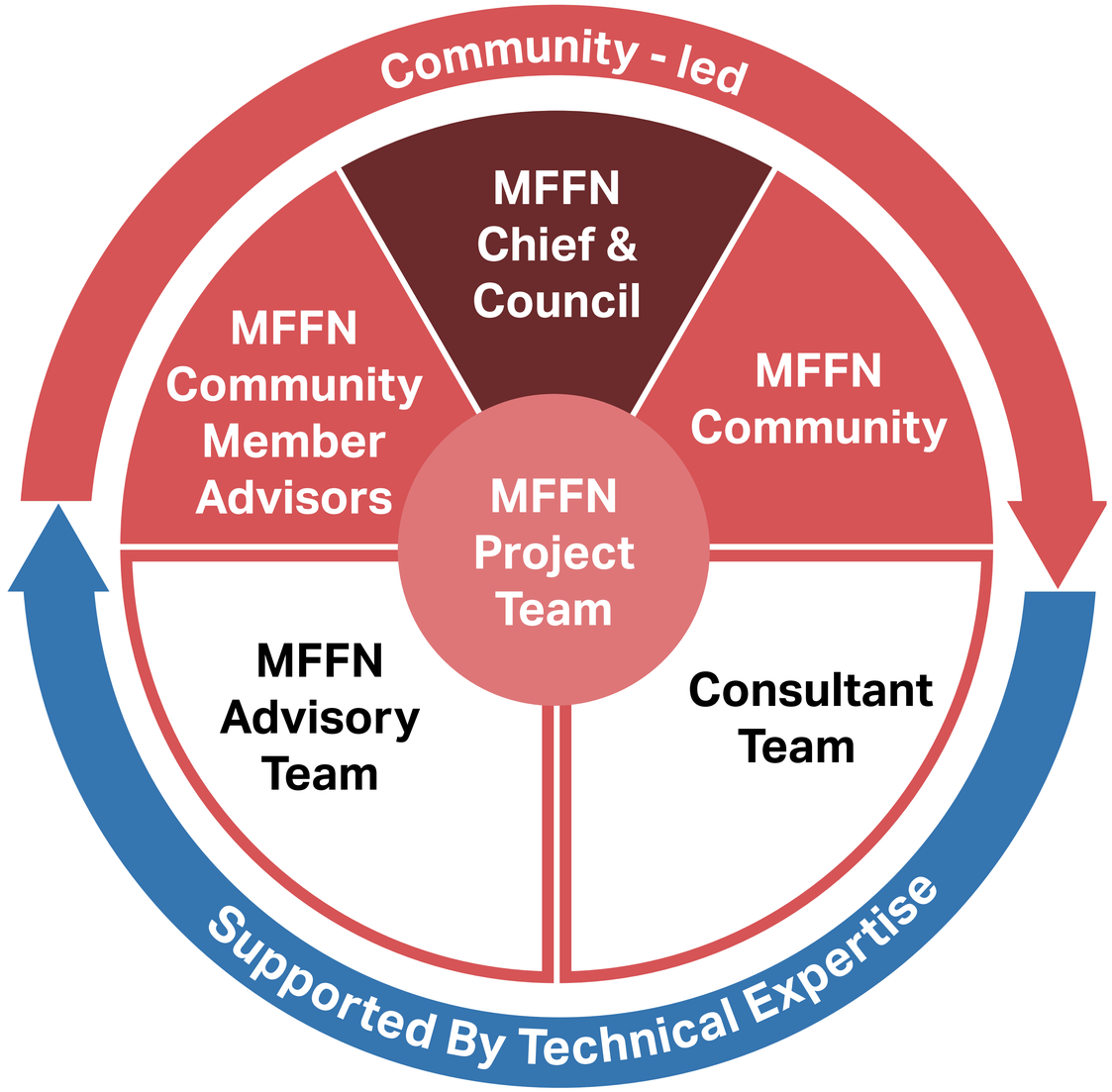
Marten Falls First Nation is located in the Far North of Ontario, at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki Rivers, approximately 170 km northeast of Nakina, Ontario, and 430 km northeast of Thunder Bay.

Marten Falls First Nation has a registered population of 814, with approximately 352 members living in-community.

What is Community-Led?

Planning for the Community Access Road is community-led. This means that the Marten Falls First Nation community membership helps to develop solutions and advance decisions about the Community Access Road.

Marten Falls First Nation—as the Proponent or owner of the Project—has formed a Project Team that includes community members and acts with guidance, direction and input from the Chief and Council, Community Member Advisors and membership.



Why is the Community Access Road Needed?

Better access would allow increased opportunities for:

- Social interaction with other communities;
- Access to emergency, health and social services;
- Training and jobs during planning and construction;
- Local economic development; and
- Increased ability for families to be together in the community.

A Community Access Road would reduce reliance on winter roads which have become increasingly unreliable due to climate change, and would also reduce transportation costs for goods and services; meaning more affordable food, fuel and other vital supplies and services.

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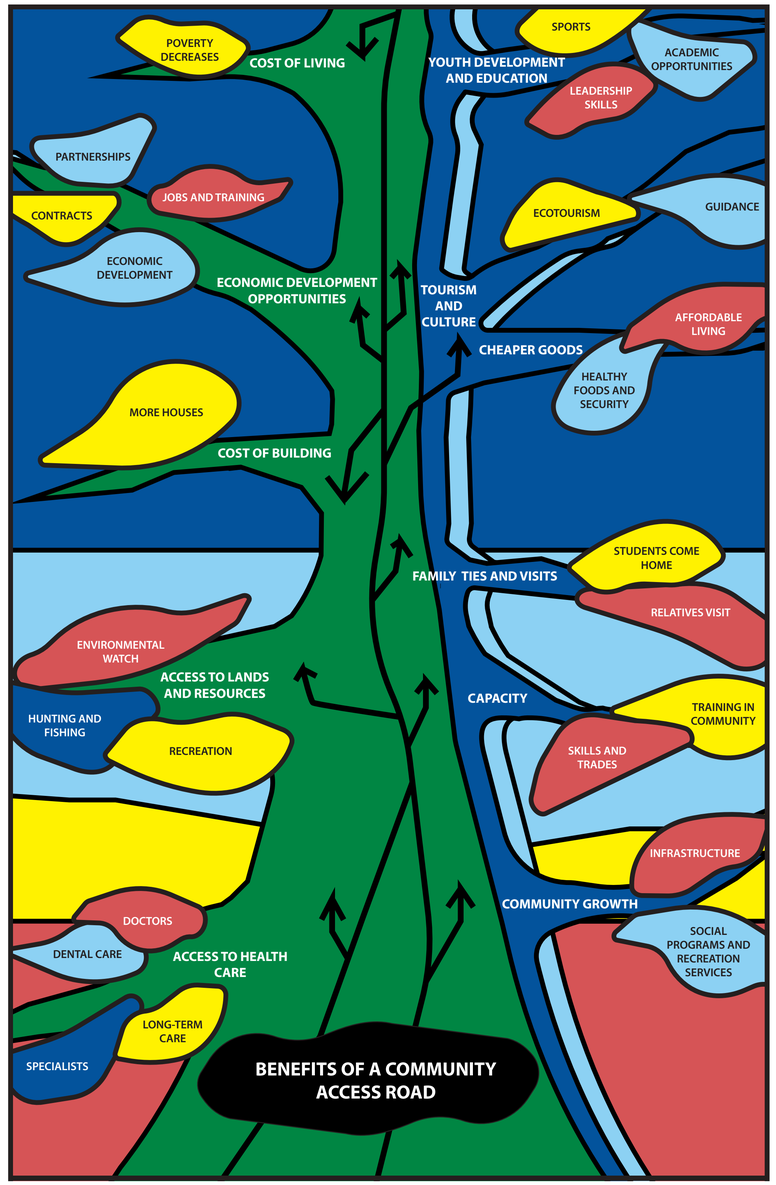
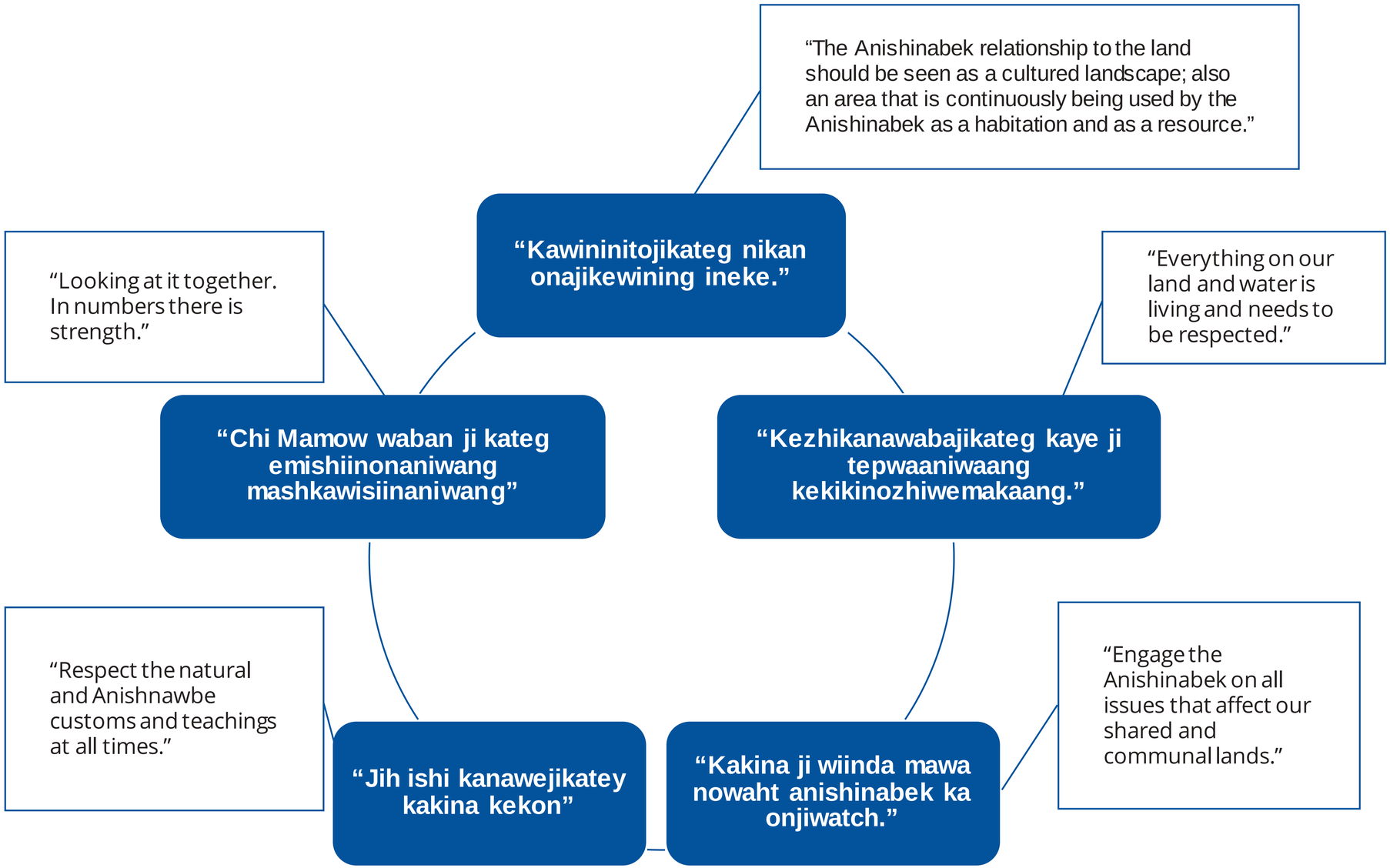
Do you have any concerns or feedback you would like to share?



Guiding Principles throughout the EA / IA

To honour the traditional lands in which this community access road will be developed and to respect the traditional teachings, the following Guiding Principles (developed for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Based Land Use Plan for Project Planning and Engagement) will be adopted throughout the Project.



Putting Guiding Principles into Action

The Guiding Principles will be put into action by:

- Providing an opportunity for early and ongoing communication and dialogue.
- Working with neighbouring Indigenous communities to confirm existence of, align with and respect protocols and policies for Anishinabek Knowledge and Indigenous Knowledge and / or leading collection of Indigenous Knowledge.
- Customizing Consultation Plans.
- Delivering Project-related information in a timely and culturally sensitive manner, using plain language, translations (i.e., Oji-Cree and other traditional languages as needed) and visual aids to enable understanding.
- Facilitating multiple and ongoing opportunities for dialogue and conversations, and encouraging participation of relevant subgroups self-identified by those being engaged or consulted with (e.g., women, youth, elders).
- Taking cultural practices, events and activities into consideration when planning and scheduling events.
- Facilitating an understanding of both the Indigenous Knowledge and western science and engineering principles.
- Providing interested persons and potentially affected Indigenous communities ongoing opportunities to share their concerns, questions and opinions on potential effects of the Community Access Road, their knowledge of the local environment, input on the effects assessment and its conclusions, the development of impact management measure follow-up and management strategies.
- Demonstrating and validating how feedback was considered and / or incorporated into decision making, including providing direction as to where feedback is included in the EA / IS.

Hearing from Marten Falls First Nation Community Members

"A road to Marten Falls would be great because people could afford to go back there and not have to decide between paying bills or seeing family." – Mya Baxter

"We've been waiting over 20 years for a road to Marten Falls. In the last year alone, we had many challenges like early snow and the river freezing causing delays to bring materials into the community. If the winter road didn't freeze in time, over 20 truckloads of materials would have needed to be flown in or the community would have to wait until next year. This has been a long time coming! If we work together, we will get this road done!" – Lawrence Baxter

Where Will the Proposed Community Access Road be Built?

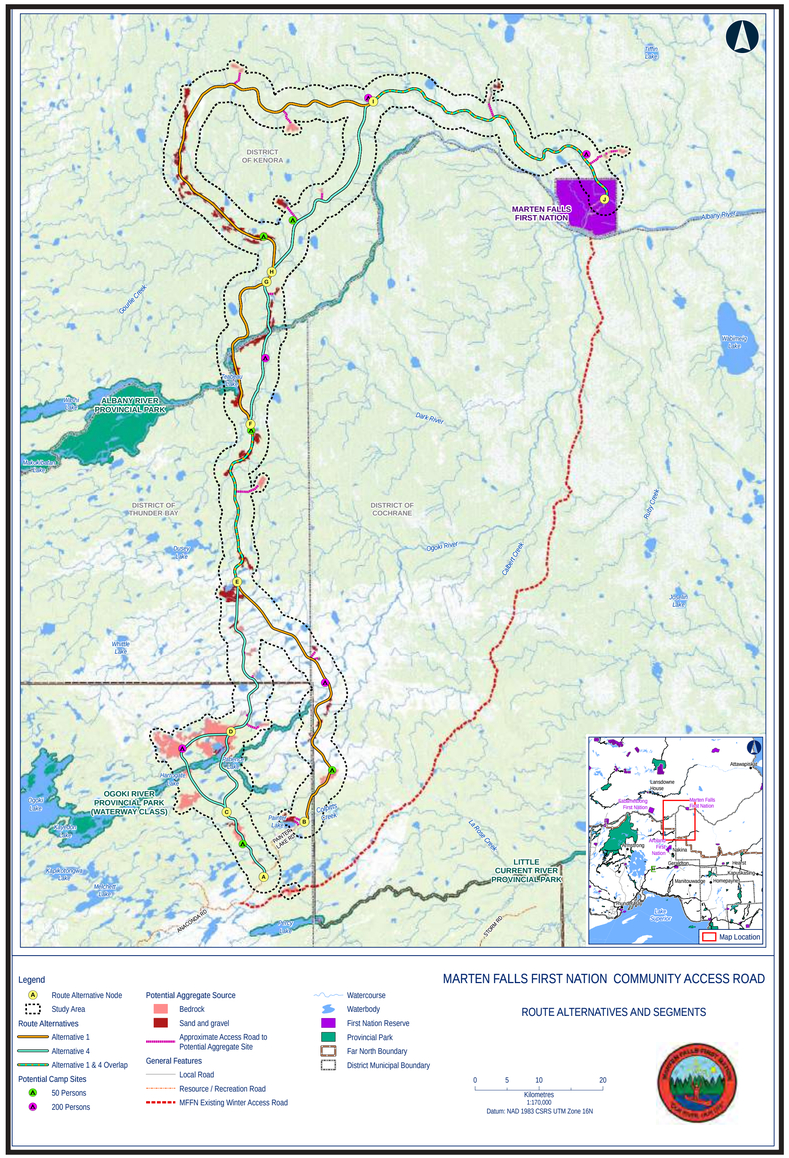
There are 2 general route alternatives that have been identified which will be assessed and evaluated through the EA / IA process.

What's New?

We have new information and we're updating the Local & Regional Study Areas to include areas where we can potentially source materials and build infrastructure, including:

- Potential aggregate areas (e.g., gravel to build the road)
- Access roads to aggregate sites
- Temporary construction camps

With the exception of some aggregate sites that will remain in place for road maintenance purposes when the road is built, the majority of these are temporary and only needed during construction.



Alternative 1 is shown in orange; Alternative 4 in green. Where alternatives intersect, the colours combine.

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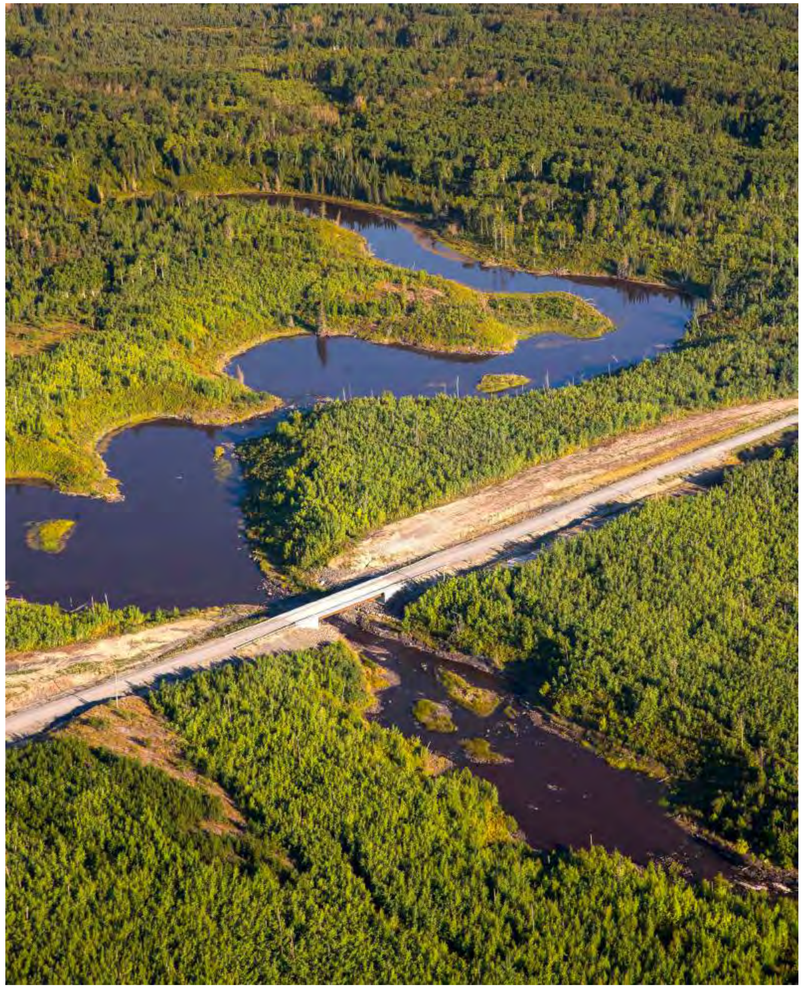
What do you think about the alternative routes?

What do you think about the new areas identified to source aggregate and related infrastructure?

What Could the Road or Bridges Look Like?

Sample photos of all season roads and bridges in Northern Manitoba with corridor dimensions that are the same as what is proposed for the Community Access Road Project.



What Makes the Community Access Road different than other projects?

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road

- Marten Falls First Nation is the proponent.
- The purpose is to provide Marten Falls First Nation all-season access to their community; if approved the road would be designed and built as an all-season multi-use gravel road that would allow for industrial use.
- The proposed community access is a 190 km to 230 km two-lane gravel road.
- Regardless of decisions related to the Ring of Fire, the Northern Road Link or the Webequie Supply Road, the Community Access Road can be constructed independently and does not rely on the other road projects or activities.

Webequie Supply Road

- Webequie First Nation is the proponent.
- The purpose of the Supply Road is to provide year-round movement of supplies, materials and people to mineral exploration activities and future mining developments from Webequie First Nation's airport.
- The proposed road is 107 km.

Northern Road Link

- Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation are co-proponents.
- The purpose of the Northern Road Link is to enable economic activity by facilitating the transport of goods, services and resources. The proposed multi-use road is between the proposed Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road and the proposed Webequie Supply Road.
- The proposed road is approximately 117 km to 164 km.

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION

ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

EA / IA Process & Design

Construction

Operation & Maintenance

Step 1:
Define the Community Access Road

Step 2:
Identify alternative routes (i.e., #1, #2, #3, #4)

Step 3:
Evaluate alternative routes #1 and #4, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources against a set of criteria and indicators

Step 4:
Select the preferred route

Step 5:
Submit the combined provincial EA Report and the federal Impact Statement

Federal and provincial decisions made to approve or not. If approved, Project moves forward

Marten Falls First Nation made a community decision to move forward with #1 and #4

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What is the Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Assessment (IA) Process? The first step in planning the proposed Community Access Road is to complete a provincial (Ontario) EA and federal IA. Since this is combined, it's referred to as the EA / IA Process.

What is an Impact Statement (IS)? A detailed technical document prepared by Marten Falls First Nation to meet federal requirements. The provincial version is called the EA Report. The provincial EA Report and the federal IS will be combined as one report.

Previous Milestones

ToR Approved with Amendments

2017 → **2019** → **2019/2020** → **2020 / 2021**

The provincial government announced funding would be available to do a provincial environmental assessment

Provincial Planning Phase (Terms of Reference)

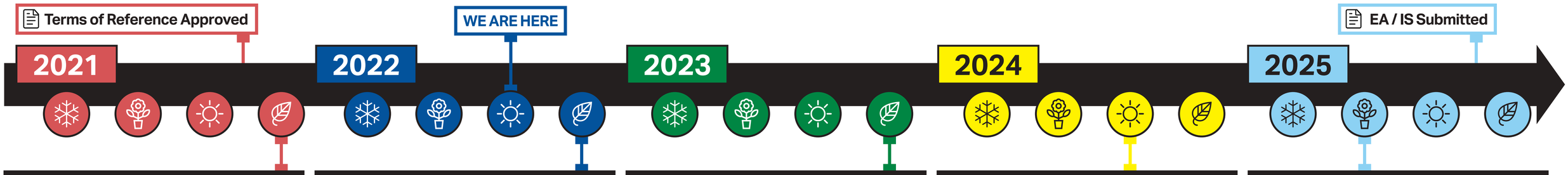
Federal Planning Phase (Project Description)

Federal Assessment Phase (Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and Federal Notice of Impact Assessment Commencement issued)

- Engagement with Indigenous communities & collection of Indigenous Knowledge
- Field and other scientific studies

Marten Falls Community Access Road EA / IA Process Milestones Timeline*

Notice of Commencement of Provincial Terms of Reference: March 2019 → Federal Notice of Impact Assessment Commencement: February 2020 → Provincial Terms of Reference approved with amendments: October 2021 → **We are now in a coordinated EA / IA process**



Introduction of Assessment Phase of EA / IA

What is the Proposed Project?
- Where?
- Why?

Effects Assessment Methodology

What is the Environment like today?
- Establish current conditions for water, air, land, social, cultural and economic conditions
- Undertake Indigenous Knowledge and scientific studies
- How will we assess the impact of the Community Access Road on the environment?

Evaluate the Alternatives
- "Net effects" – consider both the positive and negative effects of the access road
- Reduce or avoid negative effects with mitigation
- Enhance (add to) positive effects

Identification of Preferred Alternatives

Final route and rationale of the Community Access Road
- Positive effects must outweigh negative effects overall

Review of Draft EA / IS

Full assessment of preferred route
- Includes cumulative effects assessment and sustainability assessment

Review of Final EA / IS

Updated assessment reflecting comments received
- Includes new field data

Legend

= winter = spring = summer = fall = Project Milestone Initiated

*Timeline is tentative and subject to change

Proposed Alternative Route Evaluation Criteria for the EA / IA Process

Using a set of criteria and indicators, 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 benefit to the community. Alternatives #1 and #4 will be evaluated against the following (which are listed in no particular order):

Natural Environment

- Air quality;
- Noise;
- Peatlands;
- Physiography, Geology, Terrain and Soils;
- Surface water (e.g., lakes, rivers, ponds, creeks) and groundwater;
- Significant ecological features and protected sites;
- Vegetation communities, including wetlands and muskeg;
- Wildlife and fish; and
- Species at Risk.

Socio-economic and Cultural Heritage

- Archaeological sites;
- Community well-being;
- Community services and infrastructure;
- Changes to land use and access for industrial / commercial business activity; and
- Human Health.

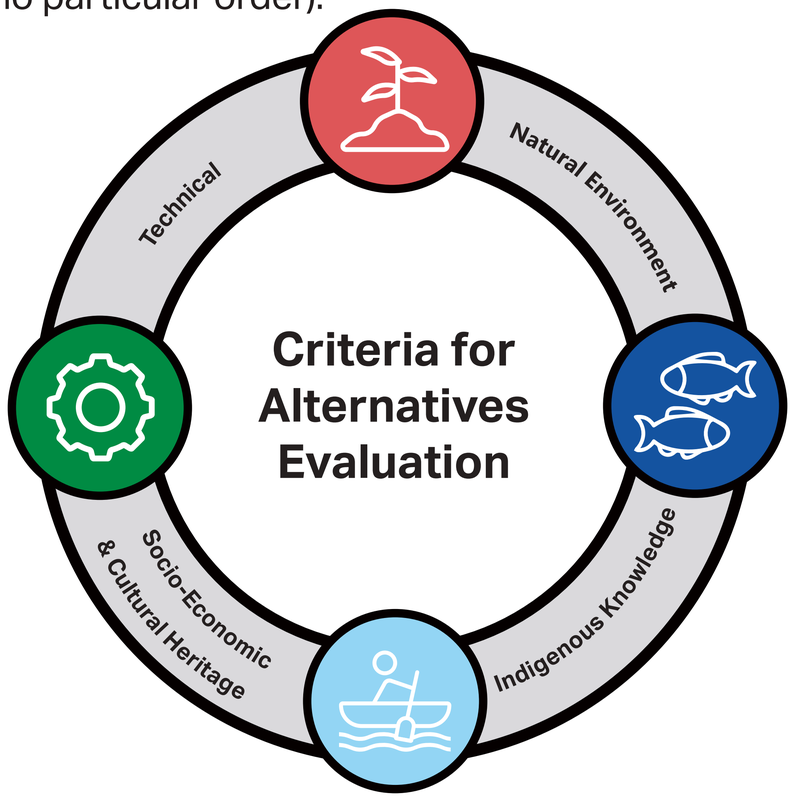
Technical

- Route length;
- Aggregate availability;
- Construction implementation;
- Capital cost;
- Safety; and
- Maintenance cost.

Indigenous Knowledge

- Traditional use of land and resources, including Indigenous and Treaty Rights;
- Cultural and spiritual sites;
- Indigenous landscapes; and
- Reserve land.

? Are there other criteria you suggest we consider?

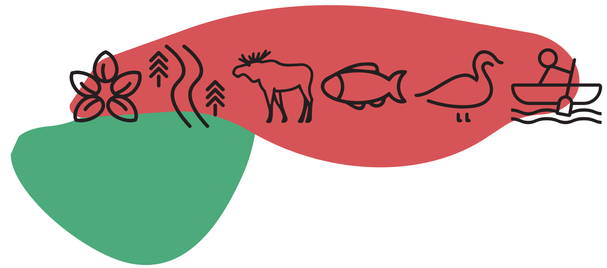


The criteria represents important features and are used to predict whether the proposed Community Access Road may result in effects on the environment or people through its construction and operation.

A Holistic Approach to the EA / IA Process

Indigenous Knowledge Program, Indigenous Land and Resource Use and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests

Natural Field Studies

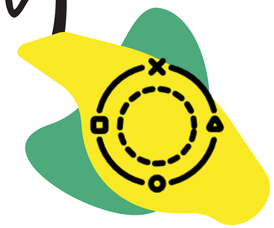


Other Valued Components (i.e., things we are studying. Examples include archaeological and cultural heritage, climate adaptation and resiliency).

COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Consultation & Engagement

Community Coordinator Program



Cumulative Effects Assessment

Social and Health, Land and Resource Use and Economics

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Tell us what you think is most important to understand when planning the Marten Falls Community Access Road!

Natural Science Field Studies

Field studies have been conducted since 2019 and will continue through 2022 and beyond to help us better understand the existing conditions of the environment and potential effects of the Community Access Road.

This information can help to inform how to best avoid or reduce potential effects during construction and operation on animals and the land.

Conducted from 2019 to 2021

- Air Quality Monitoring (installation and monitoring)
- Bat Acoustic Recording Unit (ARU)
- Caribou Collaring
- Caribou Tracking and Investigations
- Remote Camera (installation and check)
- Surface Water (fall)
- Fish and Fish Habitat (fall)
- Vegetation Surveys
- Aerial Winter Ungulate Survey
- Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys
- Wolverine Denning Survey
- Bird ARU (deployment)

Upcoming in 2022

- Air Quality Monitoring (monitoring)
- Caribou Tracking and Investigations
- Breeding Bird Aerial Survey (spring)
- Aerial Waterfowl Migration Survey (spring and fall)
- Remote Camera (check)
- Surface Water (spring)
- Fish and Fish Habitat (spring)
- Bird ARU (summer and fall)
- Physiography and Terrain Surveys
- Vegetation Surveys
- Groundwater and Geochemistry Program (installation and monitoring)

2023 and Beyond

- Bird ARU (retrieval)
- Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys
- Remote Camera (check and retrieval)
- Groundwater and Geochemistry Program (monitoring)
- Caribou Tracking and Investigations
- Fur Bearer Winter Tracking Survey

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Visit our website (martenfallsaccessroad.ca/multimedia) to watch videos about what we're studying and share your feedback through Discussion Guides.

Field Studies - Methods and Early Observations

The Project area crosses multiple watersheds and over 100 waterbodies. These typically drain towards James Bay. Surface water readings and fish and fish habitat assessments are ongoing in the Project area.

Winter snow tracking and motion sensitive camera monitoring are ongoing for furbearers and ungulates, and hair snag surveys are ongoing for wolverine. Thirty wildlife remote cameras were installed in 2021 on active game trails and natural features such as creek banks or habitat edges. The remote cameras have captured various species including wolverine, Canada lynx, gray wolf and pine marten. We have seen caribou in group sizes up to ten animals, including calves, in the Local Study Area during the winter aerial ungulate survey.

Bird indicator data will be collected using a combination of methods including point count surveys, autonomous recording units (ARUs), marsh bird call playback surveys, species-specific surveys, and aerial surveys.

Environmental Monitors from Marten Falls First Nation have been of great assistance to the field teams, providing invaluable knowledge and support.

More data will become available in 2023.

? Visit our website (martenfallsaccessroad.ca/multimedia) to watch videos about what we're studying and share your feedback through Discussion Guides.

? Visit the map area and provide feedback in the Discussion Guides!

Looking at Social and Health, Land and Resource Use and Economics

Social and Health

- The construction and operation of the Community Access Road could result in social and health effects for some community members.
- Marten Falls First Nation, Aroland First Nation and Greenstone are communities of focus for this assessment.
- Adverse effects could result from things like increased traffic in the area, changes in the population of communities, change in supply / reliance on country foods, increased potential for outsiders to come into communities and increased access to drugs / alcohol.
- The road could also result in positive benefits including potential for better access to health services, education and better connections with friends and family.
- To assess these effects, we will be talking to providers of services (e.g., health care) in the affected communities and to community members to receive their perspectives.
- To meet Gender Based Analysis (GBA+) requirements, we are also interested in speaking to all identity sub-groups that may be present in a community.

Land and Resource Use

- The development of the road could change how the land is being used or could be used in the future.
- This assessment is focused on **non-traditional** use of land including: forestry, mining, use of Parks, recreation activities and energy development.
- Existing land use plans such as Marten Falls Community Based Land Use Plan will be considered.
- The road will remove some of the existing land base and change land access.
- To assess these effects, we are conducting interviews with various land users including: Ontario government agencies, forestry companies, mining companies and various organizations.

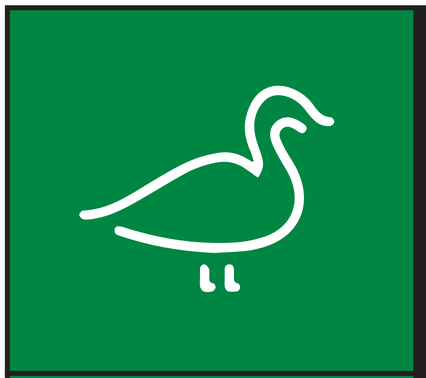
Economics

- The development of the road could result in both positive and negative economic effects.
- During the construction period, there will be new job opportunities and contracts for local companies.
- Job training opportunities will be examined / recommended to increase local community member participation in the Project.
- Once the road is operational, it is expected that there will be new business opportunities in the area, including in Marten Falls.
- Potential adverse effects to existing economic activities such as remote tourism outfitters and trapping will also be examined.
- We are conducting interviews with various interests including community Economic Development Officers and Remote Tourism Outfitters.

? Do you have information to share about social and health, land and resource use and / or economics in the study area?

Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land & Resource Use

Indigenous Knowledge refers to Indigenous systems of knowledge as well as cultural practices related to the production of knowledge based on traditional belief systems, relationships to the environment, and community practices. It is the accumulated and living knowledge built upon the historic experiences of Peoples living on the land and adapting to social, economic, environmental, spiritual and political change (Chiefs of Ontario, n.d.). It includes knowledge about the natural environment (e.g., locations of caribou seasonal use and calving areas), the relationships between environmental changes and species or ecosystems, and how potential effects to the environment can be avoided or reduced.



Indigenous Land and Resource Use refers to specific areas and resources used for traditional purposes when Indigenous peoples learn and practice their Indigenous Knowledge (Garvin et al., 2001). This includes the areas and sites used for hunting, trapping, fishing, and gathering and the resources harvested, as well as cultural sites, features and practices. Sometimes referred to as Traditional Land Use.

Importance of Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land and Resource Use

To honour and respect Indigenous Knowledge, a Sharing Agreement is being developed with each community who chooses to participate in the Indigenous Knowledge Program. The agreement(s) outlines how confidential and sensitive information will inform the assessment processes and how it will be protected. Funding has also been made available to participating communities. To create a holistic assessment process, Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land and Resource Use is needed to:

- Provide an understanding of Aboriginal Rights and Interests related to the Project and to identify potential impacts to Rights.
- Better understand the existing environmental conditions.
- Inform field programs.
- Help to identify and understand Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests.
- Identify potential areas or sites that we may need to avoid.
- Help predict potential Project effects.
- Find ways to avoid or minimize potential Project impacts.
- Identify and develop monitoring program.

An Integrated Approach

The information generated will be used in tandem with scientific approaches, and both knowledge systems will be used in forming the foundation for baseline conditions, predicting potential Project effects, and determining appropriate mitigation and monitoring methods.

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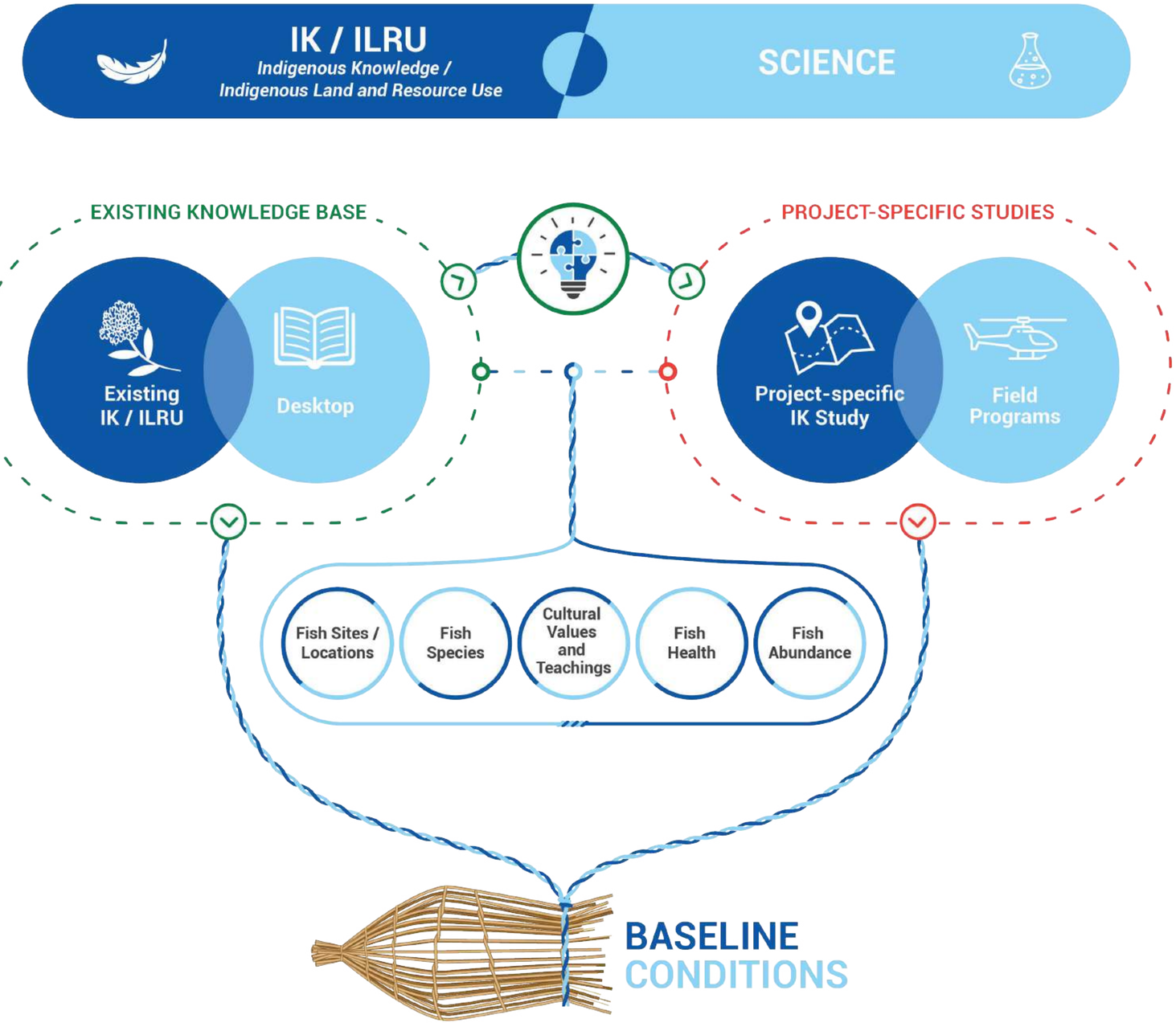
Does your community have Indigenous Knowledge / Indigenous Land and Resource Use that you would like to share?

Reach out to book a meeting:

Andrea Nokleby
anokleby@dillon.ca



Understanding Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests

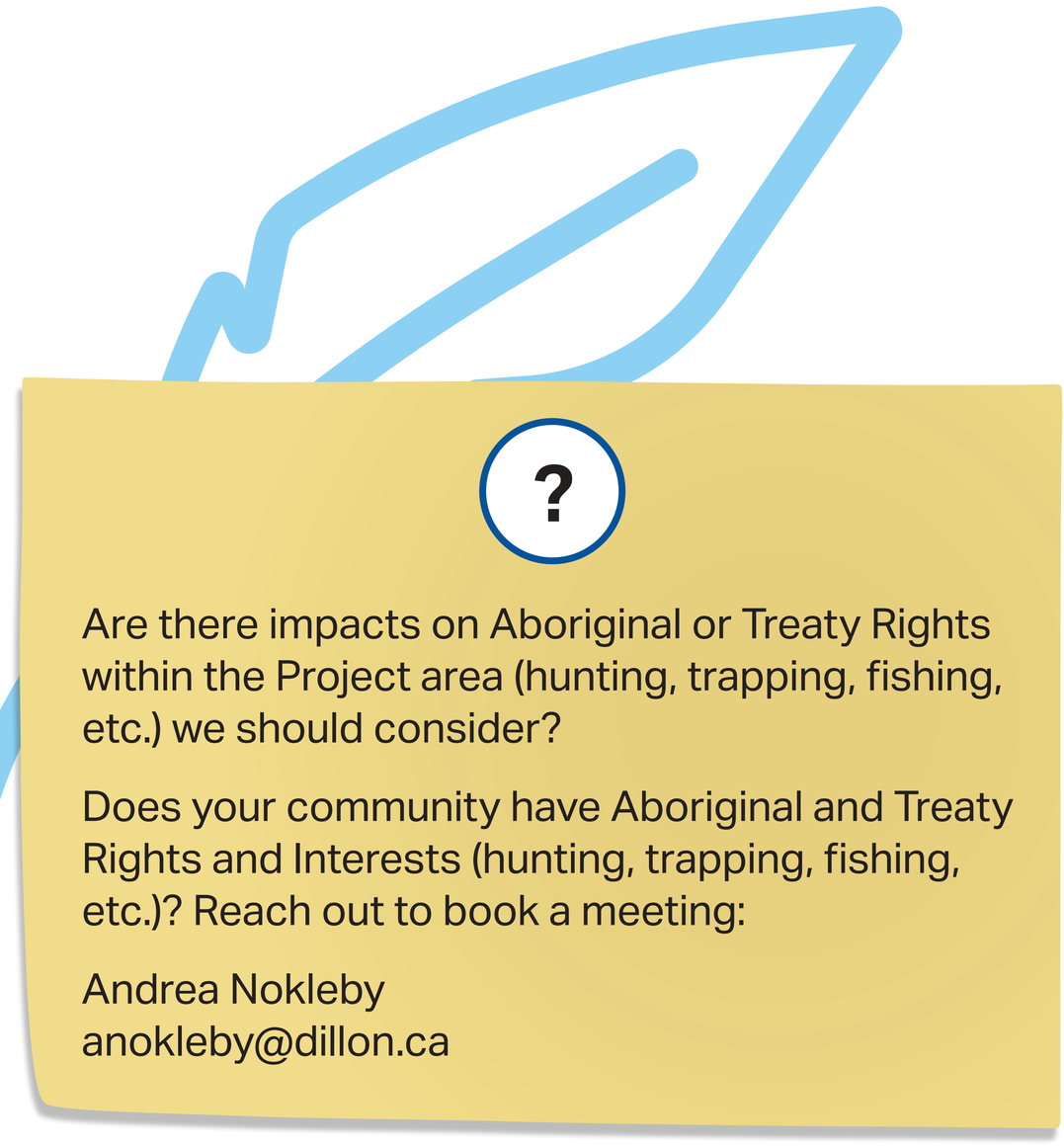
We are striving to work with identified Indigenous Communities to better understand Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests as they relate to the Project area.

Aboriginal Rights are collective rights which flow from Indigenous Peoples' continued use and occupation of certain areas. They are inherent rights which Indigenous peoples have practiced and enjoyed since before European contact.

Treaty Rights are rights set out in a treaty agreement between a First Nation and the Crown. These Rights are recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

The Constitution does not define Indigenous Rights under Section 35, but they can include:

- Aboriginal title - ownership rights to land
- Rights to occupy and use lands and resources, such as for hunting and fishing
- Cultural and social rights



Are there impacts on Aboriginal or Treaty Rights within the Project area (hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.) we should consider?

Does your community have Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.)? Reach out to book a meeting:

Andrea Nokleby
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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION

ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Summary of Consultation and Engagement Completed To-Date

Communications

6500+
COMMUNICATIONS LOGGED

1 PROJECT FACEBOOK PAGE; POSTING ON MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION PRIVATE PAGE

1 PLAIN LANGUAGE GUIDE (OJI-CREE AND ENGLISH)

370+
MAILING LIST CONTACTS

14
FIELD NOTICES

10
E-BLASTS

General Engagement

356
VIDEO VIEWS

2 PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES

8 DISCUSSION GUIDES
INCLUDING SURVEYS, COVERING 17+ FIELD PROGRAMS

7 VIDEOS ON VALUED COMPONENTS; 11 COMING SOON

3+
CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Indigenous-Specific Engagement

95+ LETTERS EXCHANGED
WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES, TRIBAL COUNCILS AND PROVINCIAL TERRITORIAL ORGANIZATIONS

3
LETTERS SENT TO TRAPLINE HOLDERS

MORE THAN 18 IN-PERSON MEETINGS
WITH MORE THAN TEN COMMUNITIES INCLUDING MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION

20+ VIRTUAL MEETINGS
WITH MORE THAN NINE COMMUNITIES

1 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM
DELIVERED TO MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION

13 INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY COORDINATOR PROGRAM

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How would you like to be informed and consulted with during the EA / IA process?

What topics are of most interest to you?

Are you on our mailing list? Would you like to be?

