Revision History – Milestone #1 Progress Report

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Revision History – Milestone #1 Progress Report			
Revision #	**Community**	**Comment Received**	**Changes Made and Report / Section Reference**
1	• Fort Albany First Nation	• On May 17, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation requested changes to page 96 of their community-specific Milestone #1 Progress Report which states "*TBD*" beside "*IK Information Provided*." It was noted that this is incorrect, as Fort Albany First Nation confirmed they provided IK regarding the Albany River to the MFFN CAR Project Team.	• Addressed in Milestone #1 Progress Report, page 96. • Text was updated to reflect that Fort Albany First Nation provided information and Indigenous Knowledge related to the Albany River.
2	• Fort Albany First Nation	• On May 17, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation requested changes to page 96 of their community-specific Milestone #1 Progress Report, which states "*Offered, No Expressed Interest*" regarding the Community Coordinator Program as of June 30, 2022. They believed this is incorrect, as Sarah Beamish expressed interest on Fort Albany First Nation's behalf in past communications.	• Addressed in Milestone #1 Progress Report, page 96. • Text was updated to reflect that Fort Albany First Nation expressed interest in the Community Coordinator Program.
3	• Fort Albany First Nation	• On May 17, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation requested changes to page 96 of their community-specific Milestone #1 Progress Report to acknowledge ongoing communications and negotiations between the First Nation and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team regarding the Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Agreement, rather than exclusively referring to follow up communications from the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team.	• Addressed in Milestone #1 Progress Report, page 96. • Text was updated to acknowledge ongoing communications and negotiations between the First Nation and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team.

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October 2022



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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. 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:

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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.

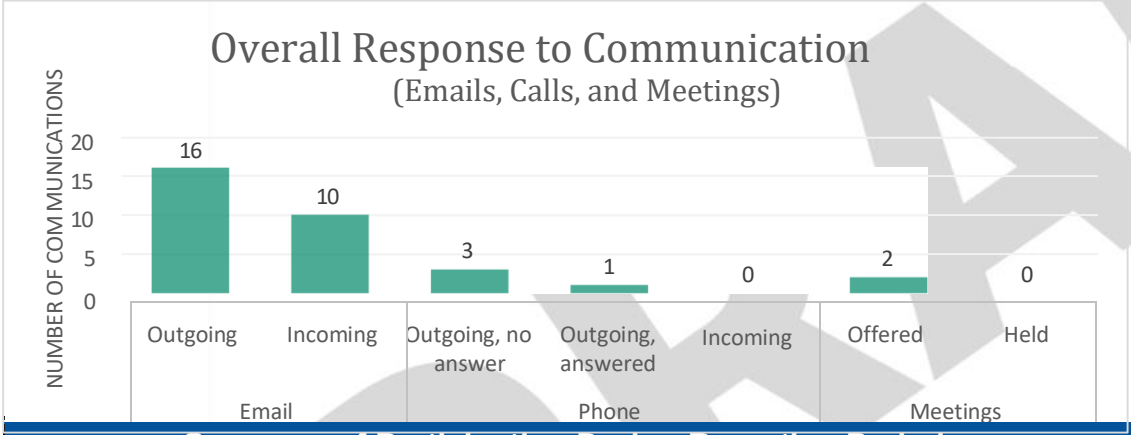
- **Email Correspondence** reflects all personalized emails sent between the MFFN CAR Project Team and Indigenous communities.
  - **Outgoing Email Correspondence** reflects all personalized emails sent from the MFFN CAR Project Team to a specific Indigenous community; mass communications sent to all 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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3.1.6 Fort Albany First Nation

Community Profile	
Location:	PO Box 1, Fort Albany, ON P0L 1H0
Tribal Council:	Mushkegowuk Council
Treaty:	9
Project Team Lead:	Clayton Coppaway, Kyla Zielbauer, 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 21, 2022
Date of Last Incoming Communication from Community (Email or Phone)	June 21, 2022
Participating in IK Program: In Progress	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: In Progress
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: In Progress
	IK information provided: Through consultation and engagement activities, Fort Albany First Nation has provided information and Indigenous Knowledge related to the Albany River.
Participating in Community Coordinator Program: In Progress	Offered, Interest Expressed but Participation TBC

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Summary of Participation During Reporting Period	
Commented during The ToR	Commented on Draft ToR: **Yes**
	Commented on Final ToR: **Yes**

Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During EA / IA (October 29, 2021 – June 30, 2022)	
Date	**Consultation and Engagement Activity**
Oct 29, 2021	EA NoC distributed via email.
Nov 02, 2021	EA NoC distributed via mail (hard copy).
Nov 03, 2021	October 2021 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Nov 29, 2021	Emails sent and received regarding IKSA.
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 16, 2021	Phone calls to follow-up on the December E-Blast, Winter Field Programs Notice and Discussion Guide.
Jan 12, 2022	Sent the IKSA for Fort Albany First Nation's review.
Jan 19, 2022	Furbearer Ground Track Survey update distributed via email.
Jan 17, 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	Follow up phone call and emails regarding IKSA.
Mar 03, 2022	Wolverine Hair Snag and Bird ARU update distributed via email.
Mar 05, 2022	Received comments on the IKSA.
Mar 09, 2022	Wolverine Den Surveys update distributed via email.
Mar 14, 2022	Received an email inquiring about the opportunity to make comments on field programs.
Mar 15, 2022	February / March 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Mar 18, 2022	Community Coordinator Program letter and job posting distributed via email.
Mar 22, 2022	Response sent to March 14, 2022 email with a schedule of field studies and an opportunity for input to be made on Spring Field Programs.
Mar 28, 2022	Follow up call and email to confirm receipt of the Community Coordinator letter, and the February / March E-Blast including the Bird and Spring Discussion Guides and Project update video. Follow-up included status of IK Sharing and Funding Agreements and offering a meeting.
Mar 29, 2022	Phone call to discuss details of the Community Coordinator Program.
Mar 29, 2022	Received an email from Fort Albany First Nation noting the community will be conducting focus group sessions on the Ring of Fire projects and MFFN CAR Bird and Spring Field Programs.
Mar 29, 2022	Early Spring Field Notice and Winter program updates distributed via email.
Apr 21, 2022	Provided Fort Albany First Nation the final updated IKSA.
Apr 27, 2022	Fort Albany First Nation requested spatial GIS data to aid in the completion of the Traditional Land Use Study.
Apr 27, 2022	The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed that they will follow up with the spatial GIS data to inform the Traditional Land Use Study once available.
Apr 28, 2022	Response sent about Community Coordinator Program details.
Apr 29, 2022	April 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.

Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During EA / IA (October 29, 2021 – June 30, 2022)	
Date	**Consultation and Engagement Activity**
May 5, 9 and 25, 2022	Emails to follow up on the Community Coordinator Program letter and IK Program.
May 11, 2022	Terrain and Soils Field Notice distributed via email.
May 26, 2022	Fort Albany First Nation sent a signed IKSA to the MFFN CAR Project Team.
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 10, 2022	Vegetation Field Notice distributed via email.
Jun 13, 2022	Notice for PIC #3 distributed via email.
Jun 21, 2022	Email and phone call invitation for PIC #3.
Jun 21, 2022	Email to clarify that completed IKSA is still outstanding.
Jun 24, 2022	June 2022 E-Blast distributed via email.
Jun 30, 2022	PIC #3 materials and online feedback form distributed via email.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Fort Albany First Nation

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.	■ Field Studies ■ Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	■ **Issue—Field Program Community Input:** July 30, 2021 letter providing Fort Albany First Nation community member perspectives and information on the Albany River. ■ Request that this information be considered confidential IK.	■ Email ■ Letter	■ Status: Completed ■ MFFN CAR Project Team responded to the July 30, 2021 letter on September 7, 2021 and thanked Fort Albany for their input and confirmed that this would be considered confidential IK.	■ Protection of sensitive information will be carried through the EA / IA.
2.	■ Consultation Methods ■ COVID-19	■ **Issue—COVID-19 and Engagement**: ■ Fort Albany First Nation noted limited engagement opportunities in the community due to COVID-19 since March 2020.	■ Email	■ Status: Ongoing ■ In November 2021, the MFFN CAR Project Team presented, in person, at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM. ■ Fort Albany First Nation re-instated travel restrictions in December 2021 and January 2022 in response to the Omicron wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. ■ Regular communication has been ongoing and continues to occur between Sarah	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue efforts to engage and find ways to connect with Fort Albany First Nation during pandemic related restrictions.

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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
				Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel and MFFN CAR Project Consultants. Sarah Beamish is relaying important information between Chief Nakogee and the MFFN CAR Project Team. ■ Action: The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue efforts to engage and find ways to connect with Fort Albany First Nation.	
3.	■ Field Studies ■ Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use ■ Cumulative Effects	■ **Issue—Field Program Participation:** On July 23, 2021, Fort Albany First Nation noted their interest in physically participating in the MFFN CAR Field Programs	■ Email ■ Letter	■ Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team responded to the July 23, 2021 letter on September 7, 2021. This response noted that as a community-led Project, participation opportunities are focused on MFFN community members. Additionally, as field study sites are accessed by helicopter or fixed wing aircraft, there are limited positions available for participation. ■ The letter included a schedule of anticipated field programs. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team continues to provide monthly Project updates and Field Study Program notices to Fort Albany First Nation. ■ Action: Continue to work with Fort Albany First Nation to engage in upcoming Field Study Programs, as opportunities arise.	■ Opportunities to provide feedback on field programs in advance of them starting will be carried forward into the EA / IA.
4.	■ Field Studies ■ Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use ■ Cumulative Effects	■ **Issue—Cumulative Impact Assessments:** On July 23 2021, Fort Albany First Nation shared concerns regarding the limited scope and timeline of cumulative impact assessments and asked how historical information will inform baseline studies and	■ Email ■ Letter	■ Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team responded to the July 23, 2021 letter on September 7, 2021. This response noted that in addition to data collected through field programs, additional sourced of information will be reviewed to inform existing baseline information and effects to valued components during each Project phase at the Project, local and regional scale. IK will also inform the EA. It was also noted the	■ The MFFN CAR Project will continue to share information with Fort Albany First Nation regarding cumulative effects and baseline studies throughout the EA / IA.

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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**
		cumulative impact assessments.		cumulative effects assessment will consider past and existing anthropogenic developments as well as reasonably foreseeable future activities. ■ Action: Continue to share information with Fort Albany First Nation regarding cumulative effects and baseline studies.	
5.	■ Consultation Methods ■ Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use ■ Mitigation, Compensation, Accommodation	■ **Issue—Pandemic, Responses Timelines and Funding:** On July 23 2021, Fort Albany First Nation noted that they had not completed an IK study or traditional land use study due the COVID-19 pandemic, insufficient response timelines, capacity funding, and provided information is not detailed enough to support a meaningful response.	■ Email ■ Letter	■ Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team responded to the July 23, 2021 letter on September 7, 2021, noting that the MFFN CAR Project Team is committed to continuously improving engagement and the ways in which Project information is shared. Information on field studies has been provided through E-Blasts, Field Notices and Field Study Discussion Guides. The MFFN CAR Project Team remains open to providing more detailed information upon request. Comment period deadlines are intended to facilitate informed review and allowing field crews to incorporate provided feedback into field programs. ■ It was also noted that the province is providing Fort Albany First Nation funding through the Provincial Transfer Funding Agreement, which is in place. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided Fort Albany First Nation the IK Funding Agreement for review on July 26, 2021. ■ Action: Continue to work with Fort Albany First Nation to engage in the IK Program as well as available funding opportunities.	■ Opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA.

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Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Fort Albany First Nation					
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.	■ Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	■ **Issue—IKSA:** ■ Fort Albany First Nation provided their updates on the IKSA to the MFFN CAR Project Team on September 2, 2021. ■ Fort Albany First Nation sent a follow up email on the status of the IK Sharing and Funding Agreements on November 29, 2021. ■ Fort Albany First Nation provided a signed version of the IKSA on May 26, 2022. Fort Albany First Nation sent a follow up email on June 21, 2022 confirming that they had not missed the signed IKSA back from the Project Team.	■ Email	■ Status: Ongoing ■ IK timelines, schedule and the IKSA were shared with Fort Albany First Nation in January 2022. ■ On April 21, 2022, the MFFN CAR Project Team sent the final updated version of the Fort Albany First Nation IKSA. Two versions of the IKSA were sent: a clean version and tracked changes version. It was noted that if Fort Albany First Nation is agreeable to this version, the Project Team would be ready to sign the document. Follow-up emails on the status of the IK Sharing and Funding Agreements were sent on May 9 and May 25, 2022. ■ Action: The MFFN CAR Project Team to send back the signed version of the IKSA to Fort Albany First Nation.	■ N/A
7.	■ Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use ■ Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests ■ Study Area	■ **Comment—GIS and Spatial Data Request**: ■ On April 27, 2022, Fort Albany First Nation requested spatial data related to the maximum extent of the Project footprint to aid in the completion of their Traditional Land Use Study. Four specific details were requested in shapefile or KMZ format: centreline and footprint for the road and areas of disturbance, areas of vegetation clearing, and areas of controlled access and kilometre markers for road segments.	■ Email	■ Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team acknowledged receipt of the spatial data request on April 27, 2022 and noted they would confirm information with the team including GIS discipline leads, and would follow up with a response. ■ Action: The MFFN CAR Project Team to provide spatial data related to the Project footprint to Fort Albany First Nation.	■ Distribute data within NoC of EA milestone when it becomes available.

Consultation and Engagement Log– Fort Albany First Nation

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Incoming	Outgoing	Contact Name	Contact Title	Project Team	Summary
Oct 29, 2021	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team issued the NoC for the provincial EA to Fort Albany First Nation on October 29, 2021. The email included the English NoC as an attachment and noted that the NoC is available in English, French, Ojibway, Oji-Cree and Cree on the MFFN CAR Project website.
Nov 02, 2021	Mail		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team mailed the NoC for the provincial EA to Fort Albany First Nation and included the English Ojibway, Oji-Cree and Cree versions.
Nov 03, 2021	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the October E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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 29, 2021	Email	X		■ Sarah Beamish	■ Legal Counsel	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, Sarah Beamish, enquiring when Fort Albany First Nation would receive a response regarding their IKSA.
Nov 30, 2021	Email		X	■ Sarah Beamish	■ Legal Counsel	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email explaining that a response will be provided to the proposed IKSA in a few days, once they hear back from their legal support.

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Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Inco	Out	Contact Name	Contact Title	Project Team	Summary
Nov 30, 2021	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the November E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Winter Field Program Discussion Guide and Field Notice to Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the December E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. A letter was also attached detailing upcoming outreach in the new year, opportunities to meet and gather feedback. The E-Blast included key highlights from 2021, upcoming winter field study programs and their approximate timelines, and a message from a MFFN CAR Project Team member.
Dec 16, 2021	Phone		X	■ Robert Nakogee	■ Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Chief Robert Nakogee, Fort Albany First Nation, to follow up regarding the MFFN CAR Field Program and year end letter sent via email on December 15, 2021. A message was left with reception noting the purpose of the call and contact information.
Jan 12, 2022	Email		X	■ Sarah Beamish ■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland	■ Legal Counsel ■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, a copy of the Fort Albany IKSA for their review.

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Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**			**Contact Name**	**Contact Title**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
Jan 17, 2022	Email and Letter		X	■ Sarah Beamish ■ Robert Nakogee ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Legal Counsel ■ Chief ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ 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 Fort Albany First Nation via email. The letter provided information on key IK Program and ATRI dates and deadlines. A copy of the IK Funding Agreement was also attached.
Jan 19, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ 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 31, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the January E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ 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	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ 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	■ Sarah Beamish	■ Legal Counsel	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, to check-in with the community and to follow-up on the edits made to the IKSA for review by Fort Albany First Nation. The call was not answered and a voicemail was left noting the purpose of the call and contact information.
Feb 28, 2022	Email		X	■ Sarah Beamish	■ Legal Counsel	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, to follow-up on the community's review of the latest draft of the IKSA.
Feb 28, 2022	Email	X		■ Sarah Beamish	■ Legal Counsel	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received and email from Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, noting that the community has been struggling with COVID-19 over the past several weeks, but that cases were declining and Administration staff are moving to half-days in the office. Sarah Beamish also noted that the community is dealing with a recent community event, and the mood of the community was low. Sarah Beamish explained that she had reviewed the IKSA with the Chief Nakogee that morning, and there were a few revisions that would be sent back tha week. Sarah Beamish also clarified that Chief Nakogee had not requested a visit at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM in November 2021.

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Feb 28, 2022	Email		X	■ Sarah Beamish	■ Legal Counsel	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, to acknowledge and thank her for the community update and to let her know we are sorry to hear of the community's recent loss and will let the team know to give the community some time to grieve. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also thanked Sarah for her follow-up on the IKSA and for clarifying that the community did not invite the MFFN CAR Project Team to the community at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM in November 2021. The email noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team would be happy to visit the community in-person, when requested and it is deemed safe to do so by the community.
Mar 03, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ 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 05, 2022	Email	X		■ Sarah Beamish	■ Legal Counsel	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, in response to the email from MFFN CAR Project Consultant to provide the reviewed draft IKSA with some changes and comments related to paragraphs 17 and 18 for review by the MFFN CAR Project Team. Sarah mentioned that the MFFN CAR Project Team's proposed changes were accepted in the draft version.

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Mar 09, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ 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 14, 2022	Email	X		■ Justin Page ■ Amanda Bulmer	■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Amanda Bulmer, Fort Albany First Nation consultant, regarding the Winter Field Programs Discussion Guide and Field Notice email sent on December 10, 2021. Amanda asked whether the MFFN CAR Project Team would still be accepting feedback about the programs and when the deadline for feedback would be. The MFFN CAR December 10, 2021 email was attached to the email.
Mar 15, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the combined February / March E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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 18, 2022	Email and Letter		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant distributed an introduction letter and job posting for the Community Coordinator Program to Fort Albany First Nation via email. The letter provided information on key Community Coordinator program details, deadlines and a request for who should be hired as the Community Coordinator. Setting up a meeting was also offered. The job posting included responsibilities, compensation and contact information. The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the combined February / March E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. The E-Blast included a Project update video, Bird and Spring Programs Discussion Guides and an overview of recently completed and upcoming field studies and their approximate timelines. A link to the website with more detailed information was provided.
Mar 22, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy ■ Amanda Bulmer	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Amanda Bulmer and Justin Page, Fort Albany First Nation Consultants, in response to their email about field studies received on March 14 and 21, 2022. It was noted that the winter field programs would be ending soon and outlined the timing of the wolverine hair snag surveys, furbearer tracking surveys and caribou collaring program. It also noted that feedback is welcome for the upcoming spring and summer field programs and referenced the Bird and Spring Discussion Guides from the February / March E-blast (sent March 15, 2022). Specific questions related to field programs were listed for review, and asked for feedback by March 30, 2022.
Mar 28, 2022	Phone		X	■ Sarah Beamish	■ Legal Counsel	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, to follow-up on the February / March E-Blast, including the Project update video, and Bird and Spring Discussion Guides distributed to Fort Albany First Nation. The follow-up also included interest in the Community Coordinator Program and status of IK Sharing and Funding Agreements.

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Mar 28, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy ■ Amanda Bulmer	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed to follow-up on the February / March E-Blast, including the Project update video, and Bird and Spring Discussion Guides distributed to Fort Albany First Nation. The follow-up also included interest in the Community Coordinator Program and status of IK Sharing and Funding Agreements.
Mar 29, 2022	Phone	X		■ Sarah Beamish	■ Legal Counsel	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received a call from Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, to discuss the Community Coordinator Program. Sarah Beamish requested further clarification on who the employer would be for community coordinators and their responsibilities. Sarah Beamish noted that if the Community Coordinator would be an MFFN employee then Fort Albany First Nation would not be interested. Sarah Beamish also noted that any official correspondence about the Project will still need to go through Fort Albany First Nation Chief and Council. Sarah Beamish also noted that Fort Albany First Nation has not had luck filling other similar positions and enquired whether the funding could be combined. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant thank Sarah Beamish for the call and noted that they would connect with the MFFN CAR Project Team and get further clarification of these questions.

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Mar 29, 2022	Email	X		■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy ■ Amanda Bulmer	■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Justin Page, Fort Albany First Nation Consultant, noting that Fort Albany would be conducting focus group session, by Firelight Group, in early April and that these sessions would be focused on the Ring of Fire road projects. The email also noted that if time allows, Fort Albany First Nation consultants will pose questions about the Bird and Spring Field Programs.
Mar 29, 2022	Email	X		■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy ■ Amanda Bulmer	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received follow up email from Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, summarizing the details of a call on March 29, 2022. Sarah Beamish noted that if the Community Coordinator would be an MFFN employee then Fort Albany First Nation would not be interested. Sarah Beamish also noted that any official correspondence about the Project will still need to go through Fort Albany First Nation Chief and Counsel. Sarah Beamish also noted that Fort Albany First Nation has not had luck filling other similar positions and enquired whether the funding could be combined.
Mar 29, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy ■ Amanda Bulmer	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent email thanking and acknowledging the call and email from Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, and letting her know that the MFFN CAR Project Team will respond with answers to the concerns about the Community Coordinator Program and Field Studies Programs as soon as possible.

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Apr 21, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel and Chief Nakogee, Fort Albany First Nation, to provide the final updated IKSA. Two versions of the IKSA were attached to the email: a tracked changes version and a clean version. It was noted that if Fort Albany First Nation is agreeable to this version of the IKSA, the MFFN CAR Project Team would be ready to sign, and to let the Team know as soon as possible.
Apr 27, 2022	Email	X		■ Guy Polden	■ Senior Researcher (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Guy Polden, Fort Albany First Nation Consultant, who requested spatial GIS data on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation to aid in the completion of the Traditional Land Use Study. Guy noted that their team needs to narrow the geographic scope of the study area affected by the Project, and would like to receive the most up to date GIS data for the maximum extent of the Project footprint. Guy requested that the GIS data include four specific items: centreline and footprint for the road / areas of disturbance, areas of timber and vegetation removal or growth inhibition, areas where access will be controlled / gated / monitored, and kilometre markers for road segments. Guy noted that KMZ shapefile format for the information would be preferred

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Apr 27, 2022	Email		X	■ Guy Polden ■ Knut Kitching ■ Colby Bilodeau ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Robert Nakogee	■ Senior Researcher (Firelight Group) ■ Consultant (Firelight Group) ■ Consultant (Firelight Group) ■ Legal Counsel ■ Chief	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an acknowledgement email to Guy Polden, Fort Albany First Nation Consultant, and noting that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant would confirm the information with MFFN CAR Project Team and GIS Discipline leads for the Project and get back to him as soon as possible.
Apr 28, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, regarding questions posed in a March 29, 2022 email about the MFFN CAR Community Coordinator Program. It was noted that these would not be considered employees of Marten Falls First Nation and would be modeled after the current Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF) funded Community Communications Liaison Officer (CCLO) positions. However, the program is funded through the MFFN CAR Project Team and payment is directly issued to the Community Coordinator employee through a third-party vendor on a bi-weekly basis. Further details regarding the role of the Community Coordinator were provided, and it was noted that participation this program does not imply that the community supports the MFFN CAR Project in anyway. It was mentioned that the Community Coordinator is not expected to and will not speak on behalf of / represent the community, but to act as a contact between the MFFN CAR Project Team and the community to assist in engagement and data collection, and to share community customs and protocol, with any information provided expected to be vetted by Fort Albany First Nation leadership. It was noted that Fort Albany First Nation has expressed difficulty filling the NDMNRF CCLO position, but that any community member who meets the qualifications is welcome for the position and could also be an existing part-time employee, even if not employed by NDMNRF. The consultant mentioned they would be happy to discuss ways to help encourage more interest, to let them know about any questions or comments, and offered to coordinate a virtual meeting to discuss these issues in more detail.

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Apr 29, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the April E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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.
May 09, 2022	Phone		X	■ Sarah Beamish	■ Legal Counsel	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called to follow-up with Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation, Legal Counsel, regarding the community's potential interest in the Community Coordinator Program and the status of the IK Sharing and Funding Agreements. The call was not answered and a voicemail was left detailing the purpose of the call and providing contact information.
May 09, 2022	Email	X		■ Sarah Beamish	■ Legal Counsel	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, noting that she had been away visiting family for the last two weeks. Sarah mentioned that they would respond to these matters soon, noting that Fort Albany First Nation had to evacuate due to flooding and that is their priority at the moment. Sarah said to follow-up with her if they had not heard back by the end of the next week.
May 09, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy ■ Guy Polden	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Senior Researcher (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow-up email to Fort Albany First Nation regarding potential interest in the Community Coordinator Program and the status of the IK Sharing and Funding Agreements.

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May 11, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Physiography, Terrain & Soils Field Notice and an update for May field programs to Fort Albany First Nation. 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 25, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy ■ Guy Polden	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Senior Researcher (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow up email to Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, Regarding the IKSA and the Community Coordinator Program.
May 26, 2022	Email	X		■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy ■ Guy Polden	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Senior Researcher (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, with a signed version of the IKSA for Fort Albany First Nation. Sarah Beamish also indicated that the community is interested in the Community Coordinator Program, but will require more time to discuss how it will fit into other planned work. Sarah indicated that they are hoping the Community Coordinator Program will be on the agenda for potential meeting in early June with their technical consultants.

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May 27, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the May E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Field Notice to Fort Albany First Nation. 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 10, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Vegetation Field Notice to Fort Albany First Nation 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.

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Jun 13, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ 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 21, 2022	Email	X		■ Sarah Beamish	■ Legal Counsel	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel about the Fort Albany First Nation IKSA asking if they missed receiving the signed IKSA.
Jun 21, 2022	Email		X	■ Sarah Beamish	■ Legal Counsel	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant assured Sarah Beamish that Fort Albany First Nation has not missed the signed IKSA, noting that the MFFN CAR Project Team is working to execute the document and we will follow up internally.
Jun 21, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Justin Page	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up on the PIC #3 invite to Fort Albany First Nation. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also introduced new main Project contact, Jessica Wakefield.
Jun 24, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the June E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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.

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Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**			**Contact Name**	**Contact Title**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
Jun 30, 2022	Email		X	■ Robert Nakogee ■ Charlotte Nakochee ■ Jackie Sutherland ■ Sarah Beamish ■ Alistair MacDonald ■ Justin Page ■ Steve DeRoy	■ Chief ■ Deputy Chief ■ CEO ■ Legal Counsel ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group) ■ Technical Advisor (Firelight Group)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Fort Albany First Nation 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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B6. Fort Albany First Nation

B6.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence

B6.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence



B6.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence

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Coppaway, Clayton [redacted]

Re: Question for FAFN IKSA

1 message

Qasim Saddique [redacted] Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 12:21 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: "Coppaway, Clayton" [redacted], Larissa Stevens [redacted]>, Andrea [redacted], Avril Fisken [redacted]

Hello Sarah,

I am following up with our legal to see if they have any additional comments. I should get back to you in a few days.

Thank you,
Qasim

Qasim Saddique MSc, MBA
Principal Consultant

E: [redacted]
P: [redacted]
W: suslop.com

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Coppaway, Clayton <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Fort Albany First Nation Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Agreement

1 message

Coppaway, Clayton <[redacted]> Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 4:05 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted]

Hi Sarah,

I hope this email finds you well and that you are staying safe. I just wanted to provide you with the Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Agreement (IKSA) for your review.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,
Clayton

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Clayton Coppaway
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Happy New Year & Stay Safe!

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Coppaway, Clayton <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR IK Program Timeline Update

1 message

Nokleby, Andrea <[redacted]> Mon, Jan 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM
To: Chief Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, [redacted], [redacted], Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Alistair Macdonald <[redacted]>, [redacted], Steve DeRoy <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted]

Dear Chief Nakogee,

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

Please see attached a letter from the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team Leads Qassim Siddique and Lawrence Baxter, regarding the Project's Indigenous Knowledge Program schedule and related updates.

We have also re-attached the IK Funding Agreement that has previously been shared with your community for your review.

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,

Andrea

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2 attachments

Letter- 2022-01-17- IK Program Timeline Update - Fort Albany First Nation.pdf
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FINAL Template - Indigenous Knowledge Program Funding Agreement.docx
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January 17th, 2022

Chief Robert Nakogee
[redacted]

Re: Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline and Update

Dear Chief Robert Nakogee:

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 information and data gathering 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. We ask that you please let us know if you intend to participate but do not think you can meet this timeline. Further, Figure 1 provides a timeline for ongoing engagement with your community to:

- Validate Indigenous Knowledge/Indigenous Land and Resource Use inputs provided by your community (if applicable);
- Initiate conversations on effects to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests; and

- Review information on effects on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests and discuss mitigation.

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. We hope that the Indigenous Knowledge Program also helps to support your on-going efforts to document and record your oral knowledge for the benefit of your community and future generations. We look forward to finalizing the Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Agreement and Funding Agreement with you to support this important work. For any questions you may have regarding the Indigenous Knowledge Program, please contact Bob Baxter at [redacted] or [redacted] or [redacted] at [redacted] or [redacted].

We hope you and your community are safe and well, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Qasim Saddique
Project Director

[redacted]

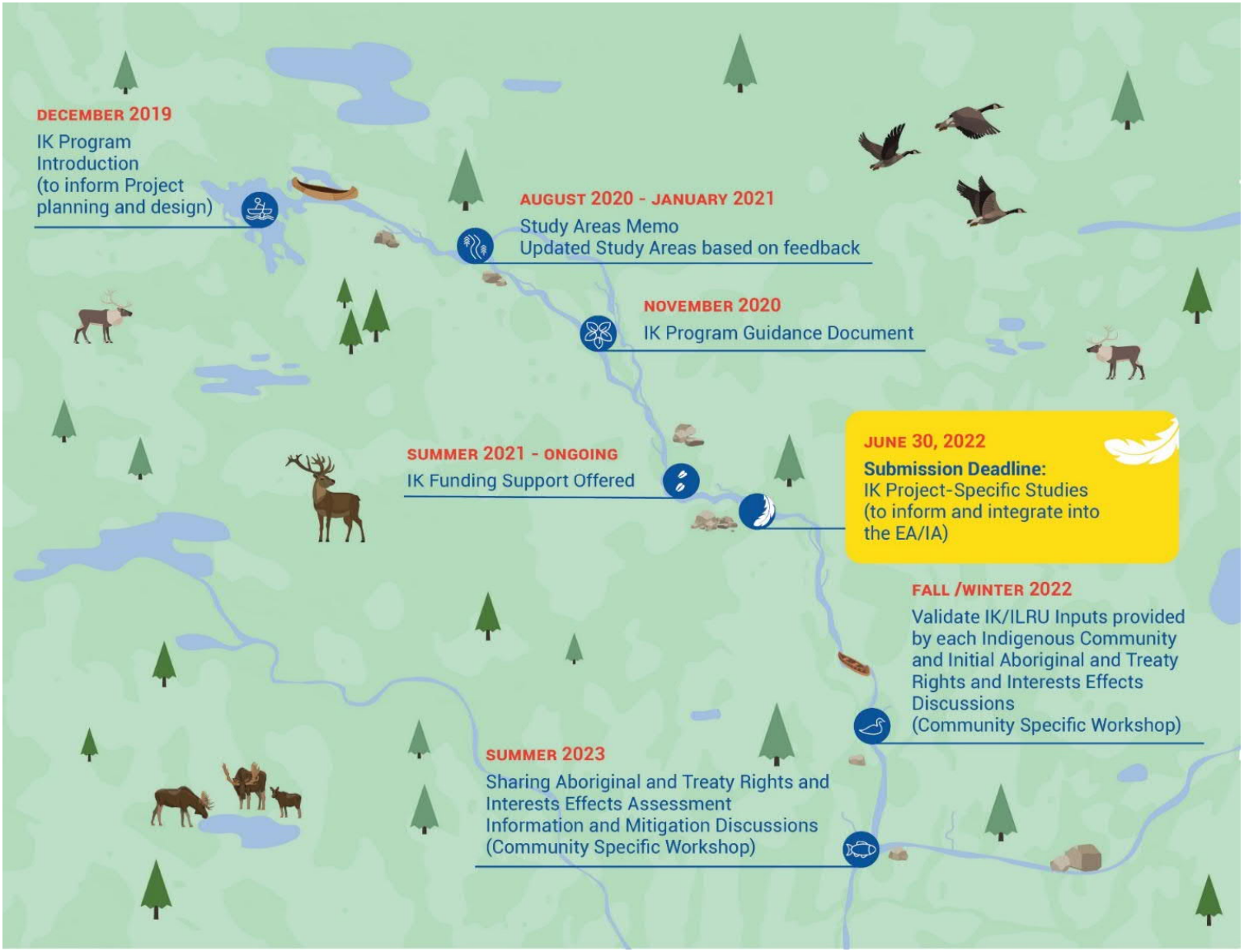
Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Member Advisor

Encl. Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline

CC:

- Charlotte Nakochee, Deputy Chief, Fort Albany First Nation
- Sarah Beamish, Legal Counsel, Fort Albany First Nation
- Jacqueline Sutherland, CEO, Fort Albany First Nation
- Alistair MacDonald, Consultant, Fort Albany First Nation
- Justin Page, Consultant, Fort Albany First Nation
- Steve Deroy, Consultant, Fort Albany First Nation
- Bob Baxter, MFFN CAR Senior Community Member Advisor
- Andrea Nokleby, MFFN CAR Project Consultant

Figure 1: Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline



Indigenous Knowledge Program Funding Agreement (the "Agreement")

THIS AGREEMENT made as of the _____day of _____, _____.