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION

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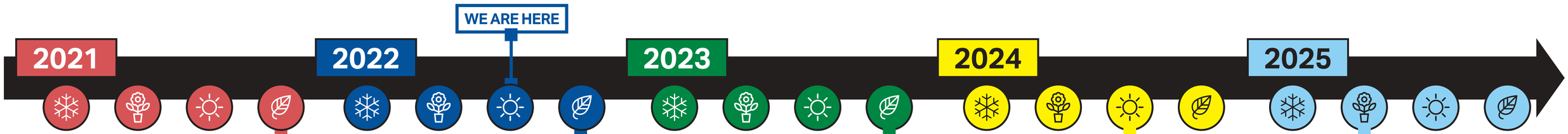
Consultation and Engagement for the EA / IA Process

The following highlights key topics we are requesting input for the EA / IA process:



2021 — Introduction of Assessment Phase of EA / IA

- Level of interest in the Community Access Road
- How people would like to be kept informed
- Interest in creating community-specific Engagement Plans

2022 — Effects Assessment Methods

- Consultation and engagement approach
- Planned baseline field studies
- Existing conditions and results of baseline field studies completed
- EA / IA processes
- Local and regional study areas, Project phases, criteria and indicators, Project-environment interactions and net effects characteristics

2023 — Identification of Preferred Alternatives

- Identified potential effects, including impacts of Project on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights
- Proposed impact management measures
- Predicted net effects
- Results of the comparative analysis of advantages and disadvantages
- Preferred alternative selected
- Preliminary road design, to the extent available
- Cumulative effects assessment methods

2024 — Review of Draft EA / IS

- Draft EA / IS
- Proposed impact management measures and follow-up program measures, including monitoring measures and adaptive management plan(s)
- Cumulative effects assessment results
- EA / IS conclusions

2025 — Review of Final EA / IS

- Final EA / IS

Legend

= winter = spring = summer = fall = Project Milestone Initiated

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What do you think about our consultation and engagement plan and approach?

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION

ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

What have we heard?

High level feedback themes we've heard:

Consultation and Engagement

- Request for ongoing consultation and engagement
- Consultation fatigue with other projects going on in the area and requests from different government agencies and proponents

General / Alternative Routes

- Questions and concerns about who would be permitted to use the road and potential to develop along the new road.
- The source of the aggregate required to build and maintain the road

Socio-Economic

- Hope to maximize economic development opportunities for local employment and social opportunities
- Assess the increased hunting and fishing pressure as a result of the road
- Concerns expressed by some remote tourism outfitters that road will increase access and impact their operations

Environmental Effects

- Cumulative or long-term effects
- Effects to wildlife
- Effects to caribou migration
- Effects to peatlands
- Effects on streams, rivers and lakes
- Effects on fisheries
- Effects on moose

Field Studies

- Consideration of water courses and wildlife
- Would like to have findings of field studies shared
- Involvement / review of water related information
- Interest in caribou field study results when they become available

Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land and Resource Use

- How can Indigenous Knowledge and western science be combined?
- Need to engage community Knowledge Keepers

Challenges Communities are Facing During COVID-19

- Emergencies and community crises, due to the pandemic or other ongoing issues
- Inability to bring communities together for in-person events and meetings
- Not enough staff / capacity to help proponents

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Tell us what you think about the Community Access Road.

Six Month Look-Ahead

- Continue with Natural Field Studies
- Continue with Socio-Economic Studies
- Distributing Engagement Questionnaire to Indigenous communities
- Promotion of Community Coordinator Program to specific Indigenous communities
- Planning meetings with Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons (virtual and / or in-person)
- Engaging communities to participate in the Indigenous Knowledge Program
- Seeking feedback on valued component Discussion Guides
- Issue community-specific Progress Milestone Report to Indigenous communities
- Move into Effects Assessment Methodology
- Public Information Centre late fall / early winter

Thank you for joining us! Meegwetch!

Stay Involved

- Your feedback is important. Fill out the survey by July 13, 2022. A paper copy is available at the welcome table or you can fill it out on our website **https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/**
- Join us at the next Public Information Centre in Fall 2022
- Schedule a meeting with us; reach out any time and we can discuss your feedback and answer any questions
- Join our mailing list. Leave your email or address at the welcome table
- Email us at **info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca**
- Call us at **1-800-764-9114**
- Visit our website **www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca**
- Follow us on Facebook: **https://www.facebook.com/MFFNCommunityAccessRoadProject/**

Thank you for coming!

Share your feedback!

What do you think about the alternative routes?

Tell us what you think is most important to understand when planning the Community Access Road?

Does your community have Indigenous Knowledge / Indigenous Land and Resource Use and / or Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.)? If so, sign-up to book a meeting with us.

How would you like to be consulted with during the EA / IA Process?

What do you think about the new areas identified to source aggregate and related infrastructure?

Tell us what you think about our Field Studies in the Discussion Guides.

What do you think about our consultation and engagement plan and approach?

Are there other alternative route evaluation criteria for the EA / IA process you suggest we consider?

Do you have information to share about social and health, land and resource use and / or economics in the study area?

Are there impacts on Aboriginal or Treaty Rights within the Project area (hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.) we should consider?

What topics are of most interest to you?

POVERTY DECREASES

COST OF LIVING

SPORTS

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

PARTNERSHIPS

JOBS AND TRAINING

CONTRACTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ECOTOURISM

GUIDANCE

TOURISM AND CULTURE

AFFORDABLE LIVING

CHEAPER GOODS

HEALTHY FOODS AND SECURITY

MORE HOUSES

COST OF BUILDING

STUDENTS COME HOME

FAMILY TIES AND VISITS

RELATIVES VISIT

ENVIRONMENTAL WATCH

ACCESS TO LANDS AND RESOURCES

CAPACITY

TRAINING IN COMMUNITY

HUNTING AND FISHING

RECREATION

SKILLS AND TRADES

INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMUNITY GROWTH

DOCTORS

DENTAL CARE

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND RECREATION SERVICES

LONG-TERM CARE

SPECIALISTS

BENEFITS OF A COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Do you have any concerns or feedback you would like to share?

Gmail

Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Engagement Questionnaire

1 message

Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]> Thu, Jul 28, 2022 at 10:07 AM
To: Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted], [redacted]
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Hello Vern,

I hope this email finds you well.

Thank you for taking my call yesterday, my apologies for calling during your meeting. I reached out yesterday to understand the topics of most interest to the Mushkegowuk Council (e.g., wildlife, fish, water) for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project. We also wanted input on the best ways to keep the Council informed and gather your insights, feedback and perspectives throughout the Environmental Assessment and Impact Statement planning processes for the Community Access Road. The Marten Falls Community Access Road Project Team has prepared a short questionnaire to learn more about these areas of interest and the best ways to keep the Mushkegowuk Council informed.

Note: the questions I was hoping to ask you are included in the questionnaire.

Here is the Link to the questionnaire. We ask that you please fill it out by **August 12, 2022.**

Once again, thank you for taking my call yesterday.

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Jessica Wakefield, MES
SOAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
[redacted]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Engagement Questionnaire and Field Program Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Sep 21, 2022 at 10:11 AM
To: [redacted]ca
Cc: [redacted]
Bcc: [redacted]

Good morning Vern,

My name is Jodi and I'm contacting you on behalf of the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project Team. I called you earlier 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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MFFN CAR Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 4:26 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Grand Chief Alsion Linklater [redacted] Deputy Grand Chief Rebecca Friday [redacted] Jennifer Bruin [redacted] Qasim Saddique [redacted]
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Good Afternoon Vern,

I am following up on the voicemail I left for you today to share some updates about the MFFN Community Access Road project.

At this time, I would like to highlight some important information and updates:

Public Information Centre # 4

Public Information Centre (PIC) #4 will be held in Geraldton and Thunder Bay in early December. Dates and more formal notice will be shared soon. Please join us for 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.

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 on 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. Stay tuned for more details.

Sincerely,
Jodi Miles
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MFFN CAR - Public Information Centre #4 and Webinar Series

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Mon, Nov 28, 2022 at 4:27 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Deputy Grand Chief Rebecca Friday [redacted] Grand Chief Alison Linklater [redacted]
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Good afternoon Vern,

I hope all is well. I gave you a call today but was unable to reach you, so I am sending this follow up email.

We have a few updates about the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project (MFFN CAR):

Public Information Centre #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 link below, in English, Ojibway, Oji-Cree, Cree and French versions. Please feel welcome to share this notice with others you think may be interested.

https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/#pic4

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.

Thursday, December 8, 2022
Geraldton Community Centre
200 Wardrope Avenue
Geraldton, Ontario
4:00* – 7:00 p.m.

Valued Components Webinars/Videos
The MFFN CAR Project has started a web series on what we are studying ("valued components"). The next webinar is on Tuesday November 29 at 4 p.m. on Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat. Please visit the link below to pre-register and find the access link to the webinar. If you missed the first webinar on Animals and Wildlife (including moose, caribou and
animals with fur) the recording is available here: https://vimeo.com/showcase/mffn-webinars.http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/

Should you have any questions or concerns, or would like to discuss anything related to the MFFN CAR Project, please reach out to the contact information below.

Sincerely,
Jodi Miles
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MFFN CAR - Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement and Milestone #1 Report Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Dec 15, 2022 at 4:30 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Grand Chief Alison Linklater [redacted] Deputy Grand Chief Rebecca Friday [redacted]
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Good afternoon Vern,

We wanted to follow up to confirm that you have received the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement and the Milestone #1 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR). We kindly ask if you could let us know you received this email and can view / download the documents successfully.

As noted in the email sent on December 6, 2022, the following link includes the documents for Mushkegowuk Council, to view or download: [redacted]

We welcome any edits or comments to your community specific sections by January 31, 2023, before the reports are finalized and shared publicly with the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the reports or any other matters related to the MFFN CAR Project.

Sincerely,

Jodi Miles
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Record of Consultation and Engagement Feedback Reminder

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Jan 25, 2023 at 9:22 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Grand Chief Alison Linklater [redacted] Deputy Grand Chief Rebecca Friday [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good Morning Vern,

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team, we wanted to send out a quick reminder about the Record of Consultation and Engagement Feedback deadline for consideration.

Please note the deadline to review the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement and Milestone #1 Reports is fast approaching on January 31st , 2023. Please let us know if you would like to provide feedback on your community specific section of these reports.

Warm regards,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Dillon Consulting Limited
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Interim repot

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Jan 25, 2023 at 11:18 AM
To: Haley Rice [redacted]
Cc: Troy Woodhouse [redacted]

Hi Haley,

Absolutely! Here is the link for the Mushkegowuk sections: [redacted]

Let me know if you have any questions!

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
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Interim repot

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Feb 3, 2023 at 1:57 PM
To: Haley Rice <[redacted]
Cc: Troy Woodhouse [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted] Kyla Zielbauer [redacted]

Hi Haley,

I'm following up on the two Consultation and Engagement Reports linked below for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. Will Marten Falls be providing comments on your section of the reports? The deadline was January 31, 2023 but please let me know if you plan on commenting and require additional time. If I don't hear from you, we'll go ahead and finalize the sections for the public versions. I'll reach out again the week of February 13th."

Let me know if you have any questions.

[redacted]

Thanks,
Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the Marten Falls Community Access Road Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Interim repot

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Feb 3, 2023 at 2:03 PM
To: Haley Rice [redacted]

Hi Haley,

Thank you for your prompt response! We will go ahead and finalize these sections.

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Archaeology Reports Follow-Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 4:49 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Grand Chief Alison Linklater [redacted] Deputy Grand Chief Rebecca Friday [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good afternoon Vern,

I hope this email finds you well and that you are enjoying the first few days of spring! I am emailing you to follow up on the voicemail I left you about the two Archaeology Reports, which were distributed to Mushkegowuk Council on February 3, 2023. These reports include:

- The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report, which documents the archaeological and land use history, to determine whether there is potential for archaeological sites in the proposed area of impact. The report also looks at the potential effects of the Community Access Road on cultural heritage.
- The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment report, which takes a closer look at areas identified as retaining archaeological potential in the Stage 1 report.

Both reports are available for download here: [redacted]

We were wondering if Mushkegowuk Council is planning to provide comments or feedback about these reports? If so, a 60-day review period was provided, which makes the deadline for comment March 31, 2023. However, if you need more time to review the documents, just let us know how much longer you need!

Thank you,

Jodi Miles, on behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MFFN CAR: Upcoming Indigenous Knowledge Milestone

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, May 31, 2023 at 10:12 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Deputy Grand Chief Rebecca Friday [redacted], Grand Chief Alison Linklater [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good morning Vern,

I hope all is well with you. I wanted to send an email to follow up on the voicemail I left for you yesterday regarding the upcoming milestone for our IK Program.

We are aiming to create an existing conditions report that meaningfully includes Indigenous Knowledge, and can be considered in the selection of the preferred route for the Community Access Road this fall. In order to ensure the inclusion of this information, communities are encouraged to share Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use with the MFFN CAR Project Team by **June 30, 2023**. Please let me know if we can expect to hear from Mushkegowuk Council before this milestone, or if you have any questions or concerns.

If there is anything else you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Thanks,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR: Upcoming Indigenous Knowledge Milestone

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, May 31, 2023 at 10:36 AM
To: Vern Cheechoo [redacted]

Hi Vern,

Thanks for letting us know! We look forward to your comments.

Jodi
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B30.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Engagement Questionnaire and Field Program Follow Up

Vern Cheechoo [redacted] Wed, Sep 21, 2022 at 10:46 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Rebecca Friday [redacted], Grand Chief Alison Linklater
[redacted]

Thanks Jodi

I have not had a chance to look through questionnaire. It's been a busy time and will try and get it done this week.

Sent from my iPhone

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Vern Cheechoo [redacted] Tue, Nov 15, 2022 at 4:55 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Grand Chief Alison Linklater [redacted] Rebecca Friday [redacted], Jennifer Bruin [redacted] Qasim Saddique [redacted]

Thank you Jodi.

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Interim repot

Haley Rice [redacted] Wed, Jan 25, 2023 at 11:14 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Troy Woodhouse [redacted]

Good morning, Jodi.

My name is Haley and I work as the senior environmental coordinator for Mushkegowuk. I recently was sent a copy of your email I believe went out this morning and was wondering if you would be able to provide me with the Interim record of consultation, engagement, and milestone #1 report, that way we can look it over and provide feedback if needed.

Thanks 😊

Haley Rice

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands & Resources Department

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Interim repot

Haley Rice [redacted] Wed, Jan 25, 2023 at 11:44 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Troy Woodhouse [redacted]

Perfect, thank you!

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Interim repot

Haley Rice [redacted] Fri, Feb 3, 2023 at 2:01 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Troy Woodhouse [redacted]

Hi Jodi!
We do not currently have any comments to add for these reports, so you're able to go ahead and get them ready for the public versions.

Thanks 😊

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR: Upcoming Indigenous Knowledge Milestone

Vern Cheechoo [redacted] Wed, May 31, 2023 at 10:26 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Thank you Jodi

I will have my team to work on comments and have them submit the comments. Thank you for reminding me.

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Progress Report 3: Identification of the Preferred Alternatives Milestone

November 2024

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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

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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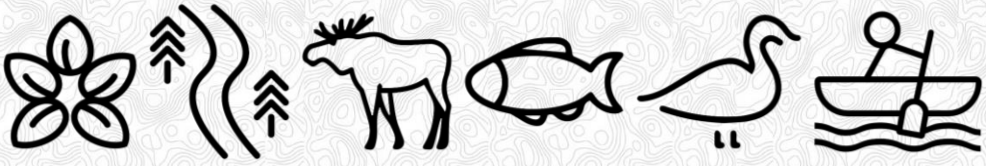

29. Mushkegowuk Council

29.1 Community Profile

Location: Moose Factory Office: 12 Centre Road, P.O. Box 370, Moose Factory, ON P0L 1W0
Timmins Office: 101 Cedar Street South, Timmins, ON P4N 2G7

Indigenous Communities: Missanabie Cree First Nation; Chapleau Cree First Nation; Taykwa Tagamou First Nation; Moose Cree First Nation; Fort Albany First Nation; Kashechewan First Nation; and Attawapiskat First Nation

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Project Team Lead: Jodi Miles

Figure 29-1: Mushkegowuk Council Distribution of Communication

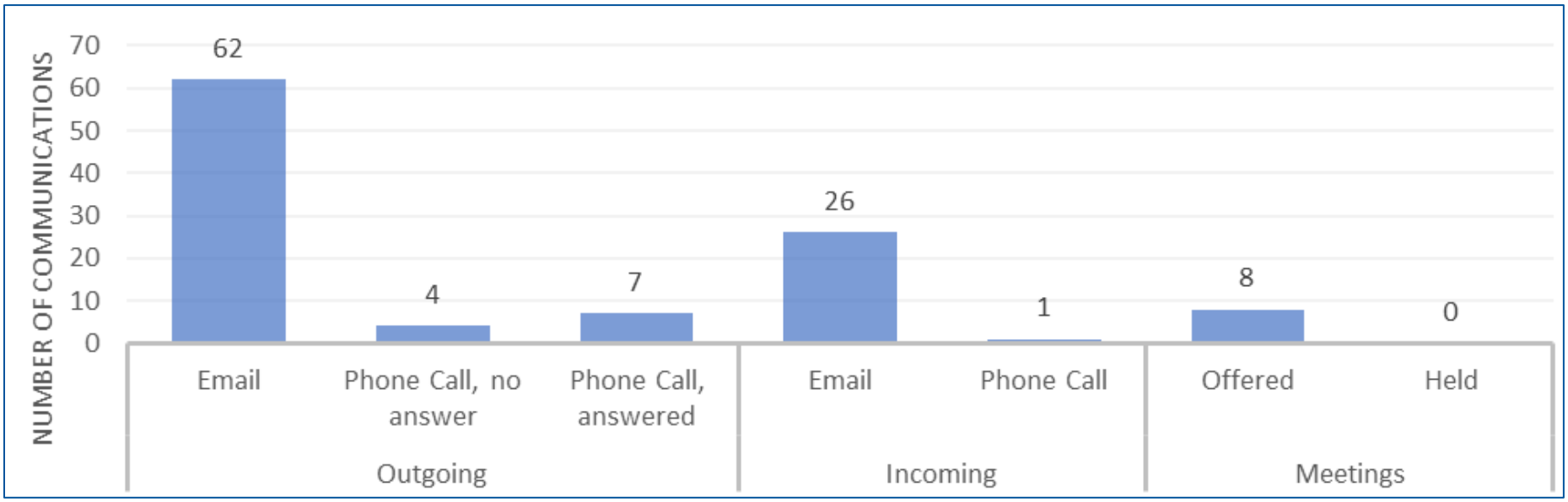

Table 29-1: Summary of Participation During Milestone 3 Reporting Period

Summary of Participation During Reporting Period	
Date of Last Outgoing Communication from MFFN CAR Project Team (Email or Phone):	July 31, 2024 (email)
Date of Last Incoming Communication from Community (Email or Phone):	July 16, 2024 (email)
Participating in IK Program:	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: Not offered
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: Not offered
	IK information provided: Yes
Participating in Community Coordinator Program:	Not offered

Table 29-2: Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During EA / IA

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
June 07, 2023	May 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
June 22, 2023	Sent follow up email on the IK Program milestone and timeline.
June 27, 2023	Reminder about upcoming IK milestone sent via email.
June 28, 2023	June 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
June 29, 2023	TEK map provided via email to inform the preliminary draft existing conditions reports and the evaluation of alternative routes.
July 11 to August 16, 2023	Emails regarding TEK map shapefiles.
July 13, 2023	Summer 2023 Field Notice distributed via email.
August 02, 2023	July 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
September 01, 2023	August 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
September 15, 2023	Fall 2023 Field Notice distributed via email.
September 28, 2023	September 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
October 05, 2023	Email and phone outreach about Project updates including PIC #5, ATRI Forum #2 and the Climate Change Workshop.
October 10, 2023	PIC #5 invitation distributed via email.
November 02, 2023	October 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
November 09 - 10, 2023	Project update distributed via phone and email.
November 09, 2023	Reminder for Route Selection Milestone Webinar distributed via email.
November 10, 2023	IK update distributed via email
November 16, 2023	Reminder for Route Selection Milestone Webinar distributed via email.
November 27 and 29, 2023	Milestone #2 Progress Report distributed via email.
Dec 07, 2023	Socio-economic Assessment Interest letter sent via email
Dec 08 and Dec 12, 2023	Phone and email outreach about Project updates, including, the Milestone #2 report and webinar series.

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Dec 12, 2023	2023 Year In Review E-Blast.
January 11, 2024	Reminder sent via email regarding Milestone #2 Progress 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 23, 2024	Mushkegowuk Council confirmed they would provide a response to the Milestone #2 Report via phone call.
January 23, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates, including, the Milestone #2 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 22, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the webinar series and the Milestone #2 Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the deadline to provide feedback on the Milestone #2 Report had passed, requested confirmation of whether feedback would be provided. Confirmation was received that feedback would be provided.
February 29, 2024	Inquiry about MFFN CAR Project Team's PDAC attendance received via email
February 29, 2024	Request for field study data received via email.
March 01, 2024	February 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
March 04, 2024	Follow up email about PDAC conference and fieldwork data request
March 20, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the Milestone #2 Progress Report, the Route Selection Video, and new social media platforms.
April 03, 2024	March 2024 e-blast distributed via email.
April 04, 2024	Milestone #2 Report feedback received via email
April 17, 2024	Spring 2024 Field Notice and Caribou Collaring Update distributed via email.
April 25, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the response to Milestone #2 feedback, field study data, and consultation methods. A meeting was offered to discuss the project.
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 11, 2024	In person attendance at the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo
June 25, 2024	Response to Milestone #2 comments provided via email and letter
June 27, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the Archaeology Assessment Report.
July 02 to 04, 2024	Emails about Archaeology Assessment Report and the Three Road Forum
July 09, 2024	June 2024 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 Archaeology Assessment Report.

Table 29-3: Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Mushkegowuk Council

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue / Comment Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Socio-Community, Land and Resource Use, Country/Traditional Foods, Wildlife, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity)	Increased Pressure on Hunting and Fishing Resources ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler sent an email in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which included Mushkegowuk Council's concern that the MFFN CAR would lead to increased pressure on hunting and fishing resources.	■ Email ■ Phone ■ Letter	Status: Ongoing ■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback via email, and noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, but that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Team provided a response letter which noted that Mushkegowuk Council's concerns about increased pressure on hunting and fishing resources would be tracked moving forward, and reflected in the EA / IS. Action: ■ Ongoing follow up with Mushkegowuk Council as existing conditions data from field study programs become available	■ Impacts to hunting and fishing resources will be addressed in the EA / IS.

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue / Comment Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
Climate Change, Atmospheric Environment (Air Quality)	Increased Carbon Emissions ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler sent an email in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which noted Mushkegowuk Council's concern that the MFFN CAR will lead to increased carbon emissions, due to increased traffic.	■ Email ■ Phone ■ Letter	Status: Ongoing ■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback via email, and noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, but that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Team provided a response letter which noted that Mushkegowuk Council's concerns about increased carbon emissions would be tracked moving forward, and reflected in the EA / IS. Action: ■ Ongoing follow up with Mushkegowuk Council as existing conditions data from field study programs become available	■ Concerns about environmental impacts to be addressed and considered in the EA / IS.

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue / Comment Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
Construction, Accidents and Malfunctions, Wildlife, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Species at Risk, Engineering and Design, Cumulative Effects, Human Health	Impacts to Human and Animal Health ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler sent an email in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which provided several of Mushkegowuk Council's concerns on the MFFN CAR Project's potential impacts on human and animal health. These concerns included animal and human death caused by collisions, as well as cumulative health impacts caused by the destruction and degradation of habitats. James suggested several mitigation efforts to reduce negative impacts to human and animal health, including crossing points, under/overpasses, culverts, and bridge infrastructure.	■ Email ■ Phone ■ Letter	Status: Ongoing ■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback via email, and noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, but that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Team provided a response letter which noted that Mushkegowuk Council's concerns about impacts to human and animal health would be tracked moving forward, and reflected in the EA / IS. Action: ■ Ongoing follow up with Mushkegowuk Council as existing conditions data from field study programs become available	■ The MFFN CAR's impacts on human and animal health, as well as mitigation efforts, will be addressed in the EA / IS.

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue / Comment Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
Consultation Methods, Federal IA Process, Provincial EA Process	Consultation Methods ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler sent an email in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which provided several of Mushkegowuk Council's concerns with the consultation approach for the MFFN CAR Project. James noted that engagement for the Project is low, and called for more radio and physical advertisements regarding Project engagement opportunities. It was also noted that webinar attendees are unaware about the presence and location of other webinar attendees, and requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team share information about webinar attendees with Mushkegowuk Council. James also inquired about how frequently engagement efforts are provided in languages other than English. ■ On July 3, 2024, James Tegler requested the attendee list for the Three Road Forum held in June 2024 and noted his concern with engagement numbers via email.	■ Email ■ Phone ■ Letter	Status: Ongoing ■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback via email, and noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, but that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Team responded to James' concerns about consultation methods in a letter which provided a high-level overview of consultation efforts, including information about advertising and translation services, to date. ■ On July 3, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted in an email that the attendee list for the Three Road Forum held in June 2024 could not be shared due to confidentiality reasons but that the Record of Consultation would provide information about total attendee numbers and which communities were represented at the forum. Action: ■ MFFN CAR Project Team to continue with efforts to engage with Mushkegowuk Council using a variety of methods.	■ The EA / IS will include documentation of the efforts to engage the community and how input was received and integrated in the EA / IA process and outcomes.

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Cumulative Effects, Groundwater (Quality and Quantity), Surface Water (Quality and Quantity)	Concerned with Future Downstream Impacts ■ Mushkegowuk Council noted, during the introductory call on September 17, 2021 the councils concern with downstream impacts to the Mushkegowuk Council communities. ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler sent an email in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which provided Mushkegowuk Council's concerns on the MFFN CAR Project's potential impacts to the health of aquatic species. The cumulative health impacts caused by the destruction and degradation of habitats as also mentioned. James suggested several mitigation efforts to animal health and ensure the flow of water, such as culverts and bridge infrastructure.	■ Phone ■ In-person (virtual) ■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ On May 18, 2022, the MFFN CAR Project Team presented to the Mushkegowuk Council technical working group regarding project updates, caribou, peatland, and water assessments. It was noted that during the September 17, 2021 phone call that potential impacts to the Albany River will be assessed as part of the EA. ■ On March 4 and April 2, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Team suggested that data from cumulative effects, surface water and groundwater field studies be included in Mushkegowuk Council's data request. ■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback via email, and noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, but that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Team provided a response letter which noted that Mushkegowuk Council's concerns about impacts to the health of aquatic species and the destruction and degradation of	■ Concerns about environmental impacts to be addressed and considered in the EA / IS.

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			habitats would be tracked moving forward, and reflected in the EA / IS. Action: ■ Ongoing follow up with Mushkegowuk Council as existing conditions data from field study programs become available	
Cumulative Effects, Socio-Community	Increased Mining Activities ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler sent an email in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which included Mushkegowuk Council's concern the MFFN CAR would lead to increased mining activities in the region, leading to compounded environmental and social impacts.	■ Email ■ Phone	Status: Ongoing ■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback via email, and noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, but that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Team provided a response letter which noted that Mushkegowuk Council's concerns about impacts related to increased mining activities would be tracked moving forward, and reflected in the EA / IS. Action: ■ Ongoing follow up with Mushkegowuk Council as existing conditions data from field study programs become available	■ Concerns about environmental and social impacts to be addressed and considered in the EA / IS.

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Human Health, Socio-Community	Increased Human Trafficking and Access to Drugs ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler sent an email in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which included Mushkegowuk Council's concern that the MFFN CAR would lead to an increase in human trafficking and access to drugs.	■ Email ■ Phone ■ Letter	Status: Ongoing ■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback via email, and noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, but that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Team provided a response letter which noted that Mushkegowuk Council's concerns about increased human trafficking and access to drugs would be tracked moving forward, and reflected in the EA / IS. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team to explore issue in draft EA / IS and send to Kashechewan First Nation for review.	■ Increased human trafficking and access to drugs will be addressed in the EA / IS.

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Vegetation, Wildlife, Wetlands, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Species at Risk, Groundwater (Quality and Quantity), Atmospheric Environment (Air Quality), Acoustic Environment (Noise and Vibrations), Country/Traditional Foods, Socio-Community, Human Health, Cumulative Effects	Destruction and Degradation of Habitats ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler sent an email in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which included Mushkegowuk Council's concern that the MFFN CAR will lead to the destruction and degradation of habitats, which would have cumulative impacts on human health.	■ Email ■ Phone ■ Letter	Status: Ongoing ■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback via email, and noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, but that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Team provided a response letter which noted that Mushkegowuk Council's concerns about the destruction and degradation of habitats would be tracked moving forward, and reflected in the EA / IS. Action: ■ Ongoing follow up with Mushkegowuk Council as existing conditions data from field study programs become available	■ The MFFN CAR's impacts on the environment and human health will be addressed in the EA / IS.

Table 29-4: Consultation and Engagement Log – Mushkegowuk Council

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
June 07, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the May E-Blast to Mushkegowuk 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 22, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a follow up email to Mushkegowuk 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 Mushkegowuk Council may have.

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June 27, 2023	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Vern Cheechoo to follow up about the upcoming IK Milestone on June 30, 2023. The email inquired whether Mushkegowuk Council will still be providing IK information before this milestone date.
June 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the June E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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.

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June 28, 2023	Email	x		■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Haley Rice to inquire about what type of information Mushkegowuk Council should provide for the upcoming IK milestone.
June 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Haley Rice to provide the IK Guidance Document to provide direction regarding the type of information required to meet the IK milestone. The IK Guidance Document was attached.
June 29, 2023	Email	x		■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Environmental Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Haley Rice which provided a TEK Map to help inform the preliminary draft existing conditions reports and the evaluation of alternative routes for the MFFN CAR Project. The TEK Map was attached.
July 05, 2023	Email		x	■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Environmental Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Haley Rice to thank Mushkegowuk Council for providing the TEK Map.
July 11, 2023	Email		x	■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Haley Rice to request the shapefiles for the TEK Map that Mushkegowuk Council provided.
July 11, 2023	Email	x		■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Haley Rice to note that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant's request for the TEK map shapefiles was forwarded to Mushkegowuk Council's GIS department.
July 12, 2023	Email		x	■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Haley Rice to thank her for forwarding the request for the TEK map shapefiles to Mushkegowuk Council's GIS department.

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July 13, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Summer 2023 Field Notice to Mushkegowuk 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 14, 2023	Email	x		■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Haley Rice which noted that Mushkegowuk Council must have permission from Attawapiskat First Nation in order to share the TEK Map shapefiles. It was noted that Mushkegowuk Council has contacted Attawapiskat First Nation to gain permission, but has not received a response.
July 14, 2023	Email		x	■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Haley Rice thanking her for contacting Attawapiskat First Nation to gain permission to share the TEK Map shapefiles.
August 02, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the July E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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	■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Haley Rice to follow up about whether Mushkegowuk Council had heard back from Attawapiskat First Nation regarding their permission to share the TEK Map shapefiles.
August 16, 2023	Email	x		■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Haley Rice, which stated that Mushkegowuk Council had not heard back from Attawapiskat First Nation regarding their permission to share the TEK Map shapefiles. It was noted that Haley had reached out to Mushkegowuk First Nation's GIS Specialist in the effort to get a response from Attawapiskat First Nation.
August 16, 2023	Email		x	■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to thank Haley Rice for the update regarding Attawapiskat First Nation's permission to share the TEK Map shapefiles.
September 01, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the August E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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

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						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.
September 15, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Fall 2023 Field Notice to Mushkegowuk Council. 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.
September 20, 2023	Email		x	■ Haley Rice (Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Haley Rice to inquire if there had been any progress attaining permission to share the TEK Map shapefiles.
September 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the September E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo to discuss updated contacts and upcoming events. Vern was unavailable, so a message was left with his assistant. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested confirmation of the contact information for the new Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief for Mushkegowuk Council. The consultant also provided information on upcoming events, including 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.
October 05, 2023	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Vern Cheechoo, which followed up on voicemail that was left earlier that day regarding updated contacts and upcoming events. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested confirmation of the contact information for the new Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief for Mushkegowuk Council. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided information on upcoming events, including 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 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Alison Linklater (Grand Chief) ■ Rebecca Friday (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed an invitation for PIC #5 to Mushkegowuk Council. 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.
November 02, 2023	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the October E-Blast to Mushkegowuk 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, existing conditions reports, field program notices, valued component videos, past webinars, and Chief Bruce Achneepineskum's full article.

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November 09, 2023	Phone		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo to provide an update on the Project and upcoming activities, including the upcoming Route Selection Webinar and the upcoming Climate Change Workshop. The receptionist noted that Vern was out of office, and requested that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant to send him an email.
November 09, 2023	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Route Selection Milestone Webinar to Mushkegowuk 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.
November 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Vern Cheechoo and Mushkegowuk key contacts 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 the upcoming Climate Change Workshop. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also congratulated the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chiefs on their new positions, and shared the link to the MFFN CAR Project website for additional information about the project.

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November 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ 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.
November 16, 2023	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Route Selection Milestone Webinar to Mushkegowuk 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.
November 27, 2023	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the Milestone #2 Progress Report to Mushkegowuk Council for review. The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers July 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. Mushkegowuk Council was asked to make any edits or comments to their community-specific section by February 15, 2024. The report 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

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						was requested that the email was received and the documents could be viewed / downloaded successfully.
November 29, 2023	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the Milestone #2 Progress Report to Mushkegowuk Council for review. The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers July 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. Mushkegowuk Council was asked to make any edits or comments to their community-specific section by February 15, 2024. The report 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, 2023	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent Mushkegowuk Council a letter via email regarding potential socio-economic 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.

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December 08, 2023	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief)Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Mushkegowuk Council providing an update regarding the CAR, including the Route Selection Webinar, Milestone #2 Progress Report, and the upcoming webinar series. The email also noted that the Project Consultant would be calling Vern the following week, once he is back in the office.
December 12, 2023	Phone		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo to provide an update regarding the CAR, including the Route Selection Webinar, Milestone #2 Progress Report, and the upcoming webinar series. Vern noted that he did not have time to speak, as he was currently in a meeting. The Project Consultant shared that all of the information had been sent in an email on December 8, 2023.
December 12, 2023	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Year in Review E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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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January 11, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Mushkegowuk Council in order to follow up on Milestone #2 Progress Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested feedback for the Milestone #2 Progress Report by February 15, 2024.
January 16, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ 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 Mushkegowuk 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.
January 18, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Winter 2024 Field Notice to Mushkegowuk Council. 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 website was included as well as links to the webinar recordings and videos for more information.
January 23, 2024	Phone		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo, to provide an update regarding the CAR, including updates on the upcoming webinars for the Project and the Milestone #2 Progress Report. There was no answer so a voicemail was left.

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January 23, 2024	Phone	x		■ Troy Woodhouse (Environmental Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received a voicemail from Troy Woodhouse which followed up about the voicemail left for Mushkegowuk Council, regarding the Milestone #2 Progress report and upcoming webinars. Troy Woodhouse requested that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant return his call in order to discuss any concerns related to Mushkegowuk Council.
January 23, 2024	Phone		x	■ Troy Woodhouse (Environmental Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Troy Woodhouse to return the voicemail which was left regarding MFFN CAR Project updates. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared information with Troy about the Milestone #2 Progress Report, including the purpose of the report, Mushkegowuk Council's opportunity to provide comments, and the February 15, 2024 due date for comments from communities and tribal councils. Troy requested that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant forward him the link to the report, and noted that Mushkegowuk Council will provide a response.
January 23, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Environmental Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Troy Woodhouse to follow up about their phone call and to forward the original email which provided Milestone #2 Progress report link. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reminded Troy that comments and revisions for the Milestone #2 Progress report are due February 15, 2024, and inquired if Mushkegowuk Council would be able to provide a response by this date. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also made a correction to a comment made during their phone call, when the Webequie Supply Road was referenced instead of the MFFN CAR.

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January 23, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Mushkegowuk Council providing an update regarding the CAR, including updates on the upcoming Webinars for the Project and the Milestone #2 Progress report. The email also noted that Troy Woodhouse had shared that Mushkegowuk Council intended to provide a response to the Milestone #2 Progress report during their phone call earlier that day.
January 31, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the January E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. 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 08, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Mushkegowuk Council 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.
February 13, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Mushkegowuk Council 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.

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February 22, 2024	Phone		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo to follow up to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Project webinar series and the Milestone #2 Progress Report. The receptionist said that Vern was unavailable, but provided Troy Woodhouse's work cellphone number.
February 22, 2024	Phone		x	■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Troy Woodhouse to follow up about the Milestone #2 Progress Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the deadline had passed to provide comments on the Milestone #2 Report, and requested confirmation of whether feedback would be provided. Troy noted that the report had been forwarded to Mushkegowuk Council's Environmental Coordinator, who was responsible for reviewing and responding to the report. Troy noted that he would follow up with the Environmental Coordinator regarding the status of Mushkegowuk Council's response to the Milestone #2 Report.
February 22, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Mushkegowuk Council to follow up about a phone conversation with Troy Woodhouse from earlier that day, and to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Project webinar series and the Milestone #2 Progress Report. 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

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						Engineering and Cumulative Effects webinars would be held in Q1 2024 with formal notices shared soon. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an overview of their phone conversation regarding Mushkegowuk Council's review of the Milestone #2 Report. In the email it was noted that during their conversation, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the deadline had passed to provide comments on the Milestone #2 Report, and requested confirmation of whether feedback would be provided. Troy noted that Mushkegowuk Council still intended to provide a response, and shared that he would follow up with the organization's Environmental Coordinator, who was responsible for reviewing the report and providing response.
February 27, 2024	Email	x		■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Mushkegowuk Council to request that the Milestone #2 Progress Report be resent.
February 27, 2024	Email		x	■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council to resend the link to the Milestone #2 Progress Report.
February 29, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Mushkegowuk Council to request that James Tegler be added as a key contact, and to request that any field study data that is currently available be sent to James for review.

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February 29, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from James Tegler to introduce himself, and to inquire if anyone from the MFFN CAR Project Team would be attending the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada Conference.
March 01, 2024	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler to confirm that he has been added as a key contact for the MFFN CAR Project. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that it would be possible to send data from the MFFN CAR field studies with James, and inquired if there were any specific topics that Mushkegowuk Council would be interested in. A link to the MFFN CAR Project website was provided.
March 01, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler, which thanked the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for confirming that field study data would be sent to Mushkegowuk Council.
March 01, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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.

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March 04, 2024	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler to respond to his February 29, 2024 email, confirming that a representative from the MFFN CAR Project Team would be attending the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Conference. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also followed up on their request that Mushkegowuk Council provide a list of specific topics that they would like field study data for. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant suggested that they start with data related to topics that Mushkegowuk Council has expressed interest in previously, including peatlands, caribou, groundwater, surface water, and cumulative effects.
March 04, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler to thank them for confirming that a representative from the MFFN CAR Project Team would be attending the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Conference. James also noted that he would provide a list of topics that Mushkegowuk Council would like to request fieldwork data for at a later date.
March 05, 2024	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler to provide the email address of the MFFN CAR Project Team representative who would be attending the PDAC Conference, and encouraged James to coordinate a meeting with them.

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March 05, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler to thank them for providing the email address of the MFFN CAR Project Team representative who would be attending the PDAC Conference.
March 20, 2024	Phone		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Mushkegowuk Council to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Milestone #2 Progress Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided information about the Route Selection Video, and noted that a link would be shared in the follow up email, as well as links to two new social media platforms in order to stay up to date on the Project. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired about whether the main contact for Mushkegowuk Council should be updated. There was no answer so a voicemail was left.
March 20, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Mushkegowuk key contacts to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Milestone #2 Progress Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided 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. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired about whether the main contact for Mushkegowuk Council should be updated.

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March 21, 2024	Email	x		■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler which confirmed that he can be the new main contact for Mushkegowuk Council regarding the MFFN CAR Project.
April 02, 2024	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler to follow up about Mushkegowuk Council providing a list of specific topics that they would like the MFFN CAR Project Team to provide field study data for. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant suggested that the MFFN CAR Project Team could start by providing data related to past interests that have been expressed by Mushkegowuk Council, including peatlands, caribou, groundwater, surface water, and cumulative effects.
April 02, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler which noted that his feedback for the Milestone #2 Progress Report was being reviewed by other members of Mushkegowuk Council. He noted that they would be sent to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant as soon as possible.

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April 03, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 04, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler which thanked the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for coordinating a meeting with himself and a MFFN CAR Project Team member at the PDAC Conference, and provided a list of comments regarding the Milestone #2 Progress Report. This feedback included several comments in relation to the report, including a comment which noted inconsistencies in the communities listed in affiliation with Mushkegowuk Council, and a question about how quotes were selected for the report. Mushkegowuk Council's feedback also included comments regarding the scope of the project, including the suggestion that the community of Peawanuck be included in consultation, and a comment expressing that the impacts of the MFFN CAR, NRL, and WSR should be assessed together. James also provided comments related to engagement efforts, including a comment which noted that engagement for the Project is low, and called for more radio and physical

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						advertisements about engagement opportunities. It was also noted that webinar attendees are unaware about the presence and location of other webinar attendees, and requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team share information about webinar attendees with Mushkegowuk Council. James also noted that some Mushkegowuk Council members speak Cree as their first language, and inquired about how frequently engagement efforts are provided in languages other than English. The feedback also congratulated the MFFN CAR Project Team for including a MFFN resident in the narration of the video presentation, as it indicated a high level of Indigenous involvement. Mushkegowuk Council provided several comments about environmental and socio-economic impacts, including concern about the use of the term “potential” when discussing impacts, and the lack of discussion about the cost/benefits of the road, as well as mitigation strategies. James raised the concern about the MFFN CAR’s potential impacts to the health of humans and animals, and noted several mitigation measures that could be used to reduce the number of human and animal deaths caused by the road. He also noted the concern that the road would lead to increased carbon emissions, increased mining activities leading to environmental and social impacts, and increased pressure on hunting/fishing resources. It was also noted that the MFFN CAR could lead to increased human

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						trafficking and increased access to drugs in communities. Mushkegowuk Council's feedback noted that the MFFN CAR Project must consider the possibility that the construction of the MFFN CAR might not be feasible or desirable in order to provide a balanced perspective.
April 08, 2024	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Councillor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler to thank him for providing Mushkegowuk Council's feedback on the Milestone #2 Progress Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that a response to Mushkegowuk Council's comments would be provided at a later date.
April 08, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Councillor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler to thank them for confirming that Mushkegowuk Council's feedback for the Milestone #2 Progress Report has been received.
April 17, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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.

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April 25, 2024	Phone		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called James Tegler to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including the MFFN CAR Project Team's response to Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Progress Report feedback, accessing fieldwork data, and preferred consultation methods. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the response to Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Progress Report feedback is still in progress, but will be sent to James as soon as it is finalized. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if there is any specific fieldwork data that Mushkegowuk Council wanted to request, and James noted that he was unsure at this time. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that there was some additional information about field studies on the Project website, and noted that a link would be provided in the follow up email. James provided information on his preferred consultation methods, noting that email is the ideal method to reach him, as he is not always available to take phone calls. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they typically phone communities and tribal councils once a month, but that they would leave a message if James is unavailable, and send a follow up email after every phone call.
April 25, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from James Tegler which inquired if he could reach a specific member of the MFFN CAR Project Team member through the Project email address.

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April 25, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including the MFFN CAR Project Team's response to Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Progress Report feedback, accessing fieldwork data, and preferred consultation methods. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the response to Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Progress Report feedback is still in progress, but will be sent to James as soon as it is finalized. It was also noted that during their phone call from earlier that day, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if there was any specific fieldwork data that Mushkegowuk Council wanted to request, and that James had noted that he was unsure at this time. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided some links to the Project website, which provided additional information about field studies. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided an overview of the phone conversation regarding Mushkegowuk Council's preferred consultation methods, in which James had noted that email is the preferred method to reach him, as he is not always available to take phone calls. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they would send a follow-up email after every phone call to ensure that James would receive all of the information being provided, whether or not he could take the phone call. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also offered to set up a meeting with Mushkegowuk Council and the MFFN CAR Project Team.

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April 26, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler which noted that the fieldwork information on the Project website provided limited information about the findings of field studies, and inquired about when more information about the results of field studies would be available.
April 29, 2024	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler which noted that the draft EA / IS and all the associated Technical Support Documents are expected to be available for Mushkegowuk Council to review in the late fall/early winter of 2024. It was noted that the draft EA / IS will provide a summary of all technical data, and the associated Technical Support Documents will provide a breakdown of the field work conducted, findings, and recommendations.
April 29, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler which thanked them for providing information about when the draft EA / IS and associated Technical Support Documents will be available for review.
April 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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.

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May 23, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Lawrence Martin (Councillor) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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.
May 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Lawrence Martin (Councillor) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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.

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June 03, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 Mushkegowuk Council to setup a meeting with the Project Team to review the reports and have their questions answered.
June 11, 2024	In-person / face-to-face			■ Attendee(s) from Mushkegowuk Council	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ From June 11 – 13, 2024, representatives from Mushkegowuk Council attended the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo (the Expo), hosted by Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First nation. The Expo was intended to provide an opportunity for participants to learn more about the projects, ask questions and share feedback. The first day of the Expo was for Elders only to provide them with the opportunity to engage with the project teams and share their perspectives. Day two of the Expo included overview presentations on the projects and presentations on peatlands, road building, water and fish. Day two also included an expo with booths representing different disciplines and groups involved with the projects, such as IK/ATRI, engineering, and wildlife, and booths from Agency and Ministry representatives. Day three of the Expo

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						included presentations on the common approach to review the project-specific draft EA/IS reports, project-specific EA/IS information, funding information from the Province of Ontario.
June 25, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Lawrence Martin (Councillor) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant ■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email and letter to James Tegler which responded to his comments on the Milestone #2 Report. The letter responded to James' questions about the content of report by providing clarification about discrepancies and the selection of information for the report. The letter responded to James' comments regarding the scope of the project by noting that the communities targeted for engagement, as well as the decision to assess MFFN, NRL, and WSR as separate projects, are the result of direction provided by the Province, but noted that the EA / IS will consider the other road projects in the cumulative effects assessment. The letter responded to James' concerns regarding consultation methods by providing a high-level overview of consultation efforts, including information about advertising and translation services, to date. The letter responded to James' concerns about the report providing limited information about potential impacts and feasibility of the MFFN CAR by noting that the purpose of the Milestone #2 Report is to provide an overview of communications exchanged between the MFFN CAR Project Team and Indigenous communities/tribal organizations, rather than to assess the potential impacts of the MFFN

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						CAR. It was noted that the draft EA / IS would be available for Mushkegowuk Council's review in late 2024, which would provide this information. The letter also noted that Mushkegowuk Council's concerns about negative impacts on humans and animals, increased fuel consumption and carbon emissions, human trafficking, increased access to drugs, the destruction/degradation of habitats, environmental/social impacts related to increased mining activity, and increased pressure on hunting and fishing resources, would be tracked and reflected in the EA / IS. The letter offered to coordinate a meeting with Mushkegowuk Council to discuss the comments further.
June 27, 2024	Phone		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called James Tegler to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project including their Milestone #2 Report comments and the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was sent out to Fort Albany First Nation on June 3, 2024 and feedback and comments on the report are asked to be submitted by August 2, 2024. Lastly, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Mushkegowuk Council for participating in the Three Road Project Gathering & Expo, which took place from June 11-13. There was no answer so a voicemail was left.