BETWEEN:

INSERT NAME OF FIRST NATION
(Hereinafter called the "Name of First Nation"),

OF THE FIRST PART

- AND -

Marten Falls First Nation Project Team
(Hereinafter called the "Project Team")

OF THE SECOND PART

- AND -

Dillon Consulting Limited
(Hereinafter referred to as "Dillon")

OF THE THIRD PART

WHEREAS

WHEREAS 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 km northeast of Thunder Bay.

AND WHEREAS 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.

AND WHEREAS MFFN is represented by the Project Team to assist MFFN with a Provincial Environmental Assessment and Federal Impact Assessment (the "Assessments") to assess the potential Project effects and benefits.

AND WHEREAS as part of the Assessment the Project Team would like to engage FN in the Indigenous Knowledge Program (the "IK") and to complete a Project-Specific IK Study (the "IK Study")

AND WHEREAS the FN has agreed to participate in the IK program and produce an IK Study specific to the Project area and community.

AND WHEREAS, specific to this Agreement, the Project Team has retained Dillon for the sole purpose of the administration of the receipt of the IK Study and payment of the funding for the IK Study to the FN as set out in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES that the Project Team, FN and Dillon (the "Parties") hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I: SCOPE OF SERVICES

1.1 Services by the FN. The FN shall complete and provide to the Project Team, an IK Study Report, covering the geographic area identified in Schedule A, with that degree of care, skill and diligence normally provided in the performance of an IK Study on projects of a similar nature.

1.2 Scope of Services. The FN shall complete the IK Study Report in accordance with the provisions as set out in the *MFFN Community Access Road Project - Indigenous Knowledge Program Guidance Document,* dated November 2020, a copy of which is attached as Schedule B.

ARTICLE II: Project Team Responsibilities

2.1 Information. The Project Team shall provide to the FN, in a timely manner, relevant information required to complete the IK Study.

ARTICLE III: FN RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Deliverables. The FN shall provide the following reports, upon the timelines set out:

- *Preliminary Data (GIS)/Draft Report/Information, by no later than May 15, 2022*
- *Final IK Study Report and associated mapping/GIS files, by no later than June 30, 2022*

ARTICLE IV: Compensation

4.1 Compensation. The Project Team agrees to compensate FN for the IK Report, in the amount of $30,000, inclusive of all applicable taxes (the "IK Payment").

4.2 Schedule of Payments. Upon execution of this Agreement by all parties, the Project Team shall direct Dillon to pay the FN the IK Payment based upon the following schedule:

- *An initial payment of $10,000 within 30 days of the execution of this Agreement by all Parties,*
- *A second payment of $10,000 within 30 days of receipt, by the Project Team, of the Preliminary Data (GIS)/Draft Report/Information,*
- *A final payment of $10,000 within 30 days of receipt, by the Project Team, of the Final IK Study Report and associated mapping/GIS file.*

Notwithstanding article 7.7, the FN here by directs Dillon to make the three individual IK Payments, payable to _____ and to deliver the payments to _____, and this shall be Dillon's good and valid authority to do so.

ARTICLE V: CONFIDENTIALITY, USE AND DISCLOSURE

5.1 Confidentiality. The Project Team and the FN have previously executed an Indigenous Knowledge Information Sharing Agreement (the "IK Agreement"). The Project Team and the FN Parties agree that all matters relating to the confidentiality, use and disclosure of the IK Report shall be governed by the IK Agreement. In the event of any conflict between terms of the IK Agreement and this Agreement, the terms and conditions of the IK Agreement shall govern.

ARTICLE VI: CONFIRMATION

6.1 Confirmation. The FN confirms that it will complete the *Final IK Study Report and associated mapping/GIS files* with due care, attention, and diligence.

ARTICLE VII: OTHER

7.1 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario.

7.2 Entire Agreement. This Agreement (a) constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and (b) supersedes all prior agreements, understandings, negotiations and discussions by or between the Parties pertaining to the subject matter of this Agreement. There are no warranties, representations or other agreements, whether oral or written, express or implied, collateral or otherwise, by or between the Parties pertaining to the subject matter of this Agreement except as set forth in this Agreement.

7.3 Acknowledge and Confirmation of Project Team and FN. The Project Team and the FN confirm and agree that Dillon's only obligations under this Agreement is the payment of the IK Payment upon the terms and conditions set out in Article 4.2. The Project Team and FN acknowledge and agree that Dillon shall have no other obligations or requirements, of any kind or nature whatsoever, with respect to this Agreement or the IK Study. The Project Team and the FN agree and acknowledge that Dillon makes no representations, and shall have no responsibility, as to the completeness of the IK Report nor any obligations or requirements regarding the timeliness of the draft or final IK Report to the FN or the Project Team.

7.4 Independent Professional Services FN. The FN is an independent professional services provider in performing services under this agreement, and accordingly it is further acknowledged that the FN is an independent contractor.

7.5 Assignment. Neither party may assign this Agreement without the prior consent in writing of the other party.

7.6 Modification and Waiver. This Agreement may not be modified, amended or supplemented except by written agreement of the Parties. No act or omission by a party, other than a written waiver, shall constitute a waiver of any provision of this Agreement. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other provision, nor shall any such waiver constitute a continuing waiver, unless otherwise specifically agreed in writing by the Parties.

7.7 Notices. All notices, instructions and other communications required or permitted to be given hereunder must be in writing and must be delivered via email, or mailed by first class mail, to the parties and at the addresses set forth, in the event of a notice being sent by first class mail the notice shall be deemed to be received by the addressee on the fifth business day after the mail is postmarked:

- Project Team insert address and contact person or title Qasim Saddique, Project Director (qsaddique@suslop.com) (might make sense to make it a single address for the Dillon office responsible for this work)
- FN insert address and contact person or title
- Dillon insert address and contact person or title

7.8 Inurement. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Parties, and shall continue in full force and effect in the event any Party is permitted to assign this Agreement or if there is any change in ownership, control or management of any Party.

7.9 Counterparts, Signatures and Retention. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which is an original, and which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement. The signing of a facsimile copy or portable document format (PDF) copy of this Agreement and any amendments thereto shall have the same effect as the signing of an original. The retention of an electronic version of this Agreement is permitted and the subsequent production of an electronic version of this document shall be treated as if it was the production of an original signed copy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement all as of the day and year first above written.

First Nation

Per:		Per:	
	I/We have authority to bind the XX FN.		I/We have authority to bind the XX FN.
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Date:		Date:	

Marten Falls First Nation Project Team

Per:		Per:	
	I/We have authority to bind the MFFN Project Team.		I/We have authority to bind the MFFN Project Team.
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Date:		Date:	

Dillon Consulting Limited

Per:		Per:	
	I/We have authority to bind Dillon Consulting Limited		I/We have authority to bind the Dillon Consulting Limited.
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Date:		Date:	

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Checking In

Coppaway, Clayton <[redacted]> 28 February 2022 at 14:44
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Victoria Bikowski <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

I hope this email finds you well. I just wanted to connect with you regarding the MFFN CAR Project.

I wanted to check in to see how the community was doing with COVID-19 situation and to follow up to see if you'd had a chance to review the IK Sharing Agreement we provided a few weeks ago.

Talk to you soon,
Clayton Coppaway

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Checking In

Coppaway, Clayton <[redacted]> 28 February 2022 at 15:49
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Victoria Bikowski <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

Thank you so much for the update. While I am happy to hear that the case counts are going down, I am really sorry to hear of the loss in the community. Please keep us posted on the situation and I will let our team know to give the community some space to grieve.

We also appreciate you following up on the IK Sharing Agreement and clarifying the request for a meeting. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused. We would be happy to also visit the community, in-person, to discuss the Project, when and if requested and deemed safe to do so.

Again thank you for follow up with us so quickly,

Sincerely,
Clayton Coppaway

Clayton Coppaway
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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: Funding available for Community Coordinator Program

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> 18 March 2022 at 06:00
To: Robert Nakogee <[redacted]>
Cc: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee <[redacted]>, Jacqueline Sutherland <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Steve DeRoy <[redacted]>, Alistair MacDonald <[redacted]>, MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, lawrence baxter <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Chief Nakogee,

I hope you and the community are doing well and staying safe. We are excited to announce we are officially launching the Community Coordinator Program for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road and Fort Albany First Nation is invited to participate.

The Community Coordinator Program will support Community Access Road Project activities, meetings and events; helping to make sure input is collected from the right people and shared back with the Project Team so as to be included in the Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment processes. The Community Coordinator will be hired part-time at [redacted] for up to three years.

Please see the letter attached for more information on the Program and a request to: confirm your participation; identify who is the right fit as a Community Coordinator; and to gauge your interest in a meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Alongside the letter, the job posting is also attached for the Community Coordinator position with more details on the role and responsibilities.

We believe this program will create more avenues for meaningful engagement and consultation with Fort Albany First Nation on the Community Access Road Project. We appreciate your input on this request and welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have on the proposed process. I hope to hear from you by **March 31, 2022** and will follow-up next week to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Clayton Coppaway

On behalf of the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

WE'RE HIRING!

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is undertaking a federal Impact Assessment (IA) and provincial environmental assessment (EA) for an all-season access road to our community. To support these studies, we are looking to hire **Community Coordinators**.

Are you a highly motivated person? Do you have strong organizational and relationship building skills? Would you like to work with a great project team and build experience in environmental management?

If so, this could be the role for you!

The Community Coordinator will be a primary point of contact between your community and the MFFN Project Team. We will work closely with you as you help to involve your community in the environmental assessment processes.

Responsibilities

- Coordinate between the MFFN Project Team and community members living in / outside of your community as per your local practices and in collaboration with Chief and Council;
- Provide advice and guidance on appropriate ways to engage your community—in-person (when appropriate to do so), and virtually during COVID-19;
- Keep informed on Community Access Road Project activities (e.g., timelines, documents, events) and communicate relevant Project information to community members;
- Participate in meetings with the Project Team and other Community Coordinators;
- Provide support for community engagement activities related to the Project including:
    - Coordinate and organize logistics for meetings, workshops, events and / or school visits (e.g., book meeting spaces, order refreshments, help with truck / boat rentals and accommodations);
    - Help identify meeting participants and information providers (e.g., youth and / or elders);
    - Assist with meeting facilitation, note taking and meeting minute preparation, and coordinate translation services, if needed; and
    - Organize distributing Project advertisements and notices in your community; either online (e.g., Facebook or posting in community);
- Assist in collecting data / information in your community (e.g., Indigenous Knowledge, community information and socio-economic information);
- Assist in reviewing draft documents, questionnaires or Project updates / information sheets.

This position will receive [redacted] per hour and is expected to be approximately 16 hours per week for up to 3 years. If you would like to learn more, contact: Jennifer Bruin or James Meyer at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca or 1-800-764-9114.

March 17, 2022

Chief Robert Nakogee
Fort Albany First Nation
[redacted]

Re: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Community Coordinator Program

Dear Chief Nakogee,

The Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road Project Team is excited to announce that we are offering to hire members of specific Indigenous communities as **Community Coordinators**. As we continue to move through the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and federal Impact Assessment (IA), we want to continue to engage and consult with Fort Albany First Nation on a consistent basis and in a way that works best for your community. The Community Coordinator Program is set to begin early April 2022.

The Community Coordinator Program will support Community Access Road Project activities, meetings and events; helping to make sure input is collected from the right people and shared back with the Project Team so as to be included in the EA processes. The position is $[redacted] an hour and is expected to be approximately 16 hours of work per week for up to three years. Please see the attached job description for a list of responsibilities.

Is Fort Albany First Nation interested in participating in the Community Coordinator Program? If so, we are looking for your input on who should be the Community Coordinator in your community. Do you have someone in mind that would fit the role of a Community Coordinator? If not, please let us know if we can support you by reaching out to your members to see if someone is interested. We hope to hear from you by **March 31, 2022**.

We appreciate your time and thoughts on this Program and are open to have a detailed discussion. We believe the hiring of Community Coordinators will strengthen our collective efforts on both the EA and IA and allow for more open and responsive consultation and engagement between Fort Albany First Nation and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team. If you have any questions or would like to setup a meeting, please contact [redacted] or call 1-800-764-9114. We will follow-up directly with you in advance of the two-week deadline to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding the Community Coordinator Program.

Sincerely,



Qasim Saddique
Project Director



Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Member Advisor

Encl. MFFN Community Access Road Community Coordinator Job Posting

CC:

- Charlotte Nakochee, Deputy Chief, Fort Albany First Nation
- Jacqueline Sutherland, CEO, Fort Albany First Nation
- Sarah Beamish, Legal Counsel for Fort Albany First Nation, Sarah Beamish Law
- Alistair MacDonald, Technical Advisor, The Firelight Group
- Justin Page, Technical Advisor, The Firelight Group
- Steve DeRoy, Technical Advisor, The Firelight Group
- Lawrence Baxter, Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Qasim Saddique, Project Director, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Clayton Coppaway, Consultant, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

Re:

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> 22 March 2022 at 07:41
To: Amanda Bulmer <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>
Cc: MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, Robert Nakogee <[redacted]>, Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee <[redacted]>, Jacqueline Sutherland <[redacted]>, Alistair MacDonald <[redacted]>, Steve DeRoy <[redacted]>, "Baker, Nadia" <[redacted]>, Don McKinnon <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Avril Fisken <[redacted]>, "Jackman, Lindsay" <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Dear Amanda and Justin,

Thank you for your interest in sharing feedback (received March 14 via the webmail and via email to me on March 21, 2022) on our field studies! Your input is valuable to shape our field programs.

Though the winter 2022 field programs will be wrapping up in the next few weeks, the wolverine hair snag surveys will continue into May and occur again in 2023, furbearer tracking surveys are expected to begin within the next two weeks, and the caribou collaring program will run until Spring 2024. We are always interested in receiving community feedback on our baseline studies.

We also have several field programs coming up this spring and summer we would like to hear your input on! A Bird Discussion Guide and Spring Discussion Guide were distributed with the February / March E-Blast on Tuesday March 15, 2022 (also linked here: Bird Discussion Guide and Spring Discussion Guide).

Questions we are looking for input on include:

- Are there any plants in the study area that are culturally significant or used for traditional purposes that the field team should look out for in the surveys?
- Are there any important water crossings or fishing sites in the study area that we should sample?
- Are there any locations in the study area that are springs, drinking water sources or areas of water use? This could be for cultural or spiritual practices
- Are there any areas, like game trails or features such as salt licks, travel routes, wolf dens, and winter use areas or calving grounds that you know see a lot of wildlife activity?
- Do you know of any locations where Lake Sturgeon (Nameh), Brook Trout, Northern Pike (Nahwabe), Walleye (Okaas), Lake Whitefish (Atikameg) or burbot spawn or overwinter?
- Do you know what time of year fish are spawning / reproducing in any rivers in the study area?
- Are there any specific timing considerations we should be aware of when conducting the surveys?
- Are there any areas in the study area we should avoid? This could be because the areas are cultural / spiritual / sacred sites.
- Do you have Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests in the area?

We would appreciate receiving your feedback by April 30, 2022. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss our field studies and feedback we are looking for.

Sincerely,

Clayton Coppaway,
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Zielbauer, Kyla [redacted]

MFFN CAR - Fort Albany First Nation Check-in

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> 28 March 2022 at 15:55
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Robert Nakogee <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Alistair MacDonald <[redacted]>, Jacqueline Sutherland <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee <[redacted]>, Amanda Bulmer <[redacted]>, Steve DeRoy <[redacted]>
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Don McKinnon <[redacted]>, Avril Fisken <[redacted]>, MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Dear Sarah and other Fort Albany First Nation representatives,

I called earlier this afternoon and left a voicemail message. As I noted I wanted to send along a follow up email to highlight a couple of other important MFFN CAR related items:

- **Community Coordinator Program** (Letter send March 17, 2022)
  - If interested or you need more time or information, please let us know by March 31, 2022
- **Monthly Project Update Emails** (e-Blasts, sent March 15, 2022)
  - There is a new Project Update Video and see the Survey? Completing a survey by March 31, 2022 enters you into an opportunity to win one of five $50 gift cards.
- **Bird and Spring Discussion Guides**
  - Please let us know if you or your advisors would like to provide any input or if there are questions regarding the Bird and Spring Discussion Guide questions.
  - We recently followed up with your team regarding the winter field programs as well.
- **Other Important Items:**
  - Indigenous Knowledge Program and Sharing Agreement
    - We expect to have this back to you later this week.

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

Sincerely,

Clayton Coppaway
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MFFN CAR - Fort Albany First Nation Check-in

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> 29 March 2022 at 14:09
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Robert Nakogee <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Alistair MacDonald <[redacted]>, Jacqueline Sutherland <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee <[redacted]>, Amanda Bulmer <[redacted]>, Steve DeRoy <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Don McKinnon <[redacted]>, Avril Fisken <[redacted]>, MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Hi Sarah,

Thank you for the call and this summary, it is very helpful and very appreciated. I'll connect with the program leads and get back to you as soon as we can with answers to your concerns with both the community coordinator program and field study programs.

Clayton

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MFFN CAR - IK Sharing Agreement

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> 21 April 2022 at 11:22
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Robert Nakogee <[redacted]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Cinnamon, Christine" <[redacted]>, Jacqueline Sutherland <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah and Chief Nakogee,

Please find attached updated Fort Albany First Nation (FAFN) IK Sharing Agreement. We have included two versions of the same document:

- A Tracked Changes Version of the Final FAFN IK Sharing Agreement
  - We had no edits/comments to FAFN's final edits/comments.
  - We have updated the numbering as it was off
  - We have included the Project Team and AECOM contact information
- Clean Version of the Final FAFN IK Sharing Agreement

If the Fort Albany First Nation is fine with this version of the IK Sharing Agreement we can prepare to sign the agreement on our end. Please let us know as soon as you are able.

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

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Re: Request for spatial data on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> 27 April 2022 at 19:24
To: Guy Polden <[redacted]>
Cc: Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Colby Bilodeau <[redacted]>, Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Robert Nakogee <[redacted]>, Avril Fisken <[redacted]>, Don McKinnon <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi Guy,

Thank you for your email and it's a pleasure to hear from you. I'll confir with the MFFN Project Team (cc'd) and our GIS team and get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Clayton Coppaway

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MFFN CAR - Fort Albany First Nation Check-in

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> 28 April 2022 at 08:39
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Robert Nakogee <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Alistair MacDonald <[redacted]>, Jacqueline Sutherland <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee <[redacted]>, Steve DeRoy <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Don McKinnon <[redacted]>, Avril Fisken <[redacted]>, MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, "Meyer, James" <[redacted]>

Good Morning Sarah,

Hope you are doing well. I understand that this may be a challenging time of year for the community with the spring flooding. I hope that the people in the community are well and staying safe.

I am reaching out regarding the questions you had about the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Community Coordinator Program on March 29, 2022.

In regard to who is employing the Community Coordinator, they do not work for Marten Falls First Nation and would not be a Marten Falls employee. The MFFN CAR Project Team is providing funding, similar to the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry funded position for their Community Communications Liaison Officer (CCLO); the difference being the offered funding from our Project is paid directly to a community member. The program is funded through the MFFN CAR Project Team; however, payment will be issued directly to Community Coordinators through a third-party vendor on a bi-weekly basis.

The Community Coordinators will assist, plan and deliver communication and engagement activities with their community; helping the MFFN CAR Project Team ensure that engagement or data collection activities are done according to appropriate community protocols. Identification of a Community Coordinator is not an indication that the community supports the MFFN CAR Project.

In terms of community representation, the Community Coordinator is not expected to and will not speak on behalf / represent the community. They are a primary contact between the MFFN CAR Project Team and the community to assist us with our engagement and data collection and to share community specific customs and protocols (e.g., consultation). Any information provided by the Community Coordinator to the MFFN CAR Project Team is expected to be vetted by community leadership.

We understand that Fort Albany First Nation has expressed difficulty filling the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry funded CCLO position. Any Fort Albany First Nation community member who is interested, available for **16-hours per week**, meets the requirements of the job posting and is supported by leadership is welcome to be named for the position. If the community has a part-time employee, their work can be supplemented even if they are not a Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry funded position Community Communication Liaison Officer. We would be happy to discuss ways we can help encourage more interest, if that is of interest to the community.

If you have any further questions or comments please let me know and we would be happy to coordinate a virtual meeting to discuss the Community Coordinator Program and any additional questions you may have in more detail.

Sincerely,

Clayton Coppaway

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Fort Albany Check In

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> 9 May 2022 at 14:17
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Robert Nakogee <[redacted]>
Cc: Jacqueline Sutherland <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Alistair MacDonald <[redacted]>, Steve DeRoy <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Guy Polden <[redacted]>

Dear Sarah and Robert,

I hope this email finds you both well. Sarah, I called last Thursday but I understand that you were travelling.

I wanted to check in regarding the latest draft of the IK Sharing Agreement as well as our follow up on the community coordinator program and whether the community is still interested in the program.

We will also be following up with your GIS team to provide the information we currently have for the project in the next week or so.

Again, I hope you are well and staying safe.

With respect,
Clayton Coppaway
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team.

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MFFN CAR - Fort Albany Check In

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> 25 May 2022 at 09:22
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Robert Nakogee [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Alistair MacDonald <[redacted]>, Steve DeRoy <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Guy Polden <[redacted]>, Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

HI Sarah,

I hope this email finds you well. I just wanted to connect with you regarding the IK Sharing Agreement and the Community Coordinator Position.

Clayton

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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

Re: MFFN CAR - Fort Albany Check In

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 11:55 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

Thanks so much for reaching out. No you have not missed it and we apologize for the delay. We are still working to execute the signed agreement. We will follow up internally and get it back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks so much,
Clayton

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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

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

1 message

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 5:57 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Robert Nakogee <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Jacqueline Sutherland <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee [redacted]
Cc: Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>, MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good Morning Chief Nakogee and other Fort Albany First Nation Representatives,

I hope this email finds you well!

I'm following up about the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road's third Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Project on June 27th and June 29th. The events are in-person so if you have community members in the Thunder Bay or Geraldton area they are more than welcome to join us in joining us to learn more about the project.

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.

Lastly, you'll begin hearing from my colleague Jessica Wakefield [redacted]) who is onboarding to be your new community contact for the MFFN CAR.

Please reach out to myself or Jessica if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clayton Coppaway

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B6.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence

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Coppaway, Clayton <[redacted]>

Re: Question for FAFN IKSA

1 message

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Mon, Nov 29, 2021 at 8:17 PM
To: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>
Cc: "Coppaway, Clayton" <[redacted]>, Larissa Mikkelsen <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Fisken, Avril" <[redacted]>

Hello Qasim,

I do not believe we have ever heard back regarding this agreement. Can you let me know if you sent a response (and if so, what date), or when FAFN can expect to receive one?

Thank you.

Sarah Beamish

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Checking In

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> 28 February 2022 at 15:01
To: "Coppaway, Clayton" <[redacted]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Victoria Bikowski <[redacted]>

Hello Clayton,

COVID-19 has been a big challenge for FAFN over the past several weeks, but the case count is going down. I spoke with Chief Nakogee this morning and he said it has finally dipped below 20 and they are beginning to move back to half-days for staff in the Administration Office. However they lost a youth last week and it has hit quite hard, so the mood in the community is heavy.

He and I were only able to review the IKSA this morning. There were just a couple questions/comments he had, which I will send through to you this week. I don't think concluding it should take much longer.

I also raised with him your email regarding a visit to the community, following on a request made at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM. He says he does not recall making this request, and believes that it was Chief Gaius Wesley of Kashechewan who made the request. There may have been some confusion because both communities are part of the Albany band.

Take care,
Sarah

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Checking In

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> 5 March 2022 at 16:45
To: "Coppaway, Clayton" <[redacted]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Victoria Bikowski <[redacted]>

Hi Clayton,

See the attached IKSA draft. The new changes/comments mainly relate to paragraphs 17 and 18 added by your team in the most recent version sent. I think these should be fairly easy to resolve.

Your team's recent proposed changes have been accepted in this draft, for ease of noting the new changes added in track changes.

Take care,
Sarah

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From: Amanda Bulmer [redacted]

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:31 PM
To: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca
Cc: Justin Page <justin.page@thefirelightgroup.com>
Subject: Question re: MFCAR Project field program feedback

Dear Marten Falls Nation Community Access Road Project Team,

We are writing to you regarding an email that was sent out on December 10, 2021, which informed of several upcoming field programs, including the Furbearer Ground Track Surveys, the Winter Ungulate Aerial Surveys, and the Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys.

Please let us know if you are still looking for feedback on these field programs, and when the deadlines for such feedback would be. Please find the attached email for your convenience.

Thank you kindly,

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Amanda Bulmer, M.Env, B.A.
Junior Regulatory Researcher, The Firelight Group
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Justin Page <[redacted]> 29 March 2022 at 17:11
To: Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>, Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Robert Nakogee <[redacted]>, Alistair MacDonald <[redacted]>, Jacqueline Sutherland <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee <[redacted]>, Amanda Bulmer <[redacted]>, Steve DeRoy <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Don McKinnon <[redacted]>, Avril Fisken <[redacted]>, MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martentallsaccessroad.ca>

Hello Clayton and Sarah,

Firelight will be facilitating a small focus group with Fort Albany in early April regarding the Ring of Fire road projects. If time allows, we will pose questions about the MFCAR Bird Field Program and Spring Field Programs.

Regards,

Justin

Justin Page, Ph.D.
Senior Regulatory Advisor, The Firelight Group

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00-5:00 PT

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To: Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>
Cc: Robert Nakogee <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Alistair MacDonald <[redacted]>, Jacqueline Sutherland <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee <[redacted]>, Amanda Bulmer <[redacted]>, Steve DeRoy <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Don McKinnon <[redacted]>, Avril Fisken <[redacted]>, MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Hello Clayton,

To confirm what we just spoke about by phone:

- Chief Nakogee feels it would not be appropriate or effective for a Consultation Coordinator for FAFN to be employed by MFFN.
- If the funds that MFFN intended to put toward this role could be directed toward a role filled by someone employed by/reporting to FAFN, he is open to discussing that further, on the understanding that all formal communications about the project must come through FAFN leadership.
- You will get clarification about whether that is possible.
- I flagged that there were challenges in the past with filling a similar role, so there is no guarantee that the role could be filled at $25/hr.

Regarding the other programs, while I am sure FAFN members have useful knowledge about those, FAFN has been planning its work and budgets according to the key milestones in the Crown assessment processes to correspond with funding requirements, and a few key studies to support that. I do not think there is capacity or budget to engage with each of these programs one by one. I am sure someone from the Firelight Group will correct me if I am wrong, as they are supporting FAFN more closely with the technical work.

Take care,
Sarah
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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

Re: Request for spatial data on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation

On Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 8:18 PM Guy Polden <[redacted]> wrote:

> Hi Clayton,
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> My name is Guy Polden, I'm a Senior Researcher with the Firelight Group and I'm working on the Traditional Land Use Study with Fort Albany First Nation in relation to the MFCAR. Sarah Beamish passed on your contact details so I could reach out about getting some data to help us complete our work.
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> We will need to narrow the geographic scope of our study on the areas affected by the Project, and we would like to receive the most up to date GIS data for the maximum extent of the project "Footprint", which should include:
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> 1. Centreline and footprint for the road as well all other areas of disturbance. This should include all areas of planned or potential ground and water disturbance and any related maintenance areas; areas of clearing involving heavy equipment; waste dump areas; camp, administration and all other infrastructure facilities; water course crossing locations and drainage control activities; or any other areas that may be compacted, removed or otherwise disturbed).
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> 2. All areas where brush or timber or other vegetation will be cleared, removed or inhibited from growth.
>
> 3. All areas where access will be controlled, gated, or monitored, including check in points, gates, fences or other restricted areas.
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> 4. Kilometre markers for road segments.
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> If you could share these in shapefile or KMZ format, I would be very grateful.
>
> Thanks so much,
> Guy
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> –
> **Guy Polden,** MSc
> (he/him)

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Fort Albany Check In

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> 9 May 2022 at 14:36
To: Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>
Cc: Robert Nakogee <[redacted]>, Jacqueline Sutherland <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Alistair MacDonald <[redacted]>, Steve DeRoy <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Guy Polden <[redacted]>

Hi Clayton,

Yes I was traveling to visit family over the past two weeks.

We'll get back to you about these matters soon. As you have probably seen, Fort Albany has recently had to evacuate a large proportion of the community due to flooding, so that situation is their priority for the moment. You can follow up with me again if you've not heard back by the end of next week.

Sarah

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Fort Albany Check In

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> 26 May 2022 at 12:50
To: Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>
Cc: Robert Nakogee <[redacted]>, Jacqueline Sutherland <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Alistair MacDonald <[redacted]>, Steve DeRoy <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Guy Polden <[redacted]>, Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

Hi Clayton,

Chief Nakogee has approved the Sharing Agreement. It is attached with his signature. We look forward to receiving the fully executed copy.

FAFN is interested in the community coordinator program but needs further time to discuss how it can fit into the other work they have planned. They are hoping to organize a meeting in early June with their technical consultants and staff working on this, and if that happens this will be on the agenda.

Have a good day,
Sarah
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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

Re: MFFN CAR - Fort Albany Check In

On Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 10:45 AM Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> wrote:

> Hi Clayton,
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> I hope you are well.
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> I don't believe we have received the signed IKSA back. Have we missed it?
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> Thanks,
> Sarah
> [Quoted text hidden]

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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).*

- 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*

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:

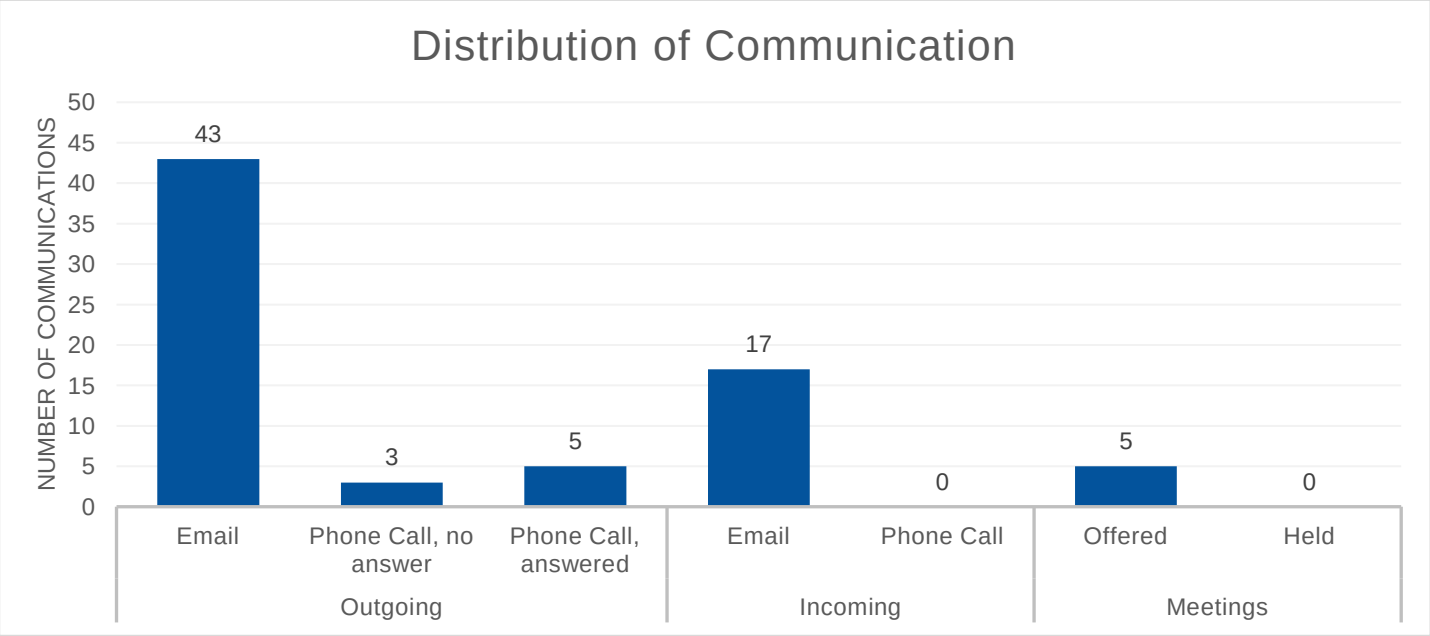
The **Level of Engagement Effort and Response** bar graph reflects the efforts taken by the MFFN CAR Project Team to engage Indigenous communities and the level of response received. Communications channels considered include **email correspondence** (outgoing & incoming), **phone correspondence** (outgoing & 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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3.1.6 Fort Albany First Nation

Community Profile	
Location:	PO Box 1, Fort Albany, ON P0L 1H0
Tribal Council:	Mushkegowuk Council
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)	*March 28, 2023 (Email)*
Participating in IK Program:	*Status of IK Sharing Agreement: Fully Executed*
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: Offered
	IK information provided: Yes, partial.
Participating in Community Coordinator Program	*Offered*

Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During the Reporting Period	
Date	**Consultation and Engagement Activity**
Jul 06, 2022	Responded to an email from Fort Albany First Nation regarding the request for spatial data.
Jul 07, 2022	Received an email from Fort Albany First Nation in response to the distribution of spatial data.
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, 2023	Phone call and email made to request participation in Engagement Questionnaire
Jul 28, 2022	Received email from Fort Albany First Nation in response to Engagement Questionnaire
Jul 28, 2022	Responded to an email from Fort Albany First Nation regarding engagement activities and record keeping.
Jul 29, 2022	Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Notice distributed via email.
Aug 05, 2022	The finalized IKSA between Fort Albany First Nation and MFFN CAR Project Team was sent to Fort Albany First Nation.
Aug 17, 2022	An IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles were distributed via email.
Aug 18, 2022	Fort Albany First Nation sent an email inquiring about the availability of the Community Coordinator Program funding.
Aug 18, 2022	Fort Albany First Nation sent an email requesting information about the EA / IA timeline and the opportunity to review and comment.
Aug 19, 2022	August 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Sep 16, 2022	Field programs update distributed via email.
Sep 29, 2022	September 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Oct 03 - Nov 02, 2023	Emails about EA / IS timeline and ability for Fort Albany to review documents
Nov 02, 2022	October 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Nov 10, 2022	Webinar Series notice distributed via email.
Nov 15, 2022	Phone call and email outreach about the Community Coordinator Program, PIC #4, the webinar series, the requested Impact Statement extension, and the upcoming ATRI workshop.
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 outreach about PIC #4 and upcoming webinar.
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.
Dec 20, 2022	Save the date for the ATRI Forum and Cultural Heritage Workshop 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 13, 2023	Invitation to ATRI Forum was distributed.
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 01, 2023	Reminder for the ATRI Forum distributed via email.

Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During the Reporting Period	
Date	**Consultation and Engagement Activity**
Feb 03, 2023	Archaeology Assessment Reports for Stage 1 and Stage 2 distributed via email.
Feb 03, 2023	IK Program Timeline and update letter distributed 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 01, 2023	Phone call and email to discuss Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Reports.
Mar 06 - 29, 2023	Emails to coordinate revisions to the Fort Albany First Nation IK Funding Agreement via email.
Mar 06, 2023	Fort Albany First Nation provided comments for the draft Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 reports via letter.
Mar 09, 2023	Field Programs updates distributed via email.
Mar 14, 2023	Reminder for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Webinar distributed via email.
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	Fort Albany First Nation provided comments regarding the Archaeology Reports via email and letter.
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 02, 2023	IK Milestone reminder distributed via email.
May 17, 2023	MFFN CAR Project Team provided response to Fort Albany First Nation's comments regarding the RoCE and Milestone #1 reports via email.
May 30 - 31, 2023	Phone call and email to follow up about Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 report comment response and provide reminder for upcoming IK Milestone.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action - Fort Albany First Nation				
Topic / Issue Raised	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed in the EA / IS**
Consultation Methods	Meaningful Consultation ■ On March 6, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation noted that they do not view many of the communications with the MFFN CAR Project team to be meaningful consultation	■ Email ■ Letter	Status: Ongoing ■ On May 17 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Reports, via an email and letter. The letter also acknowledged the issue reiterated by Fort Albany First Nation regarding the lack of meaningful communication related to the MFFN CAR Project, and noted that the Project Team will continue to share information and opportunities in order to keep Fort Albany First Nation informed about the Project. ■ On May 30 and 31, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up with Fort Albany First Nation via	■ 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.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action - Fort Albany First Nation				
Topic / Issue Raised	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed in the EA / IS**
			email and phone call to confirm if the responses had been received. Action: ■ Follow up with Fort Albany First Nation to determine how to make consultation efforts more meaningful to the community.	
Consultation Methods, COVID-19, Consultation Methods, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Provincial EA Process, Federal IA Process	COVID-19 and Engagement ■ Fort Albany First Nation noted limited engagement opportunities in the community due to COVID-19 since March 2020. ■ Noted their ongoing concerns with COVID-19 in their ToR comments. ■ Cancelled planned focus group engagement due to community lock-down restrictions in early fall of 2020. ■ Continue to note the challenges of COVID-19 throughout 2021. ■ Fort Albany First Nation re-instated travel restrictions in December 2021 and January 2022 in response to the Omicron wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.	■ Email ■ Letter ■ In-person meeting	Status: Ongoing ■ A response letter was provided to Fort Albany First Nation, via email on October 22, 2020 which noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team is committed to taking the lead from communities on the best way to engage with them virtually. The response also noted that MFFN CAR Project Team would be available to meet or participate with community engagement activities virtually once safe to do so. ■ MFFN CAR Project Team participated virtually in a Fort Albany First Nation community event in November 2020. ■ In November 2021, the MFFN CAR Project Team presented, in person, at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM. Chief Robert Nakogee was in attendance and offered for the MFFN CAR Project Team to come to their community. ■ MFFN CAR offered to coordinate an in-person meeting with Fort Albany First Nation in a letter sent on January 25, 2023. ■ Regular communication has been ongoing and continues to occur between Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel and MFFN CAR Project Consultants. Sarah Beamish is relaying important information between Chief Nakogee and the MFFN CAR Project Team. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will follow up with Sarah Beamish to regarding their offer for an in-person meeting with Chief and Council. The MFFN CAR Project Team will also continue efforts to engage and find ways to connect with Fort Albany First Nation.	■ 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. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to work with Fort Albany First Nation to confirm the best way to consult and engage community members during the EA / IA.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action - Fort Albany First Nation				
Topic / Issue Raised	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed in the EA / IS**
Consultation Methods, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Mitigation, Compensation, Accommodation	Pandemic, Responses Timelines and Funding ■ On July 23 2021, Fort Albany First Nation noted that they had not completed an IK study or traditional land use study due to the COVID-19 pandemic, insufficient response timelines, capacity funding, and provided information is not detailed enough to support a meaningful response. ■ On February 3, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation confirmed that they would review the IK Program Schedule and Reporting Update letter and IK Funding Agreement, and get back to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant with their feedback. ■ On March 6, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation provided revisions to the template IK Funding Agreement. ■ On March 9, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation confirmed that MFFN CAR's revised version of the IK Funding Agreement was received and will be reviewed. On March 28, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation reiterated that they will provide a response to the revisions soon.	■ Email ■ Letter ■ Phone	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team responded to the July 23, 2021 letter on September 7, 2021, noting that the MFFN CAR Project Team is committed to continuously improving engagement and the ways in which Project information is shared. Information on field studies has been provided through E-Blasts, Field Notices and Field Study Discussion Guides. The MFFN CAR Project Team remains open to providing more detailed information upon request. Comment period deadlines are intended to facilitate informed review and allowing field crews to incorporate provided feedback into field programs. ■ It was also noted that the province is providing Fort Albany First Nation funding through the Provincial Transfer Funding Agreement, which is in place. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided Fort Albany First Nation the IK Funding Agreement for review on July 26, 2021, and sent follow up emails May 9 and May 25, 2022. Additionally, information about attaining funding through the Community Coordinator Program was provided on March 22, May 5, 9, and 25, and November 15, 2022. ■ On February 3, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent the IK Program Schedule and Reporting Update letter, and resent the template IK Funding Agreement to Fort Albany First Nation. ■ On March 6, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that Fort Albany First Nation's IK Funding Agreement revisions have been received. The MFFN CAR Project Team returned the IK Funding Agreement to Fort Albany First Nation with additional edits on March 9, 2023, and sent a follow up email and phone call on March 28, 2023. Action: ■ Continue to work with Fort Albany First Nation to engage in the IK Program as well as available funding opportunities, including the IK Funding Agreement and the Community Coordinator Program.	■ Opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action - Fort Albany First Nation				
Topic / Issue Raised	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed in the EA / IS**
Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology)	Stage 2 Archaeology Scope ■ On March 28, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation provided a response to the MFFN CAR Archaeology Reports. In these comments, it was noted that Stage 2 of the Archaeology Assessment was limited, due to restricted field work to potential river crossings. It was requested that the MFFN CAR Project team explain why the recommendations regarding the scope of the Stage 2 Assessment were not followed, and share plans for further Stage 2 assessment.	■ Letter ■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ On March 29, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Archaeology Reports was received, and that a response was in the process of being drafted. Action: ■ Respond to Fort Albany First Nation's comments regarding the Archaeology Reports.	■ Feedback provided will be documented in the EA / IS.
Employment	Community Coordinator Program ■ Fort Albany First Nation inquired if the Community Coordinator Program funding was still available on August 18, 2022	■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant responded to explain that Community Coordinator funding is still available and a follow-up email about the Community Coordinator Program was sent on September 22, 2022. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reminded Fort Albany First Nation that the Community Coordinator employment position is still available on November 15, 2022 and again on May 17, 2023. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team to follow up on Fort Albany First Nation's interest in joining the Community Coordinator Program.	■ The EA / IS will document the ways in which the community was engaged in the process including the role of the Community Coordinator, if applicable.
Field Studies, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Cumulative Effects	Cumulative Impact Assessments ■ On July 23 2021, Fort Albany First Nation shared concerns regarding the limited scope and timeline of cumulative impact assessments and asked how historical	■ Email ■ Letter	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team responded to the July 23, 2021 letter on September 7, 2021. This response noted that in addition to data collected through field programs, additional sourced of information will be reviewed to inform existing baseline information and effects to valued components during each Project phase at the Project, local and regional scale. IK will also inform the EA. It was	■ The MFFN CAR Project will continue to share information with Fort Albany First Nation regarding cumulative effects and baseline studies throughout the EA / IA.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action - Fort Albany First Nation				
Topic / Issue Raised	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed in the EA / IS**
	information will inform baseline studies and cumulative impact assessments.		also noted the cumulative effects assessment will consider past and existing anthropogenic developments as well as reasonably foreseeable future activities. Action: ■ Continue to share information with Fort Albany First Nation regarding cumulative effects and baseline studies.	
Field Studies, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Cumulative Effects	Field Program Participation ■ On July 23, 2021, Fort Albany First Nation noted their interest in physically participating in the MFFN CAR Field Programs.	■ Email ■ Letter	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team responded to the July 23, 2021 letter on September 7, 2021. This response noted that as a community-led Project, participation opportunities are focused on MFFN community members. Additionally, as field study sites are accessed by helicopter or fixed wing aircraft, there are limited positions available for participation. The letter included a schedule of anticipated field programs. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team continues to provide monthly Project updates and Field Study Program notices to Fort Albany First Nation. Action: ■ Continue to work with Fort Albany First Nation to engage in upcoming Field Study Programs, as opportunities arise.	■ Opportunities to provide feedback on field programs in advance of them starting will be carried forward into the EA / IA.
Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	IK Funding Agreement ■ Fort Albany First Nation provided a signed version of the IKSA on May 26, 2022; however, the IK Funding Agreement has not been signed. ■ On February 3, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation confirmed that they would review the IK Funding Agreement and get back to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant with their feedback. ■ On March 9, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation confirmed	■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ IK timelines, schedule and the IKSA were shared with Fort Albany First Nation in January 2022. ■ Follow-up emails on the status of the IK Sharing and Funding Agreements were sent on May 9 and May 25, 2022. ■ On February 3, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant resent the template IK Funding Agreement to Fort Albany First Nation. ■ On March 6, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that Fort Albany First Nation's IK Funding Agreement revisions have been received. The MFFN CAR Project Team returned the IK Funding Agreement to Fort Albany First Nation with additional edits on March 9, 2023, and sent a follow up email on March 28, 2023.	■ The results of ongoing efforts to sign the IK Funding Agreement will be documented in the EA / IS.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action - Fort Albany First Nation				
Topic / Issue Raised	**Specific Issue / Comment Raised**	**Communication Channel**	**Response / Action**	**Addressed in the EA / IS**
	that MFFN CAR's revised version of the IK Funding Agreement was received and will be reviewed. On March 28, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation reiterated that they will provide a response to the revisions soon.		Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team to follow up on the outstanding IK Funding Agreement that has not yet been signed	
Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	IKSA Program Agreement ■ Discussions surrounding the details of the IKSA have been ongoing between both parties since August 24, 2020, when the first proposed amendments were submitted by Fort Albany First Nation. ■ Fort Albany First Nation provided their updates on the IKSA to the MFFN CAR Project Team on September 2, 2021. ■ Fort Albany First Nation provided a signed version of the IKSA on May 26, 2022.	■ Email	Status: Closed ■ On April 21, 2022, the MFFN CAR Project Team sent the final updated version of the Fort Albany First Nation IKSA. Two versions of the IKSA were sent: a clean version and tracked changes version. It was noted that if Fort Albany First Nation is agreeable to this version, the Project Team would be ready to sign the document. ■ Follow-up emails on the status of the IK Sharing and Funding Agreements were sent on May 9 and May 25, 2022. ■ On July 28, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant let Fort Albany First Nation know they were following up with the MFFN CAR Project Team to complete the IKSA. ■ The fully executed IKSA was sent to Fort Albany on August 5, 2022.	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to work with Fort Albany First Nation to finalize the IKSA during EA / IA.
Lands, Territory, and Title, Land and Resource Use	Traditional Territory ■ On March 28, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation provided a response to the MFFN CAR Archaeology Reports. In these comments, it was noted that the reports should acknowledge the traditional uses of lands and waters in the study area by non-Matawa First Nations.	■ Letter ■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ On March 29, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Archaeology Reports was received, and that a response was in the process of being drafted. Action: ■ Respond to Fort Albany First Nation's comments regarding the Archaeology Reports.	■ Feedback provided will be documented in the EA / IS.

Consultation and Engagement Log - Fort Albany First Nation						
Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**In**	**Out**	**Contact Name (Title)**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
July 06, 2022	Email		x	■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Colby Bilodeau (Consultant) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant responded to the request for spatial data relating to the Project from Guy Polden, Senior Researcher, The Firelight Group. The following shapefiles and KMZ files were attached to the email: Project Development Area (New), ATRI Local Study Area (Updated) and the ATRI Regional Study Area (Original – no updates). The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that more information can be provided as it becomes available.
July 07, 2022	Email	x		■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Colby Bilodeau (Consultant) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakogee (Deputy Chief) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received thanks from Guy Polden, Senior Researcher, The Firelight Group regarding the request for Project spatial data. Guy Polden noted that data updates and modifications will help keep their maps up to date and be helpful for their interviews.
July 14, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Fort Albany First Nation 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	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the July E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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.

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Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**In**	**Out**	**Contact Name (Title)**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
July 27, 2022	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Fort Albany First Nation Band Administration Office to discuss and seek participation in the Engagement Questionnaire to understand the topics of most interest to Fort Albany First Nation and gather input on the best ways to keep Fort Albany First Nation informed on Project updates and activities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultation discussed the had a discussion with Fort Albany First Nation Administration staff about the engagement Questionnaire with a staff member. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow up summary email of the conversation, but was informed that this was not a designated contact for Fort Albany First Nation and should not be included in the record of consultation.
July 28, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow-up email to Fort Albany First Nation key contacts requesting participation in the Engagement Questionnaire to understand the topics of most interest to Fort Albany First Nation and gather input on the best ways to keep Fort Albany First Nation informed on Project updates and activities. A link to the questionnaire was provided with a request for completion by August 12, 2022. The Engagement Questionnaire details of this email are not to be included in the official consultation record for the First Nation and have been removed by request from Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they are continuing to follow up with the Project Team regarding the outstanding IKSA.
July 28, 2022	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel to note that requests regarding the Engagement Questionnaire should be directed through the designated contacts provided by Fort Albany First Nation to the MFFN CAR Project Team. Sarah Beamish further noted that any feedback provided by Fort Albany First Nation staff not on the key contacts list for Fort Albany should be disregarded and not included in the formal record of consultation for the Project.

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July 29, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program Notice to Fort Albany First Nation noting that the program is starting in September. The notice was attached to the email. Questions, comments or feedback were requested through the Discussion Guide, and a link to a video was also provided.
August 05, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent the fully executed IKSA to Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel.
August 17, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant distributed an IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles to Fort Albany First Nation via email. The memo provided information on updates to the ATRI Study Areas. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided information on the IK Program schedule.
August 18, 2022	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel asking to confirm whether or not the Community Coordinator Program funding was still available for Fort Albany First Nation if they wish to apply.
August 18, 2022	Email	x		■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Justin Page, Fort Albany First Nation with questions regarding the EA / IA timeline and the opportunity to review and comment.

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August 18, 2022	Email		x	■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Justin Page, Fort Albany First Nation for his email and stated that they respond as soon as possible.
August 19, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed with Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel that the Community Coordinator Program funding is available for Fort Albany First Nation and will be until the final EA / IA is submitted. Three options for moving forward with this process were presented. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also asked if the community had a candidate in mind and that MFFN CAR Project Team could support the hiring process.
August 19, 2022	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel noting that there is no decision on the Community Coordinator Program yet. Sarah Beamish noted that there is an election happening October 1, 2022 and it is possible that new Council will decide to move forward with the program and therefore, wanted to ensure the funding is available.
August 19, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel for clarification regarding the Community Coordinator Program and asked to be kept in the loop as things progress following the upcoming election.
August 19, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the August E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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.

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September 16, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a field programs update to Fort Albany First Nation. The email noted that there may be an increase in helicopters in the area and field crews accessing sites. The following programs will be completed this fall: Aerial Waterfowl Migration Survey (September 27 – 29, 2022), Physiography and Terrain Surveys (September 26 – October 8, 2022), Groundwater and Geochemistry Program (ongoing until November 10, 2022), Ungulates Remote Camera Check (October 21 – 28, 2022) and Caribou Mortality Investigation (if needed). Links were provided to field notices for Groundwater and Geochemistry, Physiography and Terrain, and Aerial Waterfowl Migration. Field programs will continue in 2023, with more updates to follow. Links were provided for Discussion Guides where knowledge can be shared in relation to the field programs.
September 22, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, to follow up about the Community Coordinator Program and to suggest setting up a meeting with the new Chief and Council to discuss future engagement for the Project.
September 29, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the September E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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

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						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.
October 03, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Justin Page, Fort Albany First Nation Project Consultant, to respond to his questions about the EA / IS timeline and process. The response explained that the EA / IS will be submitted in the summer of 2025, and that the document will be available to review once it is submitted.
October 04, 2022	Email	x		■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Justin Page, Fort Albany First Nation Project Consultant, to ask if the MFFN CAR Project Team will seek an extension of the three-year timeline for submitting the IS to IAAC.
November 02, 2022	Email		x	■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed a Consultant for Fort Albany First Nation to confirm the MFFN CAR Project Team will be seeking an extension of the three-year timeline for submitting the IS to IAAC.
November 02, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief) ■ Charlotte Nakochee (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the October E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation 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

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						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 09, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Robert Nakogee (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to inquire about whether Fort Albany's contact information needs to be updated for their new Chief and Council.
November 09, 2022	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel), ■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received and email from Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, confirming the contact information for Fort Albany First Nation's new Chief and Council.
November 10, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, thanking her for confirming the contact information for Fort Albany First Nation's new Chief and Council.
November 10, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief), ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief), ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a notice to Fort Albany First Nation 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.

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November 15, 2022	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, to follow up on the Community Coordinator Program, and 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 Impact Statement extension from IAAC, and the upcoming ATRI workshop. There was no answer so a voicemail was left.
November 15, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed key contacts at Fort Albany First Nation as a follow up to a phone call made November 15, 2022. The email provided updates on the MFFN CAR Project and followed up on the Community Coordinator program. 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 22, 2022	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed an invitation for PIC #4 to Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel), ■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief), ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the November E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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

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						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.
November 28, 2022	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation, 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. The Fort Albany First Nation Consultant did not have time to talk so the MFFN CAR consultant confirmed that a follow-up email would be sent with all of the details.
November 28, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief), ■ Terry Meatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Fort Albany First Nation key contacts 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 7 and Geraldton on December 8, and the upcoming webinar about Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat on November 29.
December 01, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice to Fort Albany First Nation. The notice includes anticipated timing for upcoming field programs including furbearer winter tracking surveys, winter ungulate aerial surveys, wolverine hair snag surveys, bird Autonomous Recording Unit Program, Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation Program and Groundwater and Geochemistry Program. An update will be provided when exact dates are confirmed. Links to videos on ungulates, furbearers, groundwater and more were included.

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January 06, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor))	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the drafted Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report to Fort Albany First Nation 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. Fort Albany First Nation was asked to make any edits or comments to their community-specific section by January 31, 2023. The reports will then be finalized and shared publicly with the draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team offered to answer any questions or schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and timeline. A response was requested that the email was received and the documents could be viewed / downloaded successfully.
December 06, 2022	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Sarah Beamish confirming that Fort Albany has received the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement and Milestone #1 Report documents. It was also noted that the original email was addressed to the former Chief, and that Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit is the new Chief for Fort Albany First Nation.
December 07, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor), ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Sarah Beamish thanking her for her confirmation that Fort Albany First Nation has received the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement and Milestone #1 Report documents. The email also included an apology for addressing the former Chief instead of Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit.
December 07, 2022	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor), ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for PIC #4 to Fort Albany First Nation 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

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						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	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Fort Albany First Nation 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	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish to thank Fort Albany First Nation for confirming that the Record of Consultation and Engagement and the Milestone #1 Progress Report was received. It was noted that the deadline to provide edits and comments to the reports is January 31, 2023.
December 20, 2022	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the December E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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.

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January 06, 2023	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, to remind Fort Albany First Nation that comments on the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report are due January 31, 2023. There was no answer so a voicemail was left.
January 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (C Technical Advisor)) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor)) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor))	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Webinar to Fort Albany First Nation. 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 13, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor)) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor))	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an invitation for an upcoming ATRI Forum. The ATRI Forum is to be held in Thunder Bay on February 8 and 9, 2023. The invitation provided information on the Forum including purpose, funding, contact information, the preliminary agenda and how to RSVP. The purpose is to create a respectful, culturally-sensitive, and collaborative space to develop an understanding of ATRI in the Project area. Funding would be provided by the Province for up to 3 community representatives to attend. Cultural Heritage and Archaeology members of the team will be at the Forum to discuss the Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Program with participations.

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January 17, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Vegetation & Physiography Webinar to Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit to introduce Fort Albany First Nation's new Chief and Council to the MFFN CAR Project. The email included an introduction letter from the MFFN CAR Project Team which provided a summary about the Project and offered to meet with the new Chief and Council to discuss the Project further.
January 25, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to remind Fort Albany First Nation that comments on the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report are due January 31, 2023. The email also provided a reminder about the upcoming ATRI forum taking place on February 8 and 9, 2023.
January 25, 2023	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Justin Page to request that the mailing list be updated to add Guy Polden and remove Alistair Macdonald and Steve Deroy from Fort Albany First Nation key contacts.
January 25, 2023	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Justin Page to confirm that the contact list has been updated to add Guy Polden and remove Alistair Macdonald and Steve DeRoy from Fort Albany First Nation key contacts.

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January 27, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher) ■ Alistair MacDonald (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the January E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. The E-Blast included an overview of the Archaeological Assessment Report to be shared with Indigenous communities, Provincial Territorial Organizations and Tribal Councils in early February. MFFN Field Support Staff participated in Wilderness Survival Training and will accompany MFFN CAR Project Consultants on upcoming field studies. The PIC #4 feedback deadline was extended to February 10, 2023, links to the engagement materials and to submit feedback were included. The ATRI Forum in Thunder Bay on February 8 and 9, 2023 was noted and contact information was included. The E-Blast noted the Timeline Extension for the IS was approved and the submission date has been shifted to July 24, 2026. Winter field study updates on furbearer winter tracking surveys, the Autonomous Recording Units Program and Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys were included.
February 01, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a reminder about the upcoming ATRI Forum. The ATRI Forum is to be held in Thunder Bay on February 8 and 9, 2023. The invitation provided information on the Forum including purpose, funding, contact information, the preliminary agenda and how to RSVP. The purpose is to create a respectful, culturally-sensitive, and collaborative space to develop an understanding of ATRI in the Project area. Funding would be provided by the Province for up to 3 community representatives to attend. Cultural Heritage and Archaeology members of the team will be at the Forum to discuss the Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Program with participations.

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February 03, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Reports to Fort Albany First Nation. The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report documents the potential for archaeological sites in the proposed area of impact. This includes a review of mapping, previous archaeological reports, a visual inspection and any information collected from Indigenous communities. The report also evaluates potential effects of the CAR on cultural heritage and will be used to support recommendations regarding cultural heritage values or interests and impact management strategies. The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report looks at two specific areas identified in the Stage 1 report. The fieldwork involved physical testing of two locations next to the Albany and Ogoki Rivers and was completed in the fall of 2019. Further Stage 2 assessments will be completed once the preferred route is selected. Another report will be prepared and circulated for Indigenous community review once the field work is completed. Feedback and comments on both Stage 1 and 2 reports was requested by March 31, 2023. An offer was made to set up a meeting and discuss the reports. A link to the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage webinar was included.
February 03, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to inquire if Fort Albany First Nation needs more time to provide comments on the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report. The email provided a link to the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement and Milestone #1 Report.
February 03, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ 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 Fort Albany First Nation via email where they highlighted key Project schedule updates including upcoming draft baseline 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 Indigenous Land and Resource Use by June 30, 2023. They also advised that the MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to support

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						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).
February 03, 2023	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received and email from Sarah Beamish confirming that the IK Program Timeline and Update letter was received and will be reviewed by Fort Albany First Nation.
February 08, 2023	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which noted that Fort Albany First Nation would discuss the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement and Milestone #1 Report the following week. It was noted that Sarah Beamish would follow up with the MFFN CAR Project Consultant once the report is discussed.
February 15, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ 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.
February 16, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to thank Sarah Beamish for the update on Fort Albany First Nation's review of the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report. It was noted that Fort Albany First Nation should provide their comments as soon as possible, as the reports will be finalized soon.

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February 21, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Socio-Economic Studies Part I Webinar to Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Steve DeRoy (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the February E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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.
February 28, 2023	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel, requesting to arrange a phone call to discuss Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report.
March 01, 2023	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to coordinate a phone call to discuss Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report.
March 01, 2023	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish to provide her phone number for the phone call that was arranged to discuss Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report.

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March 01, 2023	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation to thank Sarah Beamish for providing a phone number for the upcoming phone call.
March 01, 2023	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish to discuss Fort Albany First Nation's review of the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report. Sarah noted that due to limited capacity, Fort Albany First Nation is unable to do a line by line review, and therefore the comments provided should not be considered extensive. Sarah also inquired about what types of comments the MFFN CAR Project Team would be looking for, and asked if it was necessary to duplicate comments that have been made in the past. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that a follow-up email will be sent to respond to these questions.
March 01, 2023	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to follow up on their phone call regarding Fort Albany First Nation's review of the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Report. The email noted that it is understood that due to limited capacity, Fort Albany First Nation is unable to do a line by line review of the reports, and therefore the comments provided should not be considered extensive. The email also provided insight into about what types of comments the MFFN CAR Project Team would be looking for, as per Sarah's request, as well as ways that Fort Albany First Nation could focus their review. The email also responded to Sarah's question about whether it was necessary to duplicate comments that have been made in the past. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that comments made in the past are still being tracked, but that duplicate comments are welcome if Fort Albany First Nation chooses to provide them.
March 06, 2023	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which provided Fort Albany First Nation's comments regarding the draft Interim RoCE. A letter was attached which provided requests to fix several minor errors and throughout the report, and provided a comment stating that Fort Albany First Nation does not consider many of the communications from the MFFN CAR Project Team as meaningful consultation. The letter

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						also noted that due to staff turnover and lack of capacity, the comments provided in the letter are made without prejudice to any further comments Fort Albany First Nation may later make.
March 06, 2023	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which provided Fort Albany First Nation's proposed edits to the draft IK Funding Agreement.
March 06, 2023	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish which noted that the MFFN CAR project team would review Fort Albany First Nation's proposed revisions to the IK Funding Agreement.
March 09, 2023	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish which provided the MFFN CAR Project Team's proposed revisions to Fort Albany First Nation's edited version of the IK Funding Agreement. The email noted that the revisions could be discussed at the upcoming meeting regarding the NRL IKSA.
March 09, 2023	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which confirmed that Fort Albany First Nation will review the MFFN CAR Project Team's revisions to the draft IK Funding Agreement. It was noted that the aforementioned meeting regarding the NRL IKSA has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.
March 09, 2023	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to thank Sarah Beamish for the update regarding the cancelled NRL IKSA meeting and Fort Albany First Nation's review of MFFN CAR Project Team's proposed revisions to the draft IK Funding Agreement.

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March 09, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Webinar to Fort Albany First Nation. 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 21, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Birds Webinar to Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ 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 Fort Albany First Nation 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).

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March 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats Webinar to Fort Albany First Nation. 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 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to follow up on Fort Albany First Nation's review of MFFN CAR Project Team's proposed revisions to the draft IK Funding Agreement.
March 28, 2023	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish to remind Fort Albany First Nation about the upcoming deadline to provide comments on the Archaeology Reports, which were distributed on February 3, 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also followed up about Fort Albany First Nation's review of the revised IK Funding Agreement, which was sent on March 9, 2023. There was no answer so a voicemail was left noting the reason for the call.
March 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to remind Fort Albany First Nation about the upcoming deadline to provide comments on the Archaeology Reports, which were distributed on February 3, 2023. The email also followed up about Fort Albany First Nation's review of the revised IK Funding Agreement, which was sent on March 9, 2023.
March 28, 2023	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which provided Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Archaeology Reports. A letter was attached which provided comments regarding the limitations of the Stage 2 Assessment scope, and the need to acknowledge / take into account the use of land within study area by non-Matawa First Nations. The email also noted that Sarah Beamish will follow up about the IK Funding Agreement revisions shortly.

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April 04, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the March E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Spring 2023 Field Notice to Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the April E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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 02, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow up email to Fort Albany First Nation, 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

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					■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	completed by the end of 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant 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 Consultant also offered to organize a meeting to discuss the IK Program and project schedule, and to answer any questions that Fort Albany First Nation has.
May 17, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email and letter to Sarah Beamish which provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the RoCE and Milestone #1 Reports. The letter responded to comments about the lack of capacity to provide an in-depth review of the reports by noting that participant funding provided by the Government of Ontario covers the review of these reports, as well as future Progress Reports. The letter also noted that additional funding is available through the MFFN CAR Community Coordinator Program, as well as the IK Program. The letter responded to several of Fort Albany's proposed revisions regarding the wording of communications, and expressed how the reports will address these revisions. The letter also acknowledged the issue reiterated by Fort Albany First Nation regarding the lack of meaningful communication related to the Project, and noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to share information and opportunities in order to keep Fort Albany First Nation informed about the Project.
May 17, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email noting an error in the file name in the response letter to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback for the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report.

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Communication Date	**Method of Engagement**	**In**	**Out**	**Contact Name (Title)**	**Project Team**	**Summary**
May 17, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to apologize for the error in the file name for the response letter regarding Fort Albany First Nation's feedback for the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report. A letter with the correct file name was attached.
May 30, 2023	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish to request confirmation that Fort Albany First Nation had received the MFFN CAR Project Team's response to their Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 report comments. The call was also intended to remind Fort Albany First Nation about the upcoming IK milestone on June 30, 2023. Sarah noted that she did not have time to talk, and requested a follow up email instead.
May 31, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Senior Researcher)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation to follow up about a phone call from the previous day. The email requested that Fort Albany First Nation confirm that the MFFN CAR Project Team's response to their Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 report comments was received. The email also reminded Fort Albany First Nation about the upcoming IK milestone, which encourages communities to share IK and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use before June 30, 2023.

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4. References

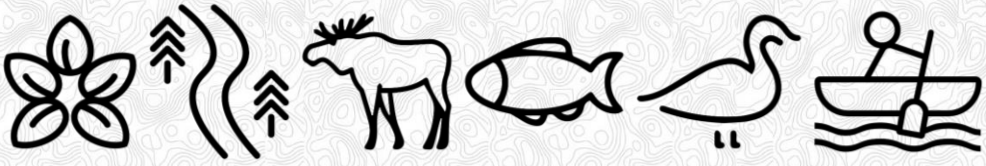
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B6. Fort Albany First Nation

B6.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence
B6.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence



B6.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence

Gmail

Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

Response to Request for spatial data on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation

1 message

Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]> Wed, Jul 6, 2022 at 4:28 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>, [redacted], Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, [redacted], [redacted], [redacted]
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Dear Guy Polden,

Thank you so much for your patience with us as we work to respond to your request. We have been busy updating our Project Development Area (PDA) for the MFFN CAR Project. The proposed PDA now takes into account potential aggregate sites, temporary construction camp locations, and construction access roads. With the updated Project Development Area comes updates to the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Local Study Area. An ATRI Study Area Update Memo will be circulated to all Indigenous communities shortly that further outlines the updates. In the meantime, we have attached the shapefiles and KMZ files for the:

- Project Development Area (New)
- ATRI Local Study Area (Updated)
- ATRI Regional Study Area (Original – no updates)

Please note, we are still early in the EA process and we have provided the most current information we have and will share more as it becomes available.