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June 27, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler which responded the MFFN CAR Project updates that were provided. James noted that he would review the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report, but provided a preliminary comment which noted that the report should discuss the deaths of Indigenous peoples caused by colonialism in North America.
June 28, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler which requested a list of attendees from the Three Road Forum.

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July 02, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler which noted that he was unable to download the Archaeology Assessment Report via the Google Drive link that was provided, and requested that it be sent to him using an alternate method. James also noted an error in the date on the report.
July 03, 2024	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler which responded to his request for the Three Road Forum attendee list, noting that they were unable to share this list due to confidentiality reasons. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that James' preliminary comment about the Archaeology Assessment Report had been forwarded to the Archaeology Team. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if Mushkegowuk Council intended to provide additional comments on the Archaeology Assessment Report.
July 03, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler which noted his concern with engagement numbers at the Three Road Forum, as it was unclear which attendees represented communities and tribal councils. James also confirmed that additional comments on the Archaeology Assessment Report would be provided by Mushkegowuk Council.

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July 03, 2024	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler which noted that information about the total attendee numbers for the Three Road Forum would be provided in the RoC in addition to which communities and tribal councils were represented. It was noted that the RoC would be available for Mushkegowuk Council's review later this year. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also followed up about James' email regarding accessing the Archaeology Assessment Report, and inquired if he still needed it to be resent.
July 03, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler which confirmed that he still needed the Archaeology Assessment Report sent to him via and alternate method, as he was unable to download it via the Google Drive link.
July 04, 2024	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler which noted that the Archaeology Assessment Report was sent to him via WeTransfer. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested confirmation if James was able to access the report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also followed up about the error James had noted regarding the date in the Archaeology Assessment Report, and confirmed that this was an error which would be addressed by the Archaeology Team in the next draft of the report.

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July 04, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler which confirmed the receipt of the Archaeology Assessment Report via WeTransfer. It was noted that the report would be sent to the Mushkegowuk Council Chiefs.
July 09, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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.
July 16, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from James Tegler which inquired if a final route had been chosen for the MFFN CAR, or other all of the potential routes were still being investigated.
July 16, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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.

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July 31, 2024	Phone		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned James Tegler to note that the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was sent out to Mushkegowuk Council 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 also provided a response to James' question about a whether a final route had been chosen for the MFFN CAR, noting that a technically preferred route has been recommended, but that the final decision has not yet been made by MFFN Chief and Council. There was no answer, so a voicemail was left.
July 31, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler noting that the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was sent out to Mushkegowuk Council 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. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided a response to James' question about whether a final route had been chosen for the MFFN CAR, noting that a technically preferred route has been recommended, but that the final decision has not yet been made by MFFN Chief and Council. A map of the technically preferred route recommendation was provided.

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July 31, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler, which noted that he is currently out of office, attending Gathering of our People (GOOP) in Moose Factory.

B29. Mushkegowuk Council

B29.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence
B29.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR: Upcoming Indigenous Knowledge Milestone

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Jun 27, 2023 at 4:29 PM
To: Vern Cheechoo [redacted]

Good afternoon Vern,

I hope all is well. I wanted to send another reminder about the upcoming milestones for the MFFN CAR Project, including:

- Preliminary draft existing conditions reporting is to be largely completed in 2023 for environmental (e.g., fish and fish habitat) and social (e.g., visual) disciplines.
- The evaluation of the alternative routes to select a preferred route is to be completed by the end of this year (2023).

In order to meet the study schedule, it is critical that IK and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use be shared with the MFFN CAR Project Team by June 30 2023. In your previous email, it sounded like Mushkegowuk Council is planning on putting together some comments to help meet this goal, so I wanted to check in to see if you were still planning to provide these by June 30th. Let me know!

Please don't hesitate to reach out 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]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 10:04 AM
To: Haley Rice [redacted]

Good morning Haley,

I am attaching our IK Guidance Document which might give you some insight! The document might be more focused on collecting IK in communities (rather than for tribal councils) but we are happy to include any information that Mushkegowuk Council might have about IK or information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use (it could be maps, existing documents, etc.). I have a meeting with my team in about an hour, so I'll see if they have any further direction to give you!

Thanks for reaching out,

Jodi
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1. Introduction

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) thanks you for your interest in participating in the Indigenous Knowledge Program (IK Program) for the MFFN Community Access Road Project (the Project). We appreciate the level of trust and the foundation of respect required for the collection and/or sharing of IK with the MFFN Project Team.

The purpose of this Guidance Document is to provide your community with:

- A brief **overview of the proposed Project**;
- An **overview of the IK Program to support discussions** of how Indigenous knowledge (IK) and information on how Indigenous land and resource use can be collected and become part of the Project assessment, planning and design processes; and
- **Information and resources** to support your community in meaningfully participating in the IK Program.

Key terms used in this document (in **blue text**) are defined throughout. These are also provided in the glossary in **Appendix A**.

Please note: in addition to the IK Program, the **Consultation** Program for the Project serves as an additional and important avenue for collecting information, concerns, perspectives, and other information relevant to the Project from Indigenous communities.

The Crown is responsible for the constitutional Duty to Consult for the assessment processes for the Project. MFFN is responsible for carrying out Statutory Consultation processes in fulfilling the Duty. The IK Program and Consultation Program strive to both engage and consult with communities to build relationships and provide inputs into the overall consultation requirements for the Project.

2. Overview of the Project

MFFN is a remote First Nation community in northern Ontario located at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki rivers, approximately 430 km northeast of Thunder Bay. The MFFN community is currently only accessible by air and a winter road. Given the unreliability of the winter road, MFFN is proposing an all-season community access road (the Project) to connect MFFN to Ontario's provincial highway network (i.e., Highway 643) to the south via the existing Painter Lake Road.

As the proponent for the Project, MFFN has started a Provincial Environmental Assessment and Federal Impact Assessment (**the assessment processes**) to assess the potential Project effects and benefits. The assessment processes will inform Project planning and design.

Please note that the assessment processes are for the MFFN all-season community access road Project only. The Northern Road Link is a separate project that will undergo a separate assessment process, with MFFN and Webequie First Nation as a joint-proponent. Consultation and engagement for the Northern Road Link will be addressed through a separate process.

Indigenous Knowledge refers to Indigenous systems of knowledge as well as cultural practices related to the production of knowledge based on traditional belief systems, relationships to the environment, and community practices. It is the accumulated and living knowledge built upon the historic experiences of Peoples living on the land and adapting to social, economic, environmental, spiritual and political change (Chiefs of Ontario, n.d.). It includes knowledge about the natural environment (e.g., locations of caribou seasonal use and calving areas), the relationships between environmental changes and species or ecosystems, and how potential effects to the environment can be avoided or reduced.

Indigenous Land and Resource Use refers to specific areas and resources used for traditional purposes when Indigenous peoples learn and practice their IK (Garvin et al., 2001). This includes the areas and sites used for hunting, trapping, fishing, and gathering and the resources harvested, as well as cultural sites, features and practices. Sometimes referred to as Traditional Land Use.

3. Overview of the IK Program

The IK Program aims to collect **Indigenous Knowledge** (IK) relevant to the Project and information on **Indigenous land and resource use** and values (including cultural) in the vicinity of the Project area.

The primary objectives of the IK Program are to:

- Identify areas where important Indigenous land uses, resources, and/or values could be impacted by the Project;
- Understand community concerns about the potential negative impacts of the Project; and
- Work to avoid or mitigate potential Project impacts on these land uses, resources and/or values and maximize any potential positive effects.

The IK Program strives to work with **interested Indigenous communities** on how relevant IK and Indigenous land and resource use information will become part of the assessment processes and Project planning and design. We understand there are larger regional issues and those will be documented and incorporated into the assessments, as applicable.

The IK Program involves two key ways for information gathering and sharing:

- **Sharing existing and relevant IK and Indigenous land and resource use information** previously collected by communities (e.g., for community-based land use planning) with the MFFN Project Team; and
- **Completing Project-specific IK and Indigenous land and resource use studies** to collect relevant IK and information on Indigenous land and resource use in the vicinity of the Project.

Please note: This IK Program Guidance Document also helps to meet the information requirements set out in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines issued for the Project by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. In addition, information collected through both the IK and Consultation Programs will provide valuable inputs into the **Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests** valued component, which tentatively includes:

- Indigenous Current Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes (hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering, cultural and spiritual sites, quantity and quality of resources, etc.) – see Section 6.5 for definition of 'current'; and
- Cultural Continuity or the ability to practice and transmit cultural traditions (experience of being on the land, ability to access preferred sites and resources, etc.).

3.1 Sharing Existing Information

Some communities may already have relevant IK and information on Indigenous land and resource use and other values from community-based land use planning processes or other activities. We respectfully request that any existing information you wish to share be provided to the MFFN Project Team as soon as possible so that it can be incorporated into the assessment processes. The earlier we receive information (even in draft form), the sooner we can include it in the assessment and Project planning processes.

Further, if you are aware of areas where values could potentially be impacted within the Local Study Area but are unable to share specific details, it is valuable to share whatever information you can early on so that we can work with you as we continue through the assessment processes.

3.2 Indigenous Knowledge & Indigenous Land and Resource Use Study

For communities that are interested in completing a **Project-specific Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous land and resource use (IK/ILRU) study**, we understand that some communities may prefer to complete a study on their own or using their own consultants. Other communities may require support with completing a study. We are available to support communities in completing an IK/ILRU study (e.g., preparing materials and maps, digitizing information collected, etc.), if and as needed.

Communities using their own consultants should make an effort to follow the IK Guidance Document to support the collection of information to meet the requirements set out in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines issued for the Project by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada.

3.3 Confidentiality

Given the sensitive nature of IK and information on Indigenous land and resource use, the protection and confidentiality of shared information is of great importance to the MFFN Project Team. To honour and respect this important information, an IK Sharing Agreement must be executed between your community and MFFN prior to sharing any information and before beginning a Project-specific IK/ILRU study. The IK Sharing Agreement will be developed with each community. The agreement will outline how confidential/sensitive information will become part of the assessment processes and protected.

3.4 Indigenous Knowledge Program Guiding Principles

Our approach to working with your community on the IK Program is guided by these key principles:

We will **work proactively to build relationships** that are based on trust, transparency, understanding, cooperation, and mutual respect.

The protection and incorporation of IK and Indigenous land and resource use information will be governed by **IK Sharing Agreements.**

Community-specific protocols, traditional channels of authority, and levels of approval within each participating Indigenous community will be followed and respected.

The people of your community are an important source of knowledge of the environment, past and present uses of the land and its resources, and associated cultural practices and values that may be relevant to the Project and our local and regional study areas.

Our aim is to work with you to participate in and complete the IK Program in a manner that **respects your IK collection and sharing protocols** so that IK can be meaningfully integrated into and become part of the assessment processes.

We will strive to **respectfully work with Indigenous Communities** in terms of how IK and information on Indigenous land and resource use within the local and regional study areas will become part of the Project assessment, planning and design processes.

4. Indigenous Knowledge and the Assessment Processes

The information collected through the IK Program (and/or through the Consultation Program for the Project) will be used to:

- Guide and confirm the indicators to be used in the assessment processes for the various **valued components** (e.g., wildlife, vegetation, fish, caribou, moose, Indigenous land and resource use, etc.);
- Support the description of existing environmental conditions (**baseline conditions**) for the various valued components;
- Identify the potential effects of the Project on the various valued components;
- Help identify potential measures to reduce the potential for negative effects (impact management measures) and enhance the potential benefits; and
- Help identify potential monitoring programs.

Valued components
are important components of the natural and human environment that could be impacted by a proposed project or activity.

The MFFN Project Team will work with Indigenous communities to ensure that IK and any information on Indigenous land and resource use and other values that is shared is appropriately integrated into the assessment processes. This will include providing Indigenous communities with the opportunity to:

- Review and discuss draft assessment documents produced by the MFFN Project Team to confirm that we captured and presented your community's information appropriately; and
- Work with the MFFN Project Team on the effects assessment for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests and associated components (Indigenous land and resource use, and cultural continuity).

Should your community prefer to do your own effects assessment, we will accept this and work with you to incorporate your effects assessment into the assessment processes.

5. Study Areas for the Assessment

The existing conditions and potential Project effects will be documented for three **study areas** to capture potential local, direct and indirect effects:

- **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.

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 assessment processes.

A Study Area Memo was previously provided to your community that contains information on some of the study areas selected for the Project (e.g., wildlife, vegetation, etc.) that are related to Indigenous land and resource use – this memo is provided in **Appendix B**.

5.1. Study Areas for Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests

Study areas have been identified for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests valued component – these are shown in **Appendix B** and described in Table 1 on the following page. These study areas should inform any IK and Indigenous Land and Resource Use Studies undertaken in terms of the geographic extents used to collect information during these studies.

Please note: The Regional Study Area was revised in October 2020 to include several additional watersheds (e.g., at the southern terminus of the proposed Project and Painter Lake Road) that the Project may interact with based on comments received from communities to date. Figure 1 in Appendix B has been updated from what was sent to communities in August 2020 to reflect the revised Regional Study Area.

Table 1. Proposed Study Areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Valued Component

Study Area	Geographic Extent	Rationale
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).	The Local Study Area allows the Project Team to gather specific information that can be used to help Project design by avoiding or mitigating impacts to sensitive features. It also corresponds to the outermost boundaries of the combined Local Study Areas for the fish and fish habitat, surface water, vegetation, general wildlife, moose, and air quality valued components. It has been defined based on the key components that may be relied on (water, fish, vegetation, wildlife, moose) or considered to influence (air quality, noise) Indigenous culture and/or land and resource use.
Regional Study Area	Combined area of the quaternary watersheds crossed by each of the road alignments.	The Regional Study Area allows the Project Team to gather information at a larger scale to better understand potential indirect effects on the valued components specific to Indigenous people. It corresponds to the outermost boundaries of the combined Regional Study Areas for the fish and fish habitat, surface water, vegetation, and general wildlife valued components given that these components may be relied on by Indigenous peoples for cultural and land and resource purposes.

A few important notes and considerations:

- These study areas are for the IK Program and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests valued component and do not represent the study areas for other baseline programs (wildlife, vegetation, etc.) being conducted as part of the assessment processes.
- The proposed road alignments may change slightly from what is shown in Figure 1 based on feedback and information from Indigenous communities and our understanding of the existing environmental conditions.
- While these study areas are intended to guide data collection in terms of IK and Indigenous land and resource use in the vicinity of the Project, collecting community information and perspectives that are more general (e.g., habitat values important for caribou) is also an important part of the Consultation and IK Programs.

6. Guidance Materials for Project-Specific Studies

The following sections provide some important considerations and guidance materials for any IK and Indigenous Land and Resource Use (IK/ILRU) Studies that are undertaken by communities for the Project. These materials are intended to guide and support communities in collecting and sharing relevant IK and information on Indigenous land and resource use and associated values so that it can become part of the assessment processes.

Please note: These materials, including the questions contained in the appendices, were developed based on the information that has been requested by regulators (including through the federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines) for inclusion in the assessment processes.

6.1. General Study Approach

While IK/ILRU studies can be customized to suit the needs and values of each community, they generally follow the following steps:

1. Review existing information

Many communities have already started collecting IK and information on Indigenous land and resource use for other projects or their own purposes. There also may be relevant information available in historical documents (e.g., ethnographic reports) to provide historical and cultural context (see **Section 6.3** for some questions to guide review). It is a good idea to start by examining what has already been collected to see what information is relevant to the Study Areas (see **Section 5.1**), and identify where there are important information gaps to guide information collection efforts.

2. Select study participants

It is important to select a range of participants to satisfy federal **Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA+)** requirements which are meant to identify segments of the population that could be especially affected by the Project (e.g., women, youth, Elders, etc.). Any IK/ILRU studies completed should include a range of participants (e.g., men, women, Elders, Knowledge Holders, middle-aged members, youth) to support the inclusion of different perspectives. While Elders are recognized as the most knowledgeable and can offer information about past uses of lands and resources, they may not be using the land and resources in the same way today, and there may be other people in the community who are using the land and resources in the study areas for traditional purposes (e.g., hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.) and have relevant knowledge. The review of existing information (Step 1) can also help to select participants and fill gaps in age or gender categories.

3. Prepare for information collection

It is important to prepare the materials needed for information collection including consent forms for participants (see **Section 6.2**), base maps for the Study Areas to be used for mapping sessions (see **Section 6.4**), defining the time periods that will be used for baseline information collection (see **Section 6.5**), identifying categories to organize information collection (see **Section 6.6**), and a set of questions to guide information collection sessions (see **Section 6.3**, **Section 6.7** and **Section 6.8**). Each community should also consider if a translator is required to support information collection and reporting and make these arrangements before information collection sessions.

4. Collect the information

Information collection is generally done through workshops, focus groups, interviews with participants, or a combination of these depending on what will work best for each community and the participants. All participants should be provided information about the project at the start, prior to asking any questions.

5. Digitize spatial data

Information and spatial data collected should be digitized (put into electronic format) for storage purposes and to support reporting. This will enable the development of maps showing important sites and areas that were identified by participants. This may be done directly during data collection using direct-to-digital data collection methods or through data digitization of information recorded on paper maps once information collection sessions have been completed, depending on what would work best for your participants and community (see **Section 6.9**).

6. Validate the information

It is important to validate (confirm) information collected with the participants who provided it (see **Section 6.10**). This ensures that the information and data was documented accurately and appropriately.

7. Report on the information

The study report should explain how information was collected, and present the information both in text and through mapping (see **Section 6.11**).

6.2. Confidentiality & Participant Informed Consent

In addition to considering confidentiality in terms of the information that is shared with the MFFN Project team (see **Section 3.3**), communities need to also consider how the information collected will be kept confidential internally. Strategies that could be used to keep information confidential include:

- Do not share information and mapping with others unless the person who shared the information have provided written permission;
- Use confidentiality agreements with any third-party researcher(s) supporting your community with the study; and
- The final maps and any reports developed should not contain participants' names (identifiers like participant # should be used instead), and the names associated with participant # should be strictly managed internally (Tobias, 2010).

It is also important that community members participating in the IK Program (and sharing IK and/or information on Indigenous land and resource use) provide consent to sharing the information. In order to do this, they must understand how the information they share may be used. Participant consent forms are generally used to support this. A sample participant consent form that could be used for your community members is provided in **Appendix C**.

6.3. Information on Community Culture and Lifestyle – Past and Present

Providing information on the culture and lifestyle of your community, both in the past and in the present, is valuable for the assessment processes as it provides important background information on the activities that are important to the community and related to Aboriginal and Treaty rights, and how historical and cumulative effects may have already impacted these rights-based activities. This includes information on:

- The history of your community including traditional way of life, governance systems and laws, language, cultural practices and how they were/are taught and handed down, and uses of lands and resources; and
- Current community context, including changes that have taken place over time (e.g., in terms of way of life, governance, language, cultural practices and teaching, land and resource use, etc.) as a result of historical and cumulative effects (e.g., establishment of the trapline system, construction of dams, mineral exploration, forestry, etc.).

A set of questions that should be used to guide information gathering on historical and current community context is provided in **Appendix D**. This information may be collected through research and review of existing documents and/or during information collection sessions with study participants.

It is anticipated that similar questions will also be asked during the Consultation Program for the Project so this type of information can also be collected through this avenue of engagement.

6.4. Preparing Base Maps

The MFFN Project Team will provide interested communities with the digital files (e.g., shapefiles) for the study areas and the potential route alternatives (see Figure 1 in **Appendix B**) to support the preparation of base maps to be used for information collection. These maps are generally printed out and used to record sites and areas during mapping sessions, although some communities may record sites and areas digitally using mapping software and computers (direct to digital methods).

Whichever approach is used, it is important to choose an appropriate **map scale** to allow for spatial data (sites, areas, etc.) to be captured easily and accurately. Maps with too large of a scale (e.g., 1:20,000) may have too much detail (making it hard for participants to find landscape reference points) and require a significant amount of time for data collection. Maps with too small of a scale may not provide enough detail and make it difficult to collect accurate data – one dot on a 1:250,000 scale map can cover 0.25 km on the ground. A 1:50,000 scale map is generally ideal (Tobias, 2000) and multiple maps may be required to cover the Study Areas. However, a mix of map scales may be useful depending on the information being collected and the accuracy required (e.g., specific cultural sites vs. seasonal movement patterns of caribou).

Map scale refers to ratio of the distance on a map to the actual distance of the ground. For example, if a map has a scale of 1:50,000, then 1 cm on the page represents 50,000 cm (50 m) on the ground. Small-scale maps show less detail than large-scale maps.

It is also important to include any place names (including names of lakes, rivers, towns, reserves, etc.) on the base mapping to support participants in orienting themselves on the base maps, which can help make data collection sessions faster and easier. Lastly, if multiple maps will be used, map numbers should be assigned to each and these map numbers should be referenced for any data collected so it is clear which data relates to which maps.

6.5. Temporal Boundaries for Baseline Information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use

There are generally at least two **temporal boundaries** or time periods used to collect baseline information on the **current use** of lands and resources for traditional purposes: past (within living memory up to a recent point in time when conditions may have changed) and present. It is important to provide definitions for any specific time periods used.

Temporal boundaries refer to the time frames used to assess something. Temporal boundaries are often used to guide baseline information collection, as well as assessment processes in terms of project timelines and associated potential impacts. The two temporal boundaries for the impact assessment for the proposed Project are construction and operation/ maintenance.

Current use refers to how the use of lands and resources may be affected throughout the proposed project's lifecycle. This includes uses by Indigenous peoples that are actively being carried out at the time of the assessment. It also includes uses that have ceased due to external factors if they could be expected to resume once conditions change, and uses that are likely to occur in a reasonably foreseeable future provided that they have continuity with traditional practices, traditions or customs (CEAA, 2015).

The MFFN Project Team has identified and defined the following time periods to guide baseline information collection on current use for MFFN:

- **Past Use:** Land and resource use after 1947 (when the registered trapline system in Ontario was implemented) up to 2008 (when the landscape and local economy really started to change as a result of mineral discoveries); and
- **Present Use:** Land and resource use from 2008 up to present day and into the reasonably foreseeable future.

We recognize that communities may prefer to select their own temporal boundaries based on their histories and land and resource use patterns.

In addition to the past and present community context (see **Section 6.3**), the use of these two time periods will allow the MFFN Project Team to better understand pre-development baseline conditions and changes that have occurred over time to present day for a more holistic perspective of "baseline" conditions.

6.6. Categories to Organize Information

Categories (e.g., harvesting, cultural, habitation, travel, etc.) are generally identified and used to organize information in IK/ILRU studies. These categories can be used to organize questions to be asked to participants. They are very helpful when digitizing and organizing all the data collected into a geodatabase. They also make reporting easier for the community.

The use of categories also makes the integration of information into the assessment processes easier. The MFFN Project Team has identified a set of general categories and subcategories that should be used to organize IK and information on Indigenous land and resource use for the Project, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Categories to organize information collected

General Category	Sub Categories	Examples of what may be included in these categories
Animal Harvest	Large mammals	Bear, moose, caribou, deer
	Furbearers	Bobcat, ermine, fisher, marten, weasel, wolf, rabbit, etc.
	Birds	Ptarmigan, partridge, duck, geese, etc.
	Other	Porcupine, raccoon, duck eggs, etc.
	General trapping area	
Fish Harvest	Fish	Lake trout, whitefish, pike, pickerel, ling, etc.
Plant Harvest	Berries	Blueberries, raspberries, Saskatoon berries, etc.
	Medicinal plants	Sage, peppermint, muskeg tea, sweet grass, etc.
	Food plants	Wild rice, mushrooms, etc.
	Other	Birch, cedar, moss, firewood, etc.
Cultural, Spiritual and Sacred	Cultural sites and areas	Traditional community gathering area, ceremonial site, teaching site, culturally sensitive area, traditional meeting place, shaking tent, sweat lodge, etc.
	Spiritual and Sacred sites and areas	Spiritual sites, birth site, burial site or ground, place where ashes were spread, sacred rock, etc.
	Historical sites	Archaeological site, pictograph, Hudson's Bay Trading post, etc.
	Stories/legends sites	Sites with stories/legends/oral histories
Place Name	Traditional name	Traditional site or areas names, orientation points, etc.

General Category	Sub Categories	Examples of what may be included in these categories
Habitation	Permanent habitation	Cabins, village sites, etc.
	Temporary habitation	Camp sites, teepee sites, etc.
Travel	Water travel	Canoe routes, boat and motor routes, portages, etc.
	Ground travel	Walking paths or trails, winter trails, skidoo/snowmobiling/ ATV trails, etc.
	Historical routes	Historical trails, historical canoe routes, etc.
Points of Interest	Environmental features	Esker, pond, lake, streams, rivers, rapids, waterfalls, etc.
	Other	Cache, stone bridge, gold strike, dangerous area, etc.
Fish & Wildlife Use Areas	Important use areas	Spawning areas, calving areas, denning areas, nesting sites, concentration areas (e.g., moose, caribou), etc.
	Travel and migration routes	Moose travel route, caribou migration route, fish migration route, animal trails, etc.
Shared Area		Areas that may be shared or used with other Indigenous communities for traditional activities (e.g., hunting, trapping, etc.) or other cultural uses.

6.7. Collecting IK and Information on Indigenous Land & Resource Use

The following types of information should be collected and shared to become part of the assessment processes:

- Information about the **existing environment in the vicinity** of the Project, both in the past and present;
- **Indigenous Knowledge that is tied to specific places or areas** (e.g., locations of important moose calving areas);
- Specific sites used for **Indigenous land and resource use** (e.g., hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.) or **other cultural purposes** (e.g., sacred sites, teaching sites, etc.); and
- **Indigenous Knowledge that is not tied to specific places** (e.g., how resources are prepared and used, important relationships between animals and their environments, etc.).

This information may be collected through research and review of existing documents and/or during information collection sessions with study participants.

An IK/ILRU Question Guide that should be used to guide gathering of IK and information on Indigenous land and resource use within the study areas is provided in **Appendix E**. The questions are organized based on the categories listed in Table 2 (**Section 6.6**). Note that there are both general and site-specific questions within several of the categories. The general questions could be used in any workshops or focus groups, while the site-specific questions would be most appropriate for any interviews (although they can be used during a workshop or focus group if interviews will not be completed for the study).

Features mapped during information collection sessions are recorded as:

- Points – used to represent a fixed or specific location (e.g., salt lick location, cabin location, moose kill site, etc.);
- Lines – used to represent a linear landmark or activity (e.g., trails, travel routes, caribou crossing, etc.); and
- Polygons – used to represent an area (e.g., moose winter use areas, caribou calving grounds, trapline area, etc.).

It is important to note that points and lines should be used, where possible, as these provide greater accuracy in the data collected. However, in some cases the use of polygons may be most appropriate. Where polygons are used, it is best practice to avoid very large ones where possible as these can impact the accuracy and credibility of the data.

6.8. Collecting Perspectives on Potential Project-related Impacts

The following types of information should also be collected and shared to become part of the assessment processes:

- Perspectives about how the **natural** and **physical environments** (e.g., wildlife, water, air, etc.) and **human environment** (e.g., Indigenous land and resource use, culture, language, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, etc.) may be **positively** or **negatively** impacted by the Project; and
- Perspectives on the **cumulative effects** that have already impacted the **community, culture and cultural practices** and how the proposed Project may contribute to these effects.

A set of questions that should be used to guide gathering of information on the potential positive or negative impacts of the proposed Project is provided in **Appendix F**. These questions could be used during any workshops or focus groups, or asked during any interviews, depending on what would work best for your community and participants.

It is anticipated that similar questions on the potential impacts of the Project on the will also be asked during the Consultation Program for the Project so this type of information can also be collected through this avenue of engagement. However, Project-specific IK/ILRU studies provide an important opportunity to provide these community perspectives and concerns, especially in terms of the potential impacts of the proposed Project on Indigenous land and resource use and cultural sites and practices based on information documented through the study.

6.9. Digitizing Data Collected

Communities using direct-to-digital methods of mapping will have the spatial data that is collected (e.g., hunting sites, cabin locations, etc.) digitized (turned into electronic form) at the time of collection. However, for communities that are using paper maps to record spatial data, the data must be digitized and stored once it has been collected. The points, lines and polygons associated with features identified on the base maps must be digitized in a GIS format. In addition, the descriptive information associated with each mapped point, line and polygon feature (e.g., what was hunted here, when it was hunted, who hunted it, etc.) must be captured in a database that is linked to each of features documented.

The MFFN Project Team is available to support communities in digitizing the data collected and developing maps, and we would be happy to discuss this further.

6.10. Data Validation

It is important to validate or confirm that the information collected has been document properly and accurately. Group sessions to review the maps and information in the database with the participants who provided the information are a useful way to do this as confirmation can potentially be made by more than one person. These sessions also allow for more information that may emerge through discussion to be collected and mapped. In addition, information collected from previously completed 'on the land' activities, including participation in field studies for the proposed Project, can also be used to support data validation. Any corrections to the information or data should be made within the database and associated mapped (digitized) features.

*As noted in **Section 4**, the MFFN Project Team will also provide communities with the opportunity to review our interpretations and descriptions based on the data we receive to ensure we have accurately reflected the perspectives of the community.*

6.11. Reporting

Once all information collected through the study has been validated, a final study report must be prepared. The study report should include:

- A description of how the study was conducted (or the methodology), including:
  - The background documents, reports or other sources that were reviewed to support the study;
  - How participants were selected and if and how different genders and age groups were factored into the selection of participants;
  - How the information was collected (e.g., workshops and/or interviews), documented and digitized (including if translators were used to support information collection); and
- The results of the study in terms of:
  - The IK and information on Indigenous land and resource that was documented, including associated mapping; and
  - Information on the concerns and perspectives of participants in terms of the potential impacts of the proposed Project and any associated recommendations.

The database and mapping developed is the most useful tool for report writing as they contains all information in one place. The mapping included in the study report should be **composite maps** that show the combined data collected for each of the categories (e.g., animal harvesting, etc.) rather than maps showing the data collected from each individual participant. For any particularly sensitive sites that may have been documented and for which there are concerns related to confidentiality, it is best practice to apply a buffer (e.g., 500 m or 1 km) and randomize the centre of point data within that buffer for the purposes of reporting.

A report template that should be used to guide final reporting for the study is provided in **Appendix G**. The report template can be customized to suit the needs of the community; however, the general nature of information included in this report template should be included in the final report provided. In addition, and as noted in **Section 6.2**, the report should not contain participants' names for confidentiality purposes – identifiers like participant # should be used instead.

The MFFN Project Team requests that communities share preliminary composite maps and associated spatial data (with limited information included to protect sensitive and confidential information) as soon as they are available and prior to full reporting to support timely information sharing and enable meaningful consideration of Indigenous values in Project planning and the assessment processes. We also ask that a draft or interim report version is shared prior to a final report. This request is reflected in the IK Program schedule (see **Section 7**).

Please note: We will be providing communities with a template database (with limited information requirements to protect sensitive and confidential information) that should be used for sharing spatial data with the MFFN Project Team. All data shared with the MFFN Project Team will be strictly for the purposes of assessment and Project planning, including avoidance and impact mitigation measures, and will be protected according to the IK Sharing Agreement. If spatial data is not provided (i.e., only report maps are provided), it is important to note that the MFFN Project Team may need to digitize information shared in the report to support Project planning and identification of negative impact avoidance and mitigation measures.

7. Schedule

The proposed schedule for the IK Program and any Project-specific IK/ILRU studies that may be undertaken is shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Schedule for the IK Program

Key Task/Deliverable	Date
Executed IK Sharing Agreements	Fall 2020
Start Project-specific IK/ILRU studies	Fall 2020
Sharing of existing IK-ILRU information that may be relevant and preliminary mapping completed for Project-specific IK/ILRU studies	As soon as possible
Draft IK/ILRU Study Report	March 2021
Final IK/ILRU Study Report	April 2021

8. Next Steps

As noted in **Section 4**, the IK and ILRU information shared with the MFFN Project Team will become an important part of the assessment processes – it will be used to support the selection of valued components and indicators, the description of existing environmental conditions, the characterization of the potential impacts of the proposed Project, the identification of measures to reduce the potential for negative effects (impact management measures) and enhance the potential benefits, and the development of monitoring programs. The MFFN Project Team will work with Indigenous communities to ensure that IK and ILRU information shared is appropriately used in the assessment process through

ongoing consultation and engagement activities and the identification of opportunities for collaboration as the assessment processes proceed.

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Appendix A
Glossary

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Appendix A – Glossary

Aboriginal Interests: In the context of environmental assessment, Aboriginal interests are the interests that are specific to each Aboriginal group or First Nation that may be impacted by a proposed project, including but not limited to environmental, cultural, social, and legal interests.

Aboriginal Rights: Aboriginal rights are the customs, practices and traditions that are integral to a First Nation. These rights are recognized and protected under Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. Aboriginal rights vary from group to group depending on the customs, practices, traditions, treaties and agreements that have formed part of their distinctive cultures.

Assessment processes: Refers to the Provincial Environmental Assessment and Federal Impact Assessment processes that are required for the proposed Project. These assessment processes look at the potential positive and negative effects of the Project on valued components. These two assessment processes will be coordinated with the federal and provincial regulators and Indigenous communities, and will be undertaken concurrently (both processes will be completed at the same time).

Baseline conditions: Information about conditions in the environment or a community prior to a project being constructed.

Composite map: A map that combines and shows all data for a particular group of interview guide categories (e.g., hunting, trapping, etc.) for all participants involved in the mapping exercise.

Consultation: A process of communication between parties that seeks to make clear the concerns of the parties about a particular issue and attempts to address or accommodate the concerns so that both parties are satisfied. With respect to Aboriginal rights, a component of the "Sparrow Test" that may be applied by governments to justify infringement of the rights.

Current use: Current use refers to how the use of lands and resources may be affected throughout the life of a project. This includes uses that are actively being carried out at the time of the assessment. It also includes uses that have ceased due to external factors if they could be expected to resume once conditions change, and uses that are likely to occur in a reasonably foreseeable future provided that they have continuity with traditional practices, traditions or customs (CEAA, 2015).

Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA+): Refers to an analytical process used to understand how diverse groups of women, men, and gender diverse people (including vulnerable groups) may experience a project and its potential impacts differently.

Indigenous Knowledge: Refers to Indigenous systems of knowledge as well as cultural practices related to the production of knowledge based on traditional belief systems, relationships to the environment, and community practices. It is the accumulated and living knowledge built upon the historic experiences of Peoples living on the land and adapting to social, economic, environmental, spiritual and political change (Chiefs of Ontario, n.d.). It includes knowledge about the natural environment (e.g., locations of caribou seasonal use and calving areas), the relationships between environmental changes and species or ecosystems, and how potential effects to the environment can be avoided or reduced.

Indigenous land and resource use: Refers to specific areas and resources used for traditional purposes when Indigenous peoples learn and practice their IK (Garvin et al. 2001). This includes the areas and sites used for hunting, trapping, fishing, and gathering and the resources harvested, as well as cultural sites, features and practices. Sometimes referred to as Traditional Land Use.

Interested Indigenous communities: Refers to Indigenous communities that have the potential to be affected by the proposed Project and are interested in participating in the IK program for the Project.

Project-specific Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land and Resource Use (IK/ILRU) Study: Refer to a study that is undertaken to collect information about the traditional use of land and resources (e.g., hunting, trapping, cultural uses, etc.) by an Indigenous community. Study reports include both the information collected in text and the spatial data collected (locations of use) in maps.

Map scale: Refers to ratio of the distance on a map to the actual distance of the ground. For example, if a map has a scale of 1:50,000, then 1 centimetre on the page represents 50,000 centimetres (50 metres) on the ground. Map scales can usually be found on the outer edge of a map, usually near the maps key.

Study areas (or spatial boundaries): 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 assessment processes.

Temporal boundaries: Temporal means pertaining to time. Temporal boundaries refer to the time frames used to assess something. Temporal boundaries are often used to guide baseline information collection, as well as assessment processes in terms of project timelines (e.g., construction, operation) and associated potential impacts.

Treaty Rights: Rights that are described in a written agreement (e.g., treaty, land claim or self-government agreement) between a First Nation and the Crown and protected by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

Valued components: Refers to important components of the natural (wildlife, water, etc.) and human (social, cultural, economic) environment that could be impacted by a proposed project or activity.

Appendix B

Preliminary Aboriginal and Treaty Rights & Interests Study Areas Memo

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Appendix B – Preliminary Aboriginal and Treaty Rights & Interests Study Areas Memo

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is a remote First Nation community in northern Ontario located at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki rivers, approximately 430 kilometres (km) northeast of Thunder Bay, Ontario. The MFFN community is currently only accessible by air and a winter road. Given the unreliability of the winter road, MFFN is proposing an all-season Community Access Road (**the Project**). The Project will connect MFFN to Ontario's provincial highway network (Highway 643) to the south via the existing Painter Lake Road.

MFFN (the Proponent) has started a Provincial Environmental Assessment and Federal Impact Assessment (**the assessment processes**) to assess the potential effects and benefits related to the proposed Project. An important part of the assessment processes is collecting Indigenous Knowledge (IK), community knowledge and information on Indigenous land and resource use to help us understand baseline (existing) conditions, predict the potential effects of the Project, and determine appropriate impact management and monitoring measures. An IK and Consultation Program has been developed for the Project. These Programs will help us to collect and determine in discussion with your community how IK (e.g., natural environment information) and information on Indigenous land and resource use in the vicinity of the Project area (e.g., harvesting, cultural sites) will become part of the assessment processes and Project planning and design.

Please note that information and correspondence related to the IK program is considered part of the consultation and assessment processes for the all-season community access road to MFFN (the Project) only. The Northern Road Link is a separate project that will undergo a separate assessment.

Purpose of this Memo

We are currently working on defining study areas for the 'Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests' valued component, which tentatively includes:

Valued components are important components of the natural and human environment that could be impacted by a proposed project or activity.

- 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.).

Indicators for this valued component will be further described in the Terms of Reference and through the IK Program.

The purpose of this memo is to gather comments and feedback on the proposed study areas for this valued component. Note that these study areas are considered preliminary and we expect that inputs received will inform the final study areas. These study areas will also inform the IK and Indigenous Land and Resource Use Studies that may be completed by some communities in terms of the geographic extents used to collect information from community members during these studies.

It is important to note that different study areas will be used for the effects assessment for other valued components (e.g., wildlife, fish, vegetation, etc.). More information on the study areas used for these valued components and how they informed the study areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests valued component is provided later in this memo.

IK Program Summary

As per previous communications, there are two key components of the IK Program:

1. Collecting existing IK and Indigenous land and resource use information collected by communities for other purposes (e.g., community-based land use planning) that they choose to share with MFFN; and
2. Completing Project-specific IK and Indigenous Land and Resource Use Studies with interested communities.

Please note that in addition to the IK Program, the Consultation Program serves as an important avenue for collecting concerns, perspectives, community knowledge and other information relevant to the Project from Indigenous communities in the Project area.

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 assessment processes. To capture the range of potential effects, the following study areas are typically used in assessment processes:

- **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.

Study areas are generally defined for each of the valued components that will be assessed (e.g., wildlife, vegetation, fish, water, Indigenous Peoples, etc.). The Project Study Area will be the same for all valued components, and for the MFFN Project is defined as a 100 m wide right-of-way of the road alignments (i.e., Route Alternatives 1, 4 and 4-West) and temporary infrastructure. The proposed Route Alternatives are shown in **Figure 1** (appended). The size of the local and regional study areas may differ across the valued components depending on the geographic extent needed to understand the potential effects of the Project.

Please note that as further information is received about the proposed Project (e.g., technical studies, IK, etc.), it is anticipated that there will be ongoing adjustments to where Project components will be located. This allows MFFN to move the proposed Project away from important and/or sensitive features or areas. It is anticipated changes will occur within the 5 km wide corridors detailed in the Draft Terms of Reference; however, there is the possibility that changes could occur outside of the existing corridors. For example, based on preliminary construction investigations of route Alternative 4, the Engineering Team identified a new routing alternative (currently referred to as Alternative 4-West, see **Figure 1**). This new routing could result in a shorter crossing of the Ogoki River, and would provide access to an aggregate source that could eliminate the need for an additional haul road. As adjustments are made, we will share information so that feedback is based on accurate Project locations.

What Did We Consider When Defining the Preliminary Study Areas for Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests?

The selection of study areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests valued component must consider the geographical area needed to accurately assess potential effects that may result from the Project. Given that this valued component is closely tied to and dependent on other valued components of the natural environment (including surface water, wildlife, vegetation, fish, and air quality), we need to first have a sense of what the study areas for these natural environment valued components are.

Table 1 below provides a summary of the preliminary study areas that have been defined for some of the key natural environment valued components identified for the Project.

It is important to note that the study areas provided in Table 1 are considered preliminary and are subject to change based on review and inputs from federal and provincial regulators and Indigenous communities.

The Local Study Areas have been defined to include a large enough area to account for the potential direct effects of the Project. For example, the Local Study Areas for fish and surface water are considered large enough to account for potential direct downstream/off-site effects. The Local Study Areas are also considered large enough to allow for potential adjustments to the road alignments to avoid sensitive features.

The Regional Study Areas have been defined to include a large enough area to account for the potential indirect effects of the Project. A Cumulative Effects Assessment study area will be developed as part of the assessment.

Most of the Regional Study Areas for the Project have been defined based on quaternary watersheds, which provide useful assessment boundaries. To help define what these are, we need to first define what watersheds are in general. **Watersheds** are defined as the area where all of the water drains to the same place. They are categorized based on their size from largest to smallest:

Primary watersheds are the largest and made up of various smaller watersheds. The three primary watershed in Ontario are the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence, Southwestern Hudson Bay, and Nelson River watersheds.

Secondary watersheds are generally large river or lake systems. There are 28 secondary watershed in Ontario (e.g., Albany River Watershed).

Tertiary watersheds range in size from 700 – 31,000 km^2. There are about 145 tertiary watersheds in Ontario (e.g., Lower Ogoki and Upper Albany Makokibatan Watersheds).

Quaternary watersheds make up tertiary watersheds. They tend to be from 50 – 200 km^2 in size but can be larger. There are over 1,000 quaternary watersheds in Ontario (e.g., Wabassi River Outlet, Gourlie Creek Outlet).

Table 1. Preliminary Study Areas for Other Key Valued Components for the Project

Valued Component	Proposed Local Study Area	Proposed Regional Study Area
Fish and Fish Habitat	2.5 km of the centreline of the Route Alternatives and 2.5 km buffer around temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas).	Includes the quaternary watersheds crossed by the road alignments and temporary infrastructure.

Valued Component	Proposed Local Study Area	Proposed Regional Study Area
Surface Water	2.5 km of the centreline of the Route Alternatives and 2.5 km buffer around temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas). *Surface water refers to all aboveground waters including lakes, rivers, wetlands, etc.*	Includes the quaternary watersheds crossed by the road alignment and temporary infrastructure. The Regional Study Area for Surface Water also encompasses the Regional Study Areas of other Valued Components that either affect surface water or are affected by surface water (e.g., Fish and Fish Habitat).
Vegetation	2.5 km of the centreline of the Route Alternatives and 2.5 km buffer around temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas).	Includes the quaternary watersheds crossed by the road alignments and temporary infrastructure.
Wildlife (General)	2.5 km of the centreline of the Route Alternatives and 2.5 km buffer around temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas). *General refers to all wildlife other than wolverine, caribou and moose.*	Includes the quaternary watersheds crossed by the road alignments and temporary infrastructure. Watersheds provide a natural transition area to help identify long-range, indirect effects the project may have on wildlife surrounding the community access road.
Wildlife (Wolverine)	10 km buffer around the Route Alternatives and temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas) given the large home range for the species.	Includes the tertiary watersheds crossed by the road alignments and temporary infrastructure. Indirect effects to wolverine are more likely to be defined by tertiary watershed boundaries due to their larger home range.

Valued Component	Proposed Local Study Area	Proposed Regional Study Area
Ungulates (moose & caribou)	MOOSE: 2.5 km buffer around the Route Alternatives and temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas). CARIBOU: 35 km buffer around the Route Alternatives and temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas).	MOOSE: Coincides with wildlife management unit (WMU) 17 and part of WMU 1D (proposed route in WMU 1D with 16 km buffer). Based on the fact that moose in Ontario are managed at the WMU level. CARIBOU: Coincides with the three caribou ranges in the region (Missisa Range, Nipigon Range, and Pagwachuan Range).
Air Quality	5 km buffer around the Route Alternatives and temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas), based on provincial recommendations that effects are assessed up to 5 km from an emissions source.	Not applicable since effects not expected beyond the Local Study Area.
Noise	1 km buffer around the Route Alternatives and temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas).	2.5 km buffer around Route Alternatives and temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas).
Physiography & Groundwater	2.5 km buffer around the Route Alternatives and temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas).	5 km buffer around the Route Alternatives and temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas).

Valued Component	Proposed Local Study Area	Proposed Regional Study Area
Cultural Heritage	5 km buffer around the Route Alternatives and temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas).	1 km buffer around the Local Study Area.