The following is additional response to your requests where you wrote:

We will need to narrow the geographic scope of our study on the areas affected by the Project, and we would like to receive the most up to date GIS data for the maximum extent of the project "Footprint", which should include:

1. Centreline and footprint for the road as well all other areas of disturbance. This should include all areas of planned or potential ground and water disturbance and any related maintenance areas; areas of clearing involving heavy equipment; waste dump areas; camp, administration and all other infrastructure facilities; water course crossing locations and drainage control activities; or any other areas that may be compacted, removed or otherwise disturbed). - We have included all currently available information in the package as well as the updated PDA. This includes:
    - 100m ROW centered on the latest route (Original)
    - 10 m wide access roads to the aggregate sites centred on the routes (New)
    - Aggregate sites mapped to their full extent (New)
    - Camps (new)

2. All areas where brush or timber or other vegetation will be cleared, removed or inhibited from growth. - We will provide this information as it becomes available.

3. All areas where access will be controlled, gated, or monitored, including check in points, gates, fences or other restricted areas. – We will provide this information as it becomes available.

4. Kilometre markers for road segments. – We do not have this information yet.

If you could share these in shapefile or KMZ format, I would be very grateful. – We have attached this information in both shapefile and KMZ for you.

Again, thank you for your interest and we hope this information is helpful and we look forward to providing you with more information as it becomes available.

One thing to note is if the KMZ is opened in Google Earth the PDA may not be visible because of Google vertices limitation. An alternative software to use is ArcGIS Earth, which is free to download. https://www.esri.com/en-us/arcgis/products/arcgis-earth/resources

Sincerely,

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Jessica Wakefield, MES
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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Engagement Questionnaire

Jessica Wakefield <[redacted] Thu, Jul 28, 2022 at 11:16 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted], Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>, [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted]
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Hello Chief Nakogee and [redacted]

I hope this email finds you well.

I reached out yesterday to understand the topics of most interest to the Fort Albany First Nation (e.g., wildlife, fish, water) for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project. I also wanted to learn the best ways to keep your community 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 your community informed.

[redacted] Here is the Link to the questionnaire. We ask that you please fill it out by **August 12, 2022**. Please reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have about the questionnaire.

Aside from the engagement questionnaire I also wanted to note that we are continuing to follow up with the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team regarding the IK Sharing Agreement for your community and will be in touch about the community coordinator program once the agreement is signed.

Thank you for your time,

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Jessica Wakefield, MES
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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Engagement Questionnaire

Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]> Thu, Jul 28, 2022 at 12:55 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: chief@fortalbany.ca, Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for the clarification, the conversation will not be part of the official consultation. My apologies for this mistake on my end and thank you for your continued patience as I transition into this role.

I would like to invite Chief Nakogee and the Fort Albany First Nation contacts to fill out the engagement questionnaire. Here is the Link to the questionnaire.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to help the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project Team understand the topics of most interest to your community (e.g., wildlife, fish, water). We also want input on the best ways to keep your community informed and gather your insights, feedback and perspectives throughout the Environmental Assessment and Impact Statement planning processes for the Community Access Road.

We ask that you fill it out by **August 12, 2022**.

Once again, thank you for your patience.

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

MFFN CAR - Fort Albany IK Sharing Agreement

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> Fri, Aug 5, 2022 at 7:36 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Robert Nakogee <[redacted]>, Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>, "Cinnamon, Christine" <[redacted]>, Avril Fisken <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

Please see attached signed IK Sharing Agreement for your records. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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

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Clayton Coppaway, M.Sc.
SOAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR IK Program ATRI Study Plan Update

1 message

Nokleby, Andrea <[redacted]> Wed, Aug 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM
To: Chief [redacted], [redacted], [redacted]
Cc: Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>, [redacted], Alistair Macdonald <[redacted]>, Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Steve DeRoy <[redacted]>

Good Morning Chief Nakogee,

I hope this email finds you and your community well and that you are enjoying your summer.

We are reaching out to provide you with an update on the Indigenous Knowledge Program for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. The MFFN Project Team has been hard at work planning for the Project and has further defined the Project Development Area. The proposed Project Development Area now takes into account potential aggregate sites, temporary construction camp locations, and construction access roads. With the updated Project Development Area comes updates to the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Local Study Area.

We have previously sent the revised Study Areas to Fort Albany First Nation to assist you with the IK work your community is currently undertaking. However, we wanted to make sure you are included in all correspondence related to the IK Program. Attached is a Memo "***Update on the Proposed Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Study Areas"*** outlining these updates. We have also reattached the revised GIS Shapefiles for your reference.

Earlier this year we also provided a high level schedule for the Indigenous Knowledge Program where we targeted June 30, 2022 as a key date for the Project-specific Indigenous Knowledge/Indigenous Land and Resource Use Studies to help inform the early stages of the assessment processes - this date has passed but our Indigenous Knowledge Program is ongoing. We are continuing to work with communities to share information and complete the Project-specific Studies.

We would be happy to meet with you and representatives of your community to further discuss the Indigenous Knowledge Program or answer any questions you may have.

Thank you and have a good day,

Andrea

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2 attachments

Revised ATRI Study Area Update - August 2022.pdf
3454K

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13854K

Update on the Proposed Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Study Areas

August 2022

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

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

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

What is a Study Area?

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

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

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

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

Revised ATRI Study Areas

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

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

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

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

Your Knowledge is Important to Us!

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

We hope you and your community are safe and well.

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

Figure 2: Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Regional Study Area

Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interest Study Area Shapefiles

DISTRICT OF KENORA

Albany River

Marten Falls 65

Gourlie Creek

Wabimeig Lake

ALBANY RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK

Dark River

Makokibatan Lake

Stream

Calbert Creek

DISTRICT OF COCHRANE

DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY

Komushikoba River

Askawamattawa Creek

Little Current River

La Rose Creek

Ogoki Lake

OGOKI RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK (WATERWAY CLASS)

LITTLE CURRENT RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK

Wunnummin Lake
Winisk Lake
Wunnumin 1
Webequie
Windsor Lake
Missisa Lake
Neskantaga
Fort Hope 64
Marten Falls 65
English River 66
Aroland First Nations
Whitesand
Armstrong
Nakina
Constance Lake 92
Long Lake 58
Lake Nipigon
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Reserve
Ginoogaming First Nation
Hearst
Hornepayne
Map Location

Legend

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

Route Label

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

General Features

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

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

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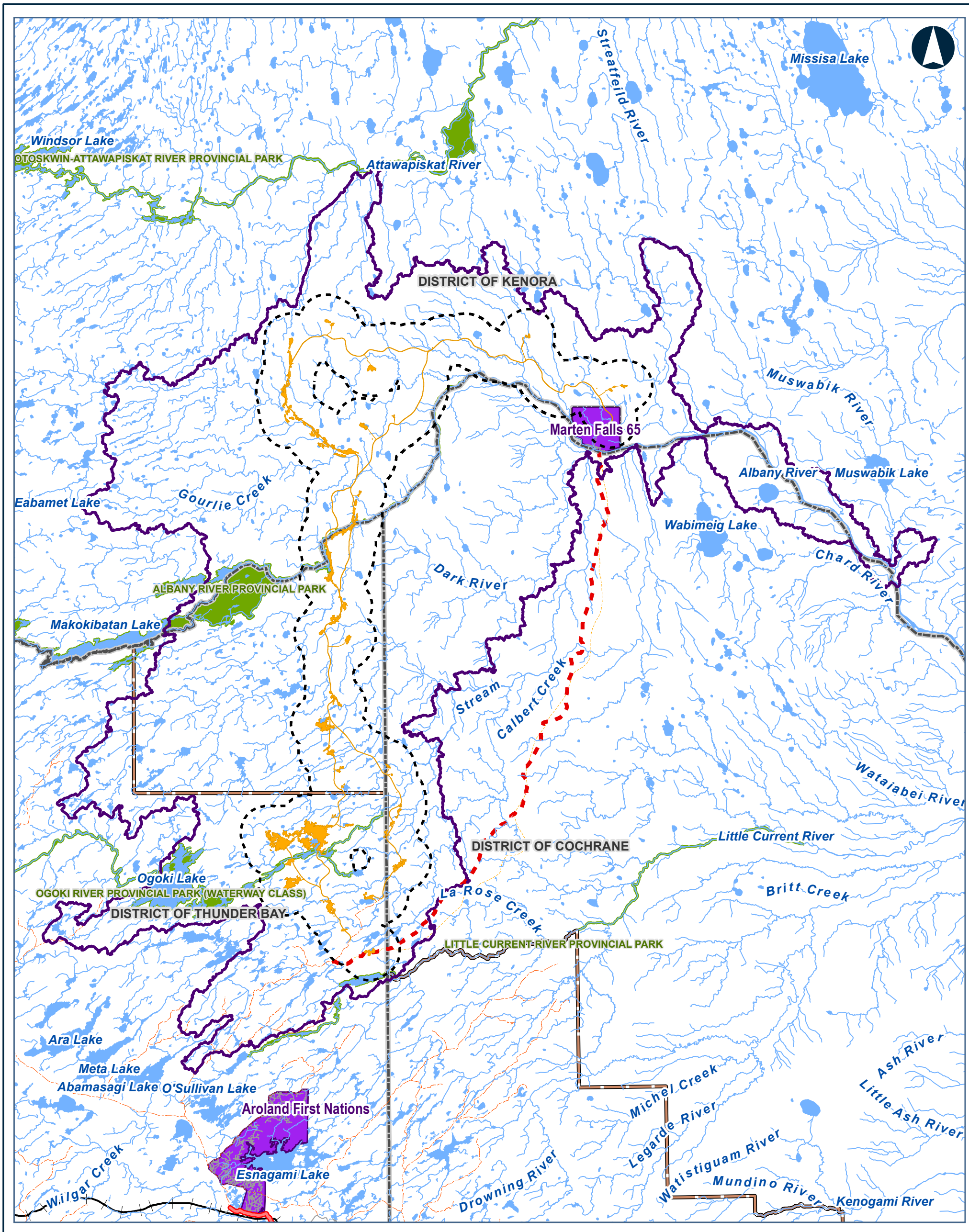
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Legend

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

General Features

- Highway
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Winter Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- Service Road
- Rapid Transit
- Alleyway
- Existing Winter Access Road
- Railway
- Watercourse
- First Nation Reserve
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Study Areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Discipline

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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

Re: MFCAR EA/IS timeline

1 message

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 6:47 PM
To: Justin Page <[redacted]>
Cc: Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hi Justin,

Thanks so much for your email. I'll get you answers to these questions as soon as possible.

Clayton

Sent from my iPhone

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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

Fwd: MFFN CAR: Funding available for Community Coordinator Program

Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 3:16 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, lawrence baxter <[redacted]>, Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>, "Ross, Kathryn" <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

Thank you so much for your email. I can confirm that the funding will be available and will be so until the final EA/IA is submitted (targeting 2025).

There are a couple options for moving the funding:

- To pay Coordinator directly and bi-weekly; or
- Provide the funding to the First Nation who pays the Coordinator and provides reporting on their work (this would require a funding agreement and reporting schedule)
- the Coordinator would be supervised and would work closely with MFFN CAR staff and would not be expected to speak for the community (as we've mentioned before).

If the community has a candidate in mind already, great, if not we can also support the hiring process as well, if requested.

I am away on vacation for the next week, but Jessica Wakefield and Kathryn Ross (both cc'd) can coordinate with you on this in my absence.

Have a great weekend,

Clayton

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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

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Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]> Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 3:36 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, lawrence baxter <[redacted]>, Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>, "Ross, Kathryn" <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

Thank you for the clarification and for the information on the upcoming election! Please keep us in the loop as things progress.

Take care,
Clayton

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Community Coordinator Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Sep 22, 2022 at 10:41 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Clayton Coppaway [redacted] Qasim Saddique [redacted]
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Hello Sarah,

My name is Jodi Miles and I am emailing you on behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team.

I understand that there is an upcoming election in the community but I wanted to follow up with you to see if you had any further questions about the Community Coordinator program. We also wanted to ask if there would be interest in Fort Albany Chief and Council meeting with the MFFN CAR Project Team after the election to provide an update on the project and discuss what our engagement on the project should look like.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jodi Miles

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR EA/IS timeline and opportunity to review

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Mon, Oct 3, 2022 at 2:43 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Clayton Coppaway [redacted], Jennifer Bruin [redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted] Ingrid Trimble [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted], Alistair Macdonald [redacted], Steven Deroy <[redacted] "Fisken, Avril" [redacted]
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Hello Justin,

On August 18, 2022 you sent an email asking when the target submission date for the combined Environmental Assessment Report and Impact Statement (EA/IS) is, and whether Fort Albany First Nation will have the opportunity to review and comment on these reports before it is formally submitted.

We are currently targeting the summer or fall of 2024 to submit the draft EA/IS document to regulators. Before this draft document is finalized, there will be an opportunity for review by Indigenous communities and the public. We do not anticipate releasing individual chapters of the EA/IS at this time. However, similar to the terms of reference, community-specific records of consultation will be released in advance of submitting the draft EA/IS and final EA/IS.

The target submission date for the final EA/IS document is anticipated to be the summer or fall of 2025, which will allow for required revisions or updates noted during the review period to be incorporated. We are currently updating our website to include an update to the EA/IA schedule and timeline. We will let you know when these updates have been made. Please let me know if you have any other questions, or if you would like to meet with us to discuss the project further.

We understand that Fort Albany First Nation held their elections over the weekend. Please provide any updates and contact information, if applicable, for the new council members you'd like us to keep in the loop on the MFFN CAR Project, as soon as you are able.

Thank you,

Jodi Miles
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MFFN CAR EA/IS timeline and opportunity to review

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Nov 2, 2022 at 2:01 PM
To: Justin Page [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Sarah Beamish [redacted], Clayton [redacted] [redacted], Jennifer Bruin [redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted] Ingrid Trimble [redacted] Chief Robert Nakogee [redacted] Deputy Chief Charlotte [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted] Alistair Macdonald <[redacted] Steven Deroy [redacted], "Fisken, Avril" [redacted] Staketracker@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Hello Justin,

Thank you for your follow up question. We can confirm that the MFFN CAR Project Team will be seeking an extension of the three year timeline for submitting the IS to IAAC. Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

Jodi Miles

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Contact Information Inquiry

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Nov 9, 2022 at 3:27 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Robert Nakogee [redacted] Clayton Coppaway [redacted]
Bcc: [redacted]

Hello Sarah,

I wanted to touch base with you about the contact information for Fort Albany's new Chief and Council. At the moment, the key contact information we have on file for the community's Chief, Council, and Staff is:

Chief Robert Nakogee: [redacted]
Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee: [redacted]
Jacqueline Sutherland: [redacted]

I understand that Elizabeth Kataquapit is the new Chief and that Terry Meatawabin is the new Deputy Chief. I was wondering if the contact information we have needs to be updated to reflect this change, or if the emails and phone numbers can be carried over to the newly elected Chief and Council. Let me know!

Thank you,

Jodi Miles
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, [redacted]

MFFN CAR Contact Information Inquiry

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Nov 10, 2022 at 8:50 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]

Hi Sarah,

That's great, thank you for letting me know!

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 3:57 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted] Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted]
Cc: Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted] Alistair Macdonald [redacted] Steven [redacted] Clayton Coppaway [redacted] Qasim Saddique [redacted] Jennifer Bruin [redacted]
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Good Afternoon Sarah,

I am following up on the voicemail I left for you today regarding 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.

Community Coordinator Program
The Community Coordinator employment position is still available to Fort Albany First Nation and more information is attached below. If your community has interest in having someone participate in the program, please let me know.

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

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

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

WE'RE HIRING!

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is undertaking a federal Impact Assessment (IA) and provincial environmental assessment (EA) for an all-season access road to our community. To support these studies, we are looking to hire **Community Coordinators**.

Are you a highly motivated person? Do you have strong organizational and relationship building skills? Would you like to work with a great project team and build experience in environmental management?

If so, this could be the role for you!

The Community Coordinator will be a primary point of contact between your community and the MFFN Project Team. We will work closely with you as you help to involve your community in the environmental assessment processes.

Responsibilities

- Coordinate between the MFFN Project Team and community members living in / outside of your community as per your local practices and in collaboration with Chief and Council;
- Provide advice and guidance on appropriate ways to engage your community—in-person (when appropriate to do so), and virtually during COVID-19;
- Keep informed on Community Access Road Project activities (e.g., timelines, documents, events) and communicate relevant Project information to community members;
- Participate in meetings with the Project Team and other Community Coordinators;
- Provide support for community engagement activities related to the Project including:
    - Coordinate and organize logistics for meetings, workshops, events and / or school visits (e.g., book meeting spaces, order refreshments, help with truck / boat rentals and accommodations);
    - Help identify meeting participants and information providers (e.g., youth and / or elders);
    - Assist with meeting facilitation, note taking and meeting minute preparation, and coordinate translation services, if needed; and
    - Organize distributing Project advertisements and notices in your community; either online (e.g., Facebook or posting in community);
- Assist in collecting data / information in your community (e.g., Indigenous Knowledge, community information and socio-economic information);
- Assist in reviewing draft documents, questionnaires or Project updates / information sheets.

This position will receive $25 per hour and is expected to be approximately 16 hours per week for up to 3 years. If you would like to learn more, contact: Jennifer Bruin or James Meyer at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca or 1-800-764-9114.

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MFFN CAR - Public Information Centre #4 and Webinar Series

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Mon, Nov 28, 2022 at 3:43 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted] Alistair Macdonald [redacted] Steven Deroy [redacted] Clayton Coppaway [redacted]

Good Afternoon Sarah,

I hope all is well. I gave you a call today to discuss some project updates, and I am sending this follow up email to provide more details. These updates include:

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

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Consultation and Engagement Reports

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted] Wed, Dec 7, 2022 at 1:24 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Hi Sarah,

Thank you for your note. Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit, our sincere apologies on referencing the former Chief and not addressing the email to you. We had a data entry error and will make sure not to make the same mistake again.

Thank you,

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MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
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Call [redacted]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

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

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Dec 15, 2022 at 4:41 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted] Alistair Macdonald [redacted] Steven Deroy [redacted]
Bcc: [redacted]

Good afternoon Sarah,

I wanted to send a quick email before the holidays to thank you for your confirmation that the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement and the Milestone #1 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) has been received. I also wanted to remind you that any edits or comments to Fort Albany's community specific sections must be done by January 31, 2023, before the reports are finalized and shared publicly with the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement.

As noted in the email sent on December 6, 2022, the following link includes the documents for Fort Albany, to view or download: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VwxdlX85N1XAIeZx6oLALnW5kQfjOpQy?usp=sharing

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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Jodi Miles
Dillon Consulting Limited
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Subject: Save the Date Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Forum - February 2023

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca> Tue, Dec 20, 2022, 9:06 AM
to

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Good Afternoon,

On behalf of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project, please find attached a Save the Date for an upcoming Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Forum to be held in Thunder Bay in early February. Further information to come in January.

We wish you and your community a peaceful holiday and a prosperous New Year!

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ABORIGINAL AND TREATY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD (CAR) • **WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD** (WSR) • **NORTHERN ROAD LINK** (NRL)

SAVE THE DATE

2-DAY
ABORIGINAL AND TREATY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS FORUM

HOSTED BY
THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Thunder Bay
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur St W

February 8 & 9
Travel day: February 7th

The Province will fund up to 2 - 3 Participants from your community to attend in person.
*Funding includes **Travel**, **Accommodation** and **Meals.***

The forum provides a private and inclusive space for representatives of your community to meet with representatives from the Province of Ontario and CAR, NRL, WSR Project Teams to:

- **Develop a shared understanding of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights within each Project area(s)**
- **Identify community-specific contexts and values associated with Aboriginal and Treaty Rights in the Project area(s)**
- **Share information about the Projects**
- **Discuss the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Assessment Processes**

Please note, the purpose of this forum is to discuss Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, and not to collect Indigenous Knowledge.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

A formal invitation with additional details will follow in
January 2023

For further information please contact:

The Province of Ontario: EA.Partipciant.Fund@ontario.ca
CAR: Andrea Nokleby: anokleby@dillon.ca
WSR: Mark Knell: mark.knell@snclavalin.com
NRL: Mishal Naseer: mnaseer@dillon.ca

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

WSR WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

NRL Northern Road Link

Ontario

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

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

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Good Afternoon,

Happy New Year!

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We look forward to seeing you there.

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For further information please contact:

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Introduction Letter

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Jan 25, 2023 at 10:50 AM
To: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted]
Cc: Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted] Sarah Beamish [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Alistair Macdonald <[redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted], Steven Deroy <[redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted], Jennifer Bruin [redacted], Bob Baxter [redacted] Lawrence Baxter [redacted] Kyla Zielbauer [redacted], "Fisken, Avril" [redacted], Ingrid Trimble [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good morning Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit,

I hope you are doing well. My name is Jodi Miles and I am part of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team. I have been Fort Albany First Nation's primary contact for the Community Access Road Project for a few months and wanted to say congratulations on your new position as Chief. I look forward to working with you and Fort Albany First Nation on the Community Access Road Project.

Please see the attached letter from the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team regarding a potential meeting between Fort Albany First Nation Chief and Council and the Community Access Road Project Team.

If you have any questions or comments to share about the Community Access Road Project, please let me know.

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

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Jodi Miles
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January 25, 2023

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Dear Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit,

First, we would like to congratulate you and the other Council members on your recent election win and we wish you and your Council all the best during your term.

As a brief introduction, the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road is a proposed all-season road which will be designed to provide a safe and reliable connection to the provincial highway network for our community; it is a vital life-line for our long-term sustainability, well-being and survival. We would like to note that the proposed Access Road does not include a road to the Ring of Fire and is a separate project from other road projects in the area, such as the Northern Road Link and Webequie Supply Road.

At this time, planning for the Community Access Road is in the early stages of a coordinated Ontario provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and a federal Impact Assessment (IA) process. The EA / IA process will determine the preferred route and identify how the proposed Community Access Road may affect the social, cultural, economic, built and natural environments. To identify the route the road will follow and to understand how best to avoid and / or minimize impacts, data is collected, studies are conducted and people are consulted with. We encourage Fort Albany First Nation's participation in this important planning process, and look forward to understanding your perspective and receiving your input.

The MFFN Community Access Road (CAR) Project Team recognizes that you and the Council are in an important transition period as you take on the leadership of your community. Since 2018, we have been engaging Fort Albany First Nation and would like to offer you and your advisors an opportunity to meet with us to discuss the road Project. We would propose a meeting with the MFFN CAR Project Team at a place and time of your convenience. If you would like to propose some potential meeting date options, we can let you know which time works best for the MFFN CAR Project Team.

Based on the date that is decided upon, we can set up a virtual meeting or arrange for an in-person meeting in your community or in the Thunder Bay or Timmins area; please let us know your preference. We look forward to hearing from you. Your continued engagement and input is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Baxter, Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

Qasim Saddique, Project Director, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

CC:

- Jack Moonias, Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Jennifer Bruin, Technical Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Jacqueline Sutherland, Fort Albany First Nation
- Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel
- Alistair MacDonald, Fort Albany First Nation Consultant
- Steve DeRoy, Fort Albany First Nation Consultant
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

ATRI Forum and Record of Consultation and Engagement Feedback Reminder

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Jan 25, 2023 at 9:12 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted], Alistair Macdonald [redacted] Steven Deroy [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good Morning Sarah,

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team, we wanted to send out two quick reminders for consideration.

ATRI Forum
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Please contact the Province of Ontario [redacted] or Andrea Nokleby [redacted] should you have any further questions about the event or funding to attend.

Report Feedback Deadline
As well, 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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MFFN CAR - ATRI Forum Invitation.pdf
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Cc: Guy Polden [redacted] Alistair Macdonald <[redacted] Steve DeRoy [redacted]
Sarah Beamish [redacted]

Hello Justin,

Thanks for letting me know! Our mailing list has been updated to reflect this change.

Jodi
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Subject: Follow up on the ATRI Forum

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

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Hello,

We are following up on our invitation to the Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Forum hosted by the Province of Ontario in Thunder Bay on February 8 & 9, 2023. If you have not already RSVP'd, it is not too late to do so!

We are re-attaching the invitation for further information on the Forum and additional contact information. Please also join us for dinner and entertainment on the first evening!

We look forward to seeing you there.

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ABORIGINAL AND/OR TREATY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

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

YOU ARE INVITED!

2-DAY ABORIGINAL AND/OR TREATY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS FORUM

HOSTED BY THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Thunder Bay

Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre

555 Arthur Street West

February, 8 & 9 2023

Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation encourage you to participate in a 2-day forum focused on discussing potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests as they relate to the following Projects:

Webequie Supply Road (WSR) • **Northern Road Link** (NRL)

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR)

Participant Funding

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

Additional community representatives are welcome to attend.

Purpose

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

Who Should Attend from your Community

Representatives who are knowledgeable about and comfortable speaking to the Rights and Interests of your community in any of the Project areas are encouraged to attend.

RSVP to ea.participant.fund@ontario.ca by January 27th

(note that you can still attend without an RSVP)

WSR WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

NRL Northern Road Link

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Wednesday, February 8

- **7:00 - 8:45** Breakfast
- **9:00** Welcome and Opening Ceremony
- Purpose/Overview of the Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum
- Presentations on the roles of the Proponent, Crown and Indigenous Communities in understanding and assessing Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests
- Questions & Answers
- **12:00** Lunch
- **1:00** Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Individual Community Breakout Sessions
- Plenary/Group Sessions: Presentations and Activities
- **4:30** End of Day 1 Regroup
- **6:00** Dinner

Thursday, February 9

- **7:00 - 8:45** Breakfast
- **9:00** *Continued* - Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Individual Community Breakout Sessions
- *Continued* - Plenary/Group Sessions: Presentations and Activities
- **12:00** Lunch
- **1:00** *Continued* - Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Individual Community Breakout Sessions
- *Continued* - Plenary/Group Sessions: Presentations and Activities
- **4:30** Regroup: Closing Comments & Next Steps

Community representatives are also invited to meet with members of the Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Teams.

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

Plenary/Group Sessions: For those Participants not in an Individual Breakout Session, we will be hosting a series of presentations and activities in the main Forum area.

In attendance to discuss the Projects and the assessment of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests will be representatives from:

- Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation
- Project Teams for WSR, MFFN CAR, and NRL
- Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
- Province of Ontario
- Consulting Teams: Dillon Consulting Limited, AECOM, SNC-Lavalin

For further information please contact:

The Province of Ontario: ea.participant.fund@ontario.ca
MFFN CAR: Andrea Nokleby: anokleby@dillon.ca
WSR: Michael Fox: michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca
NRL: Mishal Naseer: mnaseer@dillon.ca

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Record of Consultation and Engagement Reports Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Feb 3, 2023 at 2:12 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted]
Guy Polden [redacted]

Dear Sarah,

I'm following up on the two Consultation and Engagement Reports linked below for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. Will Fort Albany First Nation 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.

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

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR IK Program Key Dates

Nokleby, Andrea [redacted] Fri, Feb 3, 2023 at 10:00 AM
To: Chief Leo Metatawabin [redacted] Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Bob Baxter [redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted] Lawrence Baxter [redacted] Jodi Miles [redacted]

Good Morning Chief Kataquapit,

I hope the start of 2023 has found you and your community well. On behalf of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team, please find attached a letter outlining some key dates related to the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program.

We appreciate that we have an IK Sharing Agreement in place with Fort Albany First Nation. In addition, I am attaching the IK Funding Agreement to support Fort Albany First Nation's participation in the IK Program.

If you have any questions on the IK Program or information contained in the letter and agreement please do not hesitate to contact me or members of the Project Team. We would be happy to meet with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss both further.

Also, I apologize but when I include your email address [redacted] it populates a different name - I was unable to change it to your name. I'll see if I can get that fixed for future emails.

Thank you and have a great day,

Andrea

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2 attachments

MFFN CAR Indigenous Knowledge Program Schedule and Reporting Update - February 3, 2023 - Fort Albany First Nation.pdf
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MFFN CAR Indigenous Knowledge Program Funding Agreement.docx
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February 3, 2023

Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit
[redacted]

Re: Indigenous Knowledge Program Schedule and Reporting Update

Dear Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit:

In December 2019, the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) Project Team first introduced an Indigenous Knowledge Program to potentially impacted northern Indigenous communities to support the federal and provincial assessments for the MFFN CAR Project.

The Indigenous Knowledge Program is a critical component for assessing potential project impacts including impacts to Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests. The information generated through the Indigenous Knowledge Program will be used and considered equally alongside scientific approaches to:

- Describe existing environmental, social, and cultural conditions in the MFFN CAR Project area;
- Predict potential impacts on the physical and social environment, and Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests in the MFFN CAR Project area; and
- Determine appropriate ways to avoid, minimize, and monitor potential impacts on the physical and social environment, Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests.

As noted above, the MFFN CAR Project Team began communicating with Indigenous Communities in December 2019, and funding support for those communities who have expressed an interest in participating in the Indigenous Program Knowledge began in the summer of 2020 and is on-going.

The federal government has recently granted a timeline extension for the completion and submission of the Impact Statement due to study delays resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and other considerations (e.g. forest fires that resulted in delays to field studies etc.). Under the extended study timeline existing conditions reporting is to be largely completed by mid-2023 for environmental (e.g., fish and fish habitat) and social (e.g., visual) disciplines. Furthermore, the evaluation of the alternative routes to select a preferred route is to be completed by the end of this year (2023).

Indigenous Knowledge received through the Indigenous Knowledge Program will allow for a more complete, robust, and accurate picture of the Project area to emerge. Our goal is to create existing condition reports that meaningfully includes Indigenous Knowledge which is also considered in the selection of the preferred route for

the project. In order to meet the study schedule, it is ***critical that Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use be shared with the MFFN CAR Project Team by June 2023*** so that this information is included in the draft existing conditions reporting and is available for consideration in route selection which will begin in September 2023.

We will continue to support communities in sharing Indigenous Knowledge 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). We are here to work with your community to support you in your efforts. Please contact us if you would like to discuss this schedule further and how we can work with you on upcoming milestones.

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 [redacted] or Andrea Nokleby [redacted]

We hope you and your community are safe and well, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Qasim Saddique
Project Director

[redacted]

Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Member Advisor

CC:

- Terry Metatawabin, Deputy Chief, Fort Albany First Nation
- Sarah Beamish, Legal Counsel, Fort Albany First Nation
- Jacqueline Sutherland, CEO, Fort Albany First Nation
- Guy Polden, Consultant, Fort Albany First Nation
- Justin Page, Consultant, Fort Albany First Nation
- Bob Baxter, MFFN CAR Senior Community Member Advisor
- Andrea Nokleby, MFFN CAR Project Consultant

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Record of Consultation and Engagement Reports Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 2:31 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted]
Guy Polden [redacted], Kyla Zielbauer [redacted]

Hi Sarah,

Thank you for this update! I will follow up in a week or two if I haven't heard back from you. We are looking to finalize the reports soon so please let us know as soon as you can if FAFN would like to provide feedback.

Thanks,

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
[Quoted text hidden]

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Record of Consultation and Engagement Reports Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Mar 1, 2023 at 8:42 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer [redacted]

Good morning Sarah,

Thank you for getting back to me. I'm in a meeting today from 10-11am, but I could give you a call after that (around 11), if that works for you?

Jodi
[Quoted text hidden]

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Record of Consultation and Engagement Reports Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Mar 1, 2023 at 8:49 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]

Hi Sarah,

Great! Talk to you then.

Jodi
[Quoted text hidden]

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Record of Consultation and Engagement Report Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Mar 1, 2023 at 3:44 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good afternoon Sarah,

I wanted to follow up on our phone call earlier today which discussed Fort Albany First Nation's review for the Record of Consultation and Engagement Reports. You mentioned that due to limited capacity, you will not be able to provide a line by line review, and therefore that the comments you provide on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation should not be considered extensive.

You asked what type of comments we were looking for, and I mentioned that I would follow up with my team and get back to you. I asked my team about this, and they suggested that if you want to focus your review, you should look specifically at the summary of feedback tables in both reports. You can also confirm whether the meeting minutes in the appendices can all be released publicly. The topics addressed in comments can be pretty open-ended, as we discussed during our call, I would focus on whether Fort Albany First Nation agrees with the way our communications have been represented in the report.

You mentioned that Fort Albany First Nation has made comments in the past that you were unsure if they needed to be included again. You specifically mentioned a comment regarding whether or not our communications should be considered consultation. I wanted to confirm that this issue is already being tracked in our reports, but we are happy to make note of any comments again, even if they are duplicated.

I hope this answers your question. Please let me know if I missed anything.

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

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR IK Program Key Dates

Nokleby, Andrea [redacted] Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 6:51 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Bob Baxter <[redacted] Qasim Saddique <[redacted] Lawrence Baxter [redacted] Jodi Miles [redacted]

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for this - we will review and get back to you ASAP.

Have a good evening,

Andrea

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR IK Program Key Dates

Nokleby, Andrea [redacted] Thu, Mar 9, 2023 at 2:51 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Bob Baxter [redacted] Qasim Saddique [redacted], Lawrence Baxter [redacted] Jodi Miles [redacted]

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for this. We have reviewed and have made a few suggested edits to the version you provided. The intent of our primary edit(s) is to reflect that the Proponent funding is to supplement funding provided by the Province.

We can discuss the agreement further at our meeting tomorrow if that works. If you have any questions/comments prior please let me know.

Thanks have a great afternoon,

Andrea

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR IK Program Key Dates

Nokleby, Andrea [redacted] Thu, Mar 9, 2023 at 5:18 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Bob Baxter [redacted] Qasim Saddique [redacted] Lawrence Baxter [redacted] Jodi Miles [redacted]

Hi Sarah,

Thanks for the update. We will get the NRL IK Sharing Agreement over to you shortly so that we can reschedule the meeting.

Hope you have a great evening,

Andrea

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR IK Program Key Dates

Nokleby, Andrea [redacted] Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 5:43 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Bob Baxter [redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted], Lawrence Baxter [redacted] Jodi Miles [redacted]

Hello Sarah,

Sorry for the second email, I just wanted to follow up on the review of the MFFN CAR IK Funding Agreement to see if FAFN has any further comments on our proposed edits.

Thanks and have a great afternoon,

Andrea

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Archaeology Reports and IK Funding Agreement Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 5:02 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted]
Guy Polden [redacted] Kyla Zielbauer [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good afternoon Sarah,

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 Fort Albany First Nation 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 Fort Albany First Nation 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 Fort Albany needs more time to review the documents, just let us know how much longer you need!

I also wanted to follow up about your review of the revised IK Funding Agreement which was sent on March 9th, 2023. Please let me know if you have any updates, or if you have any questions or concerns for me to pass along to Andrea.

Thank you,
Jodi Miles, on behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Jodi Miles
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Archaeology Reports and IK Funding Agreement Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Mar 29, 2023 at 3:53 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Kyla Zielbauer [redacted], Helen Bird [redacted] Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted], "Nokleby, Andrea" [redacted]

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for your response. I'll pass these along to the Project Team and we will get back to you with a response to these comments.

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
[Quoted text hidden]

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Follow-up Re: MFFN CAR IK Program Key Dates

Nokleby, Andrea [redacted] Tue, May 2, 2023 at 10:15 AM
To: Chief Leo Metatawabin [redacted] Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Bob Baxter [redacted] Qasim Saddique [redacted], Lawrence Baxter [redacted], Jodi Miles [redacted]

Good Morning Chief Kataquapit,

I am following up on the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program schedule for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project. There are a few key milestones that we want to continue to highlight for you:

- 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. Please note this was previously stated as "existing conditions reporting" and not preliminary draft existing conditions reporting in the February 2023 letter.
- 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 2023,** so that this information is included in the preliminary draft existing conditions reporting and is available for consideration in the route selection which will begin in September 2023.

We will continue to support communities in sharing IK beyond this date and to incorporate this information in subsequent steps of the assessment processes (e.g. updates to the existing conditions, effects assessment, impact management, and project design).

If you have any questions on the IK Program or would like further information, I'd be happy to set up a time to discuss further.

Thank you and enjoy your day,

Andrea

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Record of Consultation and Engagement Report Follow Up

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, May 17, 2023 at 1:38 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Jacqueline Sutherland <[redacted]a>, [redacted], Guy Polden <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Don McKinnon <[redacted]>, "Ross, Kathryn" <[redacted]>, "Fisken, Avril" <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon Sarah,

I hope you are doing well. I understand that Fort Albany First Nation is currently under a State of Emergency due to flooding, so I hope community members are staying safe and will be able to return to their community soon.

I wanted to thank you again for providing Fort Albany First Nation's feedback for the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement Report and Milestone #1 Progress Report. Your responses have been reviewed by the MFFN CAR Project Team, and the attached letter has been written to respond to the feedback provided.

We understand that Fort Albany's review of this response may be delayed, due to the current State of Emergency. I will follow up once Fort Albany members have returned to their community in order to ensure that this letter has been received.

If you have any questions or comments to share about the MFFN CAR Project, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jodi Miles

On Behalf of the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project Team
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Record of Consultation and Engagement Report Follow Up

lawrence baxter [redacted] Wed, May 17, 2023 at 2:08 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Andrea Nokleby [redacted] Bob Baxter [redacted] Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry [redacted] Don McKinnon [redacted] "Fisken, Avril" [redacted], Guy Polden [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted] Jennifer Bruin [redacted], Kyla Zielbauer [redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted], "Ross, Kathryn" [redacted] Sarah Beamish [redacted], [redacted]

Why do you have kachewan comment when the letter is going to Fort Albany?
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Record of Consultation and Engagement Report Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, May 17, 2023 at 2:13 PM
To: lawrence baxter [redacted]
Cc: Andrea Nokleby [redacted] Bob Baxter [redacted] Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Metatawabin [redacted] Don McKinnon [redacted], "Fisken, Avril" [redacted] Guy Polden [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted] Jennifer Bruin [redacted], Kyla Zielbauer [redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted], "Ross, Kathryn" [redacted], Sarah Beamish [redacted]

Hi Lawrence,

My apologies, I made an error when naming the file. I have reattached the letter with the correct file name (it is the same letter, just the wrong file name).

Thank you for pointing this out.

Jodi
[Quoted text hidden]

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May 17, 2023
Fort Albany First Nation
P.O. Box 1, Fort Albany, ON
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Dear Sarah Beamish and Fort Albany First Nation,

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback on the Fort Albany First Nation-specific sections of the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement Report and Milestone #1 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) Project. We acknowledge that due to staff turnover and lack of capacity within the community, these comments have been made without prejudice to any further comments Fort Albany First Nation may later make regarding the reports, including issues, errors, or omissions in the reports that it may later identify.

Although we understand that the review of these reports can be time consuming, it is our understanding that the participant funding provided by the Government of Ontario covers the review of these reports. If you are unsure about funding provided by the provincial government, we encourage you to reach out to them directly. The released Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement Report and Milestone #1 Progress Report will be part of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Statement (IS). It is our intention to prepare and release several Progress Reports throughout the duration of the EA / Impact Assessment (IA) (a total of three). Reviewing these progress reports as they are released should reduce the effort to review the entire Draft EA / IS and subsequent Final EA / IS when they are released in future years.

As a reminder, funding for Fort Albany First Nation to participate in consultation and engagement activities on the MFFN CAR Project is also available through the CAR's Community Coordinator Program. There is also funding available through the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program, which will be released once the IK Funding Agreement between Fort Albany First Nation and the MFFN CAR Project Team is finalized. If you would like more information, we would be pleased to meet to discuss these programs.

The section below provides an overview of the issues raised in your review of the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement Report and Milestone #1 Progress Report, along with MFFN CAR Project Team's responses to each issue.

Issue 1:
You noted an error on page 12 of the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement, which states that the Project Team "hosted" a virtual meeting with Fort Albany First Nation, when in fact the MFFN CAR Project Team were invited to present at a member meeting hosted by Fort Albany First Nation. As per your request, this entry in the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement will be updated with an asterisk and explanation to read:

"Hosted virtual meetings with: Aroland First Nation (June 22, 2021), Constance Lake First Nation (October 27, 2020), Fort Albany First Nation (November 19, 2020), Ginoogaming First Nation (October 29, 2020), Kasabonika Lake First Nation (September 28, 2020), Long Lake #58 First Nation (October 26,*

2020), Nokiiwin Tribal Council (September 23, 2021) and Webequie First Nation (August 17, 2020).

**The MFFN CAR Project Team presented at a virtual member meeting hosted by Fort Albany First Nation"*

Issue 2:
You noted an error on page 96 of the Progress Report which states "TBD" beside "IK Information Provided". You noted that this is incorrect, as Fort Albany First Nation confirmed they provided IK regarding the Albany River to the Project Team. The Summary of Participation During Reporting Period table under Participating in IK Program will be updated to read:

"Through consultation and engagement activities, Fort Albany First Nation has provided information and Indigenous Knowledge related to the Albany River."

Issue 3:
You noted an error on page 96 of the Progress Report, which states *"Offered, No Expressed Interest"* regarding the Community Coordinator Program as of June 30, 2022. You note that this is incorrect, as you have expressed interest on Fort Albany First Nation's behalf in past communications, as noted in your letter. This wording will be updated to state *"Offered, Interest Expressed but Participation TBC"* in reference to the Community Coordinator Program.

Issue 4:
You noted an error page 98 of the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement, which states that *"Chief Robert Nakogee was in attendance [at the Mushkegowuk Council 2021 AGM] and offered for the MFFN CAR Project team to come to their community."*, despite never making this invitation. You also noted an error in an email which acknowledges this correction on page 106 of the Record, which refers to the 2022 AGM, rather than the 2021 AGM. As per your request, the sentence on page 98 regarding the invitation will be deleted, and the entry will include only the following sentence:

"In November 2021, the MFFN CAR Project Team presented, in person, at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM."

Additionally, as per your request, the entry dated February 28, 2022 noting the Mushkegowuk Council AGM on page 106 will be corrected from 2022 to 2021 and will read:

"The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also thanked Sarah for her follow-up on the IKSA and for clarifying that the community did not invite the MFFN CAR Project Team to the community at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM in November 2021."

Issue 5:

You noted that Fort Albany First Nation would like the Progress Report to acknowledge ongoing communications and negotiations between the First Nation and the Project Team regarding the IKSA, rather than exclusively referring to follow-up communications from Project Team. In order to acknowledge FAFN's follow-up efforts, the wording of the Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action will be updated with an additional bullet under the Specific Issue / Comment Raised column for Issue—IKSA to read:

"Fort Albany First Nation sent a follow up email on the status of the IK Sharing and Funding Agreements on November 29, 2021. Fort Albany First Nation provided a signed version of the IKSA on May 26, 2022. Fort Albany First Nation sent a follow up email on June 21, 2022 confirming that they had not missed the signed IKSA back from the Project Team".

Issue 6:
You noted that, as stated in previous communications with the Project Team, Fort Albany First Nation does not consider many of the documents, invitations, and communications listed in the Records to constitute meaningful consultation with Fort Albany First Nation. You noted this is particularly relevant for those with which the First Nation had little or no capacity to engage due to funding and human resources constraints and due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The MFFN CAR Project Team understands and acknowledges these issues, but will continue to share information and opportunities in order to keep Fort Albany First Nation informed about the CAR.

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Sincerely,

Qasim Saddique & Lawrence Baxter

cc:

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- Jennifer Bruin, Technical Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
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- Jacqueline Sutherland, Fort Albany First Nation
- Guy Polden, Fort Albany First Nation Consultant
- Justin Page, Fort Albany First Nation Consultants.

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR: RoCE Response Follow Up and Upcoming Indigenous Knowledge Milestone

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, May 31, 2023 at 10:11 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted]
Guy Polden [redacted], Kyla Zielbauer [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good morning Sarah,

I hope all is well. We briefly spoke on the phone yesterday and you asked me to email you with any information I had to share, so I am sending this follow up email.

Firstly, I wanted to mention that I was glad to hear that Fort Albany First Nation was able to return to their community as of a few weeks ago. I hope everyone had a safe return, and were able to settle back in.

I also wanted to follow up on our response to the comments provided by Fort Albany regarding the Record of Consultation and Engagement Reports, sent on May 17, 2023. I just wanted to confirm that you received this response, and ask if you had any questions or concerns you wanted to discuss. I have reattached the response letter from the MFFN CAR Project Team to this email.

Finally, I wanted to mention that we have an upcoming milestone for our IK Program coming up on **June 30, 2023.** 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 the end of June, 2023. Please let me know if we can expect to hear from Fort Albany First Nation 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 the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Jodi Miles
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May 17, 2023
Fort Albany First Nation
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Dear Sarah Beamish and Fort Albany First Nation,

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback on the Fort Albany First Nation-specific sections of the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement Report and Milestone #1 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) Project. We acknowledge that due to staff turnover and lack of capacity within the community, these comments have been made without prejudice to any further comments Fort Albany First Nation may later make regarding the reports, including issues, errors, or omissions in the reports that it may later identify.

Although we understand that the review of these reports can be time consuming, it is our understanding that the participant funding provided by the Government of Ontario covers the review of these reports. If you are unsure about funding provided by the provincial government, we encourage you to reach out to them directly. The released Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement Report and Milestone #1 Progress Report will be part of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Statement (IS). It is our intention to prepare and release several Progress Reports throughout the duration of the EA / Impact Assessment (IA) (a total of three). Reviewing these progress reports as they are released should reduce the effort to review the entire Draft EA / IS and subsequent Final EA / IS when they are released in future years.

As a reminder, funding for Fort Albany First Nation to participate in consultation and engagement activities on the MFFN CAR Project is also available through the CAR's Community Coordinator Program. There is also funding available through the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program, which will be released once the IK Funding Agreement between Fort Albany First Nation and the MFFN CAR Project Team is finalized. If you would like more information, we would be pleased to meet to discuss these programs.

The section below provides an overview of the issues raised in your review of the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement Report and Milestone #1 Progress Report, along with MFFN CAR Project Team's responses to each issue.

Issue 1:
You noted an error on page 12 of the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement, which states that the Project Team "hosted" a virtual meeting with Fort Albany First Nation, when in fact the MFFN CAR Project Team were invited to present at a member meeting hosted by Fort Albany First Nation. As per your request, this entry in the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement will be updated with an asterisk and explanation to read:

"Hosted virtual meetings with: Aroland First Nation (June 22, 2021), Constance Lake First Nation (October 27, 2020), Fort Albany First Nation (November 19, 2020), Ginoogaming First Nation (October 29, 2020), Kasabonika Lake First Nation (September 28, 2020), Long Lake #58 First Nation (October 26,*

2020), Nokiiwin Tribal Council (September 23, 2021) and Webequie First Nation (August 17, 2020).

**The MFFN CAR Project Team presented at a virtual member meeting hosted by Fort Albany First Nation"*

Issue 2:
You noted an error on page 96 of the Progress Report which states "TBD" beside "IK Information Provided". You noted that this is incorrect, as Fort Albany First Nation confirmed they provided IK regarding the Albany River to the Project Team. The Summary of Participation During Reporting Period table under Participating in IK Program will be updated to read:

"Through consultation and engagement activities, Fort Albany First Nation has provided information and Indigenous Knowledge related to the Albany River."

Issue 3:
You noted an error on page 96 of the Progress Report, which states *"Offered, No Expressed Interest"* regarding the Community Coordinator Program as of June 30, 2022. You note that this is incorrect, as you have expressed interest on Fort Albany First Nation's behalf in past communications, as noted in your letter. This wording will be updated to state *"Offered, Interest Expressed but Participation TBC"* in reference to the Community Coordinator Program.

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You noted an error page 98 of the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement, which states that *"Chief Robert Nakogee was in attendance [at the Mushkegowuk Council 2021 AGM] and offered for the MFFN CAR Project team to come to their community."*, despite never making this invitation. You also noted an error in an email which acknowledges this correction on page 106 of the Record, which refers to the 2022 AGM, rather than the 2021 AGM. As per your request, the sentence on page 98 regarding the invitation will be deleted, and the entry will include only the following sentence:

"In November 2021, the MFFN CAR Project Team presented, in person, at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM."

Additionally, as per your request, the entry dated February 28, 2022 noting the Mushkegowuk Council AGM on page 106 will be corrected from 2022 to 2021 and will read:

"The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also thanked Sarah for her follow-up on the IKSA and for clarifying that the community did not invite the MFFN CAR Project Team to the community at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM in November 2021."

Issue 5:

You noted that Fort Albany First Nation would like the Progress Report to acknowledge ongoing communications and negotiations between the First Nation and the Project Team regarding the IKSA, rather than exclusively referring to follow-up communications from Project Team. In order to acknowledge FAFN's follow-up efforts, the wording of the Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action will be updated with an additional bullet under the Specific Issue / Comment Raised column for Issue—IKSA to read:

"Fort Albany First Nation sent a follow up email on the status of the IK Sharing and Funding Agreements on November 29, 2021. Fort Albany First Nation provided a signed version of the IKSA on May 26, 2022. Fort Albany First Nation sent a follow up email on June 21, 2022 confirming that they had not missed the signed IKSA back from the Project Team".

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- Guy Polden, Fort Albany First Nation Consultant
- Justin Page, Fort Albany First Nation Consultants.

B6.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence

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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

Response to Request for spatial data on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation

Guy Polden <[redacted]> Thu, Jul 7, 2022 at 2:54 PM
To: Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>
Cc: Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Colby Bilodeau <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, [redacted], Alistair MacDonald <[redacted]>

Hi Jessica,

Thanks for sending this on. This will be helpful for our interviews. Please do send on any updates or modifications as they are made so we can keep our maps up to date.

Thanks again,
Guy
[Quoted text hidden]

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Guy Polden, MSc
(he/him)
Senior Researcher, The Firelight Group

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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Engagement Questionnaire

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Thu, Jul 28, 2022 at 12:21 PM
To: Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted], Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>, [redacted]

Hello Jessica,

Chief Nakogee has asked me to contact you and ask that the MFCAR team please not contact or hold such discussions with anyone on Fort Albany First Nation's staff who has not been expressly identified to you as a spokesperson or official contact regarding this project. While [redacted] input is noted and appreciated as a knowledgeable member of the First Nation and its administration, [redacted] is not part of the staff and leadership team at Fort Albany that has been working directly on this matter and [redacted] has not been identified to the MFCAR team as someone to contact.

In the future, please direct communications to Chief Nakogee or any other person Fort Albany has identified to you. Please do not treat your conversation with [redacted] as part of the official consultation record with Fort Albany.

Thank you.
Sarah
[Quoted text hidden]

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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - Engagement Questionnaire

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Thu, Jul 28, 2022 at 1:11 PM
To: Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted], Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>

Thank you Jessica.
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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

Fwd: MFFN CAR: Funding available for Community Coordinator Program

[redacted]

SOAR Professional Services

[redacted]

On Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 3:56 PM Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> wrote:

> Hi Clayton,
>
> I hope you are well.
>
> Could you confirm if this funding is still available if FAFN wishes to apply?
>
> Thank you,
> Sarah
>
> [redacted]

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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

Re: MFCAR EA/IS timeline

1 message

[redacted]

On Aug 18, 2022, at 7:35 PM, Justin Page <[redacted]> wrote:

Hello Clayton,

I'm supporting Fort Albany First Nation's engagement in the EA/IA process for the MFCAR. I have a couple of questions to support our planning.

Do you have a target date for submitting the EA/IS? Does the MFCAR team plan to provide draft chapters to FAFN for review and comment prior to formal submission?

Thanks,

Justin

Justin Page, Ph.D.
Research Director - Impact Assessment
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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

Fwd: MFFN CAR: Funding available for Community Coordinator Program

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Fri, Aug 19, 2022 at 3:31 PM
To: Clayton Coppaway <[redacted]>
Cc: MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, lawrence baxter <[redacted]>, Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>, "Ross, Kathryn" [redacted]>

Thanks Clayton.

To clarify, there is no decision on this yet. Fort Albany has its Nomination Meeting tomorrow and its election on October 1, so it's possible this will be left to the new Council to confirm, but I wanted to ensure they were not going to consider it if it was no longer available.

Have a good weekend,
Sarah
[Quoted text hidden]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR EA/IS timeline and opportunity to review

Justin Page [redacted] Tue, Oct 4, 2022 at 2:19 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Sarah Beamish [redacted] Clayton Coppaway [redacted] Jennifer Bruin [redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted] Ingrid Trimble [redacted] Chief Robert Nakogee [redacted], Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee [redacted] Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted] Alistair Macdonald [redacted] Steven Deroy [redacted] "Fisken, Avril" [redacted]

Hello Jodi,

Thank you for letting us know the target date for submission of the draft and final EA/IS to regulators.

I note that the target date for submission of the draft EA/IS is more than 3 years after issuance of the TISG. Will the MFFN CAR Project Team be seeking an extension of the three year timeline for submitting the IS to IAAC?

Thanks,

Justin

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Contact Information Inquiry

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Wed, Nov 9, 2022 at 9:02 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Chief Robert Nakogee [redacted] Clayton Coppaway [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

Yes, the email addresses and phone numbers are the same, so you'll just need to edit your contacts to change the names.

Best,
Sarah

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Consultation and Engagement Reports

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Tue, Dec 6, 2022 at 8:45 PM
To: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Hello,

We can see and access the documents.

Please note that Fort Albany First Nation held its election on October 1, and Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit was elected.

Best,
Sarah
[Quoted text hidden]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Introduction Letter

Justin Page [redacted] Wed, Jan 25, 2023 at 11:09 AM
To: Jodi <[redacted]
Cc: Guy Polden [redacted] Alistair Macdonald [redacted], Steve DeRoy [redacted]
Sarah Beamish [redacted]

Hello Jodi,

For future communications on the MFCAR, please replace Alistair Macdonald and Steve DeRoy with Justin Page and Guy Polden on your mailing list.

Thanks,

Justin

Justin Page, Ph.D.
Research Director - Impact Assessment
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR IK Program Key Dates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Fri, Feb 3, 2023 at 2:33 PM
To: "Nokleby, Andrea" <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Thank you Andrea, we'll review and get back to you about this.

Sarah

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Record of Consultation and Engagement Reports Follow Up

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 12:35 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted]
Guy Polden [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

Thanks for checking in. I'm hoping to discuss this with FAFN next week and will follow up with you after that.

Sarah

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Record of Consultation and Engagement Reports Follow Up

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Tue, Feb 28, 2023 at 10:12 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer [redacted]

Good evening Jodi,

I have reviewed the documents specific to Fort Albany and wonder if we might have a ~10 minute call tomorrow (March 1) between 10-1 or Friday after 1?

Sarah
[Quoted text hidden]

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Record of Consultation and Engagement Reports Follow Up

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Wed, Mar 1, 2023 at 8:44 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

That works. My cell is [redacted]

Thank you,
Sarah
[Quoted text hidden]

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Record of Consultation and Engagement Report Follow Up

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 1:12 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer [redacted] Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Metatawabin [redacted]

Hello Jodi,

Thank you for this follow-up and the telephone call last week.

At Chief Kataquapit's direction, I have attached a letter with some comments on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation.

Note that this letter does not address whether any meeting minutes can be released publicly, as I did not see meeting minutes in the appendices provided. If I have overlooked them, please point me to the specific document(s) and page number(s) where I can review the minutes the Team requests confirmation about.

Have a good day.

Sarah Beamish

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March 6, 2023

Via email

Marten Falls Community Access Road Project Team

Attn: Jodi Miles, Dillon Consulting Ltd.

Dear Ms. Miles,

Re: Fort Albany First Nation - Review of draft Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement

Further to our telephone call and your subsequent email of March 1, 2023, this letter sets out Fort Albany First Nation's ("FAFN") comments on the draft Interim Records of Consultation and Engagement ("Records").

As we discussed by telephone:

- there has been staff and leadership turnover since the periods covered by these records, and not all of those involved in the communications summarized in the Records have reviewed the drafts or provided comments; and
- FAFN does not have a budget to conduct a comprehensive comparison of these lengthy records with its related staff's, leadership's, and advisors' files.

Given this, these comments are made without prejudice to any further comments FAFN may later make regarding the Records, including issues, errors, or omissions in the Records that it may later identify.

<u>Comments regarding the Records</u>

1. On page 12 of the Interim Record (Aug 1, 2020-Oct 28, 2021), it states that the Project Team "hosted" a virtual meeting with FAFN. Our records show that this was a member meeting hosted by FAFN, to which Project Team representatives were invited for part of the time to present virtually. This is confirmed in the email dated November 11, 2020 beginning on page 159 of Appendix B2. The record should be corrected to clarify that the Proponent did not host this meeting.

2. On page 96 of the Progress Report (October 2022), it states "TBD" beside "IK Information Provided". While FAFN may not have provided IK through this specific program, it would like to confirm that it has provided IK regarding the Albany River to

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the Project Team (which is acknowledged on page 98 and in other communications included in Appendix B2).

3. On page 96 of the Progress Report (October 2022), it states "Offered, No Expressed Interest" regarding the Community Coordinator Program (as of June 30, 2022). While it is true that FAFN has not yet taken part in this program, it has expressed interest in doing so and was in discussions with the Project Team about it. For example, on May 26, 2022 I emailed Clayton Coppaway and told him that "FAFN is interested in the community coordinator program but needs further time to discuss how it can fit into the other work they have planned." Given this, FAFN requests that the Report be corrected to state something like "Offered, Interest Expressed" or "Offered, Interest Expressed but Participation TBC".

4. On page 98 of the Interim Record (October 2022), it states that "Chief Robert Nakogee was in attendance [at the Mushkegowuk Council 2021 AGM] and offered for the MFFN CAR Project team to come to their community." Former Chief Nakogee informed me that he did not make this invitation, and believed it was Chief Wesley of Kashechewan First Nation who may have done so. I confirmed this in an email dated February 28, 2022 sent to Clayton Coppaway and other Project Team members. This email is listed with the correction acknowledged on page 106 of the Record, but that email also has an error in that it refers to the 2022 AGM, not the 2021 AGM. Given this, the sentence on page 98 regarding the invitation should be deleted, and the entry on page 106 should be corrected from 2022 to 2021.

5. On page 101 of the Progress Report (October 2022) regarding the IKSA, FAFN would like to note that this entry acknowledges follow-up emails sent by the Project Team, but not any sent by FAFN (for example, my email to Qasim Saddique dated November 29, 2021 or my email to Clayton Coppaway dated June 21, 2022). FAFN would like the record to reflect that there were ongoing communications and negotiations between the First Nation and the Project Team regarding the IKSA and that follow-up was not one-sided.

6. As stated in previous communications with the Project Team, FAFN does not consider many of the documents, invitations, and communications listed in the Records to constitute meaningful consultation with FAFN, particularly those with which the First Nation had little or no capacity to engage due to funding and human resources constraints and due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for the opportunity to review these Records. Please contact me with any questions about these comments.

Yours truly,



Sarah Beamish

Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit, Fort Albany First Nation
Deputy Chief Terry Metatawabin, Fort Albany First Nation

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR IK Program Key Dates

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 5:39 PM
To: "Nokleby, Andrea" [redacted]
Cc: Bob Baxter [redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted], Lawrence Baxter [redacted], Jodi Miles [redacted]

Hello Andrea,

Before I bring this agreement to FAFN leadership, can you please confirm that the following edits to the funding agreement would be acceptable to MFFN and Dillon?

Thank you.

Sarah

[Quoted text hidden]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR IK Program Key Dates

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Thu, Mar 9, 2023 at 5:01 PM
To: "Nokleby, Andrea" [redacted]
Cc: Bob Baxter [redacted] Qasim Saddique [redacted], Lawrence Baxter [redacted], Jodi Miles [redacted]

[redacted]

Thank you for this quick review.

I actually cancelled our meeting re the NRL IKSA tomorrow (with Qasim) because we agreed it would be more productive to speak about that after I'd been able to review any IKSA template the team had. He was going to send me your template and we will follow up from there.

I'll look at these edits and let you know soon if I have any more questions.

Sarah
[Quoted text hidden]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Archaeology Reports and IK Funding Agreement Follow Up

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 10:57 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Kyla Zielbauer [redacted] Helen Bird [redacted], Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted], "Nokleby, Andrea" [redacted]

Hello Jodi,

Please see attached a letter regarding the Archaeological Assessment reports.

I will follow up regarding the changes to the funding agreement shortly, but am not anticipating that we'll need further work on that.

Sarah

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March 28, 2023

Via email

To: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

Attn: Jodi Miles

Dear Ms. Miles,

Re: Fort Albany First Nation comments regarding the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment reports

Fort Albany First Nation has conducted a limited review of the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment reports, and would like to offer brief comments.

Please note that there were no member engagement activities regarding this report, and Fort Albany First Nation may make further comments on these reports at a later date. A lack of comments on any particular aspect of the Assessments should not be taken as an indication of Fort Albany's agreement.

Stage 2 Assessment scope

The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment determined that the entire study area has a high potential for recovery of archaeological resources, and recommended areas throughout the study area for Stage 2 assessment, as shown as a series of maps in the report.

However, it appears that the Stage 2 assessment was very limited. The Stage 2 Assessment restricted field work to potential river crossings, and given weather conditions, only two of nine river crossings were studied.

The Stage 2 Assessment states that "Stage 2 archaeological assessment is required for any land required by the Project that has not yet been surveyed."

Can the Project Team please:

1. explain why the recommendations regarding the scope of the Stage 2 Assessment were not followed; and

2. share any plans for further Stage 2 assessment.

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Traditional territory

Both documents state that "the study area falls predominantly within the shared traditional territory of MFFN and other Matawa First Nation Communities."

During member engagement regarding the Community Access Road, it has been confirmed repeatedly that Fort Albany First Nation members have accessed, used, and traveled through lands and waters within the study area, particularly areas along and near the Albany River system (up to and beyond Marten Falls First Nation) for countless generations. Members have also specifically referenced the presence of historic burial sites long distances inland from the James Bay coast, although specific locations have not yet been mapped with reference to this Project.

The traditional uses of lands and waters in the study area by non-Matawa First Nations must be acknowledged and taken into account.

Yours truly,



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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.

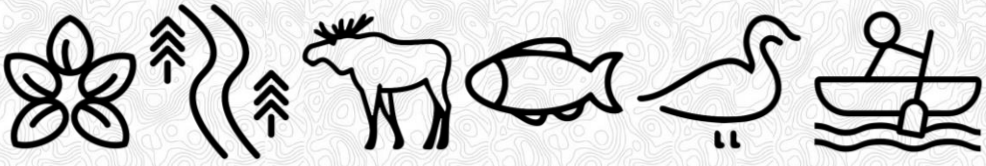
AECOM, 2020:

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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6. Fort Albany First Nation

6.1 Community Profile

Location: PO Box 1, Fort Albany, ON P0L 1H0

Tribal Council: Mushkegowuk Council

Treaty: 9

Project Team Lead: Jodi Miles

Figure 6-1: Fort Albany First Nation Distribution of Communication

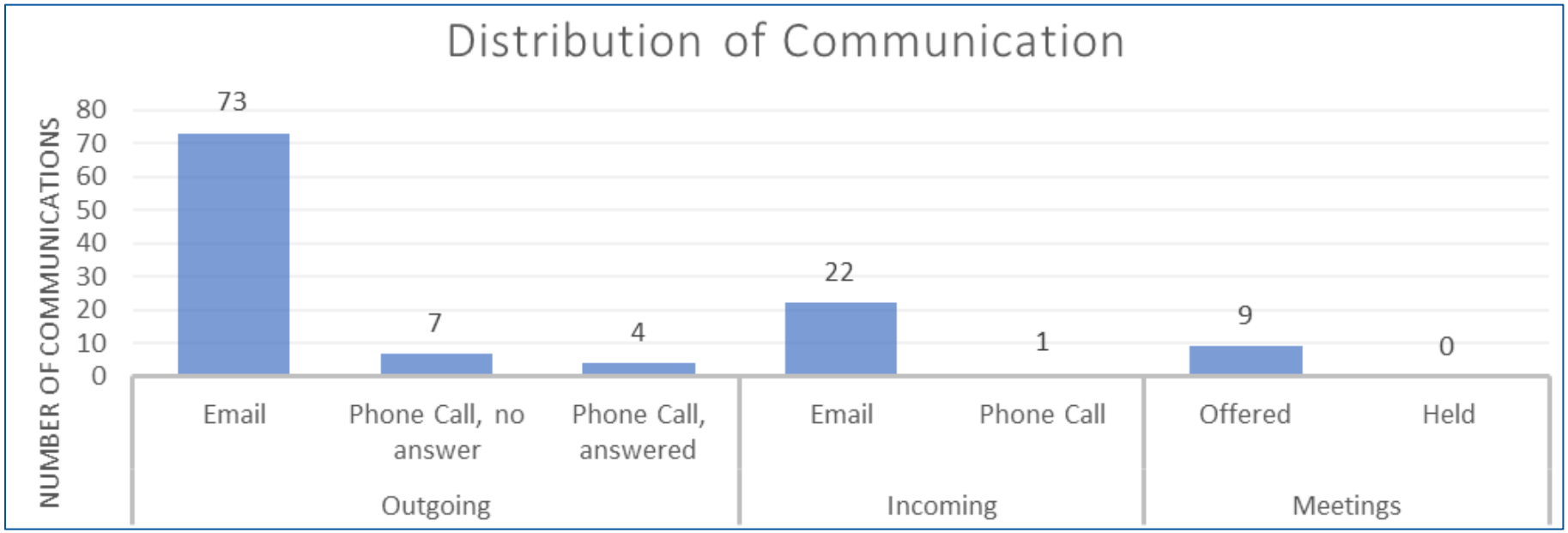


Table 6-1: Summary of Participation During Milestone 3 Reporting Period

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 29, 2024 (email)
Participating in IK Program:	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: Finalized
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: Finalized
	IK information provided: No
Participating in Community Coordinator Program:	No

Table 6-2: 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 19, 2023	Email sent to follow up on the upcoming IK Milestone.
June 22, 2023	Email from Fort Albany First Nation noting delays with IK collection process.
June 22, 2023	Sent follow up email on the IK Program milestone and timeline.
June 28, 2023	June 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
July 13, 2023	Summer 2023 Field Notice distributed via email.
July 27, 2023	Information on the open position for a Community Coordinator for the Project was provided.
August 02, 2023	July 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
August 02, 2023	Response to Fort Albany First Nation's Archaeology Assessment comments provided via email and letter.
August 09, 2023	Email following up about Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection delays.
September 01, 2023	August 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
September 15, 2023	Fall 2023 Field Notice distributed via email.
September 20, 2023	Follow up email about IK Collection
September 28, 2023	September 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
October 05, 2023	Phone and email outreach about Project updates, including PIC #5, ATRI Forum #2 and the Climate Change Workshop. The IK Funding Agreement and Community Coordinator Program were also discussed.
October 10, 2023	PIC #5 invitation distributed via email.
October 17, 2023	ATRI Forum #2 invitation distributed via email.
October 17, 2023	ATRI Forum #2 invitation sent to Fort Albany First Nation.
November 02, 2023	October 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
November 9 and 10, 2023	Project updates 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 20, 2023	Email to provide list of baseline studies.
November 27 and 29, 2023	Milestone #2 Progress Report distributed via email.
November 28, 2023	Draft ATRI Existing Conditions report distributed via email.
December 07 and 08, 2023	Phone and email outreach about Project updates, including, the Milestone #2 report, the Socio-economic letter, ATRI Forum #2, and the webinar series. The IK Program information collection was also discussed.
December 07, 2023	Socio-economic Assessment Interest letter sent via email
December 12, 2023	2023 Year In Review E-Blast.
January 11, 2024	Reminder sent via email regarding Milestone #2 Progress Report and the ATRI Existing Conditions 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 19, 2024	Preliminary ATRI report comment received via email.
January 23, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates, including, the Milestone #2 report, the ATRI Existing Conditions report, and the webinar series. The IK Funding Agreement was also discussed.
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, Milestone #2 Report, ATRI Existing Conditions Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the deadline to provide feedback on the ATRI Existing Conditions Report and Milestone #2 Report had passed and requested confirmation of whether feedback would be provided.
March 01, 2024	February 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
March 20, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including, the Milestone #2 Report, the Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Survey, the Route Selection Video, new social media platforms, and the IK Program.
March 28, 2024	Update email from Fort Albany First Nation which confirmed that the community had no comments for the Milestone #2 Report, confirmed that IK collection had begun, and provided the next draft of the IK Funding Agreement
April 03, 2024	March 2024 e-blast distributed via email.
April 17, 2024	Spring 2024 Field Notice and Caribou Collaring Update distributed via email.
April 25, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the ATRI Existing Conditions Report, the Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Survey, the IK Program, and the Community Coordinator Program.
April 30, 2024	April 2024 e-blast distributed via email.
May 02, 2024	Draft IK Funding Agreement sent via email.