Preliminary Study Areas for Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests

Preliminary study areas have been identified based on community input received to date, best practices, and the preliminary study areas identified for the other valued components (refer to **Table 1**). These preliminary study areas are described in **Table 2** below with associated rationale, and shown in **Figure 1** (appended).

The proposed Local Study Area has been defined to include a large enough area to account for the potential direct effects of the Project. It is also considered large enough to allow for flexibility to accommodate potential changes to the road alignment options (i.e., Route Alternatives 1, 4, and 4-West) that may be required based on the results of on-going studies inputs received during the IK and Consultation Programs. The Regional Study Area has been defined to include a large enough area to account for the potential indirect effects of the Project.

As noted previously, these study areas will also inform any IK and Indigenous Land and Resource Use Studies completed for the Project. It is also important to note that while these preliminary study areas are intended to guide data collection in terms of site- or area-specific Indigenous land and resource use in the vicinity of the Project, collecting IK that is more general (e.g., habitat values important for caribou) is also an important part of the program and will become part of the assessment processes (including baseline conditions, effects assessment and identification of impact management measures).

Table 2. Preliminary Study Areas for Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests

Proposed Study Area	Geographic Extent	Rationale
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).	The Local Study Area allows the MFFN Project Team to gather specific information that can be used to help Project design by avoiding or mitigating effects to sensitive features. It also corresponds to the outermost boundaries of the combined Local Study Areas for the fish and fish habitat, surface water, vegetation, general wildlife, moose, and air quality valued components. It has been defined based on the key components that may be relied on (surface water, fish, vegetation, general wildlife and moose) or considered to influence (air quality) Indigenous culture and/or land and resource use. Matching with the Local Study Areas for surface water and fish is also considered appropriate given key concerns related to potential effects on water, which all other natural components are reliant on, as described during consultation with Indigenous communities to date.
Regional Study Area	Combined area of the quaternary watersheds crossed by each of the road alignments.	The Regional Study Area allows the MFFN Project Team to gather information at a larger scale to better understand potential indirect effects on the valued components specific to Indigenous people. It corresponds to the outermost boundaries of the combined Regional Study Areas for the fish and fish habitat, surface water, vegetation, and general wildlife valued components given that these components may be relied on by Indigenous peoples for cultural and land and resource purposes. Matching with the Regional Study Areas for surface water and fish is also considered appropriate given key concerns related to potential effects on water, which all other natural components are reliant on, as described during consultation with Indigenous communities to date.

Next Steps

Thank you for reviewing the Preliminary Study Areas Memo. We look forward to your comments and feedback on the proposed study areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests valued component. **We respectfully request any feedback, comments, and/or supporting information or documentation on the preliminary study areas are provided by September 25, 2020.**

Comments, questions, information and feedback can be directed to the IK Program Leads:

- Bob Baxter, MFFN Advisor at [redacted]
- Larissa Mikkelsen, MFFN Advisor at [redacted]

While we recognize that many communities have been affected by COVID-19, we are committed to working with and supporting communities in participating in the Consultation and IK Programs through this time. We want to provide as much time as possible to complete any Project-specific IK and Indigenous Land and Resource Use Studies that may be undertaken as part of the IK Program. We greatly appreciate your timely feedback.

Sincerely,

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Qasim Saddique
Project Director

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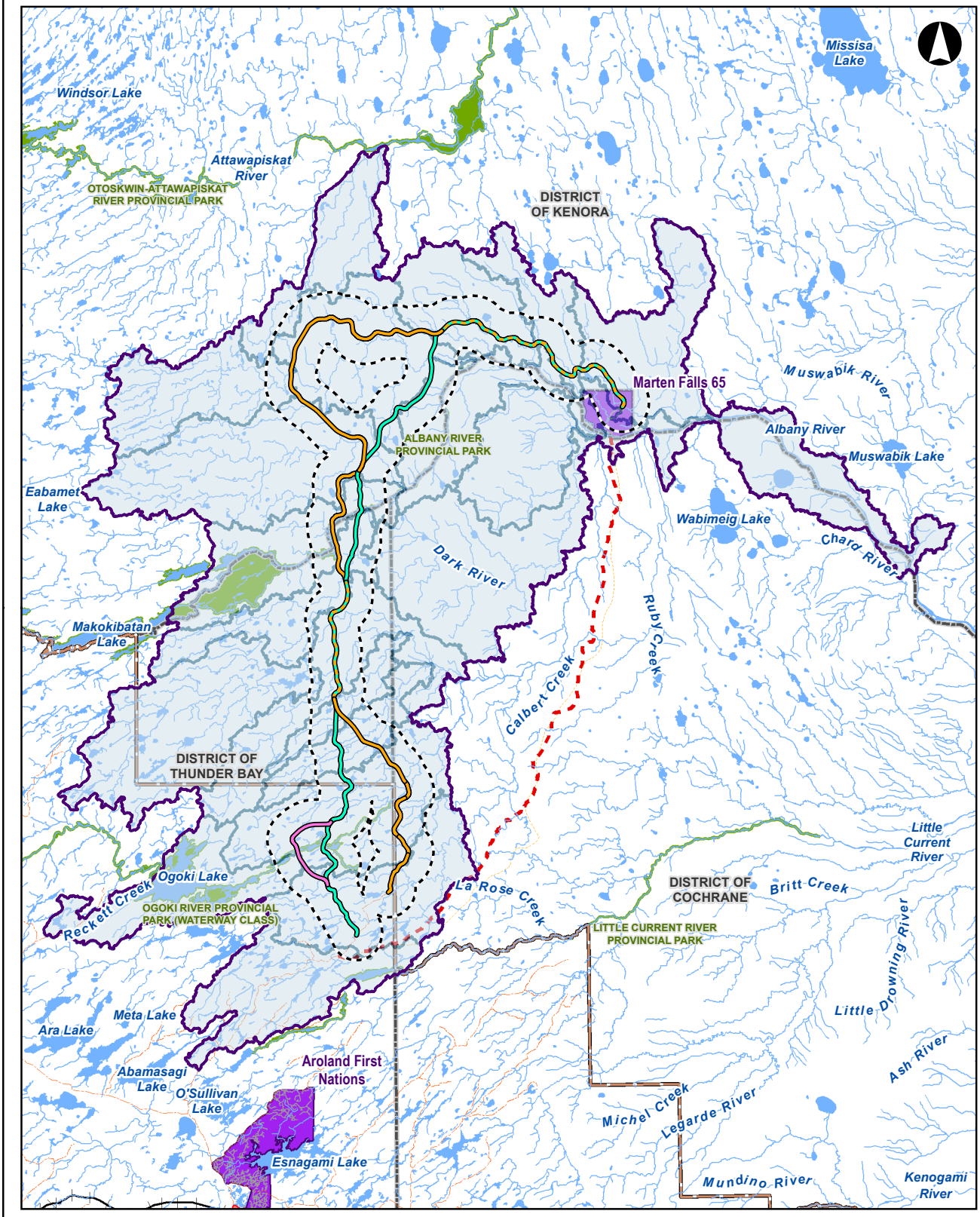
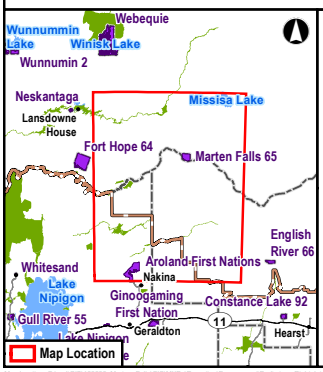
Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Member Advisor

On behalf of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team





Legend

- Local Study Area
- Regional Study Area

Route Label

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

General Features

- Highway
- Local Road
- Winter Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- Existing Winter Access Road
- Railway
- Watercourse
- First Nation Reserve
- Far North Boundary
- District Municipal Boundary
- Waterbody
- Quaternary Watershed
- Provincial Park

Data Sources:
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Appendix C

Participant Informed Consent Form

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Appendix C – Participant Informed Consent Form

The following provides an example participant informed consent form that could be used for your Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land and Resource Use Study.

I _____ (name) give permission for _____ (name) to interview me on this day _____ (today's date) for the Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land and Resource Use Study for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project.

I understand that the information I provide in this interview is being collected by the Marten Falls First Nation Project Team and their representatives to help them understand:

- The environmental conditions in the area of the project, both in the past and present;
- Indigenous Knowledge that should become part of the project environmental/impact assessment processes;
- Concerns about how the project could negatively impact the natural environment (land, water and animals) and [*INSERT COMMUNITY NAME*] cultural activities and culturally important places, including places that community members use for hunting, trapping, fishing, and gathering; and
- How potential negative impacts could be avoided or reduced.

I understand that the information collected will be used to:

- Establish the baseline (historical and existing) conditions and inform studies of species and lands and how they may be affected by the project;
- Identify sites and areas that are important to [*INSERT COMMUNITY NAME*] and could potentially be negatively impacted by the project;
- Support the assessment of potential project impacts on [*INSERT COMMUNITY NAME*];
- Support the regulatory requirements for the environmental/impact assessment processes in terms of consultation and engagement;
- Inform the project route alignment (where the road will go) so that the project can be designed to avoid or reduce negative impacts wherever possible; and
- Support [*INSERT COMMUNITY NAME*] in building a database of [*INSERT COMMUNITY NAME*] Indigenous Knowledge and land and resource use information that could be used for other community purposes (with my approval to do so first).

By signing below, I understand that:

1) I give my consent to have my words and responses recorded on maps and in notes, and to using audio and video equipment only if I feel comfortable and approve here: ☐ Yes ☐ No
2) I am free to not respond to any of the questions asked and stop the interview at any point without any consequences;
3) I will retain ownership over the information I provide and any recordings made of my participation;
4) I give permission for my words and statements to be used in reports for the environmental/impact assessment processes;
5) [*INSERT COMMUNITY NAME*] may use the information I provide for defending and communicating the rights and interests of community members during regulatory and negotiation processes;
6) I can remain anonymous in that my name will be protected and will not be used in any reports that contain information from this interview;
7) I give consent to have photographs taken of me and that these may be used in study materials (e.g., the report) only if I feel comfortable and approve here: ☐ Yes ☐ No
8) The information collected (e.g., maps, tapes, reports, etc.) will be returned to [*INSERT COMMUNITY NAME*] for storage and archival, and will not be used for any other purposes without my permission or the permission of my descendants.

_____	_____	_____
Participant (Print Name)	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Interviewer (Print Name)	Signature	Date

Appendix D

Guidance for Collecting Information on Community Culture & Lifestyle (Past and Present)

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Appendix D – Guidance for Collecting Information on Community Culture & Lifestyle (Past and Present)

The following questions should be used to guide and support general information gathering on community cultural and lifestyle in both the past and today. Specific questions related to the proposed Project area are contained in Appendices E and F.

1. What is the history of your community and/or what are important dates in the history of your community?

2. How would you describe the traditional way of life of your community and its members before any significant changes (e.g., European settlement, residential school system, etc.) took place in terms of:
    a. How was the land important to the community and culture?
    b. How did community members use the land and its resources each season?
    c. What was an ordinary day like for a women? For a man? For children?
    d. How was your culture (including language) shared and transmitted through the use of lands and resources?
    e. How were land use and land management decisions made? What governance system, clan system, family system, and/or traditional or natural laws were in place and guided land and resource use?

3. How has your community changed over time in terms of:
    a. Importance of the land to your community and culture today?
    b. How community members generally use the lands and resources today? Men? Women? Children?
    c. How is your culture (including language) shared and transmitted through the use of lands and resources today?
    d. What aspects of the traditional governance system (e.g., clan system, family system) and/or laws (e.g., natural laws) are still in place or are being revived in the community?

4. What historical and/or cumulative effects (e.g., dams, residential schools, day schools, reserve system, establishment of the registered trapline system, mineral development, etc.) led or contributed to these changes in the traditional way of life and culture?
    a. When did key changes take place?

The following questions aim to provide an understanding of how much food eaten today is wild versus store bought, and how much this has changed over time compared to the past for a better understanding of true baseline conditions.

5. How much of your food today (%) is from wild animals and plants (including berries) compared to store bought food?
    a. Which ones are most important?
    b. Roughly how much of each animal do you hunt/trap/fish each year today (e.g., how many moose per year)?
6. How much of your food in the past (%) was from wild animals and plants (including berries)?
    c. When was this?
    d. Which ones were most important and in what season?
    e. Roughly how much of animal did you hunt/trap/fish per year? How many plants and berries (in pounds or however you would explain it)?

Appendix E

IK/ILRU Question Guide

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Appendix E – IK/ILRU Question Guide

The following question guide should be used to support the collection of Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous land and resource use relevant to the proposed Project and within the Local and Regional Study Areas. The guide begins with an example script that could be used to introduce the purpose of the interview, followed by a set of questions (general and more site-specific ones) that should be used based on the information we have been asked to provide by provincial and federal regulators.

Introductory Script

My name is [INSERT INTERVIEWER NAME] and my co-researcher is [INSERT CO-RESEARCHER NAME]. We are working on behalf of [NAME OF YOUR COMMUNITY] to gather information on your knowledge of and experience in the area of the proposed Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Project.

The Project involves the development of an all-season road to connect Marten Falls First Nation to Highway 643 to the south using the existing Painter Lake Road. The environmental assessment that is being done will look at the existing natural and human environments in the area of the proposed Project and the potential negative and positive impacts of the Project on these environments, including Indigenous people. The information you provide today will be used by [NAME OF YOUR COMMUNITY] to support the protection of important sites and areas and your culture and values.

The interview will take up to [INSERT HOW MANY HOURS THE INTERVIEW WILL BE]. We will ask you a number of questions about your knowledge, experience and land and resource use in the local and regional study areas being used to assess potential impacts on Indigenous peoples. The questions are based on the type of information we are being asked to provide for the assessment process by federal and provincial regulators. The study areas are shown on these maps where we will mark up sites you have used in the past or currently use for hunting, trapping, fishing and gathering. *[Review the maps showing the local and regional study areas so the participant gets an understanding of the areas]*.

You can decline any of the questions we ask if you would prefer not to answer. All information and files from today's session will be stored and managed by [NAME OF YOUR COMMUNITY]. We also have a consent form that explains exactly how the information you provide may be used. We would like to review it with you now. *[Review the participant consent form now and determine if the participant provides consent to be video or audio taped during the session.]*

We will begin with some general questions about your background. Then we will move into more specific questions about your knowledge and experience in the local and regional study areas, both in the past and present. We will end the session with questions about your perspectives on the potential

negative or positive impacts of the proposed Project on your Aboriginal and Treaty rights, and how any negative impacts could be avoided or reduced and any positive impacts could be enhanced. If there is anything that we don't ask you about but you think should be included in final study report, please let us know.

Once we have completed all interviews for this study, we will be taking the information collected and show it on maps like this so that the road can be designed to avoid sites and areas that should be protected. You will be provided with a copy of the map developed from the information we collect today to confirm we have documented it correctly before it is reported on.

Do you have any questions before we begin? *[Answer any questions the participant may have before beginning].*

Interview Guide

[Mark down the following as you begin the interview]

Today's date:
Time:
Location:
Participant ID #[1]:
Gender (male/female):
Interviewer:
Co-researcher/note taker:
Age Category: Under 18 ☐ Elder ☐ Other ☐

Background Information

1. What is your full name?
2. What year were your born or how old are you?
3. What languages do you speak?
    a. For any language other than English, how often do you speak it? (e.g., some of the time, most of the time, 50% of the time, etc.)

[1] *Either assign a new # to the participant or use the # that has been used for the participant in previous studies or interviews)*

Introductory Questions

The following questions are intended to give use a sense of your experience, or the experience of your family or relations, in the Local and Regional Study Areas for the proposed Project.

1. Have you ever used sites or areas within the Local or Regional Study Areas for hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering, or cultural/spiritual purposes?
    a. If yes, which activities?
    b. If no, why?
2. Have your family or other relations ever used sites of areas within the Local or Regional Study Areas for hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering, or cultural/spiritual purposes?
    a. If yes, which activities?
    b. If no, why?
3. Have you ever done any commercial trapping or fishing in the Local or Regional Study Areas?
    a. If yes, where and when?

Animal Harvesting – Hunting & Trapping

General Questions *(Could be used during workshops or focus groups)*

1. Which animals (wildlife, birds) are culturally or spiritually significant to you or your community and why?
2. Which animals are harvested and how?
3. What time of year (season) do you hunt?
    a. Trap?
4. How important are these animals to your daily life and why?
5. What do you look for or what is important when looking for sites and areas to hunt or trap these animals (e.g., certain trees, landscape features, muskeg, quiet place, etc.)?
6. Who taught you to hunt or trap these animals?
7. Do you teach others to hunt or trap these animals?

Site-Specific (Mapping) Questions for the Study Areas

1. Can you show us any places in the Local or Regional Study Area where you have killed or trapped animals?
    a. Which animals/species?
    b. When (year or decade)?
    c. Why did you harvest it (e.g., for food, for ceremony, for medicine, etc.)?
2. Do you continue to use this site for hunting or trapping?
    a. If so, how often?
    b. If not, why not?

3. Are there any key sensitive areas within the Local or Regional Study Area that you use for hunting or trapping that should be protected?

Fish Harvesting

General Questions *(Could be used during workshops or focus groups)*

8. Which fish are culturally or spiritually significant to you or your community and why?
9. Which fish are harvested and how?
10. What time of year (season) do you fish?
11. How important are these fish to your daily life and why?
12. What do you look for or what is important when looking for sites and areas to fish (e.g., water or landscape features, quiet place, etc.)?
13. Who taught you to fish?
14. Do you teach others to fish?

Site-Specific (Mapping) Questions for the Study Areas

4. Can you show us any places in the Local or Regional Study Area where you have harvested fish?
    a. Which fish/species?
    b. When (year or decade)?
    c. Why did you harvest it (e.g., for food, for ceremony, for medicine, etc.)?
5. Do you continue to use this site for fishing?
    a. If so, how often?
    b. If not, why not?
6. Are there any key sensitive areas within the Local or Regional Study Area that you use for fishing that should be protected?

Plant Harvesting

General Questions *(Could be used during workshops or focus groups)*

1. Which plants (berries, trees, moss, medicinal plants, mushrooms, other plant materials) are culturally important or significant to your community and why?
2. Which plants are picked/gathered and how?
3. How important are these plants to your daily life?
4. What do you look for or what is important when looking for sites and areas to pick/gather/collect plants (e.g., certain trees, landscape features, muskeg, quiet place, etc.)?
5. Who taught you to pick/gather these plants?
6. Do you teach others to pick/gather these plants?

Site-Specific (Mapping) Questions for the Study Areas

1. Can you show us places in the Local or Regional Study Area where you have picked/gathered plants, including berries, trees, moss, medicinal plants, mushrooms, other plant materials?
    a. Which plants?
    b. What time of year (season) and when (year or decade)?
    c. Why did you pick/gather it (e.g., for food, for ceremony, for medicine, etc.)?
2. Do you continue to use this site/area for plant picking/gathering?
    a. If so, how often?
    b. If not, why not?
3. Are there any key sensitive areas within the Local or Regional Study Area that you use for plant/berry picking that should be protected?

Cultural/Spiritual/Sacred Sites

Site-Specific (Mapping) Questions for the Study Areas

1. Do you know of any cultural sites (including gathering and ceremonial sites, teaching sites, traditional meeting place, sweat lodge, shaking tent sites, etc.) within the Local or Regional Study Area that are important to you or your community?
    a. Who uses this site?
    b. What time of year (season) and when (year or decade)?
    c. Why is this site important?
    d. Who taught you about this site?
    e. Is the site still used today?
        i. If so, how often?
        ii. If not, why not?
2. Do you know of any spiritual or sacred sites (burial places, birthing places, sites where ashes were placed, sacred rock, etc.) within the Local or Regional Study Area that are important to you or your community?
    a. Who uses this site?
    b. What time of year (season) and when (year or decade)?
    c. Why is this site important?
    d. Who taught you about this site?
3. Do you know of any sites or places within the Local or Regional Study Area that have stories, legends or special knowledge associated with them that are important to you or your community?
    a. Why is this site important?
    b. Who taught or told you about this site or place?
    c. How do you or your community members use this site (e.g., share stories, share language, teach others, etc.)?

4. Do you know of any historical sites (e.g., archaeological site, pictograph, etc.) within the Local or Regional Study Area that are important to you or your community?
    a. Why is this site important?

Traditional Names/Place Names

Site-Specific (Mapping) Questions for the Study Areas

1. Do you know of any sites or places within the Local or Regional Study Area that have traditional names or special place names in your traditional language?
    a. Do you use this site?
        i. If yes, how and when?

Habitation

Site-Specific (Mapping) Questions for the Study Areas

1. Can you show us any places within the Local or Regional Study Area that you have stayed overnight (e.g., cabin, camp, tent site)?
    a. How many times have you stayed here (once, several times, each year) and when (year or decade)?
    b. Why have you stayed here?
    c. Is this place important to you or your community?
        i. If yes, why?

Travel

Site-Specific (Mapping) Questions for the Study Areas

1. Can you show us any trails or routes within the Local or Regional Study Area that you have travelled on foot or by vehicle (quad, snowmobile) to access sites used for hunting, trapping, fishing, picking/gathering, camping, or cultural purposes?
    a. What time of year (season) and when (year or decade)?
    b. When did you first use this route and when did you last use this route?
    c. What did you use this route for (e.g., to access a hunting site, to access a spiritual site)?
2. Can you show us any routes within the Local or Regional Study Area that you have travelled along water (creeks, lakes, rivers) by boat to access sites used for hunting, trapping, fishing, picking/gathering, camping, or cultural purposes?
    a. What time of year (season) and when (year or decade)?
    b. When did you first use this route and when did you last use this route?
    c. What did you use this route for (e.g., to access a hunting site, to access a spiritual site)?

3. Do you know of any old land or water routes within the Local or Regional Study Area that used to be used by community members/your ancestors in the past?

Points of Interest

Site-Specific (Mapping) Questions for the Study Areas

1. Can you show us any points of interest (e.g., cache, dangerous area) or environmental features (e.g., esker, pond, lake, rapids, waterfall) that are important to you or your community?
    a. Why is it important?
    b. Who taught you about this site?
    c. Do you or anyone in your community use this site today?
        i. If so, how often?
        ii. If not, why not?
2. Are there any sources of water (e.g., lake, river, creek, spring, artesian well, etc.) within the Local or Regional Study Area that you use for drinking water or for water for cultural or spiritual uses?

Fish & Wildlife Use Areas

Site-Specific (Mapping) Questions for the Study Areas

7. Do you know of any specific locations or areas of good habitat or places that are important for wildlife (e.g., moose, caribou, birds), fish, or plants within the Local or Regional Study Area? These may include fish spawning areas, calving areas, mating areas, mineral licks, seasonal use areas, nesting areas, dens, etc.
8. Do you know of any routes used by wildlife or fish to migrate or move across an area within the Local or Regional Study Area?

Appendix F

Potential Impacts Question Guide

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Appendix F – Potential Impacts Question Guide

The following question guide should be used to support the collection of perspectives on the potential positive or negative impacts of the project based on the information we have been asked to provide by provincial and federal regulators.

Potential Impacts & Cumulative Effects

1. Based on your understanding of the proposed Project, do you have any concerns that the Project may impact the following, and if so how:
    a. Wildlife/animals?
    b. Fish?
    c. Plants?
    d. Cultural or spiritual sites?
    e. The natural environment, including air and water?
2. Do you think the proposed Project may impact (positively or negatively) the following, and if so how:
    a. The availability of lands and resources for Indigenous uses (e.g., hunting, trapping, etc.)?
    b. The quality of resources (animals, plants, fish etc.) available for Indigenous uses (e.g., hunting, trapping, etc.)?
    c. Access to lands and resources for Indigenous uses (e.g., hunting, trapping, etc.)?
    d. Culturally important sites and areas?
    e. Your experience of being on the land?
    f. Your ability to practice, teach and pass on your culture or language?
3. Do you think the proposed Project may have any other impacts on you or your community?
    a. If so, what and how?
4. Do you think the proposed Project may contribute to any cumulative effects that have already impacted you or your community?
    a. If so, what?

Opportunities for Mitigation and/or Enhancement

1. Do you have any suggestions for how any potential negative impacts could be avoided or minimized, and if so how?
2. Do you have any suggestions for how any potential positive impacts on your or your community could be increased or enhanced, and if so how?

Appendix G

Study Report Template

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Appendix G – Study Report Template

The following study report template could be used to support reporting for your IK/ILRU study. The template has been developed based on the information we have been asked to provide by provincial and federal regulators. The MFFN Project Team recognizes that this template may need to be customized to suit the needs of your community.

1. Introduction

This is where you can provide an introduction to your community-specific Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land and Resource Use (IK/ILRU) Study.

1.1 Project Description

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is a remote First Nation community in northern Ontario located at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki Rivers, approximately 430 kilometres (km) northeast of Thunder Bay, Ontario. The MFFN community is currently only accessible by air and a winter road. Given the unreliability of the winter road, MFFN is proposing an all-season Community Access Road (the Project). The Project will connect MFFN to Ontario's provincial highway network (Highway 643) to the south via the existing Painter Lake Road.

1.2 Regulatory Requirements

The information contained in this report will be governed by the IK Sharing Agreement and will help to inform the Provincial Environmental Assessment as outlined in the Approved Terms of Reference (ToR) and the Federal Impact Assessment as outlined in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (the assessment processes). The assessment processes will assess both the potential Project effects and benefits and will inform Project planning and design.

2. Study Methodology

2.1 Literature Review

There is where you can include a description of a literature review that was completed for the IK/ILRU Study if applicable (include in references list in Section 10).

2.2 Temporal and Spatial Boundaries

This is where you can describe the temporal and spatial boundaries that your community used for your IK/ILRU Study if different than what is presented below. If your community uses different temporal and spatial boundaries, please provide the rationale.

2.2.1 Temporal Boundaries

The following time periods were used to guide baseline information collection:

- **Past Use**: Land and resource use after 1947 (when the registered trapline system in Ontario was implemented) up to 2008 (when the landscape and local economy really started to change as a result of mineral discoveries).
- **Current Use**: Land and resource use from 2008 up to present day and into the reasonably foreseeable future.

2.2.2 Spatial Boundaries

The spatial boundaries for the IK/ILRU study were defined as:

- **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).
- **Regional Study Area:** Combined area of the quaternary watersheds crossed by each of the Route Alternatives.

2.3 Data Collection Approach

2.3.1 Previously Collected Data

Description of existing data that is relevant to the Project including maps/shapefiles. Please see IK Guidance Document for further information.

2.3.2 Participant Selection

*Please include a description of how participants were selected considering GBA+ requirements and if and how different genders and age groups were factored into the selection of participants. Please see **Section 6.1** of the IK Guidance Document for further information.*

2.3.3 Data Collection

Please include a description of how data was collected (e.g., interviews, workshops, focus groups, etc.). Please see IK Guidance Document for further information.

2.4 Data Validation

Please include a brief description on how data and information was validated. Please see IK Guidance Document for further information.

3. [INSERT FIRST NATION] Lands

This where we are asking you to provide information on your First Nation lands that includes but is not limited to:

- *Traditional Territory including a description and map if applicable*
- *Treaty Lands including information on your First Nation's unique Treaty history*
- *Reserve Lands including a description and map*
- *Specific and Comprehensive Land Claims*

4. Community Culture and Lifestyle - Past and Present

This where we are asking you to provide information that was collected from the questions found in ***Appendix D – Guidance for Collecting Information on Community Culture and Lifestyle (Past and Present).*** *Including but not limited to:*

- *History of your community*
- *Important historical dates within your community*
- *Description of your traditional way of life*
- *Importance of land to the community and culture*
- *Description of seasonal land and resources use*
- *Description of an ordinary day for women, men, Elders, children, others*
- *Important cultural traditions and how they are taught and handed down*
- *Governance systems and traditional laws related to land use and management*
- *Changes over time within your community in terms of cultural practices, traditional governance, etc.*
- *What specific events or changes (e.g., dams, residential schools, day schools, reserve system, establishment of the registered trap line system, etc.) led or contributed to these changes in the traditional way of life and culture?*

- *Important legends or stories that are significant and help explain your community's culture (including ties to the land and resources*
- *Wild vs. Store Bought Foods (% from wild animals and plants compared to store bought food in the past versus present, etc.)*

5. IK/LRU Baseline Information

This where we are asking you to provide information that was collected from the questions found in ***Appendix E – IK/ILRU Question Guide****. The following sub-headings are based on the categories in the IK Guidance Document and on the need to collect both general (non-site specific information) and site specific information and are intended for guidance only. We recognize that you may prefer to organize your information differently.*

5.1 Animal Harvesting – Hunting & Trapping

5.1.1 Non Site-specific Information and Indigenous Knowledge

- *May include information on: animals that are of cultural importance, general habitat needs of certain animals, how harvested animals are prepared and what they are used for (e.g., food, ceremonial purposes, etc.), observations of how animal populations have changed in terms of numbers of areas used, etc.*

5.1.2 Information Specific to the Study Areas

- *Includes locations of Indigenous land and resource use within the Local or Regional Study Areas*
- *Includes locations of important environmental values (e.g., moose winter use areas, fish spawning areas, etc.) within the Local or Regional Study Areas*
- *Includes mapping of documented uses and values with any buffers for sensitive information as appropriate/where required*

5.2 Fish Harvesting (Fish and Fish Habitat)

5.2.1 Non Site-specific Information and Indigenous Knowledge

5.2.2 Information Specific to the Study Areas

5.3 Plant Harvesting (Vegetation)

5.3.1 Non Site-specific Information and Indigenous Knowledge

5.3.2 Information Specific to the Study Areas

5.4 Cultural/Spiritual/Sacred Sites

5.4.1 Non Site-specific Information and Indigenous Knowledge

5.4.2 Information Specific to the Study Areas

5.5 Traditional Names/Place Names

5.5.1 Non Site-specific Information and Indigenous Knowledge

5.5.2 Information Specific to the Study Areas

5.6 Habitation

5.6.1 Non Site-specific Information and Indigenous Knowledge

5.6.2 Information Specific to the Study Areas

5.7 Travel

5.7.1 Non Site-specific Information and Indigenous Knowledge

5.7.2 Information Specific to the Study Areas

5.8 Points Interest

5.8.1 Non Site-specific Information and Indigenous Knowledge

5.8.2 Information Specific to the Study Areas

5.9 Fish and Wildlife Use Area

5.9.1 Non Site-specific Information and Indigenous Knowledge

5.9.2 Information Specific to the Study Areas

6. Potential Project-Related Impacts

*This where we are asking you to provide information that was collected from the questions found in **Appendix F – Potential Impacts Question Guide**. This information can be described quantitatively or qualitatively. Information on impacts and or/ changes, both positive and negative, can include but is not limited to:*

- *Sites and areas (ha) used for traditional activities (hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering)*
- *Availability of lands and resources for traditional activities*
- *Quality of resources for traditional activities*
- *Access to lands and resources for traditional activities*
- *Loss of or change to culturally important sites and areas (e.g., ceremonial sites, sacred areas, place names, teaching sites)*
- *Sufficiency of lands and resources for cultural practices*
- *Experience of being on the land*
- *Changes to cultural traditions*

7. Recommendations

This is where we are asking you to provide any preliminary recommendations or mitigation measures, and/or any other additional comments you would like to provide the MFFN Project Team to consider.

8. Summary of Impacts and Recommendations

This is where you can provide a summary of preliminary potential impacts and recommendations (e.g. mitigation measures) your community would like to highlight or raise with the MFFN Project Team.

Project Component	Potential Impacts to Environmental Resources	Potential Impacts to XX First Nation	Recommendations

9. Closure

This is where you could provide any other closing remarks your community would like to make.

10. References

Please include a list of references used in your IK/ILRU Study.

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TEK Map

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Jul 5, 2023 at 8:47 AM
To: Haley Rice <[redacted]
Cc: Troy Woodhouse [redacted]

Thank you, Haley! I passed this along to the rest of the team, and we will be in touch if we have any questions or further requests.

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

TEK Map

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]
To: Haley Rice [redacted]

Tue, Jul 11, 2023 at 4:41 PM

Hi Haley,

Thank you again for providing this map! I shared it with the MFFN CAR Project Team and it was greatly appreciated.

We were wondering if Mushkegowuk Council would be comfortable sharing the shapefiles that went into creating this map with our team? We would treat this information as confidential, and honour the template IK sharing agreement I have attached.

Please let me know if this might be a possibility.

Thank you again!

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
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Template - Confidential Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Agreement - 2023.docx
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

TEK Map

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Jul 12, 2023 at 8:44 AM
To: Haley Rice [redacted]

Hi Haley,

This is great, thank you!

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

TEK Map

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Jul 14, 2023 at 12:38 PM
To: Haley Rice [redacted]

Hi Haley,

Thank you for the update! I look forward to hearing from you.

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

TEK Map

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Aug 9, 2023 at 11:51 AM
To: Haley Rice [redacted]
Cc: Andrea Nokleby [redacted]

Good morning Haley,

I hope all is well! I just wanted to follow up about this and ask if you have heard back from Attawapiskat, or if you have any other updates about these shapefiles? Let me know!

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 12:48 PM
To: Haley Rice [redacted]
Cc: Andrea Nokleby [redacted]

Hi Haley,

Thank you for the update, and for reaching out on our behalf! Hopefully we hear back soon!

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

TEK Map

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Sep 20, 2023 at 11:18 AM
To: Haley Rice [redacted]
Cc: Andrea Nokleby [redacted]

Good morning Haley,

I hope all is well! I just wanted to check in again to see if you have any updates on this. Let me know!

Thanks,

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Upcoming Events and Contact Info Confirmation

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 4:02 PM
To: Vern Cheechoo [redacted]
Bcc: "McEwen, Kate" [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good afternoon Vern,

I hope all is well. I gave you a call today to discuss some upcoming project updates and left a message with your assistant. I am sending this email to follow up about these topics, and to provide further details.

Firstly, I know Mushkegowuk Council recently had an election, so I wanted to confirm the contact information for the new Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief, assuming that they will still be key contacts for this project. Please confirm that the following contact information is correct:

Grand Chief Walter Leo Friday - [redacted]
Deputy Grand Chief Amos Wesley - [redacted]

Furthermore, I wanted to let you know about these three upcoming events, in relation to the MFFN CAR Project:

- **Public Information Centre #5.**
  - The PIC #5 will be held in Thunder Bay and Geraldton from October 23 - 27. Dates and a more formal notice will be shared soon.
  - Join us for updates and information on:
    - Update on what we heard at the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) forum and plans for the next forum;
    - Update on 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.
- **Climate Change Workshop**
  - Workshop to be held in Q1 2024 with interested Indigenous Communities. Dates and a more formal notice will be shared soon.
- **Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Forum**
  - There will be an upcoming Forum on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests November 21-23 (Thunder Bay), where cumulative effects will also be presented. More precise dates and a formal notice will be shared soon.

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 <jmiles@dillon.ca>

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Nov 10, 2023 at 10:58 AM
To: Vern Cheechoo [redacted], Grand Chief Alison Linklater [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted], "McEwen, Kate" [redacted]

Good morning Vern,

I hope all is well. I gave you a call yesterday to provide some updates for the MFFN CAR Project, and to specifically highlight upcoming events for the Project. I spoke with your receptionist, who noted that I should send you an email to share this information.

First and foremost, I wanted to say a belated congratulations and introduce myself to the new Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chiefs. My name is Jodi and I am the main point of contact for Mushkegowuk Council in relation to the MFFN CAR project, so if anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out! Here is the link to the MFFN CAR Project website, if anyone would like to learn more.

Next, I wanted to share some information about two upcoming events related to the MFFN CAR Project, 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.

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 Milestone 2 Progress Report

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Mon, Nov 27, 2023 at 1:19 PM

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Dear Grand Chief Leo Walter,

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 Mushkegowuk Council: [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 1-800-764-9114.

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]

Wed, Nov 29, 2023 at 12:34 PM

To: [redacted]
Cc: [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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MFFN CAR Socio-economic Assessment Interest

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Dec 7, 2023 at 1:39 PM
To: Grand Chief Leo Walter [redacted] Vern Cheechoo [redacted]
Cc: Amos Wesley [redacted], Natasha Martin [redacted], Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter [redacted], Jennifer Bruin [redacted], Don McKinnon [redacted] Ingrid Trimble [redacted], "Fisken, Avril" [redacted] Bethany Haalboom [redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project [redacted], "McEwen, Kate" [redacted]

Dear Grand Chief Walter and Vern,

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 (MFCAR) Project that is to provide all season access to the community. Attached is a letter requesting if Mushkegowuk Council has any interests or concerns regarding possible social-community and/or economic impacts as a result of the MFCAR project. Please also note that this request is different from other requests sent to your community regarding the collection of Indigenous Knowledge and information pertaining to the assessment of impacts to Indigenous rights.

Should Mushkegowuk Council have socio-economic interests or concerns related to the MFCAR project, we would like to hear from you by December 30, 2023.

Thank you,

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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December 07, 2023

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Sent via email

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project – Socio-economic Assessment Interest

Dear Grand Chief Walter,

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 Jodi Miles at [redacted] should you have interest in and 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.

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR December Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Dec 8, 2023 at 4:22 PM
To: Vern Cheechoo [redacted]
Cc: Grand Chief Leo Walter [redacted], Amos Wesley [redacted] Natasha Martin [redacted]
Bcc: "McEwen, Kate" [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted], Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good afternoon Vern,

I hope the holiday season is treating you well. I was planning to give you a call yesterday to give you some project updates, but I received an Out Of Office response when I sent an email. Instead, I will give you a call early next week, but send this email in the meantime to provide an overview of project updates.

Milestone #2 Progress Report

An updated link to your Milestone #2 Progress Report was shared with you on 29 November, 2023. The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers all consultation with Mushkegowuk Council 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 you received on 29 November, 2023.

Webinars

The webinar on Route Selection took place Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. EST.
The recording of the Webinar can be accessed HERE.

Other upcoming webinars include topics such as Climate Change, Engineering and Cumulative Effects, and will be held in Q1 2024 with interested Indigenous Communities. Dates and a more formal notice will be shared soon.

I also wanted to take a moment to wish you Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. The information you have provided in 2023 regarding the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road has been greatly appreciated.

Happy Holidays!

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Milestone #2 Progress Report and ATRI Report reminders

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Jan 11, 2024 at 2:25 PM
To: Vern Cheechoo [redacted]
Cc: Grand Chief Leo Walter [redacted] Amos Wesley [redacted], Natasha Martin [redacted]
Bcc: "McEwen, Kate" [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted], Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Dear Vern,

I hope this email finds you well, and that you had a great holiday season.

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 link to this report can be found here.

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. Please confirm that you were able to view/download the documents successfully.

Sincerely,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MFFN CAR Milestone 2 Progress Report

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Jan 23, 2024 at 2:09 PM
To: Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]
Cc: Vern Cheechoo [redacted], Grand Chief Leo Walter [redacted], Natasha Martin [redacted] Amos Wesley <[redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], "Poulakas, Demetri" [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]

Good afternoon Troy,

Thank you for returning the call I left with the Mushkegowuk Council earlier today. As requested, I am forwarding you the original email with the link to Mushkegowuk's sections of the report, which can be found here. We are hoping to receive any revisions or comments for these sections of the report by **February 15, 2024.** Please let us know if you think Mushkegowuk Council will be able to provide comments by this date, or if you have any concerns or questions about this timeline.

I also wanted to make a small correction regarding something I said in our phone conversation - I believe you were referring to the Webequie Supply Road, which is also a separate project. This report is regarding the Marten Falls Community Access Road, a map of which can be found here.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Thanks again,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Jan 23, 2024 at 4:18 PM
To: Vern Cheechoo [redacted], Troy Woodhouse [redacted]
Cc: Grand Chief Leo Walter [redacted]>, Amos Wesley [redacted], Natasha Martin [redacted]
Bcc: "McEwen, Kate" [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]>, Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good afternoon Vern and Troy,

I hope all is well. I'm sending this email to follow up about the message I left and the phone call I had with Troy earlier today.

Milestone #2 Progress Report

I wanted to follow up to see if Mushkegowuk Council plans to provide comments on the Milestone #2 Progress Report. I discussed this report with Troy over the phone, and forwarded him the original email from November 29, 2023 with the link to the report.

The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers all consultation with Mushkegowuk Council 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.

During our phone call, Troy mentioned that Mushkegowuk Council will review the report and provide comments. 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 you received on 29 November, 2023.

Webinar Series

Join us for the Climate Change Webinar on Thursday, February 8 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

Please register for the webinar at this link, which can also be found in your invite on Tuesday, January 16th email. Please reply to the original email with any questions you would like answered.

Webinars regarding Engineering and Cumulative Effects will be held in Q1 2024 with interested Indigenous Communities. Dates and a more formal notice will be shared soon.

Thank you!

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
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MFFN CAR Milestone #2 Follow Up and Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Feb 22, 2024 at 3:32 PM
To: Troy Woodhouse [redacted], Vern Cheechoo [redacted]
Cc: Grand Chief Leo Walter [redacted] Amos Wesley [redacted] Natasha Martin [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted], Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] "McEwen, Kate" [redacted]

Good afternoon Troy and Vern,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today about the status of Mushkegowuk Council's review of the Milestone #2 report. I am sending this email to provide an overview of our conversation, as well as some general project updates.

Milestone #2 Report

During our phone conversation, I followed up about the Milestone #2 report, which was originally sent to Mushkegowuk Council on November 27, 2023, and resent on January 23, 2024. I asked if Mushkegowuk Council still intended to provide a response to this report, as the deadline of February 15, 2024 had passed. You noted that Mushkegowuk Council still intends to provide a response, and that the Environmental Coordinator had been working on putting together comments. You noted that you would follow up with the Environmental Coordinator to check on the status of these comments. If you could provide me an update and let me know when we can expect Mushkegowuk Council's response to the Milestone #2 report, it would be greatly appreciated!

Webinar Series

We recently hosted the Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road Webinar on February 8th, 2024. We wanted to send out a link to the webinar recording for those who would like to watch the webinar again, or did not have a chance to participate live. The link can be found on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road website here.

Additionally, we are requesting that communities take 5 minutes to fill out a survey about how Climate Change has / is affecting their community. The link to this survey can be found [redacted].

Webinars regarding Engineering and Cumulative Effects will be held in Q1 2024 with interested Indigenous Communities. Dates and a more formal notice will be shared soon.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Milestone #2 report or the webinar series, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Thank you,

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MFFN CAR Milestone #2 Follow Up and Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Feb 27, 2024 at 12:28 PM
To: Troy Woodhouse [redacted]
Cc: James Tegler [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
<[redacted] "McEwen, Kate" [redacted]

Hi Troy and James,

Absolutely! The reports can be accessed and downloaded through this google drive link: [redacted]

Let me know if you have any issues accessing these files.

Jodi

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Project

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Mar 1, 2024 at 11:14 AM
To: James Tegler [redacted]
Bcc: "McEwen, Kate" [redacted] Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project [redacted]

Good morning James,

It's great to connect with you! I hope you have been enjoying your new position with Mushkegowuk Council.

I will add you as a key contact for this project, so you will receive any correspondence about the MFFN CAR Project going forward. I will have to check with my team about data that we'd be able to share, but I believe we can put something together for you. Are there any topics you are interested in in particular? You can find some information about the topics that are being studied on the project website here.

Thanks for reaching out!

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

Response to PDAC Inquiry and Question about Data Request

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 11:59 AM
To: James Tegler [redacted]
Cc: Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Ingrid Trimble [redacted]
Bcc: "McEwen, Kate" [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]>, Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good morning James,

I hope you are doing well. I was forwarded the email you sent you the MFFN CAR Project Inbox so I wanted to provide a response. I can confirm that Bob Baxter will be at the PDAC Conference this week, so hopefully you are able to connect with him.

I also wanted to let you know that I spoke with the team about your request for data from our field studies, and we definitely should be able to send something your way. It would be ideal if you could provide a list of topics you are most interested in, as we are working with quite a lot of information. I know Mushkegowuk Council has expressed interest in topics related to peatlands, caribou, groundwater, surface water, and cumulative effects in the past. Would data related to these topics be a good place to start? We can always provide additional data once you're through with what we send, it would just be easier for both of us to manage in smaller increments. Let me know what you think!

Thank you for reaching out, and I hope you enjoy your time at PDAC!

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Response to PDAC Inquiry and Question about Data Request

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Mar 5, 2024 at 8:50 AM
To: James Tegler [redacted]
Cc: Jennifer Bruin [redacted] Ingrid Trimble [redacted]

Hi James,

That is great, we look forward to your response! Also, I was told I could pass along Bob's email to you, if you'd like to coordinate a meeting over the next few days. You can reach him at [redacted].

Thanks!

Jodi
[Quoted text hidden]

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Mar 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM
To: Vern Cheechoo [redacted], Troy Woodhouse [redacted], James Tegler [redacted]
Cc: Amos Wesley [redacted], Natasha Martin [redacted], Grand Chief Leo Walter [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], "McEwen, Kate" [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good evening Vern, Troy, and James,

I hope all is well. I left a message with the Mushkegowuk Council front desk with some project updates, so I wanted to send a follow up email to provide more information.

Key Contact Update Firstly, I wanted to check in to ask if we should make any updates to our main contact for matters regarding the MFFN CAR Project. We currently have Vern listed as our main contact, but I recently connected with James and Troy and I was wondering if either of them may be more appropriate to list as our main contact? Let me know!

Milestone 2 Report
I wanted to follow up about Mushkegowuk Council's review of the Milestone #2 Progress report. It had been previously discussed that Mushkegowuk Council intended to provide comments on this report, which were originally due February 15, 2024. I wanted to let you know that if we do not receive feedback by March 30, 2024, these sections of the report will be finalized. Please let me know if Mushkegowuk Council intends to provide comments prior to this date.