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
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 05, 2024	Invitation for Three Road Forum shared via phone and email
June 11, 2024	In person attendance at the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo
June 27, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the Archaeology Assessment Report, the IK Program, and the Community Coordinator Program.
July 05 to 18, 2024	Finalization of fully executed IK Funding Agreement.
July 05 and 11, 2024	Phone call and follow up email to discuss topics including Archaeology Assessment, Report, IK program, and Community Coordinator Program.
July 09, 2024	June 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
July 16, 2024	Summer 2024 Field Notice distributed via email.
July 27- 30, 2024	Emails about Archaeology Assessment Report.
July 31, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the Archaeology Assessment Report, the IK Report, and the Community Coordinator Program.

Table 6-3: Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Fort Albany First Nation

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue / Comment Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
Consultation Methods	Meaningful Consultation ■ On March 6, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation noted that they do not view many of the communications with the MFFN CAR Project team to be meaningful consultation in their letter response to the RoCE and Milestone #1 reports.	■ Letter ■ Email ■ Phone	Status: Ongoing ■ On May 17 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Reports, via an email and letter. The letter also acknowledged the issue reiterated by Fort Albany First Nation regarding the lack of meaningful communication related to the MFFN CAR Project, and noted that the Project Team will continue to share information and	■ 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.

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue / Comment Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
			opportunities in order to keep Fort Albany First Nation informed about the project. ■ On May 30 and 31, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up with Fort Albany First Nation via email and phone call to confirm if the responses had been received. ■ On October 5, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested details about how consultation for the Project could be improved to be more meaningful via phone call and email. Action: ■ Follow up with Fort Albany First Nation to determine how to make consultation efforts more meaningful to the community.	
Consultation Methods, COVID-19, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Provincial EA Process, Federal IA Process	COVID-19 and Engagement ■ Fort Albany First Nation noted limited engagement opportunities in the community due to COVID-19 since March 2020. ■ Noted their ongoing concerns with COVID-19 in their ToR comments. ■ Cancelled planned focus group engagement due to community lock-down restrictions in early fall of 2020. ■ Continue to note the challenges of COVID-19 throughout 2021.	■ Email ■ In-person meeting	Status: Ongoing ■ A response letter was provided to Fort Albany First Nation, via email on October 22, 2020 which noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team is committed to taking the lead from communities on the best way to engage with them virtually. The response also noted that MFFN CAR Project Team would be available to meet or participate with community engagement activities virtually once safe to do so. ■ MFFN CAR Project Team participated virtually in a Fort Albany First Nation community event in November 2020. ■ In November 2021, the MFFN CAR Project Team presented, in person, at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM. Chief Robert Nakogee was in attendance and	■ 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. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to work with Fort Albany First Nation to confirm the best way to consult and engage community members during the EA / IA.

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue / Comment Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
			offered for the MFFN CAR Project Team to come to their community. ■ Fort Albany First Nation re-instated travel restrictions in December 2021 and January 2022 in response to the Omicron wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. ■ MFFN CAR offered to coordinate an in-person meeting with Fort Albany First Nation in a letter sent on January 25, 2023. ■ Regular communication has been ongoing and continues to occur between Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel and MFFN CAR Project Consultants. Sarah Beamish is relaying important information between Chief Nakogee and the MFFN CAR Project Team. Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team will follow up with Sarah Beamish regarding their offer for an in-person meeting with Chief and Council. The MFFN CAR Project Team will also continue efforts to engage and find ways to connect with Fort Albany First Nation.	

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue / Comment Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
Consultation Methods, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Mitigation, Compensation, Accommodation	Pandemic, Responses Timelines and Funding ■ On July 23 2021, Fort Albany First Nation noted that they had not completed an IK study or traditional land use study due to the COVID-19 pandemic, insufficient response timelines, capacity funding, and provided information is not detailed enough to support a meaningful response. ■ On February 3, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation confirmed that they would review the IK Program Schedule and Reporting Update letter and IK Funding Agreement, and get back to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant with their feedback. ■ On March 6, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation provided revisions to the template IK Funding Agreement. ■ On March 9, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation confirmed that MFFN CAR's revised version of the IK Funding Agreement was received and will be reviewed. On March 28, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation reiterated that they will provide a response to the revisions soon.	■ Email ■ Letter	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team responded to the July 23, 2021 letter on September 7, 2021, noting that the MFFN CAR Project Team is committed to continuously improving engagement and the ways in which Project information is shared. Information on field studies has been provided through E-Blasts, Field Notices and Field Study Discussion Guides. The MFFN CAR Project Team remains open to providing more detailed information upon request. Comment period deadlines are intended to facilitate informed review and allowing field crews to incorporate provided feedback into field programs. ■ It was also noted that the province is providing Fort Albany First Nation funding through the Provincial Transfer Funding Agreement, which is in place. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided Fort Albany First Nation the IK Funding Agreement for review on July 26, 2021, and sent follow up emails May 9 and May 25, 2022. Additionally, information about attaining funding through the Community Coordinator Program was provided on March 22, May 5, 9, and 25, and November 15, 2022. ■ On February 3, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent the IK Program Schedule and Reporting Update letter, and resent the template IK Funding Agreement to Fort Albany First Nation.	■ Opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA.

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue / Comment Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
	■ On March 25 and 27, 2024, Sarah Beamish confirmed the receipt of the follow-up email regarding IK collection and noted that Fort Albany First Nation's response would be delayed. ■ On March 28, 2024, Fort Albany First Nation noted that Chief Kataquapit has agreed to sign the IK Funding Agreement after some revisions are made. A draft IK Funding Agreement with the suggested revisions was provided for the MFFN CAR Project Team's review. Sarah Beamish and Knut Kitching also confirmed that IK collection is underway, and that an IK study is expected to be complete by spring/summer 2024. ■ On July 5, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided the final draft of the IK Funding Agreement via email. Sarah requested signatures from the Project Team, should they agree with the edits that had been made. ■ On July 5, 2024, Sarah Beamish discussed the Community Coordinator Program with the MFFN CAR		■ On March 6, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that Fort Albany First Nation's IK Funding Agreement revisions have been received. The MFFN CAR Project Team returned the IK Funding Agreement to Fort Albany First Nation with additional edits on March 9, 2023, and sent a follow up email and phone call on March 28, 2023. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant regularly followed up about the status of the IK Funding Agreement via email and phone call between October 2023 - March 2024. ■ On April 1, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed the receipt of the next draft of the IK Funding Agreement via email, and noted that it would be reviewed by the MFFN CAR Project Team. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted via phone and email that the IK Funding Agreement was still being reviewed, but would be returned to Fort Albany First Nation as soon as possible. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant responded to explain that Community Coordinator funding is still available and a follow-up email about the Community Coordinator Program was sent on September 22, 2022. ■ On May 17, October 5, November 9, and November 10, 2023, and April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project consultant	

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	Project Consultant via phone call. Sarah raised concerns Fort Albany First Nation has expressed in the past regarding the Community Coordinator Program, including not wanting to have a MFFN-staffed person working for their community, as well as concerns with workload and payment. Sarah also requested information about any flexibility that the MFFN CAR Project Team could offer in regards to the Community Coordinator Program funding. ■ On July 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided the fully executed IK Funding Agreement, with both MFFN CAR Project Team and Fort Albany First Nation signatures, via email.		followed up on Fort Albany First Nation's interest in the Community Coordinator program via email and phone call. ■ On May 2, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent the next draft of the IK Funding Agreement via email, and asked for signatures if Fort Albany First Nation agreed with the changes that were made. ■ On July 5, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed during a phone call that the final draft of the IK Funding Agreement had been received, and was being reviewed by the MFFN CAR Project Team before they provide their signatures. ■ On July 5, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that Fort Albany First Nation's revisions to the IK Funding Agreement had been approved by the MFFN CAR Project Team, and returned the document with signatures from the MFFN CAR Project Team. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested signatures from Fort Albany First Nation, and noted that once Fort Albany First Nation's signatures were provided, the first payment could be coordinated. The IK Guidance Document was also attached. ■ On July 11, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish which noted that changes may be made to the Community Coordinator Program in the future, and that details would be provided at a later date, should	

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			the changes be finalized. Information about logistics and payment options for the Community Coordinator Program was provided by the MFFN CAR Project Consultant, as well as a more updated job posting. ■ On July 26, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of the fully executed IK Funding Agreement and noted that another MFFN CAR Project Consultant would be in touch to coordinate the first payment to Fort Albany First Nation. ■ On July 30, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to coordinate the first IK Program payment to Fort Albany First Nation. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested that Sarah Beamish confirm Fort Albany First Nation's address and preferred payment method. ■ On July 31, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project consultant followed up on Fort Albany First Nation's interest in the Community Coordinator program via email and phone call. Action: ■ Continue to work with Fort Albany First Nation to engage in the IK Program as well as available funding opportunities, including the Community Coordinator Program.	

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Employment	Community Coordinator Program ■ Fort Albany First Nation inquired if the Community Coordinator Program funding was still available on August 18, 2022. ■ On July 5, 2024, Sarah Beamish discussed the Community Coordinator Program with the MFFN CAR Project Consultant via phone call. Sarah raised concerns Fort Albany First Nation has expressed in the past regarding the Community Coordinator Program, including not wanting to have a MFFN-staffed person working for their community, as well as concerns with workload and payment. Sarah also requested information about any flexibility that the MFFN CAR Project Team could offer in regards to the Community Coordinator Program funding.	■ Email ■ Phone	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant responded to explain that Community Coordinator funding is still available and a follow-up email about the Community Coordinator Program was sent on September 22, 2022. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reminded Fort Albany First Nation that the Community Coordinator employment position is still available on November 15, 2022 and again on May 17, 2023. ■ From October - June 2024, the MFFN CAR Project consultant followed up on Fort Albany First Nation's interest in the Community Coordinator Program via email and phone call. ■ On July 11, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish which noted that changes may be made to the Community Coordinator Program in the future, and that details would be provided at a later date, should the changes be finalized. Information about logistics and payment options for the Community Coordinator Program was provided by the MFFN CAR Project Consultant, as well as a more updated job posting. ■ On July 31, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up on Fort Albany First Nation's interest in the Community Coordinator program via email and phone call.	■ The EA / IS will document the ways in which the community was engaged in the process including the role of the Community Coordinator, if applicable.

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			Action: ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team to follow up on Fort Albany First Nation's interest in joining the Community Coordinator Program.	
Field Studies, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Cumulative Effects	Field Program Participation ■ On July 23, 2021, Fort Albany First Nation noted their interest in physically participating in the MFFN CAR Field Programs.	■ Email ■ Letter ■ Phone	Status: Ongoing ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team responded to the July 23, 2021 letter on September 7, 2021. This response noted that as a community-led Project, participation opportunities are focused on MFFN community members. Additionally, as field study sites are accessed by helicopter or fixed wing aircraft, there are limited positions available for participation. The letter included a schedule of anticipated field programs. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team continues to provide monthly Project updates and Field Study Program notices to Fort Albany First Nation. ■ On October 5, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up via phone call and email about whether Fort Albany First Nation is still interested in participating in Field Programs. Action: ■ Continue to work with Fort Albany First Nation to engage in upcoming Field Study Programs, as opportunities arise.	■ Opportunities to provide feedback on field programs in advance of them starting will be carried forward into the EA / IA.

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Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	IK Funding Agreement ■ Fort Albany First Nation provided a signed version of the IKSA on May 26, 2022; however, the IK Funding Agreement has not been signed. ■ On February 3, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation confirmed that they would review the IK Funding Agreement and get back to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant with their feedback. ■ On March 9, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation confirmed that MFFN CAR's revised version of the IK Funding Agreement was received and will be reviewed. On March 28, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation reiterated that they will provide a response to the revisions soon. ■ On March 25 and 27, 2024, Sarah Beamish confirmed the receipt of the follow-up email regarding IK Funding Agreement and noted that Fort Albany First Nation's response would be delayed. ■ On March 28, 2024, Fort Albany First Nation noted that Chief Kataquapit has agreed to sign the IK Funding	■ Email ■ Phone	Status: Complete ■ IK timelines, schedule and the IKSA were shared with Fort Albany First Nation in January 2022. ■ Follow-up emails on the status of the IK Sharing and Funding Agreements were sent on May 9 and May 25, 2022. ■ On February 3, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant resent the template IK Funding Agreement to Fort Albany First Nation. ■ On March 6, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that Fort Albany First Nation's IK Funding Agreement revisions have been received. The MFFN CAR Project Team returned the IK Funding Agreement to Fort Albany First Nation with additional edits on March 9, 2023, and sent a follow up email on March 28, 2023. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant regularly followed up about the status of the IK Funding Agreement via email and phone call between October 2023 - March 2024. ■ On April 1, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed the receipt of the next draft of the IK Funding Agreement via email, and noted that it would be reviewed by the MFFN CAR Project Team. ■ On April 25, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted via phone and email that the IK Funding Agreement was still being reviewed, but would be returned to	■ The results of ongoing efforts to sign the IK Funding Agreement will be documented in the EA / IS.

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	Agreement after some revisions are made. A draft IK Funding Agreement with the suggested revisions was provided for the MFFN CAR Project Team's review. ■ On July 5, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided the final draft of the IK Funding Agreement via email. Sarah requested signatures from the Project Team, should they agree with the edits that had been made. On July 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided the fully executed IK Funding Agreement, with both MFFN CAR Project Team and Fort Albany First Nation signatures, via email.		Fort Albany First Nation as soon as possible. ■ On May 2, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent the next draft of the IK Funding Agreement via email, and asked for signatures if Fort Albany First Nation agreed with the changes that were made. ■ On June 27, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up about Fort Albany First Nation's review of the IK Funding Agreement via phone and email. ■ On July 5, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed during a phone call that the final draft of the IK Funding Agreement had been received, and was being reviewed by the MFFN CAR Project Team before they provide their signatures. ■ On July 11, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that Fort Albany First Nation's revisions to the IK Funding Agreement had been approved by the MFFN CAR Project Team, and returned the document with signatures from the MFFN CAR Project Team. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested signatures from Fort Albany First Nation, and noted that once Fort Albany First Nation's signatures were provided, the first payment could be coordinated. The IK Guidance Document was also attached. ■ On July 26, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of the fully executed IK Funding Agreement	

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			and noted that another MFFN CAR Project Consultant would be in touch to coordinate the first payment to Fort Albany First Nation.	
Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights	IK Collection Delays ■ On June 22, 2023, Sarah Beamish which noted that Fort Albany First Nation's IK work has been postponed due to the current evacuation related to a fire, as well as their previous evacuation related to flooding. It was noted that Fort Albany First Nation will engage with the IK process once they are able to. ■ On January 19 and January 23, 2024, Sarah Beamish and Knut Kitching sent emails which noted that IK collection would begin in February 2024, and that a final IK report can be expected to be shared with the MFFN CAR Project Team by spring/early summer 2024. It was noted that this timeline could be disrupted due to disruptions in travel plans and flooding in the spring. ■ On March 25 and 27, 2024, Sarah Beamish confirmed the receipt of the follow-up email regarding IK collection and noted that Fort Albany First	■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ On August 9 and September 20, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent emails to Fort Albany First Nation following up on the IK collection process, and inquired if there was an updated timeline. ■ On December 8, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email which acknowledged Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection delays, but reminded the community of the December 11, 2023 milestone for submitting IK. ■ On January 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up about Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection process and requested a timeline for the submission of an IK report. ■ On January 23 and January 31, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that the information and update that Fort Albany First Nation provided about their IK collection timeline had been received. ■ On March 20 and March 26, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up about Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection process, and inquired if an IK report can be expected for spring/summer, 2024. ■ On April 1, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Sarah Beamish and	■ Issue resolution is ongoing. Any unresolved issues and remaining expressed concerns will be documented in the EA / IS. ■ The results of ongoing efforts to develop an IKSA will be documented in the EA / IS.

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	Nation's response would be delayed. ■ On March 28, 2024, Sarah Beamish and Knut Kitching confirmed that IK collection is underway, and that an IK study is expected to be complete by spring/summer 2024. ■ On March 28, 2024, Fort Albany First Nation noted that Chief Kataquapit has agreed to sign the IK Funding Agreement after some revisions are made. A draft IK Funding Agreement with the suggested revisions was provided for the MFFN CAR Project Team's review. ■ On June 27, 2024, Knut Kitching shared that Fort Albany First Nation's IK Report has been drafted, and is currently with the community for their validation/verification process. ■ On July 5, 2024, Sarah Beamish noted that the IK Report was with Fort Albany First Nation for review. Sarah shared that she may be able to provide a draft of the IK Report to the MFFN CAR Project Team by the end of July, depending on approval from Chief and Council.		Knut Kitching for providing an updated timeline regarding IK collection. as well as the next draft of the IK Funding Agreement. ■ On June 27, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked for an update regarding the timeline of the IK report. Later that day, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Knut Kitching for providing an update. ■ On July 31, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up about the status of the community's IK Report via phone and email. Action: ■ Follow up with Fort Albany First Nation about the community's IK collection process.	

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General Project, Consultation Methods	MFFN CAR Messaging ■ On July 5, 2024, Sarah Beamish shared a concern during phone call related to the messaging of the MFFN CAR during the Three Road Forum. It was noted that an Elder had commented that the MFFN CAR was unrelated to mining, and Sarah noted that this should not be the official messaging of the MFFN CAR.	■ Phone ■ Email	Status: Ongoing ■ On July 11, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged via email, Sarah's concern regarding messaging about the MFFN CAR in relation to mining. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared that this concern would be tracked moving forward. Action: ■ Consider feedback from Fort Albany First Nation in messaging about MFFN CAR moving forward.	■ This feedback will be reflected in messaging about the project in the EA / IS.

Table 6-4: Consultation and Engagement Log – Fort Albany First Nation

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
June 07, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the May E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. The E-Blast provided updates on the Cultural Heritage Program, IK Program and spring field studies. An information sheet for the Cultural Heritage Report was attached.

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June 19, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow up email to Fort Albany First Nation, highlighting key IK Program dates including the 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 Consultant 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 Consultant also offered to organize a meeting to discuss the IK Program and project schedule, and to answer any questions Fort Albany First Nation should have.

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June 22, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a follow up email to Fort Albany First Nation, 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 Fort Albany First Nation may have.
June 22, 2023	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Sarah Beamish which noted that Fort Albany First Nation's IK work has been postponed due to the current evacuation related to a fire, as well as their previous evacuation related to flooding. It was noted that Fort Albany First Nation will engage with the IK process once they are able to.

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June 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the June E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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.
July 13, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Summer 2023 Field Notice to Fort Albany First Nation. 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.

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July 27, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation regarding the open position for a Community Coordinator. A list of responsibilities for the position, the funding and length of the position was also included. Contact information was provided for interested applicants.
August 02, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the July E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. The E-Blast provided updates on the Cultural Heritage Program that took place in Marten Falls First Nation in July. New valued components videos on Peatlands and Birds were released on the website with links included. Field study updates were provided, including a link to the latest summer 2023 Field Notice and mention of the Vegetation Field Program taking place August 2 to 6, 2023 and the Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program taking place August 7 to 21, 2023. Links were included to field program notices, videos and discussion guides.
August 02, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Helen Bird (Fort Albany First Nation)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email and letter to Fort Albany First Nation, which provided the MFFN CAR Project Team's response to the community's comments on the Archaeology Assessment reports. The letter noted that the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment presented findings for only a small section of the area requiring archaeological fieldwork, and that further Stage 2 fieldwork will commence in 2025 or 2026, once a preferred route is

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						determined. It also noted that Fort Albany First Nation's comments about the community's traditional land uses within the study area will be reflected in the updated Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment.
August 09, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation following up on the IK collection process. The email noted that the community's IK collection has been delayed several times, and inquired if there was any update on the timing of this process.
September 01, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the August E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. The E-Blast provided field study updates, including the Vegetation Field Program from August 3 to 6, Summer Groundwater and Geochemistry Program from August 7 to 18 and the upcoming Fall Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program in late September. Final results from these programs will be available once all data is collected and analyzed and shared during the Draft Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment Phase in 2024. Links to field program notices, videos and Discussion Guides were included. New videos on the Social-Community Studies and Human Health and Community Safety were noted and links were provided. The E-Blast noted upcoming opportunities to connect in-person this Fall with more information to come.

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September 15, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Fall 2023 Field Notice to Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation following up on Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection process. The email requested an anticipated timeline for this process.
September 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the September E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish and left a voicemail which discussed upcoming events and various follow-up items. The voicemail provided information on upcoming events, including the Public Information Centre #5, the Climate Change Workshop, and the ATRI Forum. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also followed up about Fort Albany First Nation's revisions to the IK Funding Agreement, as well as the community's decision to participate in the Community Coordinator Program. Next, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant referenced a comment made in the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress reports, and requested details about how consultation for the Project could be improved to be more meaningful. Finally, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that Fort Albany First Nation expressed interest in in-person participation in Field Programs in July 2021, and asked if the community is still interested.
October 05, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish, which followed up on the voicemail left for her earlier that day about upcoming events and various follow-up items. The email 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. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also followed up about Fort Albany First Nation's revisions to the IK Funding

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						Agreement, as well as the community's decision participate in the Community Coordinator Program. The Community Coordinator job posting was attached. Next, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted a comment made by Fort Albany First Nation in their review of the RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress reports, where the community expressed that they do not consider many of the communications with the MFFN CAR Project Team to be meaningful consultation. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested details about how consultation for the project could be improved to be more meaningful. Finally, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that Fort Albany First Nation expressed interest in in-person participation in Field Programs in July 2021, and asked if the community is still interested.
October 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed an invitation for PIC #5 to Fort Albany First Nation. 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.

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October 17, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an invitation for the upcoming ATRI Forum #2 to Fort Albany First Nation. The ATRI Forum is to be held in Thunder Bay from November 21 – 23, 2023. The invitation provided information on the Forum including purpose, funding, contact information, the preliminary agenda and how to RSVP. The purpose is to create a respectful, culturally-sensitive, and collaborative space to develop an understanding of ATRI in the Project area. Funding would be provided by the Province for up to 3 community representatives to attend. The preliminary agenda focuses on ATRI for November 21 – 22 and Cumulative effects on November 23. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided contact information for any questions or information from Fort Albany First Nation.
October 17, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an invitation for the upcoming ATRI Forum #2. The ATRI Forum is to be held in Thunder Bay from November 21 – 23, 2023. The invitation provided information on the Forum including purpose, funding, contact information, the preliminary agenda and how to RSVP. The purpose is to create a respectful, culturally-sensitive, and collaborative space to develop an understanding of ATRI in the Project area. Funding would be provided by the Province for up to 3 community representatives to attend. The preliminary agenda focuses on ATRI for November 21 – 22 and Cumulative effects on November 23.

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November 02, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the October E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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.
November 09, 2023	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish to provide an update on the Project and upcoming activities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an invitation to the upcoming Route Selection Webinar, an update on ATRI Forum #2 and an update on the upcoming Climate Change Workshop. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also inquired if Sarah Beamish had any update on Fort Albany First Nation's participation in the IK Program and Community Coordinator Program. Sarah noted that there were no updates about Fort Albany's review of the IK Funding Agreement or their participation in the Community Coordinator Program, but they would be included as agenda items the next time she meets with the community. Sarah also

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						requested that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant send a schedule of baseline studies that been, and will be completed.
November 09, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Route Selection Milestone Webinar to Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish and Fort Albany First Nation 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 ATRI Forum #2 and an update on the upcoming Climate Change Workshop. An overview of their phone call conversation from the previous day was also provided, including the MFFN CAR Project Consultant's discussion with Sarah Beamish about the IK Program and Community Coordinator Program. It was noted that there were no updates about Fort Albany's review of the IK Funding Agreement or their participation in the Community Coordinator Program, but they would be included as agenda items the next time Sarah meets with the community. Sarah's request for a schedule of baseline studies was also noted in the email, and the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that this schedule would be provided as soon as it was available.

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November 10, 2023	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Guy Polden which requested that he be removed as a Fort Albany First Nation key contact, and that Knut Kitching be added.
November 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Guy Polden to confirm that he would be removed as a Fort Albany First Nation key contact, and that Knut Kitching would be added.
November 10, 2023	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Guy Polden (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which thanked the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for providing an overview of their phone call from the previous day. Sarah requested that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant ensure that the list of baseline studies to be provided also include a schedule for when each study will be completed.
November 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish and Fort Albany First Nation key contacts to confirm that the baseline study schedule that will be provided will include the completion dates of each study.

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November 10, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Route Selection Milestone Webinar to Fort Albany First Nation. 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 20, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish and Fort Albany First Nation key contacts to share the schedule of past and future baseline studies. A schedule with start/end dates and the completion status of all baseline studies was attached.

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November 27, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the Milestone #2 Progress Report to Fort Albany First Nation for review. The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers July 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. Fort Albany First Nation 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.
November 28, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation attaching the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report (draft report), which was prepared based on information that was provided directly to Marten Falls First Nation and publicly available sources of information. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant expressed interest in working with Fort Albany First Nation to update the Draft Report with information Fort Albany First Nation chooses to share and asked that communities provide input on the draft report by January 19, 2023, so that it may be included in the Draft EA / IS Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that additional information, feedback, comments, and edits can be shared after this date, as the Draft Report will not be finalized until later in 2024 and information provided after January 19, 2023, will be woven into the next phases of the assessment processes including the Final EA /

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						IS Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also expressed interest in meeting with Fort Albany First Nation to listen to feedback, discuss optimal ways to update the draft deport, and to review and discuss the Project schedule and next steps. Finally, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that this is an iterative process and will continue to update their understanding of Fort Albany First Nation's ATRI.
November 29, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email noting that due to technical issues, the Milestone #2 Progress Report was updated. The link provided on November 27, 2023 remains valid. If the report had already been downloaded, it was requested that the updated version is redownloaded.
December 07, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent Fort Albany First Nation a letter via email regarding potential socioeconomic assessment interest from the community. The letter provided a brief update on the status of the Project and mainly asked if the community had any interest or concern related to potential socio-economic impacts as a result of the Project and included an attachment of a list of possible social and economic effects of the Project that are to be assessed. The letter welcomed any input from the community in regards to social and/or economic effects from the MFFN CAR project. Contact information was provided in the case the community would like to provide input.

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December 07, 2023	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Fort Albany First Nation to provide an update regarding the CAR, including the Route Selection Webinar, ATRI Forum #2, Milestone #2 Progress Report, the upcoming webinar series, the Socio-Economic interest letter, and the IK Program. Sarah noted that she did not have time to talk, but asked if the timeline provided in the Socio-Economic letter was flexible. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that a follow-up email would be sent with a response to Sarah's question, as well as the other information that was intended to be discussed during this phone call.
December 08, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Fort Albany First Nation providing an update regarding the CAR, including the Route Selection Webinar, ATRI Forum #2, Milestone #2 Progress Report, the upcoming webinar series, the Socio-Economic interest letter, and a reminder about the IK collection milestone. The email responded to the question that Sarah Beamish asked during a phone call the previous day regarding timeline flexibility for providing Socio-Economic information. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant clarified that the Project Team is mainly looking for confirmation that communities would like to share Socio-Economic information by the end of December, and that the timeline to provide this information is more flexible. Additionally, the email acknowledged that Fort Albany First Nation is experiencing delays with IK collection, but reminded the community of the December 11, 2023 IK submission milestone.

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December 08, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Fort Albany First Nation to apologize for the formatting issues in the previous email regarding project updates. The Project Consultant offered to resend the email if the previous one was too difficult to read.
December 12, 2023	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Year in Review E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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.
January 11, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Fort Albany First Nation in order to follow up on Milestone #2 Progress Report and the ATRI Existing Conditions Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested feedback for the Milestone #2 Progress Report by February 15, 2024 and feedback for the ATRI Existing Conditions Report by January 19, 2024.

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January 16, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ 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 Fort Albany First Nation. 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		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish who confirmed that Fort Albany First Nation would be providing responses to the draft ATRI Existing Conditions Report and the Milestone #2 Progress Report. The email noted that the ATRI Existing Conditions Report response would be provided the week after the January 19, 2024 deadline.
January 18, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Winter 2024 Field Notice to Fort Albany First Nation. The Field Notice was attached to the email and noted dates and information for the Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation. A link to the Field Notice on the MFFN CAR Project website was included as well as links to the webinar recordings and videos for more information.

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January 19, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish thanked her for the updates regarding Fort Albany First Nation's responses to the draft ATRI Existing Conditions Report and the Milestone #2 Progress Report. The email also inquired if there was any update regarding Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection process, and requested a timeline for the submission of an IK report.
January 19, 2024	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which noted that Fort Albany First Nation would be working with Firelight Group to complete IK collection work beginning in February. Sarah shared that a draft IK report is expected to be completed in March, 2024, and that a final report will be provided to the MFFN CAR Project Team in spring/early summer, 2024. It was noted that this timeline could be disrupted due to disruptions in travel plans and flooding in the spring. Sarah also provided a preliminary comment for the draft ATRI report on behalf of the community, which requested that an excerpt from the report be removed, due to it being Traditional Knowledge and intellectual property. It was noted that Fort Albany First Nation's Community Core Consultation Coordinator intends to seek guidance from an elder in the community regarding the inclusion of this excerpt in the ATRI report, but that it must be removed until consent is received.

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January 23, 2024	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Fort Albany First Nation to provide an update regarding the CAR, including updates on the ATRI Existing Conditions Report, upcoming Webinars for the Project, the Milestone #2 Progress Report, and the IK Funding Agreement. There was no answer so a voicemail was left.
January 23, 2024	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which noted that Fort Albany First Nation would be delaying their response to the draft ATRI Existing Conditions Report until the following week, due to a death in the community.
January 23, 2024	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Knut Kitching who provided further clarification on Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection process. The email noted that Firelight Group intends to conduct interviews with community members from February 5-February 9, 2024. It was noted that interview analysis will take place from February-March, 2024, followed by a community review/verification process, and a final report in late April or May. Knut shared that this timeline may change, depending on pacing and community availability, and that they will update the timeline once data collection is complete.