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.*

New Social Media Platforms
We are now on LinkedIn and Instagram! Follow us to stay up to date on the Community Access Road.
If you have any questions about any of the topics discussed in this email, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Response to PDAC Inquiry and Question about Data Request

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Apr 2, 2024 at 10:32 AM
To: James Tegler [redacted]
Cc: Ingrid Trimble [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
[redacted]

Good morning James,

I hope you had a great long weekend! I wanted to follow up about your data request to see if you had any further clarification about which types of data you would like us to put together for you.

In my previous email, I suggested that we begin with data related to topics Mushkegowuk has previously expressed interest in, including peatlands, caribou, groundwater, surface water, and cumulative effects. Would this fieldwork data be a good place to start, or are there different topics you would be more interested in?

Let me know!

Jodi Miles,
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Comments on the MFFN CAR Milestone #2 Follow Up and Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted] Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 10:37 AM
To: James Tegler [redacted]
Cc: Lawrence Martin [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
[redacted]

Good morning James,

Thank you for sending along these comments. I just wanted to let you know that they have been received and are currently being reviewed by our team. We will provide a response at a later date.

Thanks again!

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Apr 25, 2024 at 5:25 PM
To: James Tegler [redacted]
Cc: Vern Cheechoo [redacted], Grand Chief Leo Walter [redacted], Amos Wesley [redacted], Natasha Martin [redacted], Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good afternoon James,

Thanks so much for taking the time to talk with me earlier today, it was great to have the chance to chat outside of our regular emails! I'm sending this email to follow up about the topics we discussed over the phone. If there is anything important that I missed in this overview, please don't hesitate to let me know.

First, I let you know that the MFFN CAR Project Team is still in the process of preparing a response to Mushkegowuk Council's comments on the Milestone #2 Report. Given the nature of your comments, our response will need to be reviewed by several people on our team, but we will do our best to get it to you as soon as possible!

Next, I asked if there was any specific fieldwork data you wanted to request from us. You noted that you were unsure at this point in time, but that you would let you know if you think of any specific data you would like to request. I noted that some fieldwork data can be found on the MFFN CAR Project website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca), and said I would share the links in this email. Some data can be found on the documents page under "Existing Conditions - Early Findings". You can also find more information about all of the field studies on the multimedia page.

Lastly, you noted that email is the easiest way to get in contact with you, as you are not always available to take phone calls. Though we do try to do monthly update phone calls to all of the communities and organizations we engage with, I did want to let you know that I will always send a follow up email after every phone call, so you won't miss out on any information if you're unable to take my call. I am also always happy to coordinate meetings with the MFFN CAR Project Team, should there be anything you would like to discuss further about the MFFN CAR Project.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the topics discussed in this email, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Thank you,

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted] Mon, Apr 29, 2024 at 12:49 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]
Cc: Ingrid Trimble <[redacted] "Deveaux, Leah" [redacted], "Baker, Nadia" [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good afternoon James,

Thank you for this clarification. I have connected with our Natural Sciences team (CC'd) and they helped provide some answers to your questions, which I have included below:

Thank you very much for your continued interest in the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. We are just wrapping up our field study programs, and have begun compiling our findings into reporting documents. We are currently working on preparing the draft EA/IS including all the associated Technical Support Documents and are expecting to have these available for your review later this year (late fall / early winter). The draft EA/IS will include a summary of all the technical data, and our Technical Support Documents will include detailed breakdowns of the field work conducted, our findings, and our recommendations. We look forward to being able to share this with Mushkegowuk First Nation and to coordinate with you on how best to support you in your review of these draft documents.

Please let us know if this response sufficiently answers your questions, or if you have any other questions or concerns about the project. I would also be happy to coordinate a meeting with our team and Mushkegowuk Council, should you want to discuss the MFFN CAR project further.

Thanks again!

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Comments on the MFFN CAR Milestone #2 Follow Up and Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] > Tue, Jun 25, 2024 at 12:11 PM
To: James Tegler [redacted]
Cc: Lawrence Martin [redacted], Vern Cheechoo [redacted] Troy Woodhouse [redacted], Grand Chief Leo Walter [redacted], Natasha [redacted] >, Amos Wesley [redacted], Qasim [redacted], Lawrence Baxter [redacted] >, Bob Baxter [redacted], Jennifer Bruin [redacted] "Fisken, Avril" [redacted] >, Ingrid Trimble [redacted] "McEwen, Kate" [redacted] >, Don McKinnon [redacted], Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] >
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good morning James,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to thank you again for providing comments on the MFFN CAR Milestone #2 Progress Report. The comments provided will be integrated into the final draft of the Report where possible, and will otherwise help inform our ongoing consultation efforts and the Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement (EA/IS).

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,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project Team

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June 25, 2024

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Sent via email

Re: Comments on the MFFN CAR Milestone #2 Follow Up and Project Updates

Dear James,

Thank you for taking the time to review and provide comments on the MFFN CAR Milestone #2 Report. The input provided will, if applicable, be reflected in the final draft of the Record of Consultation and Engagement and draft EA/IS, and influence our ongoing consultation. See below for the MFFN CAR Project Team's responses to the comments you provided.

Mushkegowuk Council Comment	**MFFN CAR Project Team Response**
The community of Peawanuck on the Weenusk River needs to be included in the consultations.	We understand that the community of Peawanuck were not identified for engagement by the Province of Ontario due to their distance from the Project Area. Therefore, including this community in consultation would be considered outside of the Project scope. Should Mushkegowuk Council be aware of any specific impacts that the community of Peawanuck anticipates as a result of the MFFN CAR, or any other project specific concerns, feel free to share them with the MFFN CAR Project Team for our records.
The MFFN Access Road's impacts need be considered with the linked road projects (NRL+WSR) rather than standing alone. To assess impacts of this road individually is not reason to ignore the larger regional effect of the all weather roads being constructed in tandem (is any really a stand-alone project?)	These projects are being assessed as three different projects, as per direction from the Province of Ontario. However, the Ministry of MINES oversees consultation for all three projects to ensure consistency in the study approaches being followed. The EA/IS will consider both the WSR and NRL in their cumulative effects assessment.
Current engagement levels seem very, very low from the First Nations that will be impacted by	The Milestone #2 report provides a snapshot of the MFFN CAR Project Team's consultation

the road's construction. More radio, physical postings of information are needed particularly urgently seeing as the EA process is so far along. The consultation via the webinars seems to attract very few attendees and no one attendee has any idea of any other attendee's presence or location. I wonder if there are numbers on this that the proponents would share to help us better understand the working of the process and perhaps the need for us to motivate Omushkego? The proponents have a duty to consult and if there is minimal engagement they are not consulting.	efforts, and does not provide an overview of all communications, across all communities, since the consultation period began in Spring 2019. This information will be available for Mushkegowuk Council to review in our Record of Consultation (RoC), which will be available with our draft EA/IS in late 2024. To date, our consultation efforts have included: • Five in-person Public Information Centres (PICs); • Two in-person ATRI forums; • Attendance at several conferences, including the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) conference and the Matawa First Nations Management gathering; • 14 virtual webinars; and • Ongoing outreach including phone calls emails, virtual meetings, and in-person meetings with communities and tribal councils. The MFFN CAR Project Team's outreach to communities have included discussions about preferred consultation methods for each community, as well as ongoing offers to meet with communities in-person or virtually. When communities have expressed interest in meeting with the Project Team, we have met with them, which has included travelling. For example, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Mushkegowuk Council in-person on November 24, 2021, when we presented the project during Mushkegowuk Council's Annual General Meeting. The MFFN CAR Project Team later met with Mushkegowuk Council virtually on May 18, 2022, when we discussed the Project's field programs with

	Mushkegowuk Council's Terrestrial Working Group. Regarding the advertisement of consultation efforts, PICs and webinars have been advertised using radio, newspaper, and social media. Information about these events has also been shared with communities using our regular phone and email outreach. For example, PIC #4, was advertised during the Milestone #2 reporting period using: • Five newspaper advertisements in three different newspapers; • 99 radio advertisements on Wawatay Radio and CFNO-FM; • Seven advertisements on the MFFN CAR Facebook page; and • Several phone calls and emails to key contacts from each community, including two phone calls and seven emails to Mushkegowuk Council. You also noted that webinar attendees are unable to know the presence or location of other attendees. You requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team share these numbers to help you better understand who is attending. It is important to note that these webinars are not the primary form of engagement for this project, as the MFFN CAR Project Team has agreed to present the project to any community who has agreed to meet with us. We would appreciate Mushkegowuk Council's support to facilitate meetings with your communities, should they be interested in the MFCAR project. Overall, we have made note of your comments regarding our engagement and consultation efforts, and we will keep them in mind as we continuously move forward with building

	relationships and making our consultation efforts more meaningful. We welcome any other suggestions to enhance our engagement and consultation.
Potential negative impacts need be mentioned in the report. Particularly long term impact of this road's existence for the larger area need be considered.	It is important to note that the purpose of the Milestone #2 Progress report is to provide a detailed account of all communication exchanged between the MFFN CAR Project Team and Indigenous communities/tribal organizations, rather than to assess the potential impacts of the MFFN CAR. The MFFN CAR Project Team is currently assessing the potential impacts of the Project and developing the draft EA/IS document. Mushkegowuk Council, as well as all of the other communities/tribal organizations that were identified for engagement, will have the opportunity to review the draft EA/IS. The draft EA/IS will identify and assess the potential impacts of the MFCAR project, as well as mitigation tactics for identified potential impacts. This is to include the potential for impacts at a local and regional level. The draft EA/IS documents are currently anticipated to be available in late 2024.
Table 1.1 lists just 3 communities as affiliated with Mushkegowuk Council(Nishnawbe Aski Nation) Attawapiskat First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation + Kashechewan First Nation. Later in Section 3.3.3 Mushkegowuk Council community profiles are listed for Missanabie Cree First Nation; Chapleau Cree First Nation; Taykwa Tagamou First Nation; Moose Cree First Nation; Fort Albany First Nation; Kashechewan First Nation; and Attawapiskat First Nation.	This discrepancy is intentional, as Table 1.1 indicates the Indigenous communities that were identified for engagement by the Province of Ontario, that considered several factors including their distance from the Project Area, while Section 3.3.3 provides a profile of Mushkegowuk Council for context for the organization. Because of this, Section 3.3.3. includes communities which were not identified for engagement, including Missanabie Cree First Nation, Chapleau Cree First Nation, Taykwa Tagamou First Nation, and Moose Cree First Nation.
There are listed just 43 consultation/engagement activities during the one year reporting period and primarily these consisting of digital notices, emails + phone calls. Many of the indigenous	The primary language used to contact and engage with communities is English. We have, however, offered translation for communities that have expressed interest in meeting with us, and have requested translation for some of their

contacts also speak Cree as a first language. How frequently is an engagement not in English?	members. Further, some of the presented engagement materials have been translated. During the Milestone #2 reporting period, the MFFN CAR Project Team provided the PIC #4 invitation in English, French, Ojibway, Oji-Cree, and Cree. Radio advertisements for PIC #4 that were broadcasted on Wawatay Radio were also provided in Ojibway and Oji-Cree, in addition to English. In previous reporting periods, other key documents have been provided in these languages, including the Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment, the Guide to the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR), and fact sheets about the general Project, the Indigenous Knowledge Program, and the ToR. Additionally, some of the responsibilities listed for the Community Coordinator position, which was offered to the communities that Mushkegowuk Council represents, include communicating relevant Project information to community members, which could include communicating in languages other than English, as well as the coordination of translation services, as needed. As mentioned previously, we have made note of your comments regarding our engagement and consultation efforts, and we will keep them in mind moving forward.
Are the quotes in the report a random sample of the comments from consultations? How were these comments selected?	The sections for Mushkegowuk in the Milestone #2 Report do not contain any quotes. If you are referring to the information in the "Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities" column in the Summary of Input table (page 13), this is a high-level summary of input and information received across all communities during the Milestone #2 reporting period. This means that feedback from all communities was analyzed and categorized into key themes, which are provided in the table. This feedback has been analyzed at a high level in

	order to protect the specific information provided by communities until they have had the chance to review. Mushkegowuk Council will have the opportunity to review specific comments made by all communities once the draft EA/IS report is available.
In the engagement processes environmental impacts are repeatedly listed as potentialities when in fact they are well documented. Telling people that there may be impacts from survey lines, construction noise, traffic fatalities or other activities related to the road's creation/existence leads a lack of trust among people impacted by the project due to this specious nature of the reporting. There is also notable absence in the reports of factual information concerning how negative impacts to the environment will be mitigated through road building/design, techniques/rules regarding construction. Inclusion of measures to mitigate the deaths of animals need to be a large part of the road's design. Elements like the use of fencing to guide animals to safe crossing points, under/overpasses that need to be constructed to prevent deaths to humans and animals via collisions, numerous/oversize culverts and bridge structure necessary for free movement of water and aquatic species etc…	We would like to reiterate that the purpose of the Milestone #2 Progress report is to provide a detailed account of all communication exchanged between the MFFN CAR Project Team and Indigenous communities/tribal organizations, rather than to assess the potential impacts of the MFFN CAR. Specific information about environmental impacts will be provided in the draft EA/IS document, including discussion of mitigation measures. The EA/IS will include an assessment on human health and safety, which hopefully will address the concerns raised in your response. We have made note of your comments raised about potential negative impacts on humans and animals, as well as your suggested mitigation measures.
Socially there isn't much mention of the cost/benefits to stakeholders. An example being that road access to south will reduce cost of goods in the community and increase access to health services but, will also increase the fuel consumed(carbon produced). Amounts of carbon produced per person will see a huge increase due to the transportation(individual and commercial.) Human trafficking? Will the road be a conduit for drugs? There will likely be increased drug use in community. There will be habitat destruction/degradation due to the road construction – how will this affect the health of	As noted above, the purpose of the Milestone #2 Progress report is to provide a detailed account of all communication exchanged between the MFFN CAR Project Team and Indigenous communities/tribal organizations. The topics discussed in this report is limited to the feedback provided by communities during the Milestone #2 reporting period. The draft EA/IS will include an assessment of potential positive and negative impacts that the MFFN CAR may have on communities, as applicable. Mushkegowuk Council will have the ability to review the EA/IS.

residents? Also not mentioned is the fact that the road's creation will cause future increases in mining activity in the whole area and that the building of a road will have an exponential effect on the development of mines(along with compounded environmental effects + social costs). What about the increase in hunting/fishing pressure resulting from increased accessibility of the environment for hunters/fishers looking for adventure and pristine lakes + forests? Many of the latter facts need to form part of public discussion if you wish to have meaningful engagement.	We have noted Mushkegowuk Council's concerns regarding increased fuel consumption and carbon emissions, human trafficking, increased access to drugs, the destruction/degradation of habitats and cumulative impacts to human health, environmental/social impacts related to increased mining activity, and increased pressure on hunting and fishing resources. We will track these concerns moving forward, and ensure that it is reflected in the EA/IS.
I feel the viewer is being given a presentation explaining the construction of the road and the option that it is not feasible/desirable needs be considered. This lack of a balanced perspective calls into question the veracity of the presentations.	As noted above, the purpose of the Milestone #2 Progress report is to provide a detailed account of all communication exchanged between the MFFN CAR Project Team and Indigenous communities/tribal organizations. The topics discussed in this report is limited to the feedback provided by communities during the Milestone #2 reporting period. The draft EA/IS will include evaluating a do-nothing option against constructing and operating the MFFN CAR. The do-nothing option considers that the MFFN CAR does not exist and is not constructed. This comparison will serve evaluating pros and cons of the MFFN CAR against not progressing with a road to community. Mushkegowuk Council will have the ability to review the EA/IS.
Lastly, MFFN CAR has a Marten Falls resident doing the video presentations and I feel this is a great indicator of indigenous involvement in the project. I don't see the same in the WSR or NRL work to engage. Kudos for that engagement success.	Thank you for your comment regarding Indigenous involvement in the MFFN CAR Project. We are continuously making efforts to foster a collaborative and respectful approach to the MFFN CAR Project. As noted before, any additional suggestions are welcome.

We hope this response adequately addresses the comments and concerns you raised in your response to the Milestone #2 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 Project further, please reach out to [redacted] at [redacted] to coordinate.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Qasim Saddique,
MFFN CAR Project Director

[redacted]

Lawrence Baxter,
MFFN CAR Senior Community Advisor

cc:

- Bob Baxter, Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Jennifer Bruin, Technical Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council
- Troy Woodhouse, Mushkegowuk Council
- Grand Chief Leo Walter, Mushkegowuk Council
- Deputy Grand Chief Amos Wesley, Mushkegowuk Council
- Deputy Grand Chief Natasha Martin, Mushkegowuk Council
- Lawrence Martin, Mushkegowuk Council
- Jodi Miles, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Ingrid Trimble Exner, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Don McKinnon, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Avril Fisken, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Lucia Jara Moreno MFFN CAR Project Consultant

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR - June Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Jun 27, 2024 at 3:16 PM
To: James Tegler [redacted]
Cc: Troy Woodhouse [redacted], Vern Cheechoo [redacted] Grand Chief Leo Walter [redacted] Amos Wesley [redacted]>, Natasha Martin [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good afternoon James,

I hope all is well. I am sending this email to follow up on the voicemail I left you earlier today about various project updates related to the MFFN CAR.

Three Road Project Gathering & Expo

I wanted to thank you for attending 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.

Milestone #2 Comment Response

Earlier this week (Tuesday, June 25th) I sent a response letter regarding Mushkegowuk Council's comments on the Milestone #2 report. I just wanted to check in to see if you received this, and ask if you have any questions or concerns. If you would like me to arrange a meeting with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss your concerns in more detail, I would be happy to do so.

Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

The Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report was sent out to communities on June 3, 2024. 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 reports are available for download here: [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.

Thanks,

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR - June Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 1:28 PM
To: James Tegler [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted], Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Hello James,

I asked my team about sharing the list of attendees for the Three Road Forum today, and unfortunately I cannot share it with you, as attendees did not provide their permission for it to be shared, and therefore it is considered confidential.

Also, I'm glad you enjoyed your time at the forum, and that you were able to take a look at the Archaeology Assessment Report. I passed your comment regarding deaths as a result of colonization to our Archaeology team. It sounds like you might be providing additional comments on the report, is that correct?

It sounds like you've had a busy couple weeks, so hopefully you're able to take some time to relax this week! Let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR - June Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 2:28 PM
To: James Tegler [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Hi James,

A summary of the event will be included in the Record of Consultation, which I believe will include a total number of attendees, as well as information about which communities and tribal organizations were represented at the forum. This will be available for your review later this year.

That is great about the Archaeology Assessment! I was notified that you may have been having trouble accessing the document - have you since been able to access it, or did you need us to resend it in a different format?

Those areas are beautiful! I haven't made it to Cape Split or Crystal Crescent yet this year, but I have visited Rainbow Haven and Conrads Beach, near Lawrencetown.. The water was still freezing when I was there, hopefully it warms up soon!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR - June Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Jul 4, 2024 at 11:36 AM
To: James Tegler [redacted]
Cc: Ingrid Trimble [redacted], "Sherret, Kayley" [redacted]

Hi James,

We don't use dropbox, but we have used WeTransfer in the past for folks who have trouble accessing our Google drive links. I am going to send the Archaeology Report to you using this method. I believe you will get a separate email about it, but you can also access it using this link: [redacted]

Let me know if it works!

Also, you noted in your email to the project inbox that the report has a February date listed on the cover. I spoke with our archaeology team, and they noted that this was an error - it was not updated during their revision process. It will be fixed in the next draft of the report.

Thanks!

Jodi
[Quoted text hidden]

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR July Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Jul 31, 2024 at 3:37 PM
To: James Tegler [redacted]
Cc: Vern Cheechoo [redacted].ca>, Troy Woodhouse [redacted], Grand Chief Leo Walter [redacted]>, Amos Wesley [redacted], Natasha Martin [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]

Good afternoon James,

I hope your summer is going well. I tried to give you a call earlier today and left you a voicemail about some project updates. I am sending this email to provide an overview about the topics I discussed.

Technical Preferred Route
I was forwarded an email you sent to the MFFN CAR Project inbox, which inquired about whether there was a final route decided on for the MFFN CAR. I wanted to let you know that a technically preferred route recommendation has been presented (see highlighted route in the attached map), however the decision on the final route is with the Marten Falls First Nation Chief and Council. Once the final route for the Community Access Road is confirmed, we will be in touch.

Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report
Next, I wanted to remind you that feedback and comments for the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report are requested by **August 2, 2024.**

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 here: [redacted]

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.

If you have any other questions or concerns about the project, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Thank you,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
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Upcoming Vacation: August 14 - 23, 2024

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Dillon Consulting Limited
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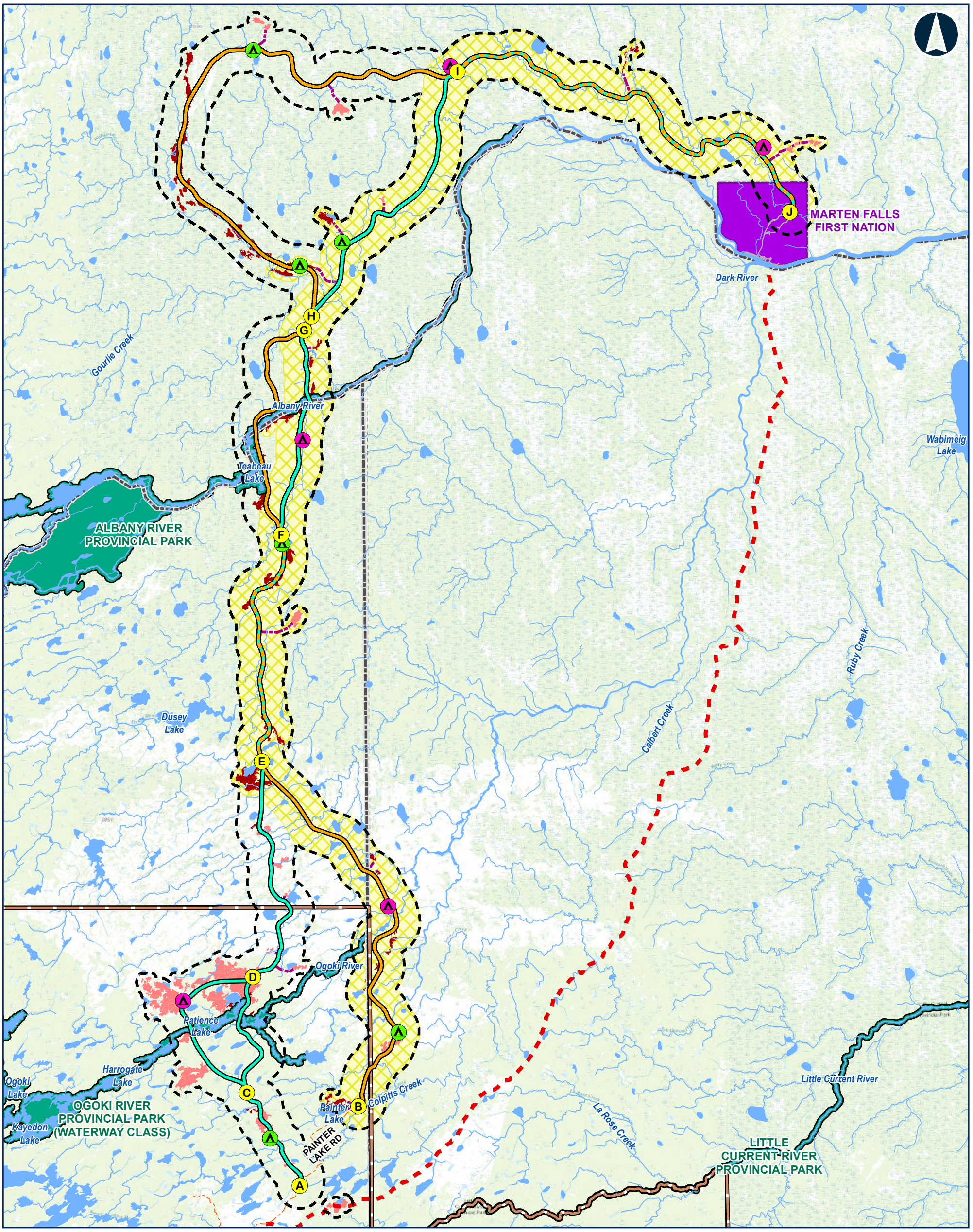

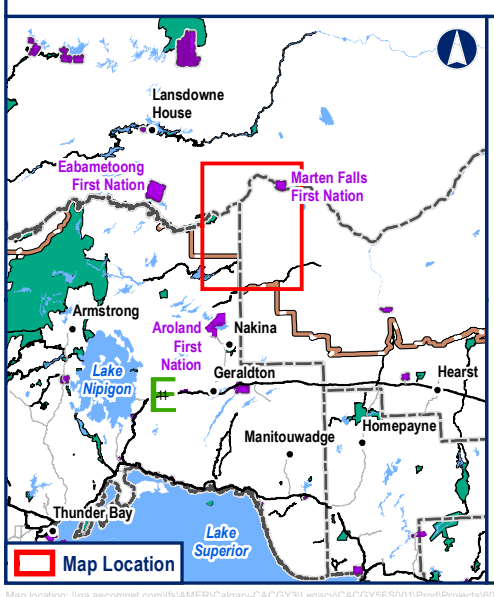

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- Segment Node
- Study Area

Route Alternatives

- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4
- Preliminary Technically Preferred Route

Potential Camp Site

- 50 Persons
- 200 Persons

Potential Aggregate Source

- Bedrock
- Sand and gravel
- Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site

General Features

- Local Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- First Nation Reserve
- Provincial Park
- Far North Boundary
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B29.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFN CAR project

Haley Rice <h[redacted]
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 9:56 AM

Good morning,

I am currently working on the comments that you requested for this weekend, and am just looking for more clarity on specific target points and areas you're interested in?

I only received a very brief cope of your email to Vern and was just hoping for some clarity.

Thank you 😊

Haley Rice

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and resources Department

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

TEK Map

Haley Rice <[redacted]> Thu, Jun 29, 2023 at 3:12 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

Please find attached our TEK map for the CAR project area. If I can provide you anything further, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best,

Haley Rice

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and resources Department

[redacted]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

TEK Map

Haley Rice [redacted] Tue, Jul 11, 2023 at 4:46 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

I'm happy to hear our map was helpful to the project 😊 I've contacted our GIS department for the shape files and permission to share, I will be in touch shortly.

Have a good evening!

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

TEK Map

Haley Rice <[redacted]> Fri, Jul 14, 2023 at 11:30 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Good morning Jodi,

We currently are not able to share those files with you until we can confirm its okay with our affected communitie which in this case will be Attawapiskat.

I've reached out this morning for permission and will be in touch shortly.

Thank you 😊

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

TEK Map

Haley Rice [redacted] Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 11:18 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Andrea Nokleby [redacted]

Good morning Jodi 😊

I unfortunately haven't heard back yet, I've reached out to our GIS specialist in hopes she can get a quicker answer for you.

Talk soon,

[Quoted text hidden]

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Miles, Jodi <j[redacted]

MFFN CAR Milestone #2 Follow Up and Project Updates

Troy Woodhouse <t[redacted] Tue, Feb 27, 2024 at 12:01 PM
To: James Tegler [redacted], [redacted]

Hey jodi, can you send a digital report of the MFFN CAR Mileston #2. Miigwetch

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Project

James Tegler [redacted] Thu, Feb 29, 2024 at 4:35 PM
To: [redacted]

Good Afternoon Jody,

I just wanted to introduce myself. I have been here 6 weeks and am just now getting my email out to you. I see you are looking after the MFFN CAR Project. I am a bit surprised as I thought it was for trucks too…. That was a small joke.

In any case please send me any correspondence that you want to pass our way. If you have any data from the research studies going on I would be happy to peruse it.

Thanks,

James Tegler

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

Mushkegowuk Council

email: [redacted]

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Subject: Boozhoo!

James Tegler [redacted] Thu, Feb 29, 12:16 PM (4 da

to [redacted]

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Hello MFFN,

I was hired 6 weeks ago to fill the role previously occupied by Haley Rice here at Mushkegowuk Council. I will be in To next week at the Prospectors and Developers Conference and hope to meet someone from MFFN there. Is Bob Baxter go be there?

James Tegler
Senior Environmental Coordinator
Lands and Resources Department
Mushkegowuk Council

email: [redacted]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Project

James Tegler [redacted] Fri, Mar 1, 2024 at 11:42 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

That would be great, thank you!

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Response to PDAC Inquiry and Question about Data Request

James Tegler [redacted] Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 1:11 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Jennifer Bruin [redacted], Ingrid Trimble [redacted]

Good Afternoon Jodi,
I am presently busy but very happy to see your email and will craft a suitable response as soon as I can.

Cheers,
James

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Response to PDAC Inquiry and Question about Data Request

James Tegler [redacted] Tue, Mar 5, 2024 at 8:54 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

That's great Jodi. Life is a bit active here these days. Looking forward to discussing things more 😊

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Project Updates

James Tegler [redacted] Thu, Mar 21, 2024 at 10:21 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted] Vern Cheechoo [redacted] Troy Woodhouse [redacted]
Cc: DGC Amos Wesley [redacted], DGC Natasha Martin [redacted], Grand Chief Leo Friday [redacted]

Good Morning Jodi,

I can be your main contact person here at Mushkegowuk Council.

Thanks,

James Tegler

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

Mushkegowuk Council

email: [redacted]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Response to PDAC Inquiry and Question about Data Request

James Tegler [redacted] Tue, Apr 2, 2024 at 11:04 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Morning Jodi,
I am held hostage as my comments are being read by my bosses before sending them on. I drafted them up last week + will send them to you ASAP 😊

James Tegler

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Comments on the MFFN CAR Milestone #2 Follow Up and Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted] Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 2:59 PM
To: "[redacted]
Cc: Lawrence Martin <[redacted]

Hi Jodi,

I enjoyed meeting Mr. Baxter at PDAC and at the Indigenous Led Projects Forum. A great person to talk to and it was great to hear from a Marten Falls resident. Thanks for setting that up. I am just trying to draft an email with useful comments regarding the MFFN CAR Milestone #2 Follow Up and Project Updates.

- The community of Peawanuck on the Weenusk River needs to be included in the consultations.
- The MFFN Access Road's impacts need be considered with the linked road projects(NRL+WSR) rather than standing alone. To assess impacts of this road individually is not reason to ignore the larger regional effect of the all weather roads being constructed in tandem(is any really a stand-alone project?)
- Current engagement levels seem very, very low from the First Nations that will be impacted by the road's construction. More radio, physical postings of information are needed particularly urgently seeing as the EA process is so far along. The consultation via the webinars seems to attract very few attendees and no one attendee has any idea of any other attendee's presence or location. I wonder if there are numbers on this that the proponents would share to help us better understand the working of the process and perhaps the need for us to motivate Omushkego? The proponents have a duty to consult and if there is minimal engagement they are not consulting.
- Potential negative impacts need be mentioned in the report. Particularly long term impact of this road's existence for the larger area need be considered.
- Table 1.1 lists just 3 communities as affiliated with Mushkegowuk Council(Nishnawbe Aski Nation) Attawapiskat First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation + Kashechewan First Nation. Later in Section 3.3.3 Mushkegowuk Council community profiles are listed for Missanabie Cree First Nation; Chapleau Cree First Nation; Taykwa Tagamou First Nation; Moose Cree First Nation; Fort Albany First Nation; Kashechewan First Nation; and Attawapiskat First Nation.

- There are listed just 43 consultation/engagement activities during the one year reporting period and primarily these consisting of digital notices, emails + phone calls. Many of the indigenous contacts also speak Cree as a first language. How frequently is an engagement not in English?
- Are the quotes in the report a random sample of the comments from consultations? How were these comments selected?
- In the engagement processes environmental impacts are repeatedly listed as potentialities when in fact they are well documented. Telling people that there may be impacts from survey lines, construction noise, traffic fatalities or other activities related to the road's creation/existence leads a lack of trust among people impacted by the project due to this specious nature of the reporting. There is also notable absence in the reports of factual information concerning how negative impacts to the environment will be mitigated through road building/design, techniques/rules regarding construction. Inclusion of measures to mitigate the deaths of animals need to be a large part of the road's design. Elements like the use of fencing to guide animals to safe crossing points, under/overpasses that need to be constructed to prevent deaths to humans and animals via collisions, numerous/oversize culverts and bridge structure necessary for free movement of water and aquatic species etc…
- Socially there isn't much mention of the cost/benefits to stakeholders. An example being that road access to south will reduce cost of goods in the community and increase access to health services but, will also increase the fuel consumed(carbon produced). Amounts of carbon produced per person will see a huge increase due to the transportation(individual and commercial.) Human trafficking? Will the road be a conduit for drugs? There will likely be increased drug use in community. There will be habitat destruction/degradation due to the road construction – how will this affect the health of residents? Also not mentioned is the fact that the road's creation will cause future increases in mining activity in the whole area and that the building of a road will have an exponential effect on the development of mines(along with compounded environmental effects + social costs). What about the increase in hunting/fishing pressure resulting from increased accessibility of the environment for hunters/fishers looking for adventure and pristine lakes + forests? Many of the latter facts need to form part of public discussion if you wish to have meaningful engagement.
- I feel the viewer is being given a presentation explaining the construction of the road and the option that it is not feasible/desirable needs be considered. This lack of a balanced perspective calls into question the veracity of the presentations.
- Lastly, MFFN CAR has a Marten Falls resident doing the video presentations and I feel this is a great indicator of indigenous involvement in the project. I don't see the same in the WSR or NRL work to engage. Kudos for that engagement success!

James Tegler

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

Mushkegowuk Council

email: [redacted]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Comments on the MFFN CAR Milestone #2 Follow Up and Project Updates

James Tegler [redacted] Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 11:19 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Thanks Jodi 😉

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Subject: Lawrence Baxter Contact

James Tegler [redacted]
to [redacted]

Thu, Apr 25, 12:15 PM (4 d

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Hello Lawrence,

Is this your email?

James Tegler
Senior Environmental Coordinator
Lands and Resources Department
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James Tegler [redacted] Fri, Apr 26, 2024 at 9:03 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Good Morning Jodi,

The info I am looking for on the work is the results of studies. When will these results be available? The links you provide give very little detail as to the findings. The links speak generally of how and what data will be collected but, I was looking for actual findings. Do you have links to this?

Cheers,

Jim

James Tegler [redacted] Mon, Apr 29, 2024 at 12:57 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Good Morning Jodi,

Thanks for the info. I look forward to seeing the data. I have looked at the “reports” of studies that the website has on several occasions and have been disappointed every time by the amorphous nature of the data.

A bit chilly again this morning but our frosty mornings seem to be gone for this season.

Hope you’re well,

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR - June Updates

James Tegler <[redacted] Thu, Jun 27, 2024 at 3:37 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

I was in Thunder Bay 2 weeks ago, Fort Albany last week and I just got back from Attawapiskat where I have been since Monday. I am hence uncertain of the current whereabouts of my brain I feel like. I did meet a Dillon employee from Calgary at the 3 Roads Gathering that spoke very highly of you! That was a great chance to meet a huge number of those involved in many aspects of these projects. The amount of information available via these "players" was overwhelming. Some of the folk really seem like *players*, too….

Thanks for the voicemail. I was meeting with someone and upon glancing at my phone I thought(once again) who would be calling me from Nova Scotia?? I spoke to Jennifer Bruin briefly about the archaeological assessment. I feel like a naysayer but, for all the history in the document I was shocked by one fact. Historians are widely in agreement that North America's colonization was devastating to the indigenous and 75-90% died. Dead like… Mentioning that seems kind of pertinent to the lovely history that is told in the document.

I appreciate your reminding me about the archaeology assessment review. I am in the office in the next week and look forward to getting some writing done.

Enjoy your long weekend!

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

Mushkegowuk Council

email: [redacted]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR - June Updates

James Tegler [redacted] Fri, Jun 28, 2024 at 1:16 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

I am just writing up a briefing note for Mushkegowuk Council Chiefs. Do you have a list of the attendees at the 3 roads gathering that you can send to me?

Cheers,

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

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Miles, Jodi

From: James Tegler [redacted]
Sent: July 2, 2024 5:21 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc:
Subject: Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for MFFNCAR

Good Afternoon Kayley Sherret,

Can you send me a PDF of this document? I don't seem able to get a download from the google link that has the maps. Maybe the files are too large? Can you send it to me via a dropbox?

I noticed that it is dated Feb 2024 but, I am sure I received this in ealy June?

Thanks,

James Tegler BSc, RSE
Senior Environmental Coordinator
Lands and Resources Department
Mushkegowuk Council
email: [redacted]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR - June Updates

James Tegler [redacted] Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 2:03 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

My concern is engagement numbers. There were a lot of people there but, I would guess less than a third of those present weren't representing agencies(like me!) What 5 of the people affected do you think that is?

I will submit more comments on the archaeological report. They may even be sentient 😃 ! I want to pass it by a few others and see if there are any thoughts otherwise, too.

Hope you are enjoying the east coast summer. It is quite beautiful out there Lawrencetown way or even nip up to Cape Split! We used to do night dives out at Crescent Beach 😮

Cheers,

Jim

[Quoted text hidden]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR - June Updates

James Tegler [redacted] Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 2:53 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

Excellent news about the consultation report.

That AA Report doesn't seem to want to download for me. I wanted to forward it to the Mushkegowuk Chiefs but, the map files were too large I think. Do you folks use dropbox or ? Sometimes I think tech is always going to be capable of presenting challenges.

The hike at Cape Split has always been a favourite of mine. Just the way the forested peninsula narrows until at the end you find yourself coming into a grassy field that is the tip of the raised escarpment. I wonder if it is still like that??

Don't think I've ever been to Rainbow Haven. I got to Conrads and Lawrencetown as part of an Advanced SCUBA course I took that sought out challenging conditions. The RCMP kicked us off Lawrencetown as we were paying in the crazy surf during a windstorm.

K. Back to the salt mines….

jim

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR - June Updates

James Tegler [redacted] Thu, Jul 4, 2024 at 11:44 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Morning,

Looks like the download was perfect. Interesting about the date – you need to whip that team into shape!

I should be able to get this off to the Mushkegowuk Chiefs today.

I used to hike/bike/canoe with a group of friends who were known as the WIMP's. The acronym was a joke as it stood for Wilderness Is Mainly Pain. Anyways, they like to select a whinge-meister at the day's end to honour the person in the group that had complained the most. I sometimes think I am seeking your whinge-meister choice….

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Subject: RE: Community Access Road Summer 2024 Field Notice

James Tegler <[redacted]> Tue, Jul 16, 5:0

to MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

Good Afternoon Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team,

Are all of the potential routes being investigated or has a final route been chosen?

Thanks,

James Tegler BSc, RSE
Senior Environmental Coordinator
Lands and Resources Department
Mushkegowuk Council
[redacted]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR July Project Updates

James Tegler [redacted] Wed, Jul 31, 2024 at 5:07 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Hi Jodi,
I am in Moose Factory at GOOP to talk with people.
Onward,
Jim

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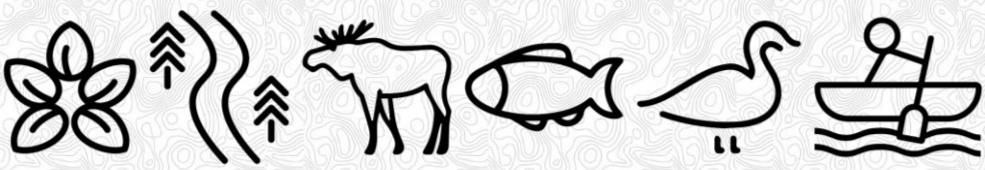

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Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
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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	☐	☐	☐	☑	☐	☑	☑	☐	☐	☐

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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

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Hatch, 2016. Technical Review of Industrial Transportation Infrastructure Proposals.

Appendix A

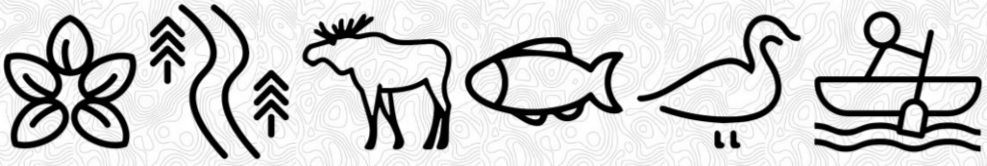
Notices and Other Information Releases

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/.



29. Mushkegowuk Council

Table 29-1: Community Profile

Key Identifiers	Details
Location:	Moose Factory Office: 12 Centre Road, P.O. Box 370, Moose Factory, ON, P0L 1W0 Timmins Office: 101 Cedar Street South, Timmins, ON, P4N2G7
Indigenous Communities:	Missanabie Cree First Nation; Chapleau Cree First Nation; Taykwa Tagamou First Nation; Moose Cree First Nation; Fort Albany First Nation; Kashechewan First Nation; and Attawapiskat First Nation.
Treaty:	9
Project Team Lead:	Callais Harrison

Figure 29-1: Mushkegowuk Council Distribution of Communication

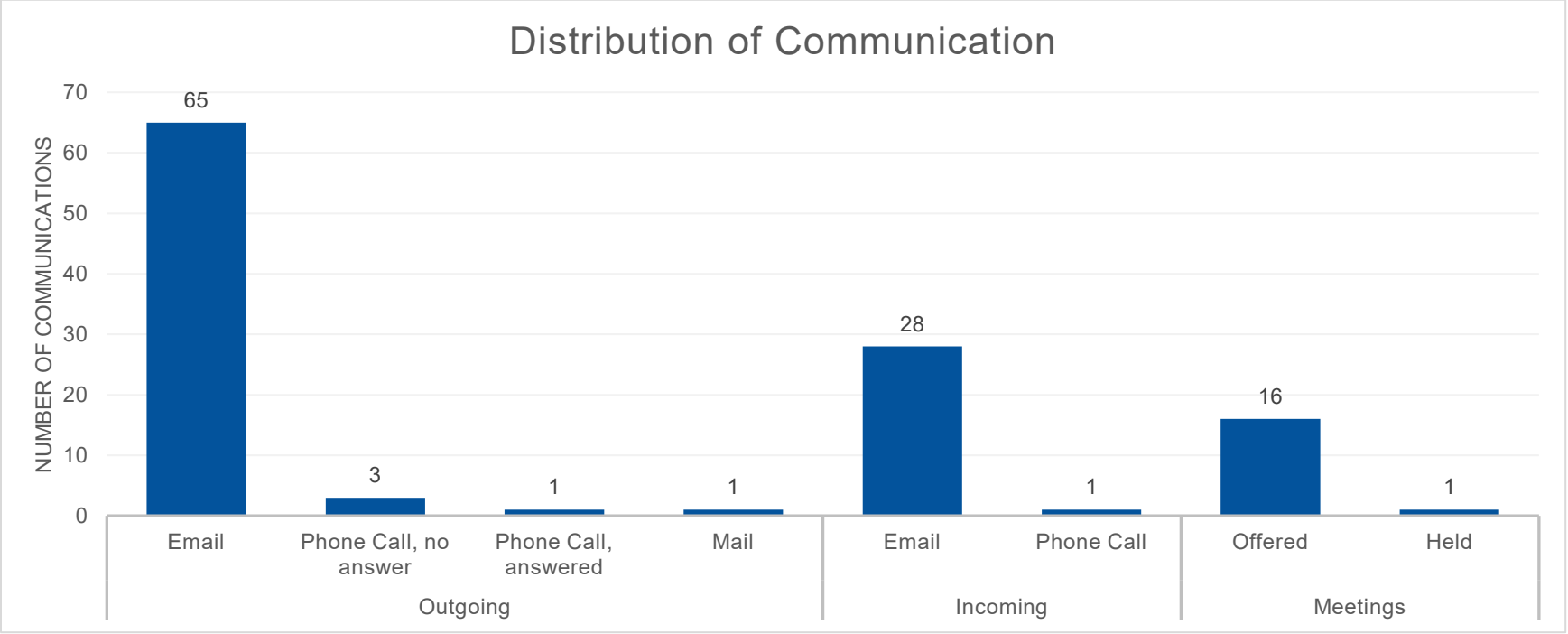


Table 29-2: Summary of Participation During Milestone 4

Activity	Status
Date of last outgoing communication from MFFN CAR Project Team (email or phone):	August 29, 2025 (Email)
Date of last incoming communication from community (email or phone):	August 29, 2025 (Email)
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):	Yes
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:	Yes (Milestone 2 and 3)

Table 29-3: Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During Milestone 4

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Aug 01, 2024	July 2024 E-blast distributed via email.
Aug 02, 2024	Response to Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report received from Mushkegowuk Council via email.
Sep 04, 2024	August 2024 E-blast distributed via email.
Sep 18, 2024	Fall 2024 Groundwater and Geochemistry Program Update distributed via email.
Sep 23, 2024	Follow up questions about Mushkegowuk Council's response to Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment report sent via email. 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.
Sep 26, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the Draft EA / IS Report letter, and the request for more information about concerns regarding sovereignty and Treaty 9. A meeting was offered.
October 03 and 08, 2024	Emails about fieldwork for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program.
October 03 - October 04, 2024	Emails regarding Mushkegowuk Council's concerns about Treaty 9.
Oct 03, 2024	September 2024 E-blast distributed via email.
Oct 30, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the Draft EA / IS 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 28, 2024	Milestone #3 Progress Report distributed via email.
Dec 02, 2024	Email follow up sent to registrants and attendees for the webinar on Building the Community Access Road with a link to the recording.

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Dec 17, 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 reminder about the Draft EA / IS questionnaire and the request for an alternate address for the distribution of hard copies of the Draft EA / IS, as well as the request for feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report. A meeting was offered.
Dec 18, 2024	2024 Year in Review E-blast distributed via email.
Jan 15, 2025	2025 Winter Field Notice distributed via email.
Jan 22, 2025	Phone and email outreach about Project updates, including the release of the Draft EA / IS. Correspondence included the 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.
Feb 19, 2025	Draft EA / IS and the Assessment Summary: Draft EA / IS hard copies shipped to Mushkegowuk Council.
Feb 20, 2025	Comments received on the Milestone #3 Report via email.
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.
Feb 25, 2025	In-person break-out session at Three Road Forum and Expo in Timmins, Ontario.
Mar 04, 2025	February 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Mar 11-20, 2025	Email received expressing concerns regarding missing sections in the Draft EA / IS.
Mar 26, 2025	Email outreach about Project updates, including the upcoming webinar release of 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 14, 2025	Response letter issued via email to Mushkegowuk Council in response to comments provided on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report.
Apr 24, 2025	Email 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.
Apr 30, 2025	Draft EA / IS webinar series reminder distributed via email.
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 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 5-25, 2025	Mushkegowuk Council provided 107 comments on the Draft EA / IS 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 29, 2025	Email outreach regarding Project updates including the upcoming distribution of the Draft RoCE for Indigenous communities and ongoing field studies. A follow up on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report was also provided.
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 29-4: Summary of Feedback Received and Response Log – Mushkegowuk Council

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
Cumulative Effects, Groundwater (Quality and Quantity), Surface Water (Quality and Quantity)	Concerned with Future Downstream Impacts ■ On September 17, 2021, during the introductory call for the Project, Mushkegowuk Council noted concerns with downstream impacts to the Mushkegowuk Council communities. ■ On November 24, 2021, during the Annual General Meeting, Mushkegowuk Council inquired about downstream impacts from a spill at the mine (Ring of Fire mine site) and if there should be immediate action and drinking water provided to the communities. ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler emailed the MFFN CAR Project Consultant in response to the Milestone #2 Report, providing Mushkegowuk Council's concerns on the MFFN CAR Project's potential impacts on the health of aquatic species. The cumulative health impacts caused by the destruction and degradation of habitats were also mentioned. James suggested several mitigation efforts to animal health and ensure the flow of water, such as culverts and bridge infrastructure. ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided comments via email on the Draft EA / IS.	■ Phone ■ In-person (virtual) ■ Email	■ On November 24, 2021, during the Annual General Meeting, the MFFN CAR Project Team responded to Mushkegowuk Council's concerns by noting that the Ring of Fire mine site will have its own EA, permitting requirements and will be responsible for their management and plans. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted concerns about potential accidents related to the MFFN CAR were noted, and mitigation measures will be implemented to reduce their likelihood. ■ On May 18, 2022, the MFFN CAR Project Team presented to the Mushkegowuk Council technical working group regarding project updates, caribou, peatland, and water assessments. It was noted that during the September 17, 2021, phone call that potential impacts to the Albany River will be assessed as part of the EA. ■ On March 4 and April 2, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler suggesting that data from cumulative effects, surface water and groundwater field studies be included in Mushkegowuk Council's data request. ■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler confirming the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback via email. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, with a response to be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler to provide a response letter of behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team regarding Mushkegowuk Council's concerns in regard to impacts to the health of aquatic species and the destruction and degradation of habitats would be tracked moving forward, and reflected in the EA / IS. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Mushkegowuk Council which included information on fish, fish habitat, cumulative effects and caribou. Mushkegowuk Council had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to downstream impacts.	■ Comments on fish passage have been considered when developing mitigation measures, such as constructing crossings in a manner that maintains downstream flows and fish passage. All potential effects and recommended mitigation measures and monitoring are included in **Section 9.3.3.4**. ■ Cumulative effects related to downstream impacts 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 the Three-Road Project Gathering and Expos #1 and #2. ■ General identification of caribou location(s) has been used to aid the field investigations in the **Ungulates Technical Support Document (Appendix M)** and is considered in **Section 8.2.7.1**. ■ Information received on caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights was considered in **Sections 9.4.5.4** and **9.4.5.5**.

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
			The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	Furthermore, confidential individual Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interest reports were prepared for each Indigenous community. These considered caribou and impacts to gathering rights for those communities which identified caribou as part of their Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests. ■ Field program results for individual disciplines are available in **Section 8**.
Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Socio-Community, Land and Resource Use, Country/Traditional Foods, Wildlife, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity)	Increased Pressure on Hunting and Fishing Resources ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler emailed the MFFN CAR Project Consultant in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which included Mushkegowuk Council's concern that the MFFN CAR would lead to increased pressure on hunting and fishing resources. ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided comments via email on the Draft EA / IS.	■ Email ■ Phone ■ Letter	■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler confirming the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, with a response to be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler to provide a response letter on behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team noting Mushkegowuk Council's concerns regarding increased pressure on hunting and fishing resources would be tracked moving forward, and reflected in the EA / IS. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Mushkegowuk Council which included information on fish and fish habitat, caribou, and land and resource use. Mushkegowuk Council 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 Mushkegowuk Council which included information related to hunting and fishing resources. Mushkegowuk Council had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS which included the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document relating to fish and fish habitat, caribou, and land and resource use. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	■ 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. ■ Field program results for individual disciplines are available in **Section 8**. ■ It should be noted that the selection of the Preferred Route was informed and chosen based on Indigenous Knowledge received, as well as fish and fish habitat information **Section 4**. Specific mitigation measures are listed in **Table 10-1** of the **Fish and Fish Habitat Technical Support Document (Appendix G)**. ■ Comments on fish passage have been considered when developing mitigation measures, such as constructing crossings in a

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
				manner that maintains downstream flows and fish passage. All potential effects and recommended mitigation measures and monitoring are included in **Section 9.3.3.4**. ■ General identification of caribou location(s) has been used to aid the field investigations in the **Ungulates Technical Support Document (Appendix M)** and is considered in **Section 8.2.7.1**; Information received to date on caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights has been considered in **Section 9.4.5.4**. Information received on caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights was considered in **Sections 9.4.5.4** and **9.4.5.5**. Furthermore, confidential individual Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interest reports were prepared for each Indigenous community. These considered caribou and impacts to gathering rights for those communities which identified caribou as part of their Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests.
Climate Change, Atmospheric Environment (Air Quality)	Increased Carbon Emissions ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler emailed the MFFN CAR Project Consultant in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which noted Mushkegowuk Council's concern that the MFFN CAR will lead to increased carbon	■ Email ■ Phone ■ Letter	■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler confirming the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, with a response to be provided as soon as possible.	■ Information on traffic can be found in the **Traffic Data Review Technical Support Document (Appendix W)**. ■ Information on air quality can be found in the **Atmospheric Technical Support Document (Appendix S1**)

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	emissions, due to increased traffic. ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided comments via email on the Draft EA / IS.		■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler providing a response letter on behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team noting Mushkegowuk Council's concerns regarding increased carbon emissions would be tracked moving forward, and reflected in the EA / IS. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Mushkegowuk Council which included information related to traffic, air quality, and climate change. Mushkegowuk Council had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to traffic, air quality, and climate change. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	and, **Air Quality Attachment C (Appendix S2)**. ■ Information on climate change can be found in the **Climate Change and Resiliency Technical Support Document (Appendix Y)**.
Construction, Accidents and Malfunctions, Wildlife, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Species at Risk, Engineering and Design, Cumulative Effects, Human Health	Impacts to Human and Animal Health ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler emailed the MFFN CAR Project Consultant in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which provided several of Mushkegowuk Council's concerns on the MFFN CAR Project's potential impacts on human and animal health. These concerns included animal and human death caused by collisions, as well as cumulative health impacts caused by the destruction and degradation of habitats. James suggested several mitigation efforts to reduce negative impacts to human and animal health, including crossing points, under/overpasses, culverts, and bridge infrastructure. ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided comments via email on the Draft EA / IS.	■ Email ■ Phone ■ Letter	■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler confirming the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, with a response to be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler providing a response letter from the MFFN CAR Project Team noting Mushkegowuk Council's concerns regarding impacts to human and animal health would be tracked moving forward, and reflected in the EA / IS. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Mushkegowuk Council which included information on traffic, community well-being, and cumulative effects. Mushkegowuk Council had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. the preparation of the Final EA / IS. ■ On April 10, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document with Mushkegowuk Council with information on human and animal health. Mushkegowuk Council had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ From June 5 to 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document related to human and animal health. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	■ Information on wildlife and wildlife crossings can be found in **Wildlife Technical Support Document (Appendix K).** ■ Information on traffic can be found in **Traffic Data Technical Support Document (Appendix W)**. ■ The **Community Well-Being Technical Support Document, (Appendix T)**, includes information on road related accidents. ■ **Section 9**.considers potential interactions with disciplines including surface water, fish and fish habitat, vegetation and wildlife. ■ In addition, the cumulative effects related to impacts to human and animal health 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

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				Project Inclusions List were shared during PIC #4, #5, and #6, at the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2, and at the Three-Road Project Gathering and Expos #1 and #2.
Consultation Methods, Federal IA Process, Provincial EA Process	Consultation Methods ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler emailed the MFFN CAR Project Consultant in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which provided several of Mushkegowuk Council's concerns with the consultation approach for the MFFN CAR Project. James noted that engagement for the Project is low and called for more radio and physical advertisements regarding Project engagement opportunities. James noted that webinar attendees are unaware of the presence and location of other webinar attendees and requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team share information about webinar attendees with Mushkegowuk Council. James also inquired about how frequently engagement efforts are provided in languages other than English. ■ On July 3, 2024, James Tegler emailed the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and requested the attendee list for the Three Road Forum held in June 2024. James noted ongoing concerns with engagement numbers. ■ Between January 22 and February 26, 2025, James Tegler exchanged email	■ Email ■ Phone ■ Letter	■ MFFN worked with each Indigenous community's preference for how they would like to be consulted and engaged, whether virtually or in person, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic or other crises. Custom consultation plans and protocols were also offered. ■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler confirming the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback via email. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, with a response to be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler providing a response letter from the MFFN CAR Project Team in response to James' concerns regarding consultation methods. The letter provided a high-level overview of consultation efforts, including information about advertising and translation services, to date. ■ On July 3, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler noting that the attendee list for the Three Road Forum held in June 2024 could not be shared due to confidentiality reasons. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant highlighted that the RoCE for Indigenous Communities would provide information regarding total attendance and communities represented at the forum. ■ Between January 22 and February 26, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler noting communities would have additional opportunities to review and provide comment on the Milestone Reports, following the release of the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that community-specific records of consultation cannot be shared at this time. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities would provide an opportunity to review and comment on all sections of Milestone Reports 1–3 and the	■ 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. ■ Additional information related to the consultation process is in **Section 11**. ■ Specific information related to Mushkegowuk Council is in **Appendix X**, the Final EA / IS RoCE.

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	correspondence with the MFFN CAR Project Consultant raising concerns regarding not being able to review the community-specific sections of the Milestone #3 report for Mushkegowuk Council's member nations, noting they may not all have capacity to do their own review. James requested the contact information of the member nations so he could communicate this with them to inquire if they had capacity. ■ Between February 20 and February 26, 2025, James Tegler raised concerns, through email, regarding the incorporation of comments in the Milestone #3 Report, noting that some of his previous comments had been paraphrased in a way that obscured their original meaning. James requested that future comments be included as direct quotations to better preserve the original intent. ■ Between March 11 and March 19, 2025, James Tegler exchanged email correspondence with the MFFN CAR Project Consultant, raising concerns regarding missing sections in the Draft EA / IS and long response times. James inquired if communities would have the opportunity to comment on them before they are integrated into the Final EA / IS. ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided comments via email on the Draft EA / IS.		Interim RoCE. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated that they are unable to share the contact information of the member nations due to confidentiality reasons. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant encouraged James to reach out to their Chiefs if he wished to contact them. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Mushkegowuk Council which included information on consultation methods. Mushkegowuk Council had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On February 26, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler noting that no direct quotes will be included in the "Consultation and Engagement Log" tables in the Milestone #3 and RoCE Reports for any of the communities, unless they can be incorporated succinctly. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that, should specific instances where communications were misrepresented in the summaries be identified, a review will take place. ■ Between March 19 and March 20, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler, reminding him that all questions regarding the Draft EA / IS should be sent to the EA / IS specific inbox to ensure the appropriate team member was responding to his inquires and to ensure all communication was properly being tracked for the Project. From June 5 to June 25, Mushkegowuk Council provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	

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Human Health, Socio-Community	Increased Human Trafficking and Access to Drugs ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler emailed the MFFN CAR Project Consultant in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which included Mushkegowuk Council's concern that the MFFN CAR would lead to an increase in human trafficking and access to drugs. ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided comments via email on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document.	■ Email ■ Phone ■ Letter	■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler confirming the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback via email. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, with a response to be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler providing a response letter from the MFFN CAR Project Team noting that Mushkegowuk Council's concerns regarding increased human trafficking and access to drugs would be tracked moving forward, and reflected in the EA / IS. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Mushkegowuk Council which included information on community well-being. Mushkegowuk Council 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 Mushkegowuk Council which references potential changes to the community, including substance abuse, during operation and maintenance. Mushkegowuk Council had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ From June 5 to 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to community well-being. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	■ 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.
Cumulative Effects, Socio-Community	Increased Mining Activities ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler emailed the MFFN CAR Project Consultant in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which included Mushkegowuk Council's concern the MFFN CAR would lead to increased mining activities in the region, leading to compounded environmental and social impacts. ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided comments via email on the Draft EA / IS.	■ Email ■ Phone	■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler confirming the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, with a response to be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler providing a response letter of behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team regarding Mushkegowuk Council's concerns in regard to impacts related to increased mining activities would be tracked moving forward, and reflected in the EA / IS. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Mushkegowuk Council which included	■ Information related to other projects and activities in the area (e.g., mining) 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 the Three-

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			information related to cumulative effects. Mushkegowuk Council had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to cumulative effects. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	Road Project Gathering and Expos #1 and #2.
Vegetation, Wildlife, Wetlands, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Species at Risk, Groundwater (Quality and Quantity), Atmospheric Environment (Air Quality), Acoustic Environment (Noise and Vibrations), Country/Traditional Foods, Socio-Community, Human Health, Cumulative Effects	Destruction and Degradation of Habitats ■ On April 4, 2024, James Tegler emailed the MFFN CAR Project Consultant in response to the Milestone #2 Report, which included Mushkegowuk Council's concern that the MFFN CAR will lead to the destruction and degradation of habitats, which would have cumulative impacts on human health. ■ On November 26, 2024, during the Building the CAR webinar, James Tegler inquired how land that was disturbed during construction activities would be revegetated. ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS.	■ Email ■ Phone ■ Letter	■ On April 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler confirming the receipt of Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback via email The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that a response would be provided at a later date. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted via phone and email that Mushkegowuk Council's Milestone #2 Report feedback was still being reviewed, with a response to be provided as soon as possible. ■ On June 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler providing a response letter from the MFFN CAR Project Team noting that Mushkegowuk Council's concerns regarding the destruction and degradation of habitats would be tracked moving forward, and reflected in the EA / IS. ■ On January 9, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler responding to his questions asked during the Building the Community Access Road webinar The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a description of preliminary plans for the revegetation of land that could be disturbed during construction activities. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Mushkegowuk Council which included information related to community well-being and wildlife habitats. Mushkegowuk Council had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to community well-being and wildlife habitats. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	■ Information on wildlife habitat can be found in **Wildlife Technical Support Document (Appendix K**) and in **Section 7.** ■ 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.
Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Species at Risk, Vegetation, Wildlife	Impacts Related to Invasive Species ■ On January 6, 2025, James Tegler emailed the MFFN CAR Project Consultant raising concerns regarding the MFFN CAR's potential impacts related to the introduction of invasive species.	■ Email	■ Status: Ongoing ■ On January 9, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler responding to his email which raised concerns related to the introduction of invasive species with the construction of the MFFN CAR. It was noted that impacts related to invasive species will be assessed in the Draft EA / IS, which will be available for review in the coming months. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Mushkegowuk Council which included	■ Information on invasive species is included in **Table 9-17**, **Section 8.1.6.4** and **Section 8.2.4.9**.

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	■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided comments via email on the Draft EA / IS.		information related to invasive species. Mushkegowuk Council had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to invasive species. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	
Provincial EA Process, Federal IA Process	Draft EA / IS Comments ■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, Mushkegowuk Council provided 107 comments (via 13 separate emails) on the Draft EA / IS. Mushkegowuk Council's comments were related to 26 out of 36 topics.	■ Email	■ From June 5 to June 25, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team acknowledged receipt of comments. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team to respond to comments.	■ All comments received are documented and responded to in the Feedback and Response Log, found in **Appendix C** of the Final EA / IS

Table 29-5: Consultation and Engagement Log – Mushkegowuk Council

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
August 01, 2024	Email		x	■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 02, 2024	Phone	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received a phone call from James Tegler, which inquired about who Mushkegowuk Council's response to the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report should be sent to. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that James could send the response to them, and that they would forward it to the archaeology team.
August 02, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler, which provided Mushkegowuk Council's response to the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. James noted errors and suggested revisions in regard to maps, figures and definitions. James also inquired

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						about the use of underwater reconnaissance and remote sensing, inquiring if a shorter route is being evaluated to reduce disturbance on the ground. James noted that, because a Preferred Route has not yet been chosen, comments in the report are less valid, as the area may not be used. James also raised questions about sovereignty and noted that the validity of Treaty 9 is often questioned. Finally, James noted that the report does not mention the deaths of Indigenous people due to colonization, emphasizing that it should be discussed in the report.
August 06, 2024	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler, which thanked him for providing Mushkegowuk Council's response to the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the feedback had been forwarded to the archaeology team, and that a response would be provided as soon as possible.
September 04, 2024	Email		x	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 PICs. 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	■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 23, 2024	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler, which noted the Project Team was working on a response to Mushkegowuk Council's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if James could provide more information on the concerns about sovereignty and Treaty 9 he provided in feedback on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment and noted a phone call or meeting could be scheduled.

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September 25, 2024	Email		x	■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ 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 Mushkegowuk Council 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. 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 Mushkegowuk Council 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.
September 26, 2024	Phone		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called James Tegler to note that a letter on the Draft EA / IS and FAQ document was sent the day prior. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant mentioned that they had sent a follow up question about a comment James previously provided on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report and inquired if he could provide more information on his views regarding sovereignty and Treaty 9. A voicemail was left.
September 26, 2024	Email		x	■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler, providing the sign up for the Project E-blast, and Project social media accounts. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that a letter on the Draft EA / IS Report and FAQ document was sent the day prior. Lastly, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant mentioned that they had sent a follow up question about a comment James previously provided on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report and inquired if he could provide more information on his views regarding sovereignty and Treaty 9.
September 26, 2024	Email	x		■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler, who noted he was up to date on MFFN CAR and that he recently attended engagement sessions for the NRL and WSR road projects. James mentioned he was surprised that WSR plans to go ahead with construction although the other 2 sections of road are not built. James also mentioned he would respond to the inquiry about his comment about sovereignty and Treaty 9 provided for the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment feedback and asked for a timeline to provide feedback.

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September 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler, to thank him for responding to the request for additional information on the comments previously provided on the Stage 1 Archaeology Report and requested that his additional information be sent as soon as possible. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that James' comment about sovereignty and Treaty 9 was beyond the scope of the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report and they would be tracking the comment to help guide future reporting and consultation. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also thanked James for his feedback on his attendance at other local road project events but noted that they could not comment on the other project processes. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant suggested he provide his feedback to the WSR project directly.
October 03, 2024	Email		x	■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 03, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from James Tegler in response to the September E-blast. James inquired about the duration of field testing for minerals, dissolved metals, and volatile organic compounds.
October 03, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler regarding the draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. James clarified his comments on Treaty 9, as asked by the MFFN CAR Project Consultant, and highlighted that there have been various interpretations of the agreement and that what was understood by First Nations signatories may not have been the same as what they signed. He noted that recent findings suggest discrepancies between the negotiated terms and the final document. James noted that the archaeological assessment report should discuss these discrepancies.
October 04, 2024	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler acknowledging receipt of his comments on the draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that the comments were forwarded to the archaeology team and that a response to all comments will be provided soon.

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October 08, 2024	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler in response to his inquiry about the duration of fieldwork for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant informed James that the field crews were in the area for six days, from September 28th to October 4th, during which they collected samples from wells for further analysis of dissolved metals and volatile organic compounds. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant invited James to reach out with any additional questions.
October 30, 2024	Phone		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called James Tegler to provide Project updates for October 2024. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reminded James to fill out a questionnaire, previously sent in September, to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review of the Draft EA / IS. There was no answer so a voicemail was left.
October 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler to provide Project updates for October 2024, following up on a voicemail left earlier that day. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reshared a link to a questionnaire, previously sent in September 2024, to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant invited James and other Council members to reach out with any questions or concerns and offered to coordinate a meeting with the Project Team if Mushkegowuk Council would like to discuss any Project related topics.
October 30, 2024	Email	x		■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler regarding the MFFN CAR October Project updates. James inquired if there is a set deadline for completing the questionnaire or just a recommended timeframe and asked if a firm date is available for the release of the Draft EA / IS. He noted he would likely be the key contact for Mushkegowuk Council but intends to consult with senior members of the Council before submitting the form. James also requested additional Plain Language Guides for the Draft EA / IS and associated documents and asked if these guides are similar to the existing conditions fact sheets on the MFFN CAR website. He further inquired if other documents, such as technical reports, ATRI Reports, and the RoCE for Indigenous communities, will be made available in traditional languages.

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November 05, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler following up on a previous message he sent regarding questions he had about the EA / IS review period, including the deadline for filling out the EA / IS questionnaire, timelines for the release of the EA / IS, and the availability of plain language guides and EA / IS documents translated to traditional languages. James mentioned his upcoming holiday in December and expressed his intent to stay on task until then.
■ November 05, 2024	■ Email	■	■ x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email from James Tegler responding to his questions regarding the October Project Updates. The Project Consultant clarified that while there is no hard deadline for submitting the form to identify a key contact and preferences for their review of the Draft EA / IS, an earlier submission is preferable. Regarding the release of the Draft EA / IS, the Project Consultant informed James that the timeline has shifted slightly, with the release now expected in Winter 2025. In response to James's inquiry about Plain Language Guides, the Project Consultant confirmed that new plain language summaries will be produced for each technical report as well as the Draft EA / IS Executive Summary. These summaries, along with the Executive Summary, will be translated into Swampy Cree, Oji-Cree, and Ojibway. However, the ATRI Reports will not be translated, and the Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous communities, expected in late Winter or early Spring 2025, will also remain in its original language. The Project Consultant noted that they may have missed a follow-up call from James after their voicemail last week and invited him to reach out for further discussion. The Project Consultant also offered to arrange a phone call or virtual meeting if he would like to discuss any of the topics in more detail.
November 05, 2024	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler thanking them for providing answers to his questions and indicated that he would review the information provided and follow up if he had further questions.
November 05, 2024	Email		x	■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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.

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November 20, 2024	Email		x	■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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	■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 28, 2024	Email		x	■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler 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 Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous communities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also reminded James 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 the reports could be successfully downloaded was requested.
December 02, 2024	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to attendees and registrants of the Building the Community Access Road Webinar. The MFFN CAR Project Team thanked those who registered and / or attended the webinar, provided a brief overview of the webinar and a link to the webinar recording. More webinars would be available in 2025.
December 17, 2024	Phone		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called James Tegler to provide year-end updates and upcoming 2025 activities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up about information provided via the Draft EA / IS questionnaire, including the request to confirm James' address for the distribution of hard copies of the Draft EA / IS. Feedback was requested on the community-specific section of the Milestone #3 Progress Report, distributed November 28, 2024, by February 14, 2025. Feedback options included email, phone, or scheduling a meeting. There was no answer so a voicemail was left.

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December 17, 2024	Email		x	■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed James Tegler to follow up with year-end updates and upcoming 2025 activities, after they left James a voicemail. 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. They followed up about information provided via the Draft EA / IS questionnaire, including the request for an alternate address for the distribution of hard copies of the Draft EA / IS. Feedback was requested on the community-specific section of the Milestone #3 Progress Report, distributed November 28, 2024, by February 14, 2025. Feedback options included email, phone, or scheduling a meeting. Additional updates on a new point of contact were provided and a meeting was offered to discuss the Project in at the beginning of 2025.
December 18, 2024	Email		x	■ Leo Walter (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 Achneepineskum, 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.
January 06, 2025	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler, confirming that the address that the MFFN CAR Project Team has on file for him is correct, and offering informal observations from a recent trip to New Zealand, discussing ecological impacts of invasive species. James reflected on potential species introductions related to the MFFN CAR. James indicated plans to review the Milestone #3 MFFN CAR Progress Report and provide comments by the end of the month, though noted that this timeline is tentative.

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January 09, 2025	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler responding to his questions about invasive species and providing updates on the MFFN CAR. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that invasive species will be addressed in the Draft EA / IS, which will be available for review soon. The Project Consultant acknowledged Mushkegowuk Council's confirmation that comments on the Milestone #3 Progress Report will be submitted and expressed anticipation for reviewing those comments. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also informed James that responses to his questions from the "Building the Community Access Road Webinar" would be sent in a follow-up email. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant invited James to reach out with any questions or to schedule a meeting for further discussion about the project.
January 09, 2025	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Mushkegowuk Council)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler following up on his participation in the "Building the Community Access Road" webinar held on November 26, 2024. The Project Consultant addressed several questions submitted by James during the webinar, which could not be answered live due to time constraints. The responses provided were as follows: - Ongoing discussions are focused on prioritizing training and work-readiness for MFFN members and neighboring communities. While a specific percentage has not been determined, the goal is to maximize local workforce participation during the planning of the MFFN CAR. - Options under consideration for sourcing native vegetation materials for re-vegetation include harvesting vegetation from the work zone for propagation and reseeding, or sourcing materials from similar projects with compatible native plant species. Efforts will aim to avoid introducing non-native species. - The road is designed for indefinite use, with steel and concrete bridges having a 75-100 year lifecycle and culverts requiring replacement or relining after 40-50 years. Gravel roads will require annual maintenance, such as blading and gravelling, with materials stockpiled for these tasks. ■ The email also provided a link to access recordings of the webinar and previous sessions via the Project website. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked James for his participation and engagement.

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January 15, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 22, 2025	Phone		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called James Tegler to provide January updates and discuss upcoming activities for 2025. The updates that were provided included information on the Draft EA / IS report, highlighting the dedicated email account for submitting questions or comments. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered to schedule a meeting to assist with the review of the report. Feedback was requested on the community-specific section of the Milestone #3 Progress Report, which was distributed on November 28, 2024, by February 14, 2025. Feedback options included email, phone, or scheduling a meeting. During the phone call, James asked several questions regarding the delivery method for the Draft EA / IS report, the process for commenting on other communities' sections in the Milestone #3 Progress Report, and whether the MFFN CAR Team will be attending the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Convention in March. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated they would send a follow-up email addressing James' questions.
■ January 22, 2025	■ Email	■	■ x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler following up on a phone call from earlier that day. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided reminders and updates about the upcoming release of the Draft EA / IS, including the use of a dedicated email account for questions and comments. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered to schedule in-person or virtual meetings to assist with the review process, acknowledging the large size of the document. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant referenced the Milestone #3 Progress Report, distributed on November 28, 2024, and thanked Mushkegowuk Council for confirming they will provide comments. The deadline for feedback on the community-specific section was noted as February 14, 2025, with feedback options available via email, phone, or a scheduled meeting. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an overview of questions asked by James during the phone call, including his questions about the delivery method

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						of the Draft EA / IS, whether he would be able to comment on other communities' sections of the Milestone #3 Progress Report, and whether representatives from Project Team would be attending the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada's (PDAC) Convention. In response to these questions, The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that a hard copy and USB file will be mailed to the address on file for Mushkegowuk Council, and offered to make changes to Mushkegowuk Council's preferred delivery options and mailing address, if needed. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also shared that Records of Consultation (Interim RoCE, Milestone 1, and Milestone 2) will be made available on the Project website during the week of February 17, 2025, with a link to be provided at that time. Lastly, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that information about the Project Team's attendance at the PDAC conference will be provided in a separate email once details are confirmed. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant invited additional questions or concerns and offered to set up a meeting to discuss further if required.
January 22, 2025	Email	x		■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler clarifying that Ryan Small, acting CEO of Mushkegowuk Council, and Lawrence Martin, head of the Lands and Resources Department, should be cc'd on all communications and included them in his email. James raised questions regarding comments on the Milestone #3 Progress Report, including the inquiry if Mushkegowuk Council, as a Tribal Council, could submit comments on behalf of member communities identified in the affected area, and whether some communities might submit no comments. He also sought clarification on whether the 30-day comment period begins upon the receipt of documents or the date they are sent, noting delays in mail delivery to communities. Regarding PDAC, James expressed interest in knowing which representatives from MFFN would attend, including road-building engineers, Indigenous liaisons, and specific individuals.
January 30, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler in response to his follow-up questions regarding contact updates, commenting on the Milestone #3 Progress Report, the Draft EA / IS review period, and attendance at PDAC. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that Ryan Small and Lawrence Martin would be cc'd on all future communications. In response to the question about commenting on other communities' sections in the Milestone

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				■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)		#3 Progress Report, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant clarified that due to confidentiality concerns and the need to respect community-designated key contacts, they are unable to share sections outside of the intended recipients. Communities may choose to share their sections with other contacts, including tribal councils, at their own discretion. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant encouraged James to request specific sections directly from the respective communities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the confusion caused by the use of the term "community-specific" and committed to avoiding this terminology when referring to Mushkegowuk Council to prevent further misunderstanding. Regarding the Draft EA / IS review period, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant clarified that the review period will be 120 days rather than 30 days, beginning on the date the email containing the report is received. It was noted that printed and USB copies will be mailed on the same day the email is sent. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated that confirmation on PDAC attendees is still pending and will follow up once details are available.
January 30, 2025	Email	x		■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler seeking clarification on the 120-day Draft EA / IS review period and Mushkegowuk Council's role in representing communities that may not submit comments. James acknowledged the clarification regarding the review period and asked whether there is any benefit to submitting comments during the initial 60 days or if waiting until the end of the full 120-day period is acceptable. He also inquired whether Mushkegowuk Council could represent communities that may not provide comments to ensure their perspectives are considered. Additionally, James assured he would await confirmation on PDAC attendees from MFFN and their consultation representatives.
January 31, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler requesting clarification on his inquiry about communities that will not be submitting comments. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked whether James was referring to comments on the community-specific sections of the Milestone #3 Progress Report or comments on the Draft EA / IS Report once the review period begins.

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January 31, 2025	Email	x		■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler seeking clarification on the ability of Tribal Councils to comment on behalf of their communities if the community itself does not submit comments. He expressed concern that if a community does not provide input and Mushkegowuk Council is only allowed to comment on its own section, no feedback would be received for that community. He questioned whether this lack of transparency hampers representation and whether these limitations apply only to the Milestone #3 Progress Report or extend to the Draft EA / IS as well. James also acknowledged that some of his other questions from a previous email remain unanswered. He shared his concerns about the complexity of the process for small communities with limited resources, noting that the high volume of mining claims in Mushkegowuk Territory adds to the burden of reviewing and commenting on relevant issues.
February 10, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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.
February 12, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler providing information on the feedback process and timing for the Milestone #3 Progress Report and the Draft EA / IS review period. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reminded James that the deadline to provide feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report is February 14, 2025. Feedback received by this date will be incorporated into the report before it is posted publicly on the project website. Any feedback submitted after February 14 will still be accepted and included in the Draft RoCE for Indigenous communities later in the year. It was noted that the Draft RoCE for Indigenous communities will include the Milestone #3 Report, previous milestone reports, the Interim RoCE, and engagement since August 2024, providing another opportunity for Indigenous communities and Councils to review and provide feedback on the consultation process.

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						The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that the 120-day review period for the Draft EA / IS will begin on the day the report is sent via email, and that Indigenous communities and Councils will also receive USB and hard copies shortly thereafter. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that the first 60 days of the review period will be dedicated to Indigenous communities and Councils, after which the report will be made public for an additional 60 days. James was informed that there is no advantage to submitting feedback earlier versus later in the review period, and that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant is available to facilitate discussions and meetings if needed. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged James' concerns regarding transparency and the capacity of Mushkegowuk Council member First Nations to provide feedback, stating that a follow-up response would be provided shortly to address those concerns.
February 13, 2025	Email	x		■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler acknowledging receipt of the information provided and confirming that he will wait for the follow-up email.
February 13, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 until June

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						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, community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report and Community Well-being Technical Report. It was highlighted that any concerns raised by Indigenous communities and groups would be documented in the Final EA / IS Report.
February 18, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler providing additional details about the Milestone #3 Progress Report and the Draft EA / IS review processes. The email aimed to address remaining questions and concerns previously raised by James. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reiterated that consultation records from all Indigenous communities and Councils will be made available in the forthcoming RoCE, which will include Milestone Reports 1-3 and the Interim RoCE. The Draft RoCE for Indigenous communities will provide an opportunity to review and comment on all relevant records, even if communities were unable to comment on the Milestone Reports individually. The consultant acknowledged concerns about capacity limitations affecting Mushkegowuk Council member First Nations. It was noted that these communities have generally been engaged with the project and have provided feedback on previous Milestone Reports. The MFFN CAR Project Team has been working to support community capacity through programs like the Indigenous Knowledge Program and the Community Coordinator Program. The email explained that the MFFN CAR Project Team takes direction from communities regarding who can represent them in the consultation process and provide feedback. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant encouraged James to work directly with Mushkegowuk Council member First Nations to assist with capturing their concerns. If any communities wish for Mushkegowuk Council to provide comments on their behalf, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant will adjust the designated community representatives as directed by the community. Lastly, The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the team is still working to confirm PDAC convention attendees. An offer was made to schedule a meeting for further discussion if needed.

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February 18, 2025	Email	x		■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler requesting the contact information of community representatives that the MFFN CAR Project Team has been using to reach out to Mushkegowuk Council's member First Nations. James indicated that this information would assist Mushkegowuk Council in their outreach efforts. James also expressed a preference for email communication to help accurately track conversations and commitments, noting that verbal discussions without written records can be more easily forgotten.
February 19, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler acknowledging his request for community contact information. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated that they would need to consult with the MFFN CAR Project Team to determine whether this information could be shared and committed to following up once an answer is available.
February 19, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team shipped the Draft EA / IS and the Assessment Summary: Draft EA / IS hard copy to the Mushkegowuk Council band office.
February 20, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler 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 EA / IS 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

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				■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)		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. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they are still waiting to confirm PDAC attendees and whether they could share the contact information requested.
February 20, 2025	Email	x		■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler raising a concern regarding the incorporation of comments in the Milestone #3 Report, noting that some of his previous comments had been paraphrased in a way that obscured their original meaning. He requested that future comments be included as direct quotations to better preserve the original intent. James acknowledged that any changes would likely be made during the Draft RoCE for Indigenous communities' process but expressed hope that adjustments could still be made.
February 20, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler acknowledging his review of the Draft EA / IS and his concerns regarding the incorporation of comments in the Milestone #3 Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that the feedback would be shared with the project team and requested additional details from James, asking him to provide a list of specific sections in the report where he would like direct quotes to be included, either as a list with page numbers or a marked-up version of the document.
February 20, 2025	Email	x		■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler clarifying his earlier feedback regarding the incorporation of comments in the Milestone #3 Report. He expressed a general preference for his comments to be quoted directly and ascribed in the report, rather than paraphrased by the report writer. James granted permission for his comments to be quoted and ascribed, noting that confidentiality is not a concern in this case. He also pointed out that many MFFN residents are quoted and ascribed in the reports, suggesting consistency in how feedback is represented.

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February 21, 2025	Email	x		■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler clarifying his current focus on reviewing the newly released Draft EA / IS and other related documents, rather than revisiting his previous comments on the Milestone #3 Report. He reiterated his preference for his comments to be quoted and ascribed directly, rather than being paraphrased, noting that direct quotes in the reports provide clearer insight into issues and questions. James also raised a question regarding redactions in the Draft EA / IS appendices, specifically noting inconsistencies between redacted and non-redacted information. James asked for clarification on the criteria used for these redactions and whether they relate to disclosure agreements signed during engagements.
February 25, 2025	In-person			■ Ivan Iserhof (Mineral Development Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team and a representative of Mushkegowuk Council met to discuss the CAR and the Draft EA / IS during the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo in Timmins, Ontario.
February 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler stating that due to confidentiality concerns, they could not provide contact information for individuals from other communities or organizations. However, Milestone Reports 1 and 2, now available on the EA / IS website, list the names of community contacts consulted during those reporting periods. James was encouraged to reach out to Chiefs and Councils directly if he wished to be involved in reviews on behalf of specific communities, as the project team takes direction from them on designating key contacts. Regarding PDAC attendance, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that the MFFN CAR Project Team will be present on Sunday and Monday. For Draft EA / IS inquiries, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant reminded James that all questions and comments regarding the appendices should be directed to the specific EA / IS inbox to ensure proper tracking and response. Lastly, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that they are working with their team to draft a response regarding James's comments on the Milestone #3 Report and advised him to watch for further communication on that matter.

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February 26, 2025	Email	x		■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler seeking clarification on the handling of comments submitted to the specific EA / IS inbox regarding the Draft EA / IS. James inquired whether comments sent to this email will be appended to the final document submitted to the Government of Ontario and Canada and whether they are also received by Dillon Consulting and the MFFN proponents. He referenced an alternative project inbox monitored by IAAC and sought clarification on the relationship between these submission channels.
February 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler correcting a typo in a previous email, clarifying the correct email address for Draft EA / IS comments. Regarding the Milestone #3 Progress Report, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant explained that communications are summarized in Milestone Reports and the RoCE for Indigenous communities to maintain a manageable report length for Indigenous communities and organizations. However, complete email PDFs, which include full, word-for-word, communications, are included in the appendices. The consultant clarified that direct quotes are not included in the "Consultation and Engagement Log" tables unless they can be incorporated succinctly. While quotes may appear in other sections of MFFN CAR reports, their inclusion depends on the style and purpose of each section. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant invited James to identify any instances where he believes his communications were misrepresented, noting that comments on the Milestone #3 Report will continue to be accepted until the finalization of the RoCE. Regarding Draft EA / IS comments, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged James's questions and stated that they will look into them. Due to an upcoming vacation, a response is expected the following week.
February 26, 2025	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received and email from James Tegler thanking them for their response and wishing them an enjoyable vacation.
March 04, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 PIC #6 and webinars. Links to the MFFN CAR website were included.

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March 10, 2025	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler, following up on their conversation at the Three Roads Expo at PDAC. James introduced himself as the Mushkegowuk Council representative she spoke with at the event. James pointed out a name error in a recent email where Grand Chief Leo Friday was mistakenly referred to as Leo Walter and requested the correction.
March 10, 2025	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler acknowledging his correction regarding the name error for Grand Chief Leo Friday. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that the team will review and update their contact list to ensure the correction is made. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also sought confirmation from James that the correct name is Grand Chief Leo Friday and not Grand Chief Leo Walter before proceeding with the update.
March 10, 2025	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler, confirming that the current Grand Chief of Mushkegowuk Council is Leo Friday and expressed uncertainty about the name Leo Walter mentioned in the previous communication. James suggested that Walter may be a middle name but was unsure.
March 10, 2025	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler, confirming they would look into the name error for Grand Chief Leo Friday and make any updates required.
March 11, 2025	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ James Tegler sent an email to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant while reviewing the Draft EA / IS. He expressed concern about missing sections that are expected to be included in the Final EA / IS and inquired when these sections will be available for comment.
March 19, 2025	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler responding to his inquiries regarding the Draft EA / IS, missing sections, and consultation processes. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reminded James that all communications related to the EA / IS should be sent to the specific EA / IS email address to ensure proper tracking and response by subject matter experts. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that comments submitted to this email address will be included in the final EA / IS submission to the Governments of Ontario and Canada. Regarding missing sections of the EA / IS, the consultant referenced an email sent on February 13, 2025, which outlined relevant details. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an update that the Community Well-Being Technical Report is

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						expected to be shared in April 2025. Indigenous communities and organizations will have 90 days to review newly provided sections from the date of their release. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant flagged that community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports contain confidential Indigenous Knowledge and cannot be broadly shared. If James wishes to review these reports, he was encouraged to contact communities directly for access.
March 19, 2025	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler noting that while he had emailed the specific EA / IS inbox, this was the first response he had received. He expressed concern about potential response delays, stating that if each response takes nine days, it may limit the number of queries he can submit during the comment period. James highlighted missing information in the Draft EA / IS Report that is expected to be included in the Final EA / IS Report, referencing several sections where data is currently unavailable and only referenced in technical support documents. James asked whether the final version of the EA / IS will contain more complete information.
March 20, 2025	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler acknowledging his follow-up regarding missing sections in the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant cc'd the specific EA / IS email address so that the appropriate team members could respond to James's inquiries about the missing sections in the report.
March 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including the Draft EA / IS and upcoming webinar. 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.

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April 03, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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.
April 14, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email with an attached letter to James Tegler providing a formal response to the Mushkegowuk Council's comments on the MFFN CAR Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, originally received on August 2, 2024. The letter included information about updates to maps and figures, the inclusion of language about sovereignty and colonization, and clarification about ongoing fieldwork, the Preferred Route, and test pits. It was noted that the feedback will be integrated into the final draft of the Stage 1 Report where possible and will help to inform the upcoming Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment efforts.
April 24, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler 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

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						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 Project Consultant 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	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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.
May 06, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 PIC #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.

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May 13, 2025	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from James Tegler indicating that the link they received for the webinar redirected them to a stormwater management page in Vaughan and not to the intended content. James expressed interest in the upcoming Ungulates session scheduled for May 15, 2025, and requested that the correct link be resent.
May 14, 2025	Email		x	■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler acknowledging the incorrect link previously sent for the Ungulates webinar and provided the correct registration link. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that the webinar will take place on May 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. EST and included a link to the MFFN CAR webpage where details and registration links for all upcoming and past webinars can be found. James was invited to reach out if he encountered any further issues accessing the materials.
May 15, 2025	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler thanking them for providing the corrected registration link for the Ungulates webinar.
May 20, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler 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, 2025, in Thunder Bay, and May 29, 2025, 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, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. EST, and noted that the People: Land and Resource Use webinar will occur on June 5, 2025.

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May 23, 2025	Email	x		■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Michelle Day (Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler asking if he could attend the first hour of PIC #6 that is dedicated to Indigenous community members only, happening on May 29, 2025, in Geraldton, since he is representing the Mushkegowuk communities.
May 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council inviting recipients to attend the upcoming PIC #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.
May 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO) ■ Michelle Dey (Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler noting that he could attend the first hour of PIC #6, dedicated to Indigenous community members only, happening on May 29, 2025, in Geraldton.

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June 05, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 Mushkegowuk Council 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 5 to June 25, 2025	Email	x		■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■	■ MFFN CAR EA / IS Email Portal	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team ■ received 13 emails from Mushkegowuk Council providing 107 comments on the Draft EA / IS.
June 11, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 PIC #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, PIC #6 materials and social media pages were included.
June 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler 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 thanked Mushkegowuk Council for providing feedback on the Draft EA / IS. 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.

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June 26, 2025	Email	x		■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler to confirm that his recent comments on the Draft EA / IS would be considered. He expressed interest in the upcoming release of the Draft RoCE for Indigenous communities and inquired whether it will include all Indigenous consultation or only the 22 identified communities. He also asked whether recent legislative changes under Bill 5 will have implications for the RoCE. Lastly, he asked if there will be an additional public comment period (e.g., 27 days) following submission of the Final EA / IS in late 2026.
July 15, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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.
July 16, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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 25, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler confirming that all submitted comments would be considered in the Draft EA / IS and clarified that the Draft RoCE for Indigenous communities will focus on outreach with the Indigenous communities and Tribal Councils identified in the ToR. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that Bill 5 does not revoke the commitments made by MFFN in the Draft EA / IS or to Indigenous communities to date. Finally, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that further opportunities for public and Indigenous comment will be available following Final EA / IS submission, although the exact length of the consultation period is not yet confirmed.

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July 29, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler to provide July 2025 Project updates for MFFN CAR. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Draft RoCE for Indigenous communities is planned to be released in Fall of 2025, and methods of providing feedback on the Draft 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	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Mushkegowuk Council 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.
August 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler to provide August 2025 Project updates for MFFN CAR. The email shared a link to an educational video about cumulative effects in relation to the MFFN CAR Project.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
August 26, 2025	Email	x		■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler sharing his impressions after watching the cumulative effects video that was shared in the previous email from the MFFN CAR Project Consultant. James noted that he found the examples provided (e.g., camping and picnicking) to be disconnected from the more industrial-scale activities associated with the proposed road, such as mining, logging, hunting, and fishing. James questioned whether these examples were appropriate in the context of the significant development being discussed. James also noted the current "legislative tumult" and strong public positions taken by major stakeholders, expressing curiosity about how these factors might influence the project's future.
August 29, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to James Tegler to clarify that the Understanding Cumulative Effects video is a new resource designed to provide a general overview of cumulative effects concepts and is not meant to address project-specific cumulative impacts. It complements the Assessment Process video shared in April 2025. For more detailed and project-relevant content, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant referred James to the Draft EA / IS webinars, which explore cumulative effects in relation to specific value components.
August 29, 2025	Email	x		■ Leo Friday (Grand Chief) ■ Amos Wesley (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Natasha Martin (Deputy Grand Chief) ■ Vern Cheechoo (Director) ■ Troy Woodhouse (Assistant Terrestrial Region Manager) ■ James Tegler (Senior Environmental Coordinator) ■ Lawrence Martin (Head of Department) ■ Ryan Small (Acting CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from James Tegler expressing concerns over the certainty expressed in the Draft EA / IS, particularly given the draft status of the road design, the unique terrain, and the unpredictable legislative environment. James noted that although he understood the comment period for the Draft EA / IS closed on June 22, 2025, he hopes to see how those comments are reflected in the final version expected next spring. James emphasized that projects of this scale and complexity are difficult to predict with confidence. James questioned whether the professionals involved can be sure the described actions will occur exactly as planned. James also noted concerns regarding the emergence of significant legislative changes, including Bill 5 and Bill C-5, which promise Special Economic Zones and other major policy shifts. James also noted that these changes have sparked lawsuits from proponents of the projects under discussion.