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January 23, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish and Knut Kitching which thanked them for the updates regarding Fort Albany First Nation's response to the draft ATRI Existing Conditions Report and their IK collection process. The email also confirmed that the community's preliminary comment for the ATRI report has been received, and that a response is currently being drafted.
January 23, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Fort Albany First Nation providing an update regarding the CAR, including updates on the ATRI Existing Conditions Report, upcoming Webinars for the Project, and the Milestone #2 Progress Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also inquired if Fort Albany First Nation had any updates regarding their review of the IK Funding Agreement.
January 31, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish which acknowledged Fort Albany First Nation's request to remove a passage from the ATRI Existing Conditions Report, and noted that the Report would be amended to reflect this change. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that input received from communities prior to January 19, 2024 will be integrated into the Draft EA / IS Report, whereas information provided after this deadline will be integrated into the next phases of the assessment processes. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also thanked

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						Sarah for providing Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection schedule, and offered to coordinate a meeting to discuss the Draft ATRI Report or the IK Program.
January 31, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the January E-Blast to Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Fort Albany First Nation 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Fort Albany First Nation 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	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Sarah Beamish to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Project webinar series, Milestone #2 Progress Report, and the ATRI Existing Conditions Report. There was no answer so a voicemail was left. In the voicemail, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared details about the Climate Change Adaptation webinar and, and mentioned that the Engineering and Cumulative Effects webinars would be held in Q1 2024 with formal notices shared soon. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted the deadlines had passed to provide comments on the ATRI Existing Conditions Report and the Milestone #2 Report, requested confirmation of whether feedback would be provided and when the MFFN CAR Project Team can expect to receive it.
February 22, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Fort Albany First Nation to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Project webinar series, Milestone #2 Progress Report, and ATRI Existing Conditions 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 Engineering and Cumulative Effects webinars would be held in Q1 2024 with formal notices shared soon. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted the deadlines had passed to provide comments on the ATRI Existing Conditions Report and the Milestone #2 Report, requested confirmation of whether feedback would be provided and when the MFFN CAR Project Team can expect to receive it.

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March 01, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation detailing the February E-Blast. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's current and upcoming activities including: Updated Route Video, Climate Change Adaptation Webinar and Survey, and Spring Field Studies. Links to the Project website and social media pages, along with contact information was provided.
March 20, 2024	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Milestone #2 Progress Report, Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection process, and the IK Funding Agreement. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided information about the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey and the Route Selection Video, and noted that links 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 Fort Albany First Nation was still on track to provide an IK report by late spring/early summer, and followed up about the community's review of the IK Funding Agreement. There was no answer so a voicemail was left.

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March 20, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Fort Albany First Nation to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Milestone #2 Progress Report, Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection process, and the IK Funding Agreement. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a link to the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey to share how Climate Change has/is affecting the community, and also 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 Fort Albany First Nation was still on track to provide an IK report by late spring/early summer, and followed up about the community's review of the IK Funding Agreement.
March 25, 2024	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which confirmed the receipt of the email pertaining to the Milestone #2 Progress Report, Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection process, and the IK Funding Agreement, the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey, the Route Selection Video. Sarah noted that a response would be provided on March 27, 2024.

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March 26, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish which thanked her for confirming the receipt of the email pertaining to the Milestone #2 Progress Report, IK collection process, and the IK Funding Agreement, the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey, and the Route Selection Video.
March 27, 2024	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which noted that her response to the email pertaining to the Milestone #2 Progress Report, IK collection process, and the IK Funding Agreement, the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey, and the Route Selection Video would be delayed. She noted that the response could now be expected by March 28, 2024.
March 28, 2024	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish, which responded to the March 20, 2024 email regarding project updates. Sarah confirmed that Fort Albany First Nation did not have any comments regarding the Milestone #2 Progress Report, but intends to provide a response to the ATRI report by the following week. Sarah also noted that Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection is underway, and that the community is on track to provide a report by late spring/early summer. She noted, however, that flooding results in the spring may have an impact on this timeline. Furthermore, Sarah shared that Chief Kataquapit agreed to sign the IK Funding Agreement, and has proposed some revisions

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						to the text of the agreement. An updated draft of the IK Funding Agreement was attached for the MFFN CAR Project Team's review. Sarah also thanked the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for providing a link to the Climate Change Adaptation survey, and noted that she would share it with the Fort Albany First Nation staff member who would be responsible for filling it out.
March 28, 2024	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant was CC'ed on an email from Knut Kitching, which confirmed that Fort Albany First Nation is on track for IK reporting, and provided an updated timeline for the report. Knut noted that preliminary maps, GIS data, and a Draft Report should be completed by April 30, 2024, and that the Final IK Study Report, along with associated mapping/GIS files, would be completed by June 30, 2024. It was noted that Fort Albany First Nation's validation/verification process would occur between these two deliverable dates.
April 01, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish and Knut Kitching to thank them for their updates regarding the Milestone #2 Report, ATRI Report response, IK Report timeline, and IK Funding Agreement. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that Fort Albany First Nation's revisions to the IK Funding Agreement had been passed along to the MFFN CAR Project Team and that they would be reviewed as soon as possible. A meeting was also offered to discuss any of the topics raised in the email.

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April 03, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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 09, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish to clarify key contact information for Fort Albany First Nation. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked Sarah to confirm the title of Cathleen Sutherland, and inquired about whether Jacqueline Sutherland was still the CEO of the community.
April 09, 2024	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish to confirm that Cathleen Sutherland is the new CEO is Fort Albany First Nation, and that Jacqueline Sutherland is no longer in that role. Sarah also provided contact information for Cathleen Sutherland.

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April 09, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish to thank her for confirming the contact information for Cathleen Sutherland and Jacqueline Sutherland. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the contact list would be updated to reflect these changes.
April 17, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Jackie Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation providing the Spring 2024 Field Notice and Caribou Collaring Update. The email included information on the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program to occur late May to June, 2024, and the field notice was attached. The MFFN CAR Project Team also included an update on the Caribou Collaring Program, and stated that the atigwag / caribou collar retrieval could not be carried out as planned between April 8-12, 2024 due to poor weather conditions, and will occur from April 19 to April 23, 2024. Links to the field notice, webinar recordings, videos and contact information for the Project Team was provided.
April 25, 2024	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Community Coordinator Program, and IK Program. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired about the status of Fort Albany First Nation's response to the ATRI Existing Conditions report, and whether the community still intended to provide a

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						response. Additionally, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a reminder to complete the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey and noted that a link would be provided in their follow up email. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team was still in the process of reviewing Fort Albany First Nation's revisions to the IK Funding Agreement, and noted that funding for the Community Coordinator Program was still available, should Fort Albany First Nation decide to participate. There was no answer so a voicemail was left.
April 25, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Fort Albany First Nation to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Community Coordinator Program, and IK Program. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also inquired about the status of Fort Albany First Nation's response to the ATRI Existing Conditions report, and whether the community still intended to provide a response. Additionally, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a reminder to complete the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey and provided a link to the survey to share how Climate Change has/is affecting the community. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team was still in the process of reviewing Fort Albany First Nation's revisions to the IK Funding Agreement, and noted that funding for the Community Coordinator Program was still available, should Fort Albany First Nation decide to participate.

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April 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation with the April E-Blast. The April E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including, an update on Spring Field Studies and news articles featuring, "Bridges to the North" a documentary film by an Anishinaabe filmmaker, and another on MFFN's future access to clean electricity. Links to the Project website and social media pages, along with the Project Team's contact information.
May 02, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish to provide the next draft of the IK Funding Agreement. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked Fort Albany First Nation to provide their signatures and contact information on the agreement, should they agree with the updates that were made. A clean copy of the draft IK Funding Agreement, as well as a version with track changes, were attached. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered a meeting to discuss the IK Funding Agreement further.
May 23, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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.

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				■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)		Links to the field notice and MFFN CAR's website were included.
May 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation with the May 2024 E-Blast. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including, an update on Spring Field Studies, news articles featuring new economic and employment opportunities for Indigenous communities, and a description of the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment Process. Links to the E-Blast and MFFN CAR's website were included.
June 03, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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 Fort Albany First Nation to setup a meeting with the Project Team to review the reports and have their questions answered.

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June 05, 2024	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish, following up on an invitation shared May 23, regarding the Three-Road Forum being held June 11, 12 & 13 in Thunder Bay. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared that the Province of Ontario is offering funding for up to 3 representatives from Fort Albany First Nation to attend, including travel accommodation and meals. There was no answer, so a voicemail was left.
June 05, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Fort Albany First Nation key contacts following up on an invitation shared May 23, regarding the Three-Road Forum being held June 11, 12 & 13 in Thunder Bay. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared that the Province of Ontario is offering funding for up to 3 representatives from Fort Albany First Nation to attend, including travel accommodation and meals.
June 06, 2024	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Leo Metatawabin, responding to the reminder regarding the Three-Road Forum. Leo noted that he would be attending the Three-Road Forum on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation, and inquired about how hotel accommodations would be arranged. Leo also noted that Sarah Beamish would likely attend the forum as well.

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June 06, 2024	Phone	x		■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received a voicemail from Leo Metatawabin, responding the reminder regarding the Three-Road Forum. Leo noted that he would be attending with Three-Road Forum on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation, and inquired about how hotel accommodations would be arranged. Leo did not leave a phone number to return his call.
June 06, 2024	Email		x	■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Paul MacInnis (Ministry of Mines) ■ Jason Frechette (Ministry of Mines)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Leo Metatawabin, responding to his inquiries about accommodations for the Three-Road Forum. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Province of Ontario is responsible for the logistics of the Three-Road Forum event, and CC'd the relevant Provincial contacts to respond to his inquiries.
June 06, 2024	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Jason Frechette (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry) ■ Paul MacInnis (Ministry of Mines)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish, which asked a follow-up question regarding logistics for the Three-Road Forum. Sarah inquired how travel costs are arranged for attendees of the Three-Road Forum, and asked if they would be reimbursed.

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June 07, 2024	Email	x		■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Jason Frechette (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry) ■ Paul MacInnis (Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Jason Frechette, Ministry of MINES, which responded to Leo Metatawabin and Sarah Beamish's questions regarding logistics for the Three-Road Forum. Jason noted that travel and accommodation expenses are typically reimbursed through PFI agreements.
June 11, 2024	In-person / face-to-face			■ Attendee(s) from Fort Albany First Nation	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ From June 11 – 13, 2024, representatives from Fort Albany First Nation 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 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.

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June 27, 2024	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project including the Community Coordinator Program, the IK Program, the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, and to request an update on the submission of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Report. Sarah Beamish noted that she did not have time to speak with the MFFN CAR Project Consultant, so a phone call was scheduled for July 4, 2024.
June 27, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Fort Albany First Nation key contacts to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project including the Community Coordinator Program and the IK Program, and requested an update on the submission of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also 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. 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. Lastly, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Fort Albany First Nation for participating in the Three Road Project Gathering & Expo, which took place from June 11-13.

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June 27, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Knut Kitching which thanked him for providing an update on the submission of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Report.
July 04, 2024	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which requested to reschedule the phone call they had planned for later that day. Sarah requested that the phone call be rescheduled for the afternoon of July 5, 2024.

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July 04, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant send an email to Sarah Beamish which agreed to reschedule the phone call they had planned for later that day. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided their availability for the afternoon of July 5, 2024.
July 04, 2024	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which proposed a time for their rescheduled phone call. Sarah noted that 3:00 pm on July 5, 2024 worked for her, and that she also had availability the following week.
July 04, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish which confirmed the proposed time for their rescheduled phone call. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they would call Sarah at 3:00 pm on July 5, 2024.
July 05, 2024	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which provided an updated draft of the IK Funding Agreement. The email described some minor edits made to the agreement, and requested that a signed PDF be returned, should the MFFN CAR Project Team agree with the revisions. Sarah noted that once signatures were provided, Fort Albany First Nation would return a signed copy to the MFFN CAR Project Team promptly.
July 05, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish which thanked her for providing the revised IK Funding Agreement. The email noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team would review the revisions, and return the IK Funding Agreement with signatures if they approved.

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July 05, 2024	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish to discuss MFFN CAR Project updates, including the Three Road Forum, the Archaeology Assessment Report, the IK Funding Agreement, the IK Report, Community Coordinator Program and the ATRI Report. During the phone call, Fort Albany First Nation's attendance at the Three Road Forum was discussed, and Sarah raised a concern about the messaging during conversations at the MFFN CAR Three Road Forum. In particular, she referenced a comment made by an Elder regarding the road not being about mining, and noted that this should not be the official messaging of the MFFN CAR. Sarah also noted that Fort Albany First Nation might be interested in scheduling a meeting to discuss the Archaeology Assessment Report, and requested a list of dates that would work for the MFFN CAR Project Team. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant and Sarah Beamish discussed updates about the IK Funding Agreement, which the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted was being reviewed by the MFFN CAR Project Team, and the IK Report, which Sarah noted was with Fort Albany First Nation for review. Sarah shared that she may be able to provide a draft of the IK Report to the MFFN CAR Project Team by the end of July, depending on approval from Chief and Council. The Community Coordinator Program was also discussed, and Sarah raised concerns that Fort Albany First Nation had previously mentioned regarding having an

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						MFFN-staffed person working for their community, as well as concerns with workload and payment. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that there may be opportunities for the Community Coordinator Program to be more flexible, and Sarah requested more information about the potential flexibility of the program in writing. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also inquired if Fort Albany First Nation still intended to provide a response to the ATRI Existing Conditions Report, and Sarah Beamish noted that she should be able to provide their response by July 8th, 2024. Sarah Beamish also requested a more detailed timeline regarding the draft EA/IS and the final EA/IS, and inquired if there would be funding for in community meetings in Fort Albany First Nation, should they be interested once the draft EA/IS is shared. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they would get back to Sarah with more information.
July 09, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation with the June 2024 E-Blast. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including, National Indigenous History Month, a summary of the Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo, and an update and description of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment. Links to the E-Blast and MFFN CAR's website were included.

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July 11, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish which noted that Fort Albany First Nation's revisions to the IK Funding Agreement had been approved by the MFFN CAR Project Team. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a version of the IK Funding Agreement with signatures from the MFFN CAR Project Team', and requested signatures from Fort Albany First Nation. It was noted that once Fort Albany First Nation's signatures were provided, the first payment could be coordinated. The IK Guidance Document was also attached.
July 11, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish to provide an overview of their phone call regarding MFFN CAR Project updates, including the Three Road Forum, the Archaeology Assessment Report, the IK Funding Agreement, the IK Report, Community Coordinator Program and the ATRI Report. The email noted Sarah's concern about the messaging during conversations at the MFFN CAR Three Road Forum, due to a comment made by an Elder regarding the road not being about mining. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided potential dates for a meeting to discuss the Archaeology Assessment report, should Fort Albany First Nation be interested. The email provided an overview of their updates about the IK Funding Agreement, which had been sent to Fort Albany First Nation for their signatures earlier that day, and the draft IK Report, which Sarah and Knut Kitching had confirmed was complete

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						and with Fort Albany First Nation for review. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that Sarah had shared that she may be able to provide a draft of the IK Report to the MFFN CAR Project Team by the end of July, and inquired if there was any update about this. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an overview of Sarah's questions regarding the Community Coordinator Program, and noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team may be in the process of making changes to the program, and that details will be provided at a later date, should these changes be finalized. Information about payment options for the Community Coordinator Program was provided by the MFFN CAR Project Consultant, as well as a more updated job posting. An overview of their discussion about Fort Albany First Nation's response to the ATRI Existing Conditions Report was also provided, and the MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested an update on whether the community planned to submit their response that week. Finally, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided responses to Sarah's questions regarding the timeline of the project, and the potential for in-community meetings in Fort Albany First Nation. The email noted that the draft EA/IS is anticipated to be completed in November 2025, and that the MFFN CAR Project Team has the budget to cover expenses related to meeting spaces, meals, and meeting organization costs for any in-community meetings that the MFFN CAR Project Team attends.

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July 16, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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.
July 18, 2024	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which provided the fully executed IK Funding Agreement, with both MFFN CAR Project Team and Fort Albany First Nation signatures.
July 25, 2024	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Sarah Beamish which asked two questions to support Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Archaeology Assessment Report. Sarah Beamish asked if the Statement of Indigenous Engagement and the Record of Engagement, which were referred to in the Archaeology Assessment Report, have been shared with Fort Albany First Nation. Sarah Beamish also asked if any other sources of Indigenous Knowledge from Fort Albany First Nation had been referred to or relied upon in the Archaeology Assessment Report, and requested that these sources be shared if so.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
July 26, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish thanked her for providing the fully executed IK Funding Agreement. It was noted that another MFFN CAR Project Consultant would be in touch to coordinate the first payment to Fort Albany First Nation.
July 29, 2024	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Sarah Beamish which followed up about the questions she asked to support Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Archaeology Assessment Report. Sarah Beamish requested that a response be provided as soon as possible.
July 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish which provided a partial response to the questions she asked to support Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Archaeology Assessment Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Statement of Indigenous Engagement was not provided to Fort Albany First Nation, as it was exclusively provided to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism for the purposes of archaeological licensing. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also confirmed that IK from Fort Albany First Nation was not referred to or relied upon in the Archaeology Assessment Report. It was noted that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant was still confirming information about the Record of Engagement, which was referenced in the Archaeology Assessment Report, and that additional information about this document would be shared once it was available.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
July 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish which provided additional information in response to the questions that were asked to support Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Archaeology Assessment Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared that term "Record of Engagement", which was referenced in the Archaeology Assessment Report, was referencing the same document as the Statement of Indigenous Engagement. It was noted that the archaeology team would make changes to the report to fix this error and make the wording more consistent. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reiterated that the Statement of Indigenous Engagement was not provided to Fort Albany First Nation, as it was a document sent exclusively to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism for the purposes of archaeological licensing.
July 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to coordinate the first IK Program payment to Fort Albany First Nation. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested that Sarah Beamish confirm Fort Albany First Nation's address and preferred payment method.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
July 31, 2024	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Sarah Beamish to note 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. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that funding for the Community Coordinator Program is still available, and explained the logistics of the Program. Lastly, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked for status updates regarding the community's IK Report. There was no answer so a voicemail was left.
July 31, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish, noting 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. 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 noted that funding for the Community Coordinator Program is still available, and explained the logistics of the Program. Lastly, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked for status updates regarding the community's IK Report and response to the Draft Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions Report.

B6. Fort Albany First Nation

B6.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence
B6.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence
B6.3 Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Preliminary Existing Conditions Report

B6.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Follow-up Re: MFFN CAR IK Program Key Dates

Nokleby, Andrea [redacted] Mon, Jun 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM
To: Chief Leo Metatawabin [redacted], Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Bob Baxter [redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted], Lawrence Baxter [redacted], Jodi Miles [redacted]

Good Morning,

I hope this email finds you and your community well. We just wanted to follow up with you on the email below and the **June 30, 2023 milestone** for sharing Indigenous Knowledge (IK) and information on Indigenous land and resource use. Please note, that we will continue to work with you following this date to share information for subsequent phases of the assessment processes.

If you would like to meet to further discuss the IK Program, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Have a wonderful week ahead,

Andrea

Andrea Nokleby
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From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 10:16 AM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Join the Community Coordinator Program!

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Community Coordinator Program

Since March 2022, the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road Project Team has shared on-going communications about providing funding for a Community Coordinator from your community.

We believe a Community Coordinator will strengthen our collective efforts on the Community Access Road, while keeping your community up-to-date and involved.

Responsibilities

- Coordinate between the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and community members living in / outside of your community as per your local practices and in collaboration with Chief and Council;
- Provide advice and guidance on appropriate ways to engage your community – in-person and virtually;
- Keep informed on Community Access Road Project activities (e.g., timelines, documents, events) and communicate relevant Project information to community members;
- Participate in meetings with the Project Team and other Community Coordinators;
- Provide support for community engagement activities related to the Project including:
  - Coordinate and organize logistics for meetings, workshops, events and / or school visits (e.g., book meeting spaces, order refreshments, help with truck / boat rentals and accommodations)
  - Help identify meeting participants and information providers (e.g., youth and / or elders);
  - Assist with meeting facilitation, note taking and meeting minute preparation, and coordinate translation services, if needed; and
  - Organize distributing Project advertisements and notices in your community; either online (e.g., Facebook) or posting in community;
- Assist in collecting data / information in your community (e.g., Indigenous Knowledge, community information and socio-economic information);
  - Assist in reviewing draft documents, questionnaires or Project updates / information sheets.

How much funding is available?

The funding available for a Community Coordinator is $25/hour for 16 hours per week. Communities can choose to go with milestone-based payments where the First Nation distributes funding directly to the Community Coordinator or direct payments from the Project to the Community Coordinator—the choice is up to your community!

How many months will the funding be available for?

Funding is available as soon as you agree to start and the hiring process is completed, until the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement is issued. Our current schedule for issuing this document is July 2025.

Next Steps

If you would like to learn more, contact Jennifer Bruin or Demetri Poulakas at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca or 1-800-764-9114.

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Archaeology Reports and IK Funding Agreement Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Aug 2, 2023 at 10:44 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Helen Bird [redacted] Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted] Lawrence Baxter [redacted] Bob Baxter [redacted] Qasim Saddique <[redacted], Jennifer Bruin [redacted] "Deveaux, Leah" <L[redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good morning Sarah,

I hope all is well. Please see attached the MFFN CAR Project Team's response to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Archaeology Assessment Reports, received March 28, 2023.

If you have any questions or concerns about the response provided, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Jodi Miles,
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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August 2, 2023
Fort Albany First Nation
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Dear Sarah Beamish,

Thank you for your comments on the Draft Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeology Assessment Reports for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road, received March 28, 2023.

The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment (AA) report prepared and circulated was only a very small portion of the area requiring further Stage 2 archaeological fieldwork. The Stage 1 AA report illustrates all of the areas that require further Stage 2 fieldwork. All areas identified in the Stage 1AA report that retain archaeological potential must be subject to Stage 2AA in advance of any ground disturbance. The remaining Stage 2 fieldwork will commence following advancement of a preferred route sometime in 2025 or 2026. Field notices will be distributed in advance of the programs.

Additionally, thank you for your comment about Fort Albany First Nation members sharing information along and near the Albany River system, as well as historic burial sites near James Bay coast. Your comments will be reflected in the updated Stage 2 AA report later in 2023 and we will share the updates with you when they are complete.

In the meantime, if Fort Albany First Nation has any additional information they would like to provide about sensitive areas that should be avoided or included in the Archaeology / Cultural Heritage work to be evaluated for impacts, don't hesitate to reach out. You can respond to the email this letter was attached to, or call Jodi Miles, part of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team at [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Qasim Saddique
Project Director

[redacted]

Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Advisor

cc:

- Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit, Fort Albany First Nation
- Deputy Chief Terry Metatawabin, Fort Albany First Nation
- Jacqueline Sutherland, Fort Albany First Nation
- Guy Polden, Fort Albany First Nation Consultant
- Justin Page, Fort Albany First Nation Consultants.
- Bob Baxter, Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Jennifer Bruin, Technical Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Samantha Markham, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Leah Deveaux, MFFN CAR Project Consultant

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

IK Collection Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Aug 9, 2023 at 9:32 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted], [redacted] Guy Polden [redacted] Kyla Zielbauer [redacted] Andrea Nokleby [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good morning Sarah,

I hope your summer is treating you well. I wanted to send a quick email to check in about Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection. On June 22, you mentioned that this IK work has been delayed several times, and that a timeline was not possible to provide during that time. I wanted to ask if there has been any update on this process and your ability to provide a timeline, or is it still delayed?

Let me know!

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

IK Collection Follow Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Sep 20, 2023 at 11:11 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted] Guy Polden [redacted] Kyla [redacted], Andrea Nokleby [redacted]

Good morning Sarah,

I hope all is well. I wanted to follow up again to see if there has been any progress on IK collection efforts with Fort Albany, or if you have an anticipated timeline for when IK collection might occur. Let me know!

Thank you,

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

MFFN CAR Upcoming Events and Follow-Up Items

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 4:03 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted] Guy Polden [redacted]
Bcc: "Poulakas, Demetri" [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]

Good afternoon Sarah,

I hope all is well. I am following up about the voicemail I left this morning regarding some project updates and follow-up items. Firstly, I wanted to let you know about 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.

I also wanted to check in about the IK Funding Agreement revisions, which you noted were being reviewed in March 2023. I understand that this process had been delayed due to the evacuations in the community over the summer, but I wanted to ask if there have there been any updates with this since then?

Additionally, I wanted to follow up about the Community Coordinator Program, which you noted that Fort Albany First Nation may be interested in in August 2022. I wanted to check in to see if there have been any decisions made regarding Fort Albany's involvement with the program, or if you had any further questions about it. I am reattaching the job posting for this position for your reference.

Next, I wanted to follow up about a comment made in your review of the RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress reports, where you mentioned that Fort Albany does not consider many of the communications with the MFFN CAR Project Team to be meaningful consultation. I wanted to ask if you had any feedback about how our consultation could be improved, or what the community may need in order for these communications to be considered more meaningful. Please let me know if you have any further details on this topic.

Finally, I wanted to follow up about a comment made in July 2021, where it was noted that Fort Albany First Nation was interested in in-person participation in Field Programs. Would Fort Albany First Nation still like the opportunity to get involved in field programs, or is the community no longer interested?

Any input on the follow-up items above would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the upcoming events, or any topics raised in this email, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Thank you,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
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WE'RE HIRING!

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is undertaking a federal Impact Assessment (IA) and provincial environmental assessment (EA) for an all-season access road to our community. To support these studies, we are looking to hire **Community Coordinators**.

Are you a highly motivated person? Do you have strong organizational and relationship building skills? Would you like to work with a great project team and build experience in environmental management?

If so, this could be the role for you!

The Community Coordinator will be a primary point of contact between your community and the MFFN Project Team. We will work closely with you as you help to involve your community in the environmental assessment processes.

Responsibilities

- Coordinate between the MFFN Project Team and community members living in / outside of your community as per your local practices and in collaboration with Chief and Council;
- Provide advice and guidance on appropriate ways to engage your community—in-person (when appropriate to do so), and virtually during COVID-19;
- Keep informed on Community Access Road Project activities (e.g., timelines, documents, events) and communicate relevant Project information to community members;
- Participate in meetings with the Project Team and other Community Coordinators;
- Provide support for community engagement activities related to the Project including:
    - Coordinate and organize logistics for meetings, workshops, events and / or school visits (e.g., book meeting spaces, order refreshments, help with truck / boat rentals and accommodations);
    - Help identify meeting participants and information providers (e.g., youth and / or elders);
    - Assist with meeting facilitation, note taking and meeting minute preparation, and coordinate translation services, if needed; and
    - Organize distributing Project advertisements and notices in your community; either online (e.g., Facebook or posting in community);
- Assist in collecting data / information in your community (e.g., Indigenous Knowledge, community information and socio-economic information);
- Assist in reviewing draft documents, questionnaires or Project updates / information sheets.

This position will receive $25 per hour and is expected to be approximately 16 hours per week for up to 3 years. If you would like to learn more, contact: Jennifer Bruin or James Meyer at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca or 1-800-764-9114.

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Invitation - ATRI Forum Nov 21 - 23, 2023

Nokleby, Andrea [redacted] Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM
To: Chief Leo Metatawabin [redacted], Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Bob Baxter [redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted], Lawrence Baxter [redacted] Jodi Miles [redacted]

Good Morning,

On behalf of the Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation Project Teams, please find attached an invitation to attend the Second Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights Forum related to the following projects:

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

Building on the first Forum held in February 2023, this follow-up Forum provides an opportunity to identify and discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and interests as they relate to the above Projects.

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

If you have any questions regarding the Forum or need additional information to engage your community please do not hesitate to reach out to us using the following contact information:

WSR: Michael Fox: [redacted]
MFCAR: Andrea Nokleby: [redacted]
NRL: Mishal Naseer: [redacted]

We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great day,

Andrea

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ABORIGINAL AND / OR TREATY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

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

YOU ARE INVITED!

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

Thunder Bay
Valhalla Inn, 1 Valhalla Inn Rd

November 21 - 23, 2023

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

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

Participant Funding

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

Additional community representatives are welcome to attend.

Purpose

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

Who Should Attend from your Community

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

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

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

WSR WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

NRL Northern Road Link

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Miles, Jodi < [redacted]

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Nov 10, 2023 at 10:35 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted] Guy Polden [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted], "Poulakas, Demetri" [redacted] Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good morning Sarah,

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me yesterday about upcoming events for the Project. I am sending this email to follow up about the topics discussed in our phone call, and to provide additional details where needed.

Route Selection Webinar:

Fort Albany First Nation is invited to join us for a new webinar series on the Community Access Road. The first webinar is on **Route Selection.**

Date: Thursday November 16, 2023

Time: 4:00pm EST.

Please register HERE.

ATRI Forum #2:

Fort Albany First Nation is invited to join us on the second ATRI Forum.

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

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

Location: Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay

Date: November 21-23, 2023

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

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

Climate Change Workshop:

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

IK Sharing Agreement and Community Coordinator Program

During our phone call, I asked if there have been any updates about the IK Funding Agreement, which Fort Albany First Nation is in the process of revising. I also asked if there have been any updates regarding Fort Albany First Nation's interest in participating in the Community Coordinator Program. You noted that there have been no updates for either topic due to various delays. However, you shared that you are in the process of setting up a meeting with Fort Albany leadership, and that the IK Funding Agreement and the Community Coordinator Program will be agenda items when this meeting occurs.

Request for a List of Baseline Studies

You noted that Fort Albany First Nation has requested a list of baseline studies related to the MFFN CAR Project, and asked if I could provide one. I shared that I would work with my team to put this list together for you. I will follow up with you and provide this information as soon as I can.

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]>

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Introduction Letter

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Nov 10, 2023 at 10:59 AM
To: Guy Polden [redacted]
Cc: Justin Page [redacted] Knut Kitching [redacted], Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Hello Guy,

Absolutely, thank you for the update!

Take care,
Jodi
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Nov 10, 2023 at 2:06 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted], [redacted] Knut Kitching [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], "Poulakas, Demetri" [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Hi Sarah,

Yes, absolutely. I will make note of that request to our team.

Thanks,

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

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Mon, Nov 20, 2023 at 8:24 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
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Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] "Poulakas, Demetri" [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good morning Sarah,

I hope all is well. I am following up to provide a schedule of MFFN CAR baseline studies, as promised. The attached document provides a list of past and future field programs along with their start/end dates and completion status. If there is any other information you need, please let me know.

I hope this helps!