B29. Mushkegowuk Council

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Comments on the Draft Report on Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment of the Community Access Road from Marten Falls to Painter Lake

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 9:10 AM
To: James Tegler [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Thank you James,

I have sent these comments along to our archaeology team, who will help put together a response. I will send our response to these comments once it is complete.

I hope you had a great long weekend!

Jodi
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[Quoted text hidden]

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Comments on the Draft Report on Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment of the Community Access Road from Marten Falls to Painter Lake

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Mon, Sep 23, 2024 at 12:06 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good morning James,

I hope all is well. We are in the process of drafting a response to these comments, and I was wondering if you might be able to provide more information on your concerns about sovereignty and Treaty 9? If you like, we could schedule a phone call or meeting to discuss the concern further.

Thanks,

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN Community Access Road – About the Draft EA / IS

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Sep 25, 2024 at 4:06 PM
To: Grand Chief Walter Leo Friday <[redacted]>, James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, "MacInnis, Paul (MINES)" <[redacted]>, [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Dear Grand Chief Friday,

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 but if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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September 25, 2024

Mushkegowuk Council
[redacted]

Subject: **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (EA / IS)**

Dear Grand Chief Walter Leo Friday,

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:

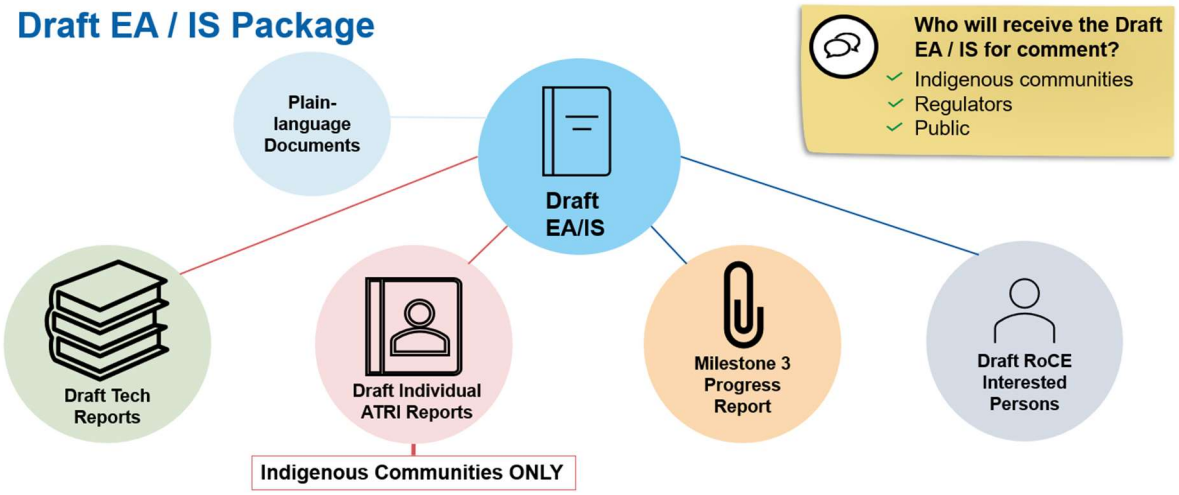
- Qasim Sadique, Project Director, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Lawrence Baxter, Senior Community Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Bob Baxter, Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Jennifer Bruin, Technical Advisor, MFFN Community Access 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
- Deputy Grand Chief Amos Wesley, Mushkegowuk Council
- Deputy Grand Chief Natasha Martin, Mushkegowuk Council
- James Tegler, Senior Environmental Coordinator, Mushkegowuk Council
- Vern Cheechoo, Director of Lands and Resources, Mushkegowuk Council

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.

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR September Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Sep 26, 2024 at 4:36 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Grand Chief Walter Leo Friday <[redacted]>, Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>, Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good afternoon James,

I hope you are doing well! I am sending this email to follow up on the voicemail I left you earlier today.

EA / IS Letter

Yesterday you were CC'd on an email which provided some information about the upcoming draft EA / IS for the MFFN CAR. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about any of the content in the letter or FAQ document that were provided in that email.

Archaeology Assessment Report Response Follow-Up

On Monday I sent you an email asking a follow-up question about one of your comments on the Archaeology Assessment Report. I was wondering if you might be able to provide more information on your views about sovereignty and the validity of Treaty 9, and how this can be reflected in MFFN CAR documents. If you like, we could schedule a meeting or call to discuss this further.

Stay up to date!

If you would like other ways to stay up to date on ongoing activities for the MFFN CAR, consider signing up for our newsletter here (if you haven't already!): Contact Us - Marten Falls First Nation (martenfallsaccessroad.ca)

Follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss any other aspects of the project, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Thanks,

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR September Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Mon, Sep 30, 2024 at 10:06 AM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Good morning James,

Thanks for getting back to me! I do not have a specific date, but we are hoping to get revisions to the archaeology report made ASAP, so if you are planning to provide clarification that pertains specifically to edits that can be made to the Stage 1 Archaeology Report, we will need it as soon as possible. However, I believe your comment goes beyond the scope of the Stage 1 Archaeology Report and therefore we will be tracking it moving forward to help guide future reporting and consultation. There is no deadline for providing this type of feedback, but we may not be able to reflect it in the Stage 1 Archaeology Report if we do not receive it soon, given that the deadline for comments has already passed. If you would like me to coordinate a meeting to discuss this topic, I would be happy to do so!

I am glad to hear that you are staying engaged and up to date with MFFN CAR and the other road projects! Given that WSR is a separate project from MFFN CAR, I cannot comment on their processes. However, I encourage you to share this feedback with the WSR team, if you haven't already!

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Comments on the Draft Report on Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment of the Community Access Road from Marten Falls to Painter Lake

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Fri, Oct 4, 2024 at 11:19 AM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Thank you for sending this James!

I have passed it along to the archaeology team. We will be providing a response to all of your comments soon

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Inquiry about Groundwater and Geo Chemistry Program

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Oct 8, 2024 at 1:35 PM
To: James Tegler [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
[redacted]

Good afternoon James,

I was forwarded your response to the Project newsletter regarding the duration of fieldwork for the groundwater and geochemistry program (particularly in regard to dissolved metals and volatile organic compounds). I touched base with our natural sciences team, and they provided the following information:

The crews were in the area for a total of six days. From September 28th until October 4th the team visited wells to collect samples to send to the lab for further analysis.

I hope this helps! Let me know if you have any other questions.

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR October Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 3:20 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Walter Leo Friday <[redacted]>, Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Good afternoon James,

I hope you're having a good week! I am sending this email to follow up about the voicemail I left you earlier today.

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 Mushkegowuk Council 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]

If you have any other questions or concerns about the MFFN CAR, please let me know! As always, I am happy to coordinate meeting if you would like to meet with the project team to discuss anything related to the project.

Thanks!

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR October Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 10:29 AM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good morning James,

I apologize for the delay! I've been working behind the scenes to get these answers for you from various people on my team, and was actually just preparing to send you a response! See below:

1. **Is there a deadline or just a recommended time for filling out this form for you?**

   We do not have a hard deadline, but the sooner the better so we can organize your preferences and ensure you get the documents when they are released.

2. **Do you now have a firm date for release of the draft EA/IA?**

   We do not have a firm date yet, but the timeline has shifted slightly, so it will now be released in Winter 2025.

3. **Can I ask for additional "Plain Language guides"? Are the plain language guides basically the information that is online at martenfallsaccessroad.ca in the existing conditions fact sheets?**

   We will be producing new plain language summaries for each of the technical reports and the Draft EA / IS Executive Summary.

4. **Are the other documents (eg. the 17 technical reports, individual ATRI Reports (by community), Milestone 3 Progress Report or the Record of Consultation and engagement not to be available in any traditional languages?**

   At this point, we will be doing translations of the plain language summaries and Executive Summary mentioned above into Swampy Cree, Oji-Cree and Ojibway. The ATRI Reports will not be translated. The Indigenous Record of Consultation and Engagement will not be available until late winter or early Spring 2025 and also will not be translated.

Let me know if this answers all of your questions! I think I may have missed a call from you last week after I left you a voicemail (sorry about that!). Feel free to give me a call today if you would like to discuss these topics in more detail, or let me know if you'd like me to schedule a phone call or virtual meeting with you.

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

FOR REVIEW: MFFN CAR Milestone #3 Progress Report

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Nov 28, 2024 at 3:58 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Grand Chief Walter Leo Friday <[redacted]>, Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Dear James,

We 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 Mushkegowuk Council: [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,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Subject: Webinar on Building the Community Access Road – Thank You for Joining
Sent: 2024-12-02, 1:01:09 PM
From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team<info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Cc: [redacted]; 'Jennifer Bruin'; Angelis, Niki; [redacted]; 'l[redacted]; 'Danny Kuenstler'; McCutchon, James
Bcc: [redacted]

Thank you for registering and / or attending the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Webinar: Building the Community Access Road.

The webinar focused on the final route, design features of the road and details on how it will be constructed. We also discussed the upcoming release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. **The recording of this webinar, and others, can be viewed here.**

There are more webinars to come in 2025 – stay tuned for updates!

Sincerely,

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR December Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Dec 17, 2024 at 1:45 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Grand Chief Walter Leo Friday <[redacted]>, Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good afternoon James,

I hope this email finds you well. I left you a voicemail earlier today, and I am sending this email to follow up about some of the topics discussed there.

Introduction to New Point of Contact

Firstly, I wanted to introduce you to Callais Harrison (CC'd), who will be supporting me with some of my outreach efforts for the MFFN CAR project. I will still be around, but I wanted to give you a heads up that you may be hearing from Callais in the next few months. If you could CC Callais in any emails to me for the time being, that would be great!

Confirmation of address for EA / IS

I was reviewing the information you provided via the EA / IS survey, and I noticed you requested a USB and hard copy of the EA / IS. I just wanted to take a second to confirm the address we have on file for you, so we can make sure that the EA / IS gets sent to the right place when the time comes! Please let me know if the following address is correct:

101 Cedar Street South
Timmins, ON P4N 2G7

Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

On November 28, 2024, we distributed Mushkegowuk Council's 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.

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.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the MFFN CAR Project, or if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss anything regarding the project in the new year. I will be on vacation from December 18th-January 6th, so if you would like to reach out during that time, please feel free to contact Kyla Zielbauer and Callais Harrison (CC'd).

Happy Holidays!

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR December Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Jan 9, 2025 at 3:38 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>

Hello James,

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a great vacation - I would love to visit New Zealand! You raise some good questions about invasive species as a result of the MFFN CAR. This topic will be explored in the Draft EA/IS, which will be available for your review in the near future.

Thank you for confirming that Mushkegowuk Council will be submitting comments on the Milestone #3 Report. We look forward to reviewing those!

I've been notified that you attended the Building the Community Access Road Webinar and had some questions that our team didn't have the chance to respond to before you had to leave. I have responses to these questions drafted for you - I will send them in a separate email shortly.

Finally, just a reminder that you may be hearing from Callais (CC'd) later this month, as she is supporting me with engagement on the MFFN CAR Project.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to meet to discuss the project in more detail.

Thanks!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN Community Access Road Webinar Q&A Submission

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Jan 9, 2025 at 3:51 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Callais Harrison <[redacted]>
Bcc: Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good afternoon James,

Thank you for attending the Building the Community Access Road webinar that was held on Tuesday November 26, 2024.

During the webinar you submitted a few questions, however, due to time constraints the panelist was not able to answer all questions. Below are responses to your questions:

Q: Do you have a plan for what percentage of the workforce will be local?
A: There are ongoing conversations regarding training and work-readiness including members of MFFN and neighboring communities as a priority. Currently we do not have a specific percentage, but the goal is to maximize local workforce participation as we proceed with the planning of the Community Access Road.

Q: Where will you get native vegetation materials when the time comes to re-vegetate land that was disturbed during clearing, grubbing and construction activities?
A: Details are not yet confirmed, however there are known practices that may be considered. One practice is harvesting vegetation materials from the work zone and bringing them to agricultural lands, where the vegetation is propagated and then reseeded back in the disturbed areas of the Project. Another option is to consider other projects of likeness (that have similar native plant material) that could be used during the re-vegetation phase. Please note that efforts will be made to avoid introducing vegetation species that were not previously found in the area prior to disturbance.

Q: Will the road be guaranteed for a number of years to not subside, bridges fail, banks erode/collapse or that sort of failure?
A: The steel and concrete bridges are designed for a lifecycle of 75-100 years. The road is designed and intended for use indefinitely, with annual maintenance conducted for the gravel. However, there are additional features of the road that would require continued maintenance and updating. For example, the culverts have a lifespan of 40-50 years, upon which replacement or re-lining of the corrugated steel culverts would be required. The annual maintenance will include common tasks such as blading the road and adding additional material for gravelling that will be stockpiled.

The recording of the Building the Community Access Road webinar (along with previous webinars) is available on the Project website and can be viewed here: [redacted]

Thank you again for your participation.

Sincerely,

Jodi

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Wed, Jan 22, 2025 at 1:32 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Grand Chief Walter Leo Friday <[redacted]>, Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, [redacted], Jodi Miles <[redacted]>
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Hi James,

It was great speaking with you over the phone today! As Jodi mentioned in her recent email, I will be supporting outreach efforts for the MFFN CAR Project moving forward.

I wanted to send you a quick email to follow up on some of the topics we discussed.

Release of the Draft EA / IS

As we approach the release of the Draft EA / IS, I would like to provide you with a few reminders and updates:

All information related to the Draft EA/IS will be sent from a dedicated email account: [redacted]. Please direct any questions or comments on the Draft EA/IS to this address to ensure they are properly addressed.

We're here to assist you with the review process. Given the size of the document (~20,000 pages), we understand it can be overwhelming. If you'd like to schedule an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA/IS, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

Thank you for confirming that Mushkegowuk Council will be providing comments on the Milestone #3 Progress Report, which was sent on November 28, 2024. We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section which you may provide through email, telephone or by scheduling a meeting. Kindly provide Mushkegowuk's feedback by February 14, 2025.

Questions

Here are the answers on the questions you raised during our call:

1. The delivery method for the Draft EA/IS report.
    - Based on your survey response, we have noted that you requested both a hard copy and a USB file. These will be mailed to the address we have on file: [redacted]. If you'd prefer a digital copy via email or file transfer, please let me know. Additionally, if you'd like to make any changes to the mailing address, feel free to share the updated details.
2. The process for commenting on other communities' sections in the Milestone #3 Progress Report.
    - All the past records - Interim RoCE, Milestone 1, and Milestone 2 - will be available on the Project website the week of February 17th; we can provide you with a link at that time.
3. Attendance at PDAC in March
    - I will provide confirmation on whether the MFFN CAR Team will be attending PDAC in March in a separate email, once I confirm the details.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding the information above or the MFFN CAR Project in general, I'm happy to assist. Please let me know if you'd like to set up a meeting to discuss anything further.

Wishing you a great rest of your week!

Best,

Callais Harrison

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Thu, Jan 30, 2025 at 9:41 AM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi James,

Thanks for your follow up!

Going forward, I'll make sure that Ryan and Lawrence are CC'd on all communications.

Regarding your question about commenting on other communities sections in the Milestone #3 Progress Report, due to confidentiality concerns, the need to give communities a chance to review the information before it is shared more widely, and the fact that we take direction from the communities about who their key contacts are for the purposes of sending information, we are unable to send their sections to anyone outside of the key contacts they have designated. It is up to these community contacts to decide if they would like to share these sections of the Milestone #3 Report with other contacts (including their tribal councils) before the reports are made public on the website. We encourage you to request community-specific sections that you wish to comment on directly from the communities.

I do apologize for the confusion around our use of the term "community-specific". We typically use this terminology in a way that is inclusive of tribal councils, despite the fact that tribal councils are not communities. I will flag this to our team, and refrain from using this language when referring to Mushkegowuk Council to avoid confusion.

Regarding the Draft EA/IS review period, I would like to note that the review period will be 120 days, rather than 30 days. This period will begin on the day you receive the email containing the report. Printed and USB copies of the report are intended to be mailed out on the same day that the report is sent via email, so all communities will receive these *after* they receive the initial email. This is because it is challenging to determine when these documents are received via mail, and because it allows us to provide access to communities as soon as possible, and at the same time.

I am still waiting to hear back about who will be attending PDAC, but I will reach out as soon as I can confirm. We will not be able to provide details about whether Jennifer Ashawasegai-Pereira is attending, as she is not part of the MFFN CAR Project Team.

Wishing you a great rest of your week!

Best,

Callais

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Fri, Jan 31, 2025 at 12:25 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi James,

Regarding your second question about communities who will not be submitting comments, can you clarify if you are inquiring about comments on the community-specific sections of the Milestone #3 Progress Report, or comments on the Draft EA/IS Report, once the review period begins.

Thanks!
Callais
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Wed, Feb 12, 2025 at 2:09 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi James,

I wanted to provide you with this initial information regarding feedback and timing of the Milestone #3 Progress Report and Draft EA/IS, specifically as the Milestone #3 Report deadline is fast approaching. We understand that you had some concerns regarding transparency of the review process and the capacity of the Mushkegowuk Council member First Nations to provide feedback on MFFN CAR reporting. I am working with my team to respond to those concerns and will provide a follow-up response shortly.

Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback
We wanted to remind you that the deadline to provide feedback on the Milestone #3 Report is due Friday February 14, 2025. Feedback received by February 14, 2025, will be incorporated into the report and posted on the project website, in addition to the other milestone reports and the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE). The deadline to provide feedback on the report is February 14, 2025, in order to make updates before the report is made available to the public, otherwise, we will still accept feedback after this date. Feedback received after February 14 will be incorporated into the Draft RoCE.

Later this year, a Draft RoCE will be produced, which will contain the Milestone #3 Report, in addition to the other milestone reports, the Interim RoCE, and engagement since August 2024. Indigenous communities and Councils will have an additional opportunity to provide feedback for the time period covered by the Milestone #3 Report during their review of Draft RoCE. In addition, Indigenous communities and Councils are able to review all consultation with all communities and Councils for the entirety of the project.

Draft EA/IS Review Period & Timing of Comments
I have confirmed that the 120-day review period for the Draft EA/IS begins on the day the email containing the report is sent. Indigenous communities and Councils will also receive their requested USB and hard copies shortly thereafter.

Indigenous communities and Councils are given 60 days to provide feedback on the report. After the initial 60-day period is complete, the report will be made public. The public and Indigenous communities/Councils have 60 days to provide feedback. In total, this provides Indigenous communities/Councils with 120 days to review the report.

Regarding the timing of your comments, you are welcome to submit feedback at any point during the 120-day period. There is no advantage to submitting early versus later. If you would find it helpful, we are happy to facilitate discussions and meetings during the review period to ensure any concerns are fully captured.

As mentioned, you will be hearing from us shortly regarding your other concerns and questions.

Thank you for your patience,
Callais
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

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 7:05 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted], "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>

Dear Grand Chief Leo Walter,

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 1-800-764-9114. 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
Website: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

Phone: [redacted]

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 10:53 AM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi James,

I am sending this as a follow up to my last email, in order to provide additional details about the Milestone #3 Progress Report and Draft EA/IS review processes. We hope that this response will answer all of your remaining questions and concerns, but please let me know if you have any other questions.

We understand your concern with the transparency of this process. As was mentioned in a previous email, consultation with all Indigenous communities and Councils will be provided in a forthcoming Draft RoCE, which you will have the opportunity to review. If communities are unable to review and comment on the Milestone Reports, they will have another opportunity to review this information in the Draft RoCE. Though we are unable to share community-specific records of consultation at this time, the release of the Draft RoCE will allow you to review and provide comments on all sections of Milestone Reports 1 - 3 and the Interim RoCE.

We understand you are concerned about capacity limitations of Mushkegowuk Council's member First Nations and their ability to provide feedback on MFFN CAR reporting. We can share that the Mushkegowuk Council member First Nations are, in general, quite engaged with the project, and have provided feedback on previous Milestone Reports. We will also note that our team has been working with these communities to support their capacity needs with regards to this project, including by offering funding opportunities. For example, funding has been offered through the Indigenous Knowledge Program and the Community Coordinator Program.

Our team takes direction from Indigenous communities and councils regarding who can represent their community/organization for the MFFN CAR project, including who can provide feedback on reporting on behalf of the community/organization. We encourage you to reach out to Mushkegowuk Council's member First Nations to offer your support to address any concerns and challenges they may have, particularly if they are related to reviewing documents and providing feedback to the MFFN CAR Project. If a community does not plan to submit comments, but you wish to represent their concerns, we encourage you to work directly with them to help capture their perspectives. If any communities wish for Mushkegowuk Council to provide comments on their behalf, we would be happy to adjust their designated community representatives, with direction from that community.

In addition, we are still working with the team to confirm their attendance at the PDAC convention.

I appreciate your patience as we work through your inquiries. If you'd like to schedule a meeting to discuss any of this in more detail, please let me know.

Best,
Callais
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 4:14 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi James,

I will need to consult with the MFFN CAR Project Team to confirm whether I am able to share this type of information. I'll follow up with you as soon as I have an answer.

Have a great rest of your day!

Best,
Callais
[Quoted text hidden]

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: February, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 1:26 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi James,

I hope all is well.

I wanted to provide you with a couple of February updates regarding the MFFN CAR Project.

Release of the Draft EA / IS

As you may already be aware, the Draft EA / IS is now available for Mushkegowuk Council's review, and is available for download at [redacted]. I would like to provide you with a few reminders and updates as you start your review:

All information related to the Draft EA/IS will be sent from a dedicated email account: [redacted]. Please direct any questions or comments on the Draft EA / IS to this address to ensure they are properly addressed.

We're here to assist you with the review process. Given the size of the document (~20,000 pages), we understand it can be overwhelming. I understand you prefer to keep our communications over email, however, if you'd like to schedule an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA/IS, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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 are still accepting 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 and Councils will have an additional opportunity to provide feedback for the time period covered by the Milestone #3 Report during their review of Draft RoCE.

I'm still waiting to confirm PDAC attendees and whether I am able to share the contact information you requested. Thank you for your continued patience on these matters.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the topics in this email, or the Project in general.

Have a great rest of your week!

Best Wishes,

Callais

On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: February, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 4:07 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi James,

I am glad to hear you have started reviewing the Draft EA / IS!

I'll pass your comment along to my team. In the meantime, could you provide a list of specific sections in the report where you'd like direct quotes to be included? This could be either a list with page numbers or a marked-up version of the document.

Thank you,
Callais
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: February, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 12:54 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi James,

Thank you for your clarification.

Contact Information
Due to confidentiality concerns, we cannot provide the contact information of individuals from other communities or organizations with whom we have communicated. However, you can refer to Milestone Reports 1 and 2, which are now available on [redacted], to see the names of the community contacts that have been consulted with during the timeframes of those reports.

We encourage you to reach out to the Chief and Councils if you would like to get involved with reviews on behalf of these communities, as they are who we take direction from regarding the designation of key contacts.

PDAC Attendees
I have received word that the MFFN CAR Project Team will be at PDAC on the Sunday and Monday, including Qasim, Jennifer, and Lawrence.

Draft EA / IS
As noted in previous communications, please send any questions or comments regarding the Draft EA/IS appendices to the dedicated email account at [redacted]. This will allow our team to properly track and respond to your inquiries. I have forwarded this question to the email account for these purposes. Please feel free to CC me on these communications to keep me in the loop, but in general, responses to these types of questions and comments will be provided by the EA / IS email address, rather than me.

I am working with my team to draft a response to your comment about the Milestone #3 Report, so please keep an eye out for that.

Feel free to let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued involvement with this project,
Callais

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: February, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 2:31 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi James,

Sorry to hear you're not feeling well, it's definitely that time of year!

I just wanted to flag a typo I made in my previous email. The correct email is [redacted], I forgot to include the @ sign.

Milestone #3 Report
Regarding your previous comment on the Milestone #3 Report, to explain, communications are summarized in our Milestone Reports and RoCE to maintain a manageable report length for Indigenous communities and organizations to review. However, complete email PDFs, which include all communications word-for-word, are included in the appendices, in order to provide the full context of all communications.

We will not be including direct quotes in the "Consultation and Engagement Log" tables in our Milestone and RoCE reports for any of the communities, unless they can be incorporated succinctly. You may see quotes used in other sections of various MFFN CAR reports, as the purpose and style of these sections/reports are different than the purpose and style of Consultation and Engagement Logs.

That being said, if you could point out specific instances where you feel your communications were misrepresented in our summaries, we would be happy to review and address them. We understand that you have shifted your attention to the review of the Draft EA / IS for the time being, but we will continue to accept comments on the communications in the Milstone #3 report until the finalization of the RoCE.

Draft EA / IS Email Account
I will look into your questions regarding comments on the Draft EA / IS. I do have an upcoming vacation next week so I likely won't be able to provide an answer for you until the following week.

Wishing you a speedy recovery!

Best,
Callais

[Quoted text hidden]

[redacted]

From: Wang, Joanne <[redacted]>
Sent: March 10, 2025 4:56 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>; Cugnet, Jaimie <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Name Correction RE: Upcoming Release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement - February 18, 2025

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Hi James,

You've found me! I hope you are doing well.

Thank you for pointing this out. We will check our contact list and make sure the correction is made.

Just to confirm, the correct name is Grand Chief Leo Friday, not Grand Chief Leo Walter, correct?

Regards,

Joanne

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

Fwd: Fw: Name Correction RE: Upcoming Release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement - February 18, 2025

[redacted]

From: Wang, Joanne <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 5:04:06 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Name Correction RE: Upcoming Release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement - February 18, 2025

Hi James,

Noted. We will take a look!

Thanks.

Regards,
Joanne

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

Peatlands and Aboriginal/Treaty Rights and Interests

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 11:58 AM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi James,

Apologies for the delay in my response.

Firstly, it's important to note that all communications regarding the EA / IS should be sent to the [redacted] email. This will ensure that these questions get sent directly to the subject matter experts, who can appropriately track and respond to these questions. Please feel free to CC me for my awareness.

To answer your question about how the questions sent to [redacted] will be provided to the governments of Ontario and Canada, I wanted to confirm that comments received through this email will be part of the final EA /IS submission.

Information about the missing sections of the EA / IS was provided to you via an email sent on February 13, 2025 (I have provided that information below for your convenience). The only update we have to share is that the Community Well-Being Technical Report can be expected to be shared in April. Please note that communities/organizations will have 90 days to review the additional sections that are provided, starting from the date they are released.

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.

I do want to flag the confidential nature of the community-specific sections of the draft ATRI Reports, due to the fact that they include Indigenous Knowledge that has been shared by communities. If you wish to review these community-specific ATRI Reports, we encourage you to connect with communities directly.

Please let me know if this answers your questions.

Thanks,
Callais
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

Peatlands and Aboriginal/Treaty Rights and Interests

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Thu, Mar 20, 2025 at 8:34 AM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, [redacted],
"[redacted]" <[redacted]>

Hi James,

Yes, I was on vacation and it definitely is a busy time of year!

Thank you for the clarification. I have CC'd [redacted] and they will get back to you about these sections in the Report when they are able to.

Have a great rest of your week.

Thanks,
Callais

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: March, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at 8:49 AM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi James,

I hope all is well.

I wanted to provide you with a couple of March updates regarding the MFFN CAR Project.

Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) available for review

MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS Email

As you are aware, the Draft EA / IS is now available for Mushkegowuk Council's 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!

I know you normally prefer all communications via email; however, 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!

Please let me know if you have any questions about the topics in this email, or the Project in general.

Have a great rest of your week!

Best Wishes,

Callais

On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

RE: Comments on the MFFN CAR Stage 1 Archeological Assessment Report Follow Up and Project Update

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Mon, Apr 14, 2025 at 10:40 AM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, [redacted], Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, [redacted], Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Hi James,

I hope you are doing well.

I am emailing you to provide a response to Mushkegowuk Council's comments on the MFFN CAR Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, which we received on August 2, 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 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,

Callais Harrison
On Behalf of the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project Team

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Dear James,

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.

Mushkegowuk Council Comment	**MFFN CAR Project Team Response**
Maps are difficult to read as reference area maps are and are not always oriented with main maps.	Acknowledged, maps will be updated.
Will there be any underwater reconnaissance of aquatic areas for evidence of former habitation or use (stone fish weirs?) or sites now submerged? The document acknowledges that water levels have fluctuated over time.	If impacts are proposed to the riverbeds then a marine archaeology checklist should be completed. This will be determined once all the aspects of the design have been confirmed.
Will there be any use of remote sensing (satellite images? Drones?) Remote imaging in the infrared spectrum can be used to suppress vegetation growth in images. It would also avoid ground disturbing activity.	This can be explored as an option during the subsequent Stage 2AA fieldwork. There are challenges given the remoteness of the study area, and the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism requires physical inspection as part of the assessment. If you are aware of sensitive areas the Archaeology team should avoid, please inform the Project Team.
In route choice is it considered that choosing a shorter road route means less disturbance on the ground?	From an archaeological perspective there were no discernable differences between the length of the alternatives. Indicators identified in the Cultural Heritage Study Plan were reviewed during the route selection process to identify a preferred route. Indicators such as "previously identified archaeological sites" and "areas of cultural significance raised by local Indigenous Nations" were reviewed.
There is no chosen route. Comments are less valid as areas may not be used.	Indicators identified in the Cultural Heritage Study Plan were reviewed for all route

	alternatives to help identify the preferred / final route. Some of the areas shown in the Additional Aggregates Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment may not be disturbed once the preferred route is finalized and Detail Design is undertaken. Only the area of proposed impacts related to the final route will be subject to Stage 2 testing.
Sovereignty? Treaty 9 is often questioned as to its validity especially in areas of being an informed consent.	Acknowledged, this will be reviewed and updated. If specific language is requested, please provide.
Where is Figure 4?	Acknowledged, this will be updated.
Test pits are often mentioned but never defined. What is a test pit?	Test pits are small holes excavated at least every 5 m where soil is present, are 30 cm in diameter, and are excavated into the first 5 cm of sterile subsoil. Subsoil is typically located approximately 30-40 cm below ground surface. Depths can vary depending on the soil. All material from each test pit is screened for artifacts and affected areas are restored to existing condition upon completion of the survey. Section of the report will be updated to include the definition of a test pit.
Colonization of North America was frequently catastrophic to the indigenous and it is widely documented by historians that engendered violence, addiction, disease, spawned conflicts and cultural collapse during colonisation resulted in death of 65-90% of all the 1st Nation people then alive on Turtle Island. It's disturbing to know these sorts of historical facts and see this unmentioned in this document. I can see this being considered outside the purvue of the study but that is unlikely the case seeing as the document includes many vignettes of trapper/trader/factor life and hence this must be an oversight	Acknowledged, will review and update – Section 1.2.2.

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 Callais Harrison at charrison@dillon.ca or 416.229.4647 to coordinate.

Sincerely,

Qasim Saddique
Project Director

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
- Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council
- Troy Woodhouse, Mushkegowuk Council
- Grand Chief Leo Friday, Mushkegowuk Council
- Deputy Grand Chief Amos Wesley, Mushkegowuk Council
- Deputy Grand Chief Natasha Martin, Mushkegowuk Council
- Lawrence Martin, Mushkegowuk Council
- Callais Harrison, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Jodi Miles, MFFN CAR Project Consultant

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 24, 2025 at 4:02 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi James,

I hope all is well.

I wanted to provide you with a couple of April updates regarding the MFFN CAR Project.

Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) Updates

The Public Review Period is 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 and council 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

Please let me know if you have any questions about the topics in this email, or the Project in general.

Have a great rest of your week!

Best Wishes,

Callais

On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

RE: MFFN CAR Webinars

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Wed, May 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi James,

I saw your email pointing out the error in the registration link for the Ungulates webinar. My apologies for that.

Please find the correct registration link for the webinar, which will take place tomorrow at 4pm EST as requested: [redacted]

You can also find details and registration links for all upcoming and past webinars on this page: Marten Falls First Nation - Get Involved. The registration links for the two remaining webinars are available there as well.

Please let me know if you encounter any issues with these links.

Have a great night,
Callais
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: May, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Thu, May 22, 2025 at 4:29 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi James,

I hope all is well.

I wanted to provide you with a couple of May updates regarding the MFFN CAR Project.

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

Please let me know if you have any questions about the topics in this email, or the Project in general.

Have a great rest of your week!

Best Wishes,

Callais

On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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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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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: May, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Mon, May 26, 2025 at 3:28 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, "Dey, Michelle (MINES)" <[redacted]>

Hi James,

Yes, you can absolutely come to the first hour, feel free to arrive as early as you would like.

Thanks,
Callais
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: June, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 11:37 AM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good Morning James,

I hope all is well.

I wanted to provide you with a couple of June updates regarding the MFFN CAR Project.

Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Review Period Complete!

Thank you for providing feedback on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact statement (EA / IS). As of June 23, 2025, the review period for the Draft EA / IS has officially closed. We sincerely value all the feedback provided. Input on the Draft 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 and councils will be released in Fall 2025. Keep an eye out for the report to be sent to Mushkegowuk Council! Ways to provide feedback will be included.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the topics in this email, or the Project in general.

Have a great rest of your week!

Best Wishes,

Callais Harrison

On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: June, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Fri, Jul 25, 2025 at 12:47 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon James,

Apologies for the delay in my response.

Regarding your first question, all comments you submitted for the Draft EA / IS were received and will be considered.

The Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities will include the outreach and engagement conducted with the Indigenous Communities and Tribal Councils as outlined in the Terms of Reference. Additionally, Bill 5 does not revoke the commitments Martin Falls First Nation has made in the Draft EA / IS or to Indigenous Communities as part of its consultation and engagement efforts to date.

Lastly, once the Final EA / IS is submitted, there will be additional opportunities for Indigenous Communities, Councils, and the public to comment directly to government agencies. However, I cannot confirm the exact length of the consultation period at this time.

Have a great weekend!

Thank you,
Callais

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: July, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 1:28 PM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon James,

I hope all is well.

I wanted to provide you with a couple of July updates regarding the MFFN CAR Project.

Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities and Councils

The Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities and Councils will be released in Fall 2025. Keep an eye out for the report to be sent to Mushkegowuk Council! 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 here:

https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2025-07-09-MFFN-Summer-2025-Field-Notice.pdf

Please let me know if you have any questions about the topics in this email, or the Project in general.

Have a great rest of your week!

Best Wishes,

Callais Harrison

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: August, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Tue, Aug 26, 2025 at 11:47 AM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good Morning James,

I hope all is well.

I only have one August update regarding the MFFN CAR Project. Please see below:

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: https://vimeo.com/1096031872/90de3c9f05?fl=pl&fe=vl

Please let me know if you have any questions about the topics in this email, or the Project in general.

Have a great rest of your week!

Best Wishes,

Callais Harrison

On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: August, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Fri, Aug 29, 2025 at 9:37 AM
To: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi James,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts on the video.

This is a new video that complements the Assessment Process video shared back in April 2025.

It's intended as a high-level overview of cumulative effects concepts and is not designed to address project-specific cumulative effects directly.

For more detailed discussions, our Draft EA / IS webinars are available at https://vimeo.com/showcase/mffn-webinars. These sessions explore cumulative effects in relation to specific value components and may offer more relevant examples aligned with the current context.

Let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best,
Callais
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B29.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Comments on the Draft Report on Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment of the Community Access Road from Marten Falls to Painter Lake

James Tegler [redacted] Fri, Aug 2, 2024 at 12:36 PM
To: "[redacted]

Hi Jodi,

Thanks for forwarding Mushkegowuk Council's following comments on the Draft Report on Stage 1 AA for the MFFNCAR.

- Maps are difficult to read as reference area maps are and are not always oriented with main maps.
- Will there be any underwater reconnaissance of aquatic areas for evidence of former habitation or use (stone fish weirs?) or sites now submerged? The document acknowledges that water levels have fluctuated over time.
- Will there be any use of remote sensing(satellite images? Drones?) Remote imaging in the infrared spectrum can be used to suppress vegetation growth in images. It would also avoid ground disturbing activity.
- In route choice is it considered that choosing a shorter road route means less disturbance on the ground?
- There is no chosen route. Comments are less valid as areas may not be used.
- Sovereignty? Treaty 9 is often questioned as to its validity especially in areas of being an informed consent.
- Where is Figure 4?
- Test pits are often mentioned but never defined. What is a test pit?
- Colonization of North America was frequently catastrophic to the indigenous and it is widely documented by historians that engendered violence, addiction, disease, spawned conflicts and cultural collapse during colonisation resulted in death of 65-90% of all the 1st Nation people then alive on Turtle Island. It's disturbing to know these sorts of historical facts and see this unmentioned in this document. I can see this being considered outside the purvue of the study but that is unlikely the case seeing as the document includes many vignettes of trapper/trader/factor life and hence this must be an oversight.

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

Mushkegowuk Council

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR September Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Thu, Sep 26, 2024 at 4:52 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon Jodi,

I think I am all up to date hereon the MFFNCAR. I did recently attend the engagement sessions here in Timmins on the Webequie Supply Road and the Northern Road Link portions of the road into that area. It surprised me that the WSR plans to go ahead with construction although the other 2 sections of the road are not built. I am doing some research internally before I get back to you on the draft Archaeological Assessment comments I provided. Did you have a timeline in mind that you needed this for?

Cheers,

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

Mushkegowuk Council

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Subject: RE: MFFN Community Access Road September 2024 E-Blast

James Tegler <[redacted]>
to MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

Thu, Oct 3, 2:39 PM (5 days ago)

Good Afternoon,

How many days will the field crews be the testing for minerals, dissolved metals—including mercury—and volatile organic compounds?

James Tegler BSc, RSE
Senior Environmental Coordinator
Lands and Resources Department
Mushkegowuk Council
[redacted]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Comments on the Draft Report on Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment of the Community Access Road from Marten Falls to Painter Lake

James Tegler [redacted] Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 5:06 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

Sorry for my delay in getting back to you in clarifying my comments on Treaty 9.

This agreement has been interpreted numerous ways and it is often said that it was understood differently by those who signed it versus those who composed it. There are numerous questions about whether the document signed was the document negotiated. In particular, whether the ratifications that arose from negotiations ever were written down for a final, agreed upon document. In the last decade, the notes of the men acting as government emissaries has led most to believe that what First Nations signatories were told was the agreement was not what they signed. 1st Nations peoples have often said that they would never have ceded the entirety of there lands save for tiny reservations.

The complete absence of any such doubt in the comments in your archaeological assessment is worthy of mention.

Thanks,

Jim

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR October Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 3:47 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon Jodi,

Is there a deadline or just a recommended time for filling out this form for you? Do you now have a firm date for release of the draft EA/IA. I believe I would be your key contact but, I would like time to confer with the more senior members of Mushkegowuk Council before I submit the form. Can I ask for additional "Plain Language guides"? Are the plain language guides basically the information that is online at martenfallsaccessroad.ca in the existing conditions fact sheets? Are the other documents (eg. the 17 technical reports, individual ATRI Reports (by community), Milestone 3 Progress Report or the Record of Consultation and Engagement not to be available in any traditional languages?

Hope the fall weather in Halifax is as beautiful as I remember!

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR October Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 9:55 AM
To: "jmiles@dillon.ca" <[redacted]>

Good Morning Jodi,

Did this email slip under your radar? I take off for holidays for the month of December and I want to remain as currently on-task as I can until then 😉

Cheers,

James

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR October Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 10:32 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>

Oh, you know me – I get so angry!

Thanks for the research(talking to folks to find answers). I will give them a read and get back to you if I need to.

Cheers,

James

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR December Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Mon, Jan 6, 2025 at 5:02 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>

Happy New Year,

All looks good regarding the data in your email. I was away all of December and today is my 1st day back on the job. 2nd trip to New Zealand and it is still a beautiful environment. A lot of volcanic areas and not much mining. A fair bit of logging and many hectares of monocultures in nice tidy rows. Not much in the way of terrestrial predators to use those sightlines, though. The nastiest problems they deal with are wild pigs, goats, rats, deer, stoats and possums that have devastated the indigenous bird populations there(as in so many places that were islands in the biological sense). What new species do you think the MFFN-CAR could bring? Coyotes? Raccoons? Deer? Non-native fish species in the bait bucket? Aquatic invasives stuck to someone's boat motor? Plant seeds coming up in that bag of soil in someone's trunk? It's a lot to think about.

I hope to get to the #3 MFFN CAR report and send you my comments by the end of the month(maybe…)

Hope you are well,

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Wed, Jan 22, 2025 at 2:14 PM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>
Cc: Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon Callais,

The acting CEO for Mushkegowuk Council is Ryan Small and the head of my own Lands and Resources Department is Lawrence Martin. They should probably be cc'd on your emails and I am sending this to them.

As to the issue of the latest email regarding comments being solicited for the Milestone #3 Progress Report. You mention welcoming "any edits or comments to your community-specific section" and that causes me to think that Mushkegowuk Council isn't a community. That leads me to consider that some Mushkegowuk Council Communities that are in what you consider "the affected area" will be submitting comments while others will not – should I not be submitting comments on behalf of and with my own consultation with those communities? Does this mean some communities will be submitting no comments? Does the all-too-brief 30 day comment period start after I receive the documents or after you send them? The mail can be very slow to the communities especially 😉 .

Lastly, as to PDAC. It is of particular interest to me who the attendants will be from Marten Falls, road building engineers, indigenous liasons etc… Will Bob Baxter, Jennifer Ashawasegai-Pereira or Qasim Saddique be there?

Great talking with you today, too.

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

Mushkegowuk Council

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Thu, Jan 30, 2025 at 10:28 AM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good Morning Callais,

I am glad that you pointed out my misunderstanding of the 30 days. So, the submission of the EA/IS to the 22 communities is 120 days prior to the EA/IS submission deadline. Is their any benefit to commenting during the initial/extra 60 day period or do you think waiting until the 120 deadline is fine?

Secondly, I guess I am seeking to know communities that will not be submitting comments will be heard? Can you ensure that Mushkegowuk Council can represent these communities?

Much appreciated that you will let me know PDAC attendees from Marten Falls First Nation and the consultant reps from Dillon for the MFFN Community Access Road. I do get confused with the representatives from the sections as the projects sometimes present together and it seems some representatives work on more than one section.

Cheers,

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Fri, Jan 31, 2025 at 12:59 PM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi Callais,

I guess I would be curious about both. I just see a scenario developing where the First Nations Council is not given a chance to comment for the community and the community itself does not comment. This resulting in your receiving no comment because you have told me that I am allowed to comment only on the specific section of the “community" of Mushkegowuk Council. Is representation not seemingly hampered by the transparency lacking in this process? Does this only apply to the Milestone #3 Progress Report?

There are a couple of other questions in that email I assume will eventually be answered.

I don’t mean to grill you Callais but I do find the process a bit divisive and unwieldy. A lot of process compliance to expect of small communities with limited resources. Last I checked there were 70,818 active mining claims staked in Mushkegowuk Territory alone and the commenting burden for many pressing and very relevant issues like this is a huge concern.

Be well,

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Thu, Feb 13, 2025 at 10:26 AM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Good Morning Callais,

Meegwetch for the information and I will await the other email.

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

Mushkegowuk Council

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 11:08 AM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Good Morning Callais,

Thanks for the information.

In hoping to assist your reaching the concerned(downriver) communities can you not give Mushkegowuk Council the community contacts you have been using in order that we may reach out to those contacts?

I continue to prefer emails to accurately keep track of our communications. I know I am bad for forgetting some of commitments I make if I do it verbally and don't have things written down.

Hope you are well,

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: February, 2025 Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 3:10 PM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon Callais,

I am reviewing the Draft EA/IS for the MFFN-CAR with great interest.

Regarding the Milestone #3 Report the most significant comment that comes to my mind regards the incorporation of comments. In reviewing comments that I have made I find them paraphrased in such a way that the original comment itself is obscured. Can these comments be left as direct quotations? I realize that any alterations won't occur until the Draft RoCE but, better late than never 😉

Meegwetch,

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: February, 2025 Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 4:48 PM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi Callais,

I think I meant that just as a general comment that I would rather not have my expressed opinion altered into the words of the report writer but, rather be quoted directly and even ascribed. You have my permission, so the confidentiality need not be a concern. I noticed many Marten Falls residents are quoted and ascribed in the reports.

Meegwetch,

James

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: February, 2025 Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Fri, Feb 21, 2025 at 12:08 PM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Good Morning Callais,

I wanted to clarify that I'm afraid I am going to concentrate on the newly released EA/IS and other documents now rather than reiterate my comments on the Milestone #3 Report. I do maintain that I would like to be quoted and ascribed as possible rather than my comments being reinterpreted as many comments in the report seem to be. There are some direct quotes too and I find these far more informative of issues and questions.

I was going over **Appendix X-3.B Appendix – Interested Persons RoCE** and wondering why emails but not names are redacted in the page 94 - *B6.2 Incoming Emails* and yet in the subsequent section

page 124 - *B7 Special Interest Groups* the email addresses and the names are redacted? Reading more, specifically the **Appendix-X-1 Record of Consultation and Engagement Interested Persons** I don't see a reasoning for your redactions. Can you clarify how these choices are made? Does it have to do with those signing or not signing disclosure agreements at the engagement?

Cheers,

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

Mushkegowuk Council

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: February, 2025 Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 2:04 PM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>
Cc: Ryan Small <[redacted]>, Lawrence Martin <[redacted]>, Grand Chief Leo Friday <[redacted]>, DGC Amos Wesley <[redacted]>, DGC Natasha Martin <[redacted]>, Vern Cheechoo <[redacted]>, Troy Woodhouse <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon Callais,

Meegwetch for looking into this issue. You guy's certainly have a lot of confidentiality concerns of different kinds.

The [redacted] email comments on the draft of the EA/IS that is going to the government of Ontario and Canada? Those comments will be appended to the final document submitted by the proponent? I assume these emailed comments go to the proponent's team at Dillon Consulting as well as the proponents in Marten Falls. I ask because there is a project inbox at the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada that's [redacted] .

I am fighting a cold and so working from home to avoid sharing my virus with co-workers at our office. Working past page 300 of that report 😮‍💨.

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: February, 2025 Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 2:43 PM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>

Thanks Callais! Enjoy your vacation 😊

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From: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 3:32 PM
To: Wang, Joanne <[redacted]>
Subject: Name Correction RE: Upcoming Release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement - February 18, 2025

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Good Afternoon Joanne,

We met at the recent 3 Roads Expo you were part of at PDAC. I am the tall guy from Mushkegowuk Council who talked to you for a bit.

I just noticed the *Grand Chief Leo Friday* is called *Leo Walter* by you kin the latter email and wanted to correct that name mistake.

Hope you are well,

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: James Tegler <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 5:02:06 PM
To: Wang, Joanne <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: Name Correction RE: Upcoming Release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement - February 18, 2025

Hi Joanne,

I know here at Mushkegowuk Council presently the Grand Chief is Leo Friday. I'm not sure who Leo Walter is ? Maybe Walter is his middle name or?

Anyways, just wanted to let you know. I don't think Mushkegowuk Council is really well known and changes seem to come quickly.

Cheers,

Jim

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

Peatlands and Aboriginal/Treaty Rights and Interests

James Tegler <[redacted]> Tue, Mar 11, 2025 at 1:47 PM
To: Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon Callais,

We are getting ready for the big melt here in Timmins. We currently have tons of snow and warmer weather is coming.

Reading the Draft EA/IS for the MFFN-CAR. I am confused by the missing sections that will be in the Final EA/IS. When will this be available for comment? These are pretty important sections, too?!

Onward,

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Subject: Question on the Draft MFFN-CAR EA/IS
Sent: 2025-03-13, 8:18:04 AM
From: James Tegler<[redacted]>
To: eaisinput@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

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Good Morning,

I found a section of the Draft EA/IS confusing. Page 657 of the document states,

- *Gaps in snowbanks will be ploughed at least every 1 metre apart and maintained by road maintenance crews throughout the winter season.*

This regards moose crossings of the road.

What does this exactly mean will be done?

Meegwetch,

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

Mushkegowuk Council

[redacted]

Subject: Question on the Draft MFFN-CAR EA/IS
Sent: 2025-03-13, 11:04:44 AM
From: James Tegler<[redacted]>
To: eaisinput@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

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Good Morning,

What size is Marten Falls First Nation Territory(not the reserve)?

Meegwetch,

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

Lands and Resources Department

Mushkegowuk Council

[redacted]

Subject: Commentary on the Final Submitted Version
Sent: 2025-03-14, 1:44:06 PM
From: James Tegler<j[redacted]
To: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement

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Will the public/indigenous affected have a chance to comment on the Final EA/IS for the MFFN-CAR before it is submitted for the 6 sections(Community Well-Being, Visual Environment, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests, Visual, Peatlands + Atmospheric Environment(Air Quality) not summarized at this time before submission?

James Tegler BSc, RSE
Senior Environmental Coordinator
Lands and Resources Department
Mushkegowuk Council
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

Peatlands and Aboriginal/Treaty Rights and Interests

James Tegler <[redacted]> Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 4:42 PM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>
Cc: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon Callais,

I have emailed eaisinput as well but, your response is the first that I have received 😉. I guess if a response takes 9 days I can only get a few queries happening with the eais email during the comment period😯 .

I was actually thinking you were on vacation as I recall you had said something about that. I was thinking too that the eais folks might be swamped with questions maybe?

I believe the Draft EA/IS for MFFN-CAR does not contain info on

1. Visual Environment

14.1.3.8 Visual Environment

At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement this information was not available to summarize. The full Visual Environment Technical Support Document can be found in **Appendix V**. A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

2. Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests

9.5.2 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests

As described in **Section 8.3.4**, each of the 23 Indigenous communities listed in **Section 11.2** will be issued a Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment Report. Marten Falls First Nation's intention is for Indigenous communities to first review this Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. The feedback will be included as a summary in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement while keeping information confidential and will be developed based on dialogue

3. Visual

9.5.8 Visual Environment

At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, information from visual was not available to summarize. The full Visual Environment Technical Support Document can be found in **Appendix V**. A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

4. Peatlands

10.2.5 Peatlands

At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, the Peatlands cumulative effects assessment information was not available to summarize. The full Peatlands Technical Support Document can be found in **Appendix I**. A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

5. Atmospheric Environment

10.4.6.1 Air Quality

At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, the Air Quality effects assessment information was not available to summarize. The full Atmospheric Environment Technical Support Document can be found in **Appendix S**. A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

6. Cumulative Effects

A full cumulative effects consultation report will be developed for submission with the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, detailing activities conducted, and input received throughout all phases of the Assessment Process. **Section 11.8.1** summarizes feedback received on cumulative effects during Milestones 1, 2, and 3, as well as how this feedback has been or will be considered in the Cumulative Effects Assessment Report.

Maybe the general public document will contain more complete info? That is what is referred to as the “final” rather than “draft” document?

Hope you’re well,

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Good Afternoon EAISINPUT,

I am just surprised that such a significant document as the draft EA/IS would be officially released in a form that is as you acknowledge, basically unfinished. What percentage of the documents have been translated? Is there a % of the Marten Falls population that is unilingual or are these untranslated documents unavailable to them? It reminds me of the original treaty process whereby the agreements were explained to the populace by proponents before they were signed by the indigenous.

James

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

Fwd: Join Us Today! Community Access Road Webinar on Community Well-Being

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Subject:RE: Join Us Today! Community Access Road Webinar on Community Well-Being

Date: Tue, 13 May 2025 18:48:40 +0000
From: James Tegler <[redacted]>
To:MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Waciye Marten Falls,

I just got a chance to go through your email and the link took me to a page about stormwater management in Vaughn. Who knows how computers work sometimes…. I was interested in your session this Thursday May 15th on Ungulates.

Can you send me a link?

Meegwetch,

James Tegler BSc, RSE
[redacted]

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

RE: MFFN CAR Webinars

James Tegler <[redacted]> Thu, May 15, 2025 at 7:59 AM
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Meegwetch Callais!

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MFFN CAR: May, 2025 Project Updates

James Tegler <[redacted]> Fri, May 23, 2025 at 11:45 AM
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Good Morning Callais,

The gathering on May 29th is of interest to me. I note that “The first hour is dedicated to Indigenous Community members only” on the notice. Would I be eligible to attend that as I am representing the Mushkegowuk communities?

James Tegler BSc, RSE

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the main use of the Community Access Road will be for Marten Falls First Nation, the Province also wants it to be used for potential future mineral exploration

To assert that the main reason for this road of the Community Access Road will be for Marten Falls is concerning. The province/federal governments are paying for this road with the clear rationale that the taxes from future mines will lead to the cost being returned. The cost of this road to Marten Falls is well in excess of $2,500,000 per resident.

Is hiring of a road construction crew to be prioritized for locals/indigenous? How?

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ES 7. Our Road

The Community Access Road will consist of a new all-season multi-purpose road from Painter Lake Road to Marten Falls. Options for road ownership, operation and maintenance activities, and liability are being considered in discussion with the Province.

It is unacceptable at this juncture to be unsure of this. All aspects of the environmental assessment are influenced by these potentialities.

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While the main use of the Community Access Road will be for our Community, the road will also be used for potential future mineral exploration

This road is part of a very large effort to establish mines in the Ring of Fire. The companies of Juno and Wyloo have spent millions of dollars and have frequently spoken of future plans. The government of Ontario has spoken at great length about plans for development in the area. Upgrades for handling mining truck use are to occur in a few months on roads from Aroland to the start of the MFFN_CAR. For the proponents to speak of this road as a "potential" mining road is very concerning.

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Mino-bimaadiziwin (living a good life) includes respecting and providing for all living beings

This report has often mentioned community concerns but not a concern for all living beings. Sufficient efforts have not been committed to in the construction of this road and in how it will eventually be used to Mino-bimaadiziwin

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Segment 1 – Ogoki Crossing Preferred Route

Statement 1

Alternative 1 was the chosen route. Document states that this route had

- Smaller footprint and shorter road length than the other options;
- Least disturbance to accessible habitats for Traditional Use Plants;
- Least loss of peatland area and least impacts to fewest peatland types;
- Least disturbance to significant landforms, soil, wildlife, wetlands, riparian ecosystems, upland ecosystems, birds, and caribou;
- Crosses over the least amount of area of coarse-grained and bedrock surficial materials;
- Least disturbed area of carbon sinks; and
- Least number of waterbody crossing locations.

Statement 2

This is contrary to engineering analysis that reported it was the least preferred alternative as it

- Fewer bedrock quarry opportunities – requires longer hauls, increases cost;
- Complex constructability – the majority of the route traverses poor substrates;
- High schedule implications:
- Road construction with poor substrates, terrain, and high cost to haul aggregates; and
- No means of access without significant upgrades to the Painter Lake Road section;
- High maintenance / operational costs due to poor ground terrain compared with other alternatives and gravel haul costs.

These two statements hard to make sense of…. is it not simply that Alternative 1 is shorter but it traverses unsuitable terrain?

For the purposes of route selection, it was assumed that all upgrades to Anaconda Road and Painter Lake Road required to construct and operate Segment 1 will be completed in advance by others.

Who are these "others"?

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"ownership of the Community Access Road has yet to be made. It is currently unknown who will own, maintain and operate the Community Access Road"

The plan regarding ownership and road maintenance is an integral part of the approval process and needs to be determined before approval.

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Does the cumulative effect analysis consider the ~ 5kms of secondary roads that commonly result from building a primary access road into virgin territory?

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Were caribou crossings considered regarding road embankment slope? What long term mitigations will there be to safeguard caribou? Designated crossings? Road closures during times of caribou movement or extreme sensitivity(calving?) Truck convoys rather than 100s of individual vehicles? Reduced speed limits in certain areas? Minimizing of sightlines and travel corridors that favour predators?

Page 91/139

Consistency of units of water used would make this clearer rather than litres for per person/day and and cubic metres/day for a camp or construction. Many people do not understand how much a cubic meter of water is in reality.

Page 93/141

Waste/wastewater(black water) should be trucked to existing sewage/wastewater facilities with authorization/capacity rather than the construction and operation of onsite leaching beds

Once construction is complete, temporary infrastructure that is no longer needed will be removed and abandoned or decommissioned. Sand and gravel pits, including temporary access roads leading to the pits, will be decommissioned by backfilling, levelling, compacting, and redistributing soils to encourage natural revegetation.

Upon decommissioning pits and quarries will there be guaranteed rehabilitation by establishment and maintenance in support of recovery? Monitoring?

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Peak traffic on the road being estimated as in year 2046 is perplexing. Will this not be ≤ 12 years after the mines begin operating? Are not the mining activities expected to go on for 50-100 years? This "peak" traffic will then consist of a truck on the road every 2 minutes – correct?

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Only half of the road water crossings were assessed for fish habitat and half of fish communities were sampled(if fish are found likely to be due to the habitat assessment?) “The complete description of fish and fish habitat existing conditions is documented in the Fish and Fish Habitat Technical Support Document (**Appendix G**).”

The work on the ground for this 180km road section consisted of less than a total of 6 weeks for the entire period. This does not seem like sufficient work accounting for the fluctuations in the environment to calculate the effects of the road with any certainty.

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The waterbodies that are to be crossed by the road number around 50. The upgrades to the nearby Gull Bay Road(the other side of Lake Nipigon) plans for installation of 43 culverts. This road is only 10 kilometers long. Why are there so few culverts on the 180km approved route? Will this not be a concern for animals wanting to travel accessing mating sites, foraging, migrating or perhaps snakes seeking their hibernaculum? Can the road edge not be constructed to guide animals to culverts under the road at known paths to prevent them being crushed by vehicles on the road?

Page 126/174

Beaver dams at 10% of water crossings.

Are there plans for installation of plug resistant culverts to prevent beavers flooding/damaging the road at places that are problematic from an engineering standpoint?

Page 126/174

Will simple rest/camping areas be set up at crossing points with rivers considered regarding them likely becoming camping/fishing locations?

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Many comments that the road need have wildlife crossings

Will the proponents commit to creating crossings for fish + wildlife to continue to transit over or under where the road is to be created with fences to guide + protect them from traffic fatalities? These might be caribou/moose/wolverines/rabbits/marten/frogs/snakes/turtles or any number of other species. Bridges can be created over the road or underneath where the road crosses depressions in the land. Tunnels for amphibians, reptiles or smaller mammals could save species from extinction.

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8.2.4.9 Invasive Plant Species

No invasive plant species were identified during field investigations. It should be noted that absence of invasive plant species in ground inspection sites does not imply that invasive plant species are absent from the entire existing conditions Construction Disturbance Area, existing conditions Local Study Area, or existing conditions Regional Study Area; however, existing conditions indicate negligible to low invasive plant species presence.

8.2.5 Wildlife

From June to September 2019, 21 remote cameras were set up, and from June 2021 to June 2023, 30 more cameras were added. These cameras recorded for a total of **22,841** days.

How were these #s arrived at? Cameras failed some days to record?

(120 days x 21 cameras = 2,520) +(730 days x 51 cameras = 37,230) totalling **39,750** camera days

What is the size of the territory of Marten Falls First Nation and what % of a species habitat does the road area represent? If habitat is avoided by caribou 5kms from the road wouldn't that represent a area almost 20% of Marten Falls territory that will now be little used by caribou?

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Why does so much of the road's northern 2/3s seem to be in prime beaver habitat? Is this just some artefact that has resulted from the nature of the study?

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It is unclear whether sightings were from field observations or camera shots. Are they the same?

Page 216/264

We don't know much about where many pollinators live in the north because there hasn't been much research. However, there are plenty of plants for pollinators to feed on throughout the study area. Foraging habitat is not considered a limiting factor for pollinating insects in the existing conditions Local Study Area and Regional Study Area.

Pollinators a frequently quite specific as to their diet. It isn't sufficient to say that there are plenty of plants for pollinators to feed on. Invasive species are likely going to come into this area as they have in many other areas and the species that rely on a plant that is extirpated due to being outcompeted by the invasive will suffer. This has certainly happened where the invasive Phragmites or the ornamental lupine commonly sold at garden centers, that can breed with native lupine such that the resulting hybrid plants are not suitable for Karner Blue Butterflies now extirpated in Ontario.

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The highest number of common yellowthroats was in the Local Study Area, with 0.33 individuals per plot during point count surveys.

What size were plots?

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- **Evening grosbeak:** listed as a Special Concern species under both the *Species at Risk Act* and the *Endangered Species Act*. These birds usually live in mixed and young forests. They were not found during field studies for the Community Access Road, so they might not live in the Project study areas. Evening grosbeaks don't migrate. They mainly eat insects, so the global decline in insects could reduce their food supply.

Evening grosbeaks primarily eat seeds, berries and tree buds. Where was this information sourced from?

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We assume that eastern migratory caribou will face the same effects as boreal caribou when they are in the ungulates study areas.

These animals have very different life habits and the effects cannot be assumed to be the same.

Page 246/294

What compensatory new habitat, habitat improvements or increase in survival rate can be offered for habitat lost via road construction/use?

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"They spent less time in the southern parts, where there were more human activities like forestry. Caribou preferred areas far from communities and buildings, which matches other findings in Northern Ontario (Berglund et al. 2014, Poley et al. 2014)."

"The southern part of the caribou Regional Study Area is less suitable for caribou because there are more human activities"

This road must be of great concern as it will also increase human activities and result in this not being a preferred area for caribou.

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"Caribou react differently to disturbances like roads and trails, often showing little to no reaction, especially in areas with fewer disturbances. This behaviour is consistent with other studies in the region"

This statement does not equate with statements on **Page 247/295**

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Caribou appear to travel through the northern, northeastern, and central portions of the caribou existing conditions Regional Study Area to reaching their calving and winter ranges, indicating good connectivity in these regions. However, we don't have enough data on caribou in the southern part to understand connectivity there. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has noted that many human-made disturbances and linear features in the Nipigon and Pagwachuan ranges may have reduced connectivity and movement in these areas (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, 2014a, 2014b). Overall, there are few disruptions from human activities in the study area and in the Missisa and Ozhiski caribou ranges in the northern part of the caribou existing conditions Regional Study Area. Currently, caribou survival and reproduction don't seem to be limited by connectivity issues in the caribou existing conditions Local Study Area and northern portion of the caribou existing conditions Regional Study Area. **Table 8-41** outlines the start and end dates that collared caribou traveled within pre-calving and fall travel corridors

Would not the construction of a road reduced this habitat connectivity to like the more southerly regions where there are more human disturbances?

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Wolves are the main threat to caribou, but black bears and occasionally polar bears also hunt them.

Polar bears do not hunt caribou in Marten Falls area. Wolves and caribou have coexisted for untold millennia. Recent extinction threats are the result of human related environmental changes, like roads. I am not saying this as a statement against the building of the road but rather to clarify.

Moose occur across Canada in a wide variety of habitats and is an important harvest animal for Indigenous communities. Moose are not at risk and not federally or provincially listed (Government of Ontario 2023a, Government of Canada 2023). Moose are managed in Ontario within Cervid Ecological Zones and at the scale of wildlife management units.

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/moose-population-drops-thunder-bay-1.7542243#:~:text=The%20moose%20population%20has%20declined,with%20GPS%20on%20the%20animals.

Both traditional ecological knowledge and Western scientific studies agree that climate change, diseases and parasites are the key drivers of the dwindling moose populations. Moose have been extirpated in many parts of Canada as have been many large mammals that are found in the Marten Falls area. Moose are so rare in some parts of Turtle Island that in order to hunt a moose the hunter must enter a special draw. This entry can win a hunting tag but can only be entered(win or lose) once in the hunter's lifetime.

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Hunting is managed through a tag system

For MFFN members?

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Water erosion risk was not calculated for organic soils which make up the majority of the road bed. Why? What about erosion from melting permafrost?

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"Areas of organic soils have not been rated but would likely be at a high risk for compaction." The majority (60%) of the roadbed is organic. Settling must be a huge consideration.

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8.3.6.4 Post-Contact Historical Context

No mention of colonisation's well documented history of induced violence, introduced racism + religious prejudice, residential schools or the introduction of diseases that killed millions of the indigenous

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Most analyses of colonial contact across Turtle Island refer to the introduction of devastating diseases introduced and the resulting deaths of many if not most of the population.

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In light of the latter statements in the document Winter road sees on "average daily traffic of 9.5 vehicles" and "existing traffic on the winter road is estimated to generate approximately 21.1 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent" annually

"the existing land uses in the area emit about 1,646 tonnes of carbon annually"

The proposed road traffic in 2036 would yield ~ 1,554.7 tonnes of carbon annually? Likely significantly more as it would consist of more heavy trucks and their exhaust contains ~ 4X the carbon than a light truck/SUV. Is there an overall calculation of the road's change as far as carbon produced? I am thinking of a balance of carbon release now versus after a road is built? Some analysis of factors like there being less airplane travel but more vehicle use, no diesel generation of electricity versus the carbon used in road or transmission line construction and the switch from the carbon capturing in the existing muskeg(occurring through plant growth) versus the carbon release that will result from the dead sphagnum's digestion/release into the environment or the environmental changes brought about?

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Are there plans to compensate the trapline holders where the road will depopulate or otherwise make areas unusable?

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"45 waterbody crossings along the Preferred Route will have permanent waterbody crossing structures installed, including 13 culverts, 22 clear-span bridges, and 10 multi-span bridges." What about culverts for drainage/species transit/migration as these will be an average of 4kms apart? Nearby roads have culverts ~ 400 metres apart. Will there be fencing to guide wildlife to safe crossing points over/under the road?

Page 384/432

Diversions of waterways involving less than 20% of the drainage area have been documented to produce measurable changes in biota. Timing and the nature of such changes also has considerable effect. Consider the changes brought about by the change in timing of water outflow on eiders by the Great Whale Project due to the altered salinity patterns in Washaybayoh from the lack of a spring freshet after the dam construction. There will be unforeseeable effects.

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Negligible – "no changes to aquatic life or potable sources of water are anticipated"

Low – "anticipated to remain protective of aquatic life and potable sources of water"

Medium - "anticipated to remain protective of aquatic life and potable sources of water"

High – "could potentially impair aquatic life or potable sources of water"

Do the latter parameters not seem skewed towards the low end seeing as only one of 4 terms describes events being of concern?

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Oversized bridges/culverts and more numerous culverts than deemed by engineers are needed for wildlife. These would be installed to facilitate animal movement without necessitating road crossing

"Waterbody crossing design and construction will maintain the characteristic channel width, depths, slopes, and substrate in the event that a channel realignment is required, noting that: Channel realignments and / or infillings will be avoided through Project planning and design to the extent practicable.

Channel realignments and / or infilling will only be undertaken in locations where specific conditions are met and / or where required for safety and security purposes; and if required.

A realignment would avoid the use of a Fisheries and Oceans Canada code of practice (required approval by Fisheries and Oceans Canada), with the plan and mitigations requiring reviewed by Ministry of Natural Resources through permitting the water crossing."

As this would affect fish habitat DFO should be involved in plan review as well as MNRF.

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Wetlands in the area are mostly peatlands, which were analyzed for their carbon sink capacities. Peatlands are carbon sources, emitting carbon during non-growing seasons. The area includes bogs, fens, and swamps, emitting 14 tonnes, 551 tonnes, and 1,080 tonnes of carbon annually, respectively.

To assert that peatlands are a carbon source is very bizarre and contrary to extensively researched information. There are many mentions of the importance of peatlands as carbon sinks and their importance as such. It should be considered that building this road will result in the death of the peatlands that presently exist there and those areas ceasing to sequester carbon from the atmosphere. The existing peat will also breakdown and the stored carbon released to the atmosphere in the decomposition.

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"Crashes with wildlife are a serious economic burden. For example, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation 2005 statistics state that roughly 6% of all motor vehicle collisions involve wildlife (www.mto.gov.on.ca/ english/safety/wildlife.shtml), which corresponds to about 14,000 crashes per year in Ontario alone. With an estimated average vehicle-damage cost of about $2,800 per crash (L-P Tardif & Associates 2003)" taken from Traffic Injury Research Foundation

These are reported accidents and do not represent the majority of deaths that are vertebrates killed(frogs, snakes, salamanders, birds, bats) or the numerous insects. Will you commit to modern road building techniques to preserve the lives of species living in the areas the road will travel? What will you do?

Page 392/440

Road construction and maintenance would certainly have an impact on water quality. Siltation rates would increase due to environmental change in disturbed and cleared areas. Inevitable accidents resulting in spills, and the required winter sanding would also have a significant effect.

Page 394/442

"the use of herbicide will be restricted around sensitive area (for example, wetlands)"

Huge sections of this road are muskeg and therefore sensitive.

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Will environmentally friendly vehicles be used? Quieter, lower emissions etc….

Page 399/447

Why are white suckers excluded from consideration? They certainly are a significant species ecologically and in terms of indigenous usage.

"valued components fish species (Lake Sturgeon, Northern Pike, Brook Trout, Walleye, Lake Whitefish, and Burbot)"

Page 399/447

The temporary water crossings installed during construction will all be removed and therefore road access will not be to a larger area than the designed road allows?

Does this include all infrastructure(culverts/bridges etc)? Wouldn't access roads block the natural drainage patterns and leaving culverts in facilitate an environment that is more pre-road construction state?

Page 417/465

"Waterbody Crossing: Where a channel allows for fish passage, design and install culverts in fish-bearing waterbodies to allow for fish passage to meet Ministry of Natural Resources Environmental Guidelines for Access Roads and Water Crossings (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, 1990) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Standards and Code of Practices (DFO, 2024) and fish passage guidelines"

There are only ~ 70 channels that allow fish passage in 180 kilometres?

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The effects of blasting and the induced pressures on fish are known to be varied. https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/home/library/pdfs/habitat/blasting_report.pdf describes a limit of only 10psi/69Kpa before injuries were noted for salmonids. Some of the valued component species in this study area have no known data on blast tolerance and are listed species at risk. Guidelines established that blast induced pressures should not exceed 2.7psi/19 Kpa in spawning gravels when fish are present. The 100Kpa limit in your document seems too high and perhaps based on a lack of knowledge.

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The fact that the enhanced access that roads will provide to fishers and hence the increased fishing pressure is characterized in this document as "Not significant" is concerning. The negative effect on the fish populations through this increased fishing pressure, introduction of invasive species, pollution associated with recreation and habitat degradation is certain.

Page 421/469

Will environmentally friendly construction vehicles be used?

Page 431/479

All camp waste including wastewater need be removed and trucked to established municipal disposal facilities in Aroland or south of that location. This would have the benefit of encouraging conservation of water use.

Page 435/483

"Residual effects on aquatic biodiversity were also considered not significant."

The very likely introduction of invasive aquatic species has been demonstrated to create permanent changes to the biota in many cases all over Ontario. This is significant. Look at waterways in developed parts of Ontario and you will see significant effects that cannot be managed. Many times in this document you speak of the potential changes. If you aren't sure of the changes to come, how can you suggest that the residual effects will not be significant?

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The ecological + magnitude contexts need also be established on the basis of an understanding of the likely happenings gained by experiences of similar projects in similar areas.

Page 454/502

Filters eventually clog. The technology that is called a floating road will not allow the flow of groundwater after it settles and accumulates debris.

Will decommissioning of former access roads to camps/quarries etc. not be a reversible condition if it is decided such by Marten Falls or is this decommissioning certain?

Page 455/503

- Ministry of Transportation Ontario Provincial Standard Specification 803 to avoid spreading invasive plant species.

The document Ontario Provincial Standard Specification 803 refers to Northern Ontario as any part of Ontario north of a line linking Waubaushene with Ottawa. I fear that this indicates the lack of true northern consideration being applied to much of this construction project

Page 471/519

"Context: Mitigations to limit the introduction and spread of invasive plants are well understood and the methods have been demonstrated to be effective."

This is very questionable statement. Invasive species have frequently proved unstoppable and this road will be a corridor for invasives. The changing climate and increased mobility of species(due to human's) has resulted in numerous examples of the ecosystem re-balancing as Japanese Kudzu, rats, earthworms, spruce budworm, sparrows, zebra mussels, Eurasian milfoil, Phragmites sp, dandelions, wild pigs and other many other species have moved into many now accessible environments.

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- Follow best management practices and environmental approval conditions, permits, or authorizations issued for the Project, including those issued from Environment and Climate Change Canada, Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

I think it bears consideration that huge numbers of species on the earth are declining in numbers, becoming extirpated or extinct while "best practices" are followed and clearly, we need to do better as existing "best practices" are not working.

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"Although beavers are primarily aquatic, movements on land may mean occasional road crossings and the risk of road mortality."
Will construction of travelways for furbearers/ungulates and other animals to traverse the road without threatening these animals lives be committed to? These techniques have been displayed in numerous other places worldwide and they are so much less costly if they are built into the road design.

Page 516/564

Based on density estimates and the amount of high to moderate suitability habitat in the effects assessment Regional Study Area there are estimated to be between 541 and 2,467 Canada warbler nesting territories in the effects assessment Regional Study Area at existing conditions, if high to moderate-quality habitat is fully.

The above statement isn't complete.

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Subject: Comments for the MFFN-CAR
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To: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road

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The latter is a quote from the EA/IS regarding woodland caribou.

- Context: Caribou are a threatened species both federally and provincially. Federal and provincial range assessments indicate the caribou populations in the ranges encompassed by the caribou effects assessment Regional Study Area are self-sustaining but may be at intermediate risk; the two ranges where direct habitat loss will occur (Missisa and Nipigon) both have declining population trends. There is limited risk of vehicle-caribou collisions in the existing conditions. The linear density in the caribou effects assessment Regional Study Area in existing conditions is estimated to be 0.26 kilometres per square kilometre. This includes 29,993 kilometres of permanent linear features and 19,910 kilometres of non permanent linear features (for example, trails, cutlines and legacy forest harvest roads).
- Direction: Negative
- Magnitude: A moderate magnitude of change to survival and reproduction during Operation and Maintenance is predicted in the caribou effects assessment Regional Study Area, relative to existing conditions, because mitigation measures are less enforceable.
- Geographic Extent: Local

Duration / Reversibility: Long term / Irreversible

- Frequency: Continuous

This argues for intensive mitigation measures and yet there is no intensive solution proposed in the document. I propose ongoing studies to determine those places where road crossings would occur and construction of fences guiding animals to bridges to guide the caribou safely over/across the road. This technique has numerous examples of success for preservation of species. The consideration of effects such as the increase in linear features due to road construction and the assessment of those effects as insignificant seems to ignore the cumulative effect that this development has been shown to have repeatedly in other parts of Canada.

Page 657/705

The introduction of deer into this area via the travel corridor of open habitat is likely to be detrimental to moose due to parasites that can be carried by the deer but, are more impactful to the moose populations.

Page 667/715

Environmental mercury levels should be monitored in soils/waters at construction sites. Disturbance of soils(blasting, soil disturbance due to vehicle use, ditch construction etc) has been linked to an increase in bioavailable mercury.

Page 670/718

There is the potential for management concerns through an increased public access leading to the spread of invasive species, increased risk of **human-ignited wildlife** and increased pressure on timber and Traditional Use Plant harvest, however these risks are minor and manageable.

If humans are setting moose on fire – this is a significant threat!! Seriously, though…. Invasive species have been cataclysmic in areas very near this proposed development and to refer to this likelihood with descriptors like negligible or low in magnitude or risks are minor and manageable or not significant seems delusional based on examples elsewhere(deer in New Zealand, avian malaria in Hawaii, Burmese Pythons in the Everglades, feral pigs in Southern Ontario etc).

Page 672/720

This predicted negative effect on wolverines(a species already at risk of extinction) demands the intensive mitigation measures to ensure the population does not collapse as forecast if bimaadiziwin does indeed form the backbone of this indigenous led project. Safe crossing points for wolverines and other large animals via tunnels/bridges? Seasonal road closures? Trucks/car convoys? Night or dusk/dawn driving bans to allow for the crepuscular creatures to roam safely?

Page 673/721

The mention of tunnels for allowing frogs/snakes(and I bet turtles, too) is excellent. Are these considered as part of the 70 water crossings of the road or will specially d=esigned crossing be placed at high travel areas?

Page 685/733

As stated in the EA/IS the road is expected to be serious in its effects on an already declining species population.
"the magnitude of the residual effect from linear barriers was assessed as high and determined to be significant"

"residual effects from the Community Access Road on caribou and caribou habitat are determined to have a **significant** influence on self-sustaining and ecologically effective caribou populations"

It is therefore imperative that all possible mitigating methods be considered for caribou. Are there thoughts of enclosures during calving season that serve to protect calves from predators during the animal's most vulnerable early days of life? These have been used with great success in other parts of North America and the world. What if this road where only open from 6am to 6pm and barrier gates were open and closed daily? Would this not be a low-cost mitigation of effects?

Page 727/775

Is use of electric vehicles not feasible for any uses? Pick-up trucks? Inspection vehicles?

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Subject: RE: Comments on Draft EA/IS for MFFN-CAR
Sent: 2025-06-24, 1:13:03 PM
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To: MFFN CAR

Good afternoon MFFN CAR PT,

I still have comments to be submitted. Should I submit them on an ongoing basis or would you rather I wait and submit them as comments on the Final MFFN-CAR EA/IS ?

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Will the "floating road" technique not result in the road area(~1800 Hectare) becoming a carbon source rather than a carbon sink? The vegetation that is crushed and now forming part of the road base must degrade and result in carbon release – correct? Is it not possible to mitigate production of greenhouse gases by offsetting? There must be many available projects that would be carbon negatives. Re-establishing muskeg in damaged habitats for example.

Page 746/794

- Further, from increased access, there could be increased fishing pressure on the waterways in proximity to the road which could also adversely impact species abundance. However, fish populations are expected to be self-sustaining and ecologically effective.

Animal and fish populations have been reduced worldwide from increased harvesting pressure. I cannot imagine how this scenario with prove different. Are the predicted decreased populations considered to be self-sustaining and ecologically effective ?

Page 745/793

- Overall moose health and population abundance is not expected to decrease as a result of habitat loss.
- Northern pike, brook trout, walleye, and lake whitefish / burbot populations may all experience effects in the local area, particularly during the construction phase from loss of habitat (bridge construction) and sedimentation effects. Overall long-term population abundance effects are not expected.

How can removal of a large portion of the organisms' habitat, the likely introduction of invasive/competing species and the increase in harvesting not result in lowered abundance?

Page 747/795

"should any merchantable timber be removed for the Project, applicable compensation will be provided for the loss of those trees."
This brings to mind what compensation is being offered for the loss of wildlife habitat and chance for humans(or other animals) to traverse this area without threat of vehicles? Will there be compensation for current tourism operators whose businesses are negatively impacted by the project via the loss of untrammeled wilderness, less wildlife/fish?

Page 757/805
A road to Gull Bay in similar habitat nearby has 4.3 culverts per kilometre. Why does the road to MFFN seem to have so few(less that $1/10^{th}$ of this #)?

Page 771/819

As mining corporation Juno http://junocorp.com/assets/ring-of-fire is the largest Stakeholder in the Ring of Fire it seems an oversight that is not considered here. Here is a link to the presentation to shareholders

Page 781/829

Why is the NRL + Rapid Lynx BB Project depicted differently on maps in Figure 10-2 + 10-3?

Page 782/830

Overall, the Valued Component fish populations are expected to remain to be self-sustaining and ecologically effective; therefore, the predicted cumulative effects on fish and fish habitat are assessed as not significant.
This assessment on significant effects to fish populations seems to ignore the historical truth that the coming increases in fishing pressure combined with invasive species will be quite significant. Areas that were similarly pristine only a few decades ago are now seeing a great reduction in native fish numbers and new species appear.

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A few decades past the environment was gravely threatened by another mining related pollution. This acid rain caused the acidification of lakes 1,000+ kilometres away. The long range transport of pollutants in the analysis of potential cumulative effects needs to be considered. Similarly heavy metals in dust can be transported long distances. One example of this would be the global increase in mercury from distant sources due to aerial transport of mercury containing dust brought onto the land by precipitation.

Page 863/911
Why is the time of draft EA/IS consultation listed as Jan-April when it is Feb-June?

Page 900/948

A full cumulative effects consultation report will be developed for submission with the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement detailing activities conducted, and input received, through all phases of the Assessment Process.

Does this mean that we will have no chance to comment on this report on what we said?

Page 905/953

- The surface water quality assessment identified that mercury levels at the Little Current River and Ogoki River stations were likely elevated due to natural background conditions (Surface Water Technical Support Document).

It is generally acknowledged that the great proportion of mercury presently in the environment is anthropogenic. The last ~500 years having seen a 3-8x increase in mercury. Is this the condition that you consider the "natural background" state?

Page 935/983

Safety demands a wilderness road like the MFFN-CAR have SOS phones at frequent intervals for weather/wildlife/accidents or just mechanical breakdowns.

Traffic management plans need to be concerned with vehicle types. 300 2-ton cars is nothing compared to 300 50-ton trucks. Considering just vehicle numbers seems very approximate.

Will truck transport be convoyed and the 50 ton trucks be preceded by an escort vehicle with a driver and spotter? This would greatly reduce animal disturbances and deaths.

Page 942/990

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The first time building a road was mentioned one elder said to build it on hard ground, "not in the muskeg as it will be difficult to maintain it." — Rosie Achneepineskum
Segment 3 saw the much shorter Alternative 4 chosen over alternative 1 even though it consisted of muskeg terrain versus the longer route on the hard ground of the esker.

Page 943/991

Extensive mitigation measures need to be adopted if the at risk caribou are to be saved. Animal bridges? Road closures during calving months, fences at dangerous road sections, predator free enclosures for calving, a moratorium on other developments in habitat etc…

Page 943/991

"The main purpose for the Community Access Road is to provide opportunities to future generations of Marten Falls First Nation and to make the Community sustainable."

This road will cost ~ $2,500,000+ for each resident of Marten Falls. It is being constructed to gain access to potentially valuable and necessary minerals. To suggest another "main purpose" seems very untrue. I understand this is the resident's perspective, but it is not the funder's reality and they are paying for the road. Be very careful of the bargain being made.

Page 947/995

Who will choose contaminants of concern for groundwater measurements?

Page 956/1004

- If clearing or grubbing are required during the wolverine denning period (February 1 to May 1) in habitat suitable for wolverine denning, surveys for the presence of wolverine dens will be conducted prior to clearing. Surveys will be conducted from helicopters or drones. The survey extent will include all potentially suitable denning habitat within 4 kilometres of the disturbance. The methods of the surveys will be determined in consultation with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks Species at Risk Branch

What chance is there of seeing a wolverine den with a helicopter/drone??

Page 969/1017

14.3.3.1 Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests

At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement this information was not available to summarize. Please refer to **Section 8.3.4** for further information. A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

The Draft of the EA/IS for this project is released 60 days early for Indigenous groups out of respect but this section was missing during the 60 days extra given for indigenous comment?

Page 973/1021

Offsetting plans have previously proven impossible when disturbances have occurred in areas that are pristine. Proponents must be planning on going far afield to improve and thereby create habitat like that destroyed during the construction. In particular in need be recognized that these habitats represent the only ones of their kind left and "offsetting" is not an option.

General Comments for All pages

Terms occurring frequently often do not specify a clear commitment

- to the extent feasible
- where possible
- where feasible
- will be avoided
- to the extent practical
- as quickly as possible
- minimize potential for changes
- do not represent a substantial management concern
- assessed negligible in magnitude
- a manageable level
- modified or enhanced as necessary through adaptive management
- will be considered when planning

All the mitigation techniques described in your plans are being carried out and yet, worldwide species are disappearing at a biologically alarming rate. Why are we allowing a project planning this approved approach to do the same?

Total road cost now conservatively ~ $2B means $1.5M/person to Webequie Popn 800 and $2.5M/person to Marten Falls Popn 323

Commitment need be made to reduce vehicle animal conflict beyond signage, beveling road banks and clearing snowbanks to facilitate animal crossings. If the proponents are serious about continuing to have healthy populations of wildlife the road's negative effects need be mitigated as much as possible. That means dedicated animal crossings both as bridges for ungulates and other furbearers and tunnels for reptiles and amphibians. These need facilitate movement both normally and for times of migration. Similarly install oversize clear span bridges that allow passage of wildlife travelling along creeks to travel without crossing the road itself. In the U.S. there are 1,000,000+ wildlife vehicle collisions annually and many more animal deaths that are unnoted. A collision with a moose costs an estimated $40,000. It is economically sensible for MFFN residents to reduce this likelihood by incorporating advanced design into road construction.

Roads are the biggest source of human-caused wildlife death in Canada's national parks. https://parks.canada.ca/nature/science/especes-species/routes-roads

What % of caribou habitat will be lost via road construction of the total land area in the MFFN territory? ~ 20% ?

Marten Falls residents speak of the importance of mino-bimaadiziwin – live a good life- Are they willing to devote a portion of the road's cost to contribute to it's not negatively effecting numerous species? What relative importance does the natural world have in our pursuit of improving the human world?

Seems comments are treated differently in documents depending on whether comments support or question the project. Comments supporting the project are sometimes directly quoted + ascribed. Questioning comments are addressed and only ascribed generally.

Aerial transport of pollutants near the road will certainly be a factor.

One fiction that needs to be addressed is the concept that the MFFN-CAR is a community project. This road would not be constructed if it did not lead to rich minerals and to maintain otherwise seems a willful blindness and it is a concern that I am being asked to comment on this being the truth.

Road Risks

- Invasive species will be introduced
- Animals will be struck in collisions
- Habitat loss for numerous species
- Increase in access for harvesters therefore increased harvest pressure
- Road pollution(garbage, exhaust, spills)
- Migration/movement disruption for caribou
- Will the road be closed for environmental benefit sometimes? Nights? Calving times? Migrations? How would this be done?

Any examples of communities that have gone through a similar winter road to awr changes??

Invasive(foreign) aquatic + terrestrial weed species, rats/mice, phragmites, zebra + quagga mussels will come into this area. Species will also extend their ranges such as deer, racoons, skunks, plants adapted to waste spaces and full sunshine along roadway.

Seeing as Bill 5 is now passed. What will you do if the MFFN-CAR is declared a Special Economic Zone? What would change for this road?

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MFFN CAR: June, 2025 Project Updates

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Good Afternoon Callais,

I hope my comments that I slipped in the last couple of days for the EA/IS will be considered.

Be interesting to see your Fall release of the Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous communities and councils. Will it regard all the Indigenous consultation or is that just the 22 communities? Won't some of the more draconian mandates of Bill 5 have huge impacts here?

One last query – When the final is finally submitted late 2026 is there an additional 27days(or something) for comment on that document?

Hope you are well,

James Tegler BSc, RSE

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MFFN CAR: August, 2025 Project Updates

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Hi Callais,

I recall watching this video a couple of months ago. I remember at the time thinking that the examples seemed a tad disconnected from the current happenings. The video compares temporal/spatial overlap picnicking and camping occurring at the same time/place or as likely to occur. Seeing as we are discussing road construction, mining, increased hunting/fishing and likely future logging and similar resource extraction projects the examples seemed a tad strange.

Don't you find the examples odd?

The legislative tumult and the strong statements from major players for these projects make me interested to see what the future holds.

Hope you're well,

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Good Afternoon Callais,

I understood submitting comments on the Draft EA/IS was only until the 22nd of June and would wait to see how those comments are reflected in the Final version of the document that is likely to come out next spring. The design of the road being in a draft state and no road like this ever having been built in this exact terrain and at this length combines with the uncertain legislative environment to make me concerned. I am concerned with the certainty with which many statements are made. I can't imagine the very smart engineers or other professionals can themselves have much faith that the actions they are describing with be perpetuated in that exact manner. Firstly, is the sudden appearance of Bill 5 and then Bill C-5. The promised Special Economic Zones and other parts of these "laws" are huge shifts in policy that have resulted in law suits being started by the very proponents of these very projects.

I would like to hear you address these issues in a more forthright manner.

James Tegler BSc, RSE

Senior Environmental Coordinator

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B29.3 Community Specific Meeting Materials

Project Name:	Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All Season Community Access Road (CAR)	**Date of Meeting:**	February 25, 2025
		Time:	1:00-2:00 pm EST
		Project #:	[redacted]
Attendees:	Ivan Iserhoff, Mushkegowuk Tribal Council MDA Eddie Sutherland, Kashechewan First Nation Community Engagement Coordinator Qasim Saddique, MFFN CAR Project Team Jennifer Bruin, MFFN CAR Project Team Rowena Baxter, MFFN CAR Community Coordinator Advisor Ingrid Trimble, MFFN CAR Project Consultant Erin Greenaway, MFFN CAR Project Consultant Gabbie Ratajczak, MFFN CAR Project Consultant	**Location:**	Timmins, Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo
		Prepared By:	Gabbie Ratajczak (MFFN CAR Project Consultant)

Absent:
N/A

Regarding: **MFFN CAR Breakout Session at Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo**

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Summary

The MFFN CAR Project Team (the Project Team) and representatives of Kashechewan First Nation and Mushkegowuk Tribal Council privately met to discuss the CAR and the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) during the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo.

Summary of Meeting Action Items

- N/A

Item #	Topic / Theme	Comments / Questions	Response / Action Items
1	Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests	• Mushkegowuk Council explained that whatever happens with the Ring of Fire, we must accommodate the mining companies that come after them. It's affecting Kashechewan First Nation and Fort Albany First Nations with the road. The provincial and federal governments are trying to work together, but the province doesn't consider the people on the land. Currently, this process is not Indigenous led. If we led the process we'd be further ahead than we are today.	• Thank you for your comment.
2	Human Health, Land and Resource Use	• Mushkegowuk Council 's all about the land, and we still use the land today, such as cutting our own wood. When I moved to Timmins, the food I was eating changed and I was sick more often. I wasn't eating any more fish and geese, it all became processed food. We have riches on this land. Is it for the benefit of the people?	• Thank you for your comment.
3	Federal IA Process, Provincial EA Process	• Are the federal and provincial processes different?	• The Project Team provided a brief explanation of the process differences and indicated that a single submission was prepared to comply with both regulatory requirements. The Project Team pointed to the hard copy of the Draft EA/IS and appendices which were available in the breakout room. The Project Team indicated that this met the requirements of both provincial and federal process.

Item #	Topic / Theme	Comments / Questions	Response / Action Items
4	Indigenous Knowledge (IK)	• Where and how does IK play a role?	• Both processes ask proponents to consider IK. Many major decisions were based on IK, such as the selection of the Preferred Route and river crossings.
5	Cumulative Effects	• Did you study impacts to the Albany River and impacts of estuaries? Over time the gradual impacts will be different.	• Lakes and rivers, including the Albany were studied as part of the Draft EA / IS. Local and regional study areas were established to study the watersheds, both upstream and downstream of those areas. Each technical discipline studied cumulative effects, and it would be outlined in those reports.
6	Cumulative Effects	• Along the Albany River, there are two migration routes for caribou. Kashechewan First Nation's concern is the estuary and the effects on spawning and breeding areas, migration routes and fish. Particularly coming from the impacts of mining in the area.	• Caribou, as well as fish spawning and breeding grounds were studied as part of the Draft EA / IS and individual reports were written for each, which also consider potential impacts from other activities like mining.
7	Groundwater, Surface water	• How would you monitor the water quality if the mining wasn't 100% operational? Or during exploration?	• Wells were drilled and installed to monitor groundwater levels and collect existing conditions information. Some of these wells will not be reclaimed and will be used to continue monitoring groundwater quality. If changes in water quality are identified changes can be made to operations. This is also known as adaptive management. We will also be monitoring the water flow in peatlands during construction.

Item #	Topic / Theme	Comments / Questions	Response / Action Items
8	Land and Resource Use	• Many Fort Albany First Nation and Kashechewan First Nation community members used to go down as far as MFFN. The rivers are our highways. What are they going to do when they are forced out? • They won't be able to use the land as they used to.	• They will not be forced out, it is their traditional territory. • MFFN will not allow that. MFFN does not want that change and they have made that clear.

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