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
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MFCAR Field Programs

	Activity	Field Program Status	Program Length (days)	START	END
2019 Field Programs					
Fish Fish Habitat and SW	Summer Field Program (SW + Fish)	Completed	6 days	5-Sep-19	10-Sep-19
Bats	Bats Autonomous Recording Unit (ARU) (deployment and collection)	Completed	4 days	13-Jun-19	16-Jun-19
Birds	Birds (ARU, Species specific surveys)	Completed	5 days	13-Jun-19	17-Jun-19
Wildlife Remote Camera installation and checks, furbearer ground tracking survey, wolverine denning surveys)	Installation	Completed	5 days	13-Jun-19	17-Jun-21
	Retrieved	Completed	3 days	2-Sep-19	4-Sep-19
Acoustic Monitoring	Acoustic Monitoring Program	Completed	4 days	3-Nov-19	6-Nov-19
Physiography and Vegetation	Physiography Soils and Terrain Surveys & Vegetation Survey	Completed	5 Days	13-Jun-19	17-Jun-19
2020 Field Programs					
Fish Fish Habitat and SW	Summer Field Program (SW + Fish)	Completed	13 Days	14-Oct-20	26-Oct-20
2021 Field Programs					
Air Monitoring	Installation & Training	Completed	4 days	13-May-21	16-May-21
	Maitenance visit (3-month)	Completed	3-4 days	15-Aug-21	18-Aug-21
	Maitenance visit (6-month)	Completed	3-4 days	24-Nov-21	26-Nov-21
Wildlife	Bat ARU Program 2021	Completed	10 days	7-Jun-21	16-Jun-21
	Bat ARU Retrieval 2021	Completed	13 Days	18-Sep-21	1-Oct-21
Ungulates	Remote Camera Program (Deploy)	Completed	10 days	7-Jun-21	16-Jun-21
	Remote Camera Program (Trip 1)	Completed	8 days	31-Oct-21	7-Nov-21
General	Preparedness Day (Health and Safety Training) - Thunder Bay- Session 1	Completed	1 day	9-Aug-21	9-Aug-21
	Preparedness Day (Health and Safety Training) - Thunder Bay- Session 2	Completed	1 day	12-Aug-21	12-Aug-21
	Preparedness Day (Health and Safety Training)- MFFN community	Completed	1 day	1-Nov-21	1-Nov-21
Fish Fish Habitat and SW	Summer Field Program (SW + Fish)	Completed	10 Days	10-Sep-21	19-Sep-21
Physiography and Vegetation	Vegetation Surveys (Support data to collect Veg, Peatlands, physiography) Part 1	Completed	13 Days	18-Sep-21	1-Oct-21
2022 Field Programs					
General	Wilderness First Aid Training - Day 1 - Golder Thunder Bay	Completed	1	16-Dec-21	16-Dec-21
	Wilderness First Aid Training - Day 2 - Thunder Bay	Completed	1	26-Jan-22	26-Jan-22
Air Monitoring	Maitenance visit (9-month)	Completed	3	14-Mar-22	17-Mar-22
	Decommision	Completed	4	10-Jul-22	14-Jul-22
Ungulates	Aerial Winter Survey - Winter 2022	Completed	10	6-Feb-22	16-Feb-22
	Remote Camera Program (Trip 1, Part 2)/	Completed- ended early due to weather	4	19-Jan-22	23-Jan-22
	Mortality Investigation	Completed	5	10-Jun-22	15-Jun-22
	Remote Camera Program (Trip 2)	Completed	3	10-Apr-22	13-Apr-22
	Remote Camera Program (Trip 3)/ Mortality Investigation	Completed	13	3-May-22	16-May-22
	Remote Camera Program (Trip 4)/Mortality Investigation	Completed	5	26-Oct-22	31-Oct-22
Wildlife (WHS Program)	Wolverine Hair Snag Program (Trip 1/Deploy)	Completed	11	31-Jan-22	11-Feb-22
	Wolverine Hair Snag Program (Trip 2 Rebait)	Completed	11	7-Mar-22	18-Mar-22
	Wolverine Hair Snag Program (Trip 3 Rebait)	Completed	9	4-Apr-22	13-Apr-22
	Wolverine Hair Snag Program (Trip 4 Rebait)	Completed	11	3-May-22	14-May-22
	Wolverine Hair Snag Program (Trip 5/Takedown)	Completed	15	31-May-22	15-Jun-22
Wildlife (Groundtracking)	Furbearer Ground Track Survey - Trip 1	Completed- ended early due to weather	4	19-Jan-22	23-Jan-22
Wildlife/ Groundwater (Wolverine Den Surveys)	Wolverine Denning Survey (Trip 1)	Completed	3	12-Mar-22	15-Mar-22

MFCAR Field Programs

	Activity	Field Program Status	Program Length (days)	START	END
Birds (ARU Program)	ARU Program - Spring 2022 (Deploy) (Trip 1)	Completed	5	10-Mar-22	15-Mar-22
	ARU Program - (Trip 2)	Completed	5	10-Apr-22	15-Apr-22
	ARU Program - Summer 2022 (Trip 3)	Completed	13	3-May-22	16-May-22
	ARU Program- Summer Data Collection (Trip 4)	Completed	4	9-Aug-22	13-Aug-22
Birds (Aerial Waterfowl Migration)	Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys - Early Season (Spring)	Completed	2	13-May-22	15-May-22
	Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys - Late Season (Fall) Part 1	Completed	1	9-Sep-22	9-Sep-22
	Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys - Late Season (Fall) Part 2	Completed	2	27-Sep-22	29-Sep-22
Birds (Breeding Aerial Surveys)	Breeding Season Aerial Survey Spring 2022 - Trip 1	Completed	2	13-May-22	15-May-22
	Breeding Season Aerial Survey Spring 2022 - Trip 2	Completed	2	11-Jun-22	13-Jun-22
	Breeding Season Aerial Survey Spring 2022 - Trip 3	Completed	2	22-Jun-22	24-Jun-22
Birds (Breeding Point Counts)	Breeding Bird Point Counts, Marsh Playback Surveys, EWPW ARU - Trip 1	Completed	9	1-Jun-22	10-Jun-22
	Breeding Bird Point Counts, Marsh Playback Surveys, EWPW ARU - Trip 2	Completed	9	25-Jun-22	4-Jul-22
Physiography and Vegetation	Physiography and Terrain Surveys - Trip 1	Completed	9	28-May-22	6-Jun-22
	Physiography and Terrain Surveys (Soil) - Trip 2	Completed	12	26-Sep-22	8-Oct-22
	Vegetation Surveys (Support data to collect Veg, Peatlands, physiography) Part 2	Completed	6	12-Jul-22	18-Jul-22
Fish Fish Habitat and SW	Spring Field Program (SW and FFH) (Crew 1)	Completed	9	21-Jun-22	30-Jun-22
	Spring Field Program (SW and FFH) (Crew 2)	Completed	9	22-Jun-22	1-Jul-22
	Summer Field Program (SW and FFH) (Crew 1)	Completed	11	15-Aug-22	26-Aug-22
	Summer Field Program (SW and FFH) (Crew 2)	Completed	11	15-Aug-22	26-Aug-22
Groundwater	Tree Clearing	Completed	19	5-Sep-22	24-Sep-22
	Groundwater well drilling and installation	Completed	64	7-Sep-22	10-Nov-22
	Groundwater well monitoring, testing, and sampling (following installation) Part 1	Completed	17	15-Oct-22	1-Nov-22
2023 Field Programs					
Birds (ARU Program)	ARU Program - Winter 2023 (Collect) (to be combined w/ WHS Program)	Completed	4	31-Jan-23	11-Feb-23
Wildlife (WHS Program)	Wolverine Hair Snag Program (Year 2/Deploy)	Completed	5	01-Feb-23	06-Feb-23
	Wolverine Hair Snag Program (Rebait)	Completed	5	07-Mar-23	12-Mar-23
	Wolverine Hair Snag Program (Rebait)	Completed	4	10-Apr-23	14-Apr-23
	Wolverine Hair Snag Program (Rebait)	Completed	6	09-May-23	14-May-23
	Wolverine Hair Snag Program (Retrieval)	Completed	7	05-Jun-23	11-Jun-23
Wildlife (Groundtracking)	Furbearer Ground Track Survey - (plus Aerial)	Completed	5	08-Jan-23	12-Jan-23
	Wolverine Denning Reconnaissance Survey	Completed	3	20-Mar-23	22-Mar-23
Ungulates	Ungulate Fixed Wing Aerial Transect Survey – Year 2	Completed	9	16-Feb-23	24-Feb-23
	Ungulae Rotary Wing Aerial Survey – Year 2	Completed	9	16-Feb-23	24-Feb-23
	Ungulate Remote Camera Retrieval	Completed	6	05-Jun-23	11-Jun-23
	Ungulate Mortality Investigations (if required)	Completed	2	23-Mar-23	24-Mar-23
	Ungulate Mortality Investigations (if required)	Completed	1	26-Sep-23	26-Sep-23
Groundwater	Groundwater well drilling recon.	Completed	1	24-Mar-23	24-Mar-23
	Groundwater Well monitoring, testing and Sampling (Year 2)- Trip 2	Completed	20	09-Apr-23	28-Apr-23
	Groundwater Well Drilling Catchup Program Y2	Completed	12	01-Jun-23	11-Jun-23
	Groundwater Well Sampling - Spring	Completed	9	26-Jun-23	5-Jul-23
	Groundwater Well Sampling - Summer	Completed	10	08-Aug-23	18-Aug-23

MFCAR Field Programs

	Activity	Field Program Status	Program Length (days)	START	END
	Groundwater Well Sampling - Fall	Completed	7	19-Sep-23	25-Sep-23
Cultural Heritage	Cultural Heritage Landscapes & Built Heritage Interviews	Completed	1	18-Jul-23	18-Jul-23
	Data Collection via workshop - linked to IK data collection (2022)	Completed	2	04-Feb	06-Feb-23
Socio Economic	Youth Focus Group in Thunder Bay	Completed		20-Jul-23	20-Jul-23
	Socio-Economic Online Survey Period (With support)	Completed	1	17-Jul-23	24-Oct-23
	Socio-Economic / Health Focus Surveys (in-person)	Completed	1	19-Jul-23	19-Jul-23
	Socio-Economic / Health Focus Surveys (in-person)	Completed	2	23-Oct-23	24-Oct-23
Physiography and Vegetation	Vegetation and Peatlands Field Program	Completed	3	15-Jun-23	18-Jun-23
	Vegetation Field Program	Completed	3	03-Aug-23	06-Aug-23
2024 Field Programs					
Groundwater	Groundwater well monitoring - Spring	TBD		TBD	TBD
	Groundwater well monitoring - Summer	TBD		TBD	TBD
	Groundwater well monitoring - Fall	TBD		TBD	TBD
Ungulates	Collar Retrieval - collar drop off in February 2024, collars retrieved (Feb - June 2024)	TBD		TBD	TBD
	Mortality Investigations (As needed)	If Required		TBD	TBD
	Manual Collar Removals (if necessary) - March 2024	If Required		TBD	TBD
2025 Field Programs					
Archaeology	Stage 2 AA on Prefered Route +10m corridor	TBD		TBD	TBD
Groundwater	Monitoring well decomissioning	TBD		TBD	TBD

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MFFN CAR Milestone 2 Progress Report

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted] Mon, Nov 27, 2023 at 1:08 PM

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Dear Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit,

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 Fort Albany First Nation: [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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For Review - Draft Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions Report

Nokleby, Andrea [redacted] Tue, Nov 28, 2023 at 4:50 PM
To: Chief [redacted] Sarah Beamish [redacted],
Cc: Bob Baxter [redacted], Lawrence Baxter [redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted] Jennifer Bruin [redacted], Jodi Miles [redacted]

Booshoo / Wachea,

Marten Falls First Nation is completing a Federal Impact Assessment and Provincial Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Community Access Road Project.

Marten Falls First Nation is ***required*** to complete an Assessment of Potential Impacts on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as part of the assessment processes. Marten Falls First Nation also ***wants*** to understand your rights and how they may be affected by the proposed Project.

The Project Team has prepared the attached ***Draft Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions Report***, which describes our current understanding of your community's Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests as they relate to the proposed Project.

This report is important because it will be used for the future impact / environmental assessment (i.e., this report is not the assessment). In order to do a meaningful impact assessment in the future, the Project Team really needs to understand your community's rights and / or interests with respect to the proposed Project.

The Report has been prepared based on any information provided directly to Marten Falls FIrst Nation and publicly available sources of information.

We want to work with you to update the Draft Preliminary Existing Conditions Report with information your community chooses to share with Marten Falls First Nation. Important dates to note:

- We are asking for communities to provide input on the draft report by **January 19, 2024**, where possible, so it can be woven into the Draft Impact Statement / Environmental Assessment Report (2024).
- Additional information, feedback, comments and edits can be shared after this date. This Draft Preliminary Existing Conditions Report will not be finalized until later in 2024.
- Information **received after January 19, 2024** will be woven into the next phases of the assessment processes including the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (2025).

We would be more than happy to meet with you to:

- Hear your feedback - what did we miss, what did we get wrong, what is correct?
- Discuss the best way to update the report; and
- Review and discuss the Project schedule and next steps.

It is important to note that this is an iterative process, and we will continue to update our understanding of your rights and / or interests as we work towards completing the Impact Statement / Environmental Assessment.

We hope all is well with you and your community.

Andrea

Andrea Nokleby
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MFFN CAR Milestone 2 Progress Report

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted] Wed, Nov 29, 2023 at 12:28 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 1:42 PM
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Cc: Lawrence Baxter [redacted] Bob Baxter [redacted], Qasim [redacted], Jennifer Bruin [redacted], Don McKinnon [redacted] Ingrid Trimble [redacted], "Fisken, Avril" [redacted], Bethany Haalboom [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted], Justin Page [redacted], Knut Kitching [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], "Poulakas, Demetri" [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Dear Chief Kataquapit and Sarah,

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 Fort Albany First Nation 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 your community 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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Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project – Socio-economic Assessment Interest

Dear Chief Kataquapit,

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.

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MFFN CAR December Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Dec 8, 2023 at 2:45 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted], [redacted], Knut Kitching [redacted]
Bcc: "Poulakas, Demetri" [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted] Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good afternoon Sarah,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me yesterday, it was great to hear from you. I am sending this email to provide an overview of our discussion, and to also provide some details about some topics we didn't have time to discuss.

Socio-Economic Interest Letter

As discussed during our phone call, Fort Albany First Nation received a letter requesting if they have any interests or concerns regarding possible social-community and/or economic impacts as a result of the MFFN CAR Project. You confirmed the receipt of this letter and asked about the flexibility of this timeline, due to concerns about time constraints during the holiday season. I have since spoken with my team about this, and I wanted to clarify that this deadline is only for communities to let us know whether they have interest and want to discuss/share information with us in the future. We are not expecting information about social-community and/or economic impacts to be shared before the end of December, this would have a more flexible deadline. Let me know if this helps answer your questions, or if you have any further questions or concerns about this.

Milestone #2 Progress Report

Secondly, I wanted to request that you confirm the receipt of the Milestone #2 Progress Report, which was shared with Fort Albany First Nation on November 29, 2023. This report covers all consultation with Fort Albany First Nation from July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023, and we welcome any edits or comments to Fort Albany's community-specific section by February 15, 2024. After this, the reports will be finalized and shared publicly with the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you received this report, and if you have any questions about the reports and timeline. **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. **IK Program** Based on previous conversations, I understand that Fort Albany First Nation is delayed with IK collection. That being said, we wanted to remind all communities that the December 11, 2023 milestone for the submission of Indigenous Knowledge is approaching. It is important that this information is received so that it can be included in the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. I would also like to note that IK can still be submitted after this milestone date, as there will be opportunities to incorporate it into the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement after the draft is complete. Please let me know if you have any questions about the IK Program, or feel welcome to reach out directly to Bob Baxter at [redacted] or [redacted] or Andrea Nokleby at [redacted] or [redacted] **ATRI Forum #2** The ATRI Forum #2 was held at the Valhalla Inn, in Thunder Bay on November 21 - 23. During the forum we heard from various Indigenous communities' on their Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and interests as they relate to the Project. Please let me know if you have any further questions. Happy Holidays! Jodi Miles On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team





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Bcc: "Poulakas, Demetri" [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]>, Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Hello again Sarah,

I apologize for the formatting issues toward the end of this email - not sure what happened there! Let me know if you'd like me to try to resend it so it's easier to read.

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Milestone #2 Progress Report and ATRI Report reminders

Miles, Jodi <[redacted] Thu, Jan 11, 2024 at 2:24 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted]>, [redacted] Knut Kitching [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted], "Poulakas, Demetri" [redacted] Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Dear Sarah,

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 could confirm that you were able to view/download the documents successfully, it would be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, we sent you the Draft Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions Report on November 28, 2024 (see attached). We are asking for communities to provide input on the draft report by **January 19, 2024.**

Providing feedback by this date will allow it to be woven into the Draft Impact Statement / Environmental Assessment Report (2024). However, additional information, feedback, comments and edits can be shared after this date, as the Preliminary Existing Conditions Report will not be finalized until later in 2024, and the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report will be finalized in 2025.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss these reports and timelines, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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] Fri, Jan 19, 2024 at 8:49 AM
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Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Knut Kitching [redacted], Andrea Nokleby [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] "Poulakas, Demetri" [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good morning Sarah,

Thank you for the update! Next week is totally fine for providing comments on the ATRI draft report. We look forward to receiving Fort Albany First Nation's comments on both of these reports.

I was also wondering if you had any update regarding Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection process? I understand that these efforts have been delayed and that we are still in the process of finalizing the IK Funding Agreement, but I'm wondering if there is any type of timeline for the submission of an IK report? Let me know!

Thank you again,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Milestone #2 Progress Report and ATRI Report reminders

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Jan 23, 2024 at 2:27 PM
To: Knut Kitching [redacted]
Cc: Sarah Beamish [redacted], Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Andrea Nokleby [redacted], Community Core Consultation Coordinator
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] "Poulakas, Demetri" [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Hello Sarah and Knut,

Thank you both for providing these updates. I am sorry to hear about the death in the community, and I am sending my condolences.

I also wanted to confirm that we have received the preliminary comment regarding the ATRI report that was sent in your email on Friday, Sarah. We are currently putting together a response so you will hear from us in the near future.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the ATRI report, Milestone #2 report, or IK collection.

Thanks again,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Jan 23, 2024 at 3:06 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Knut Kitching [redacted] Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted]
Bcc: "Poulakas, Demetri" [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted] Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good afternoon Sarah,

I hope all is well. I am sending this email to follow up about the voicemail I left for you earlier today.

ATRI Existing Conditions Report

Firstly, thank you for providing an update on Fort Albany First Nation's response to the draft ATRI Existing Conditions Report, and for providing a preliminary comment. I wanted to confirm that we have received this comment and are in the process of preparing a response. We look forward to reviewing the rest of Fort Albany's comments next week.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the ATRI report, please let me know.

Milestone #2 Progress Report

Thank you for confirming that Fort Albany First Nation will be providing comments on the Milestone #2 Progress Report. As a reminder, an updated link to your Milestone #2 Progress Report was shared with you on 29 November, 2023, and we are hoping to receive any comments 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.

IK Program

Thank you for providing an update about Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection process. It is great to hear that IK collection will soon be underway, and we look forward to receiving the report in the spring, if all goes according to schedule.

I did want to follow up about the IK Funding Agreement, which is currently with Fort Albany for review. Please let me know if there are any updates, or if you have any concerns or questions about the finalization of this agreement.

Webinar Series

Finally, I wanted to let you know that we will be hosting 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 that was sent on Tuesday, 16th February Please respond 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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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Milestone #2 Progress Report and ATRI Report reminders

Nokleby, Andrea [redacted] Wed, Jan 31, 2024 at 11:12 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted] Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Knut Kitching [redacted], Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted] Bob Baxter [redacted]

Good Morning Everyone,

Thank you very much for your email. We respectfully acknowledge your request and will amend accordingly.

As noted in the email accompanying the ATRI Preliminary Existing Conditions Report, we were originally asking for communities to provide input on the draft report by January 19, 2024, *where possible*, so it can be woven into the Draft Impact Statement / Environmental Assessment Report (2024). Additional information, feedback, comments and edits can be shared after this date. This Draft Preliminary Existing Conditions Report will not be finalized until later in 2024. Information received after January 19, 2024 will be woven into the next phases of the assessment processes including the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (2025).

Thank you for sharing your schedule with us. We will continue to work with Fort ALbany First Nation to update the Draft Report ATRI Preliminary Existing Conditions Report and weave information into the EA/ IS Report as information becomes available this year.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Draft ATRI Report or IK Program further we are always available to meet and I would be happy to coordinate a meeting.

Thank you and have a great day,

Andrea

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Milestone #2 and ATRI Report Follow-Up

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Feb 22, 2024 at 2:12 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted]>, [redacted] Knut Kitching [redacted]
Bcc: "McEwen, Kate" [redacted]>, Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good afternoon Sarah,

I hope all is well. I left a voicemail for you earlier today following up on a few items regarding the MFFN CAR Project. I'm sending this email to follow up about the topics discussed in my voicemail.

Milestone #2 Report

Firstly, I wanted to follow up about Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Milestone #2 Report, which was due February 15, 2023. I understand that there was a death in the community, which may have caused a delay on Fort Albany First Nation's response. I wanted to ask if Fort Albany still intends to provide comments for the Milestone #2 Report, and if so, when we can expect to receive them. If you have any questions or concerns, or if there is anything we can do to help with the review of this report, please do not hesitate to reach out!

ATRI Existing Conditions Report

Similarly, I wanted to follow up about Fort Albany First Nation's response to the ATRI Existing Conditions Report, which was sent to the community on December 20, 2023. The ATRI Existing Conditions Report describes our current understanding of Fort Albany First Nation's Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests, as they relate to the proposed Project.

I wanted to ask if Fort Albany First Nation still intends to provide comments on the ATRI Existing Conditions Report, and if so, when we can expect to receive them. We are hoping to receive input on the draft report as soon as possible, so it can be included into the draft Impact Statement / Environmental Assessment Report.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and/or timelines, please let me know. I will reach out to you next week to discuss the reports as well as provide Project updates.

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 these reports and timelines, please let me know.

Thank you,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MFFN CAR Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Mar 20, 2024 at 7:12 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], [redacted], Knut Kitching [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted], Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], "McEwen, Kate" [redacted]>

Good evening Sarah,

I hope all is well. I left a message for you earlier today regarding some updates about the MFFN CAR Project, so I am sending this email as a follow up.

Milestone 2 Report

Firstly, I wanted to follow up about Fort Albany First Nation's review of the Milestone #2 Progress report. It had been previously discussed that Fort Albany 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 Fort Albany First Nation intends to provide comments prior to this date.

IK Collection and IK Funding Agreement I also wanted to touch base about Fort Albany First Nation's IK collection process. Last time we spoke, you mentioned that there were plans to begin IK collection in early February, with a report anticipated to be available by late spring/early summer. I wanted to check in to see if this timeline is still accurate, or if it has been delayed. Additionally, I wanted to follow up to see if you have any updates about the IK Funding Agreement, which has been with Fort Albany First Nation for review since March 2023. Please let me know if there has been any progress with this review.

Climate Change Survey

Following the Climate Change Adaptation Webinar, we released a survey on climate change. Fort Albany First Nation's feedback, experience and insights are important to us. We are asking communities to take 5 minutes to fill out the survey linked below and share how Climate Change has / is affecting you and your Community: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road: Climate Change (office.com)

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 First 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 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]

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Mar 26, 2024 at 1:56 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good afternoon Sarah,

Thanks for letting me know! I look forward to your response.

Jodi
[Quoted text hidden]

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Mon, Apr 1, 2024 at 8:36 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted], Knut Kitching [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Cathleen Sutherland [redacted] Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted], Andrea Nokleby [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good morning Sarah and Knut,

Thank you for these updates. I will let our team know that Fort Albany First Nation does not have any feedback for the Milestone #2 Progress Report, and we will keep an eye out for their response to the ATRI Report.

I also wanted to thank you for providing an updated timeline for the IK Report. It is great to hear that IK collection is underway and on track for a late spring/early summer report! Please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can provide to support this process.

And finally, thank you for providing Fort Albany's updated draft of the IK Funding Agreement. I have CC'd Andrea Nokleby, who will review the revisions and get back to you as soon as possible.

As always, if you would like me to coordinate a meeting to discuss any of the topics raised in this email, I would be happy to do so.

Have a great week,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Contact Information Inquiry

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 9:32 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] >, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Knut Kitching [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] >, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good morning Sarah,

I had a quick question about Fort Albany's contacts, that I was hoping you could help me with.

Would you be able to confirm the title of Cathleen Sutherland, who was CCed in one of your emails recently? Should she be considered a key contact for Fort Albany (and therefore CC'd on all of our communications)?

Additionally, I was wondering if Jacqueline Sutherland is still in the role of CEO of Fort Albany, and if she should still be CC'd on emails.

Let me know,

Jodi Miles

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MFFN CAR Contact Information Inquiry

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 12:04 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Knut Kitching [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Good afternoon Sarah,

Thank you for your prompt response! I will make these updates to our contact list.

Jodi Miles

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Apr 25, 2024 at 4:51 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Cathleen Sutherland [redacted], Knut Kitching [redacted]>, Justin Page [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

I am sending this email to follow up about the voicemail I left you earlier today.

Firstly, I wanted to send my well wishes to Fort Albany First Nation, as I know it is flood season and that community members may be preparing to evacuate, if they haven't begun to already. I understand that progress with MFFN CAR-related actions may be delayed during this time, but I did want to provide a brief update about the project.

I wanted to follow up about Fort Albany First Nation's response to the ATRI Existing Conditions report. You noted in your email on March 28th, 2024, that Fort Albany still intends to submit a response to this report, and noted that it would likely be ready to submit by the following week. I just wanted to check in to see if any progress has been made regarding the submission of this response.

Next, I wanted to let you know that we are still in the process of reviewing Fort Albany's revisions to the IK Funding agreement, but we hope to return that to you as soon as possible.

Next, I wanted to follow up about our Climate Change Adaptation survey, which you noted was passed along to a Fort Albany First Nation staff member when we discussed it last month. I just wanted to let you know that the survey is currently still open, and can be filled out [redacted].

Finally, I wanted to remind Fort Albany First Nation that funding for our Community Coordinator Program is still available. Please let me know if Fort Albany First Nation has decided to sign up for this program, or if you have any questions about how the program works.

As always, I would be happy to coordinate a meeting with the MFFN CAR Project Team if you would like to discuss the MFFN CAR Project further.

Thank you,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, May 2, 2024 at 5:18 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted], Knut Kitching [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted],
[redacted] Cathleen Sutherland [redacted] Community Core Consultation Coordinator
[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby [redacted], Qasim Saddique [redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter
[redacted] Bob Baxter [redacted], Jennifer Bruin [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good afternoon Sarah,

I hope all is well. I am sending this email to let you know that the Project Team is in agreement with Chief Kataquapit's revisions to the IK Funding Agreement. We have also added delivery dates of the reports, based on the timeline provided by Knut. We are, however, still missing contact information for Fort Albany First Nation in the agreement.

I am attaching a version of the IK Funding Agreement with track changes, as well as a clean copy with the contact information section highlighted. Should Fort Albany First Nation agree with the delivery dates added to the agreement, contact information and signatures can be added to the clean copy of the document and returned. Upon receipt we will sign and return to you a fully executed copy of the agreement.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the IK Funding Agreement, or if you would like me to coordinate a meeting to discuss further.

Thank you,

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Reminder: Three-Road Forum

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 4:19 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Knut Kitching [redacted], Cathleen Sutherland [redacted] Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>, Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good afternoon Sarah,

I left you a voicemail earlier today regarding the upcoming Three-Road Forum, and I am sending this email to follow up.

The Three-Road Forum is being held on June 11,12, & 13, 2024 in Thunder Bay, and will provide a space to discuss the three road projects and their potential impacts. The Province is offering funding for up to 3 representatives from Fort Albany First Nation to attend, including travel, accommodation, and meals. The original invitation for this gathering was sent out on May 23rd, 2024 by the Province, and is attached to this email for your convenience.

I wanted to confirm whether representatives from Fort Albany First Nation will be attending this forum? Let me know!

Thank you,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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THREE ROAD PROJECTS GATHERING & EXPO

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

YOU ARE INVITED!

THREE ROAD PROJECTS GATHERING & EXPO
Led by Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation
Funded by the Province of Ontario, our Treaty Partner

Superior Inn Hotel and Conference Centre
555 Arthur St W

June 11,12, & 13, 2024

Continuing to build on the momentum of the last two gatherings which focused on Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests, Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation are excited to host the ***Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo***. The Gathering & Expo will provide participants with an engaging and interactive space for consultation to learn more about the projects, ask questions, and share feedback focusing on water, peatlands and building roads on peatlands. We will also engage with you on a common approach to reviewing the draft of the Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement (EAR/IS) for the WSR and the MFCAR Projects. In response to feedback received at previous events, a day has been set aside specifically for Elders to engage with the Project Teams and share perspectives on the projects.

Day 1: Elder's Gathering

Day 2: Three Road Project Presentations & Expo

Day 3: Common Approach to Review Draft of EAR/IS Workshop

PARTICIPANT FUNDING

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

Additional community representatives are welcome to attend.

PURPOSE

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

- Providing a comfortable space for Elders to gather and discuss the Projects,
- Creating opportunities to engage directly with the Project proponents and consulting teams sharing information about the Projects, and
- Discussing the upcoming draft EAR/IS Review Process for WSR and MFCAR.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND FROM YOUR COMMUNITY

Representatives who are knowledgeable and comfortable speaking and sharing information about the road projects and the potential impacts on your community are encouraged to attend. Elders are especially encouraged to attend the Elder's Gathering.

RSVP to ea.participant.fund@ontario.ca by May 29, 2024 to reserve your room at the Superior Inn Hotel and and Conference Centre. *(Later RSVP for Gathering attendance is OK!)*

WSR WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

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THREE ROAD PROJECTS GATHERING & EXPO

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June 11, 12 & 13, 2024

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Tuesday June 11, 2024 - *Elders Gathering*

TIME	TOPIC
7:00	Sunrise Ceremony
8:00	***Breakfast***
8:30	Welcome, Opening Ceremony, Overview of the Gathering & Expo
9:30	Introduction to the Three Road Projects followed by Q&A
11:00	Elder-Led Discussions 1
12:00	***Lunch***
1:00	Elder-Led Discussions 2 & 3
4:00	Day Wrap Up

Wednesday June 12, 2024 - *Three Road Project Presentations & Expo*

TIME	TOPIC
8:00	***Breakfast***
9:00	Morning Greetings & Welcome Ceremony
9:30	Presentations: Peatlands, Building Roads on Peatlands and Water/Fish followed by Q&A and Morning Wrap Up
12:00	***Lunch***
1:00	Welcome Back and Overview of Expo
1:30	Expo
4:30	Day Wrap Up

Thursday June 13, 2024 - *Common Approach to Review Early Draft of EAR/IS Workshop*

TIME	TOPIC
8:00	***Breakfast***
8:30	Morning Greetings & Welcome Ceremony
9:00	Overview of Common Approach to Reviewing Draft EAR/IS
9:30	Presentations by Each Road Project on Draft EAR/IS
11:00	Ontario: Participant Funding Initiative
11:30	Q&A on Common Approach to Reviewing Draft EAR/IS
12:15	Closing Comments and Gathering Closing

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Reminder: Three-Road Forum

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 3:37 PM
To: Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted]
Cc: Andrea Nokleby [redacted] Sarah Beamish [redacted]
[redacted] "MacInnis, Paul (MINES)" <[redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
[redacted]

Good afternoon Leo,

So glad to hear that you (and hopefully Sarah) will be joining! I have CC'd our contacts from the Province, who are responsible for logistics related to accommodations. They should be able to answer your questions for you.

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] Thu, Jun 27, 2024 at 3:14 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, [redacted] Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted], Andrea Nokleby [redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted] MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

Thank you for taking the time to have a quick chat with me today. I am sending this email to follow up, and to provide some details about the topics we didn't have time to discuss. We have a call scheduled for **Thursday, July 4th at 4pm,** so we can discuss these topics in more detail then.

Three Road Project Gathering & Expo

I wanted to thank Leo for attending the Three Road Project Gathering & Expo from June 11 – 13, 2024. If Fort Albany First Nation has any questions or feedback, please contact the MFFN CAR Project Team at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca.

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.

IK Funding Agreement and IK Report

I wanted to follow up to see if you have had the chance to review the most recent draft of the IK Funding Agreement, sent May 2, 2024. For easy reference, I am reattaching both versions of this agreement (with track changes and without) to this email. Please let us know if Fort Albany First Nation has any additional revisions that need to be made, or if we can move forward with finalizing the agreement.

On a similar note, I was wondering if you or Knut might be able to provide an update regarding the progress of Fort Albany First Nation's IK report. Can we still anticipate receiving a draft of this report in the next few months? Let us know!

Community Coordinator Program

I would also like to let Fort Albany First Nation know that funding for our Community Coordinator Program. See the job posting attached for additional information about the program.

Enjoy your long weekend!

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

WE'RE HIRING!

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is undertaking a federal Impact Assessment (IA) and provincial environmental assessment (EA) for an all-season access road to our community. To support these studies, we are looking to hire **Community Coordinators**.

Are you a highly motivated person? Do you have strong organizational and relationship building skills? Would you like to work with a great project team and build experience in environmental management?

If so, this could be the role for you!

The Community Coordinator will be a primary point of contact between your community and the MFFN Project Team. We will work closely with you as you help to involve your community in the environmental assessment processes.

Responsibilities

- Coordinate between the MFFN Project Team and community members living in / outside of your community as per your local practices and in collaboration with Chief and Council;
- Provide advice and guidance on appropriate ways to engage your community—in-person (when appropriate to do so), and virtually during COVID-19;
- Keep informed on Community Access Road Project activities (e.g., timelines, documents, events) and communicate relevant Project information to community members;
- Participate in meetings with the Project Team and other Community Coordinators;
- Provide support for community engagement activities related to the Project including:
    - Coordinate and organize logistics for meetings, workshops, events and / or school visits (e.g., book meeting spaces, order refreshments, help with truck / boat rentals and accommodations);
    - Help identify meeting participants and information providers (e.g., youth and / or elders);
    - Assist with meeting facilitation, note taking and meeting minute preparation, and coordinate translation services, if needed; and
    - Organize distributing Project advertisements and notices in your community; either online (e.g., Facebook or posting in community);
- Assist in collecting data / information in your community (e.g., Indigenous Knowledge, community information and socio-economic information);
- Assist in reviewing draft documents, questionnaires or Project updates / information sheets.

This position will receive $25 per hour and is expected to be approximately 16 hours per week for up to 3 years. If you would like to learn more, contact: Jennifer Bruin or James Meyer at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca or 1-800-764-9114.

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR - June Updates

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Jun 27, 2024 at 3:23 PM
To: Knut Kitching [redacted]
Cc: Sarah Beamish [redacted], Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], [redacted] Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted], Andrea Nokleby [redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted], MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted]

Hello Knut,

This is great news! Thank you for the update!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Meeting this afternoon re Fort Albany First Nation and MFCAR

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To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]

Hi Sarah,

No problem! I'm available before 1pm EST, and between 2pm and 3:30pm EST. Would any of those times work for you? If not, I am happy to chat next week instead.

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Hi Sarah,

Okay perfect, I'll give you a call tomorrow at 3pm.

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Revised Fort Albany First Nation IK funding agreement for approval

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Cc: Andrea Nokleby [redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin [redacted], Bob Baxter [redacted] Lawrence Baxter [redacted]

Good afternoon Sarah,

Thank you for sending this along! I am looping in Andrea Nokleby, who will review these proposed revisions. We will let you know if we have any changes we would like to make, and if not, we will return the agreement with signatures.

Thanks,

Jodi
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Revised Fort Albany First Nation IK funding agreement for approval

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Good morning Sarah,

The MFFN CAR Project Team has reviewed and approved the changes you made to the IK Funding Agreement. See attached for a signed copy of the IK Funding Agreement, as well as a copy of our IK Guidance Document.

Once you return a copy of the agreement with signatures from Fort Albany, we can coordinate the first payment. I have CC'd Valdine Walker, who will be helping coordinate this.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if there is anything else you need from us.

Thank you,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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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:

- 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.).

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

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 bbaxter48@gmail.com
- Larissa Mikkelsen, MFFN Advisor at larissa@lbsconsulting.ca

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,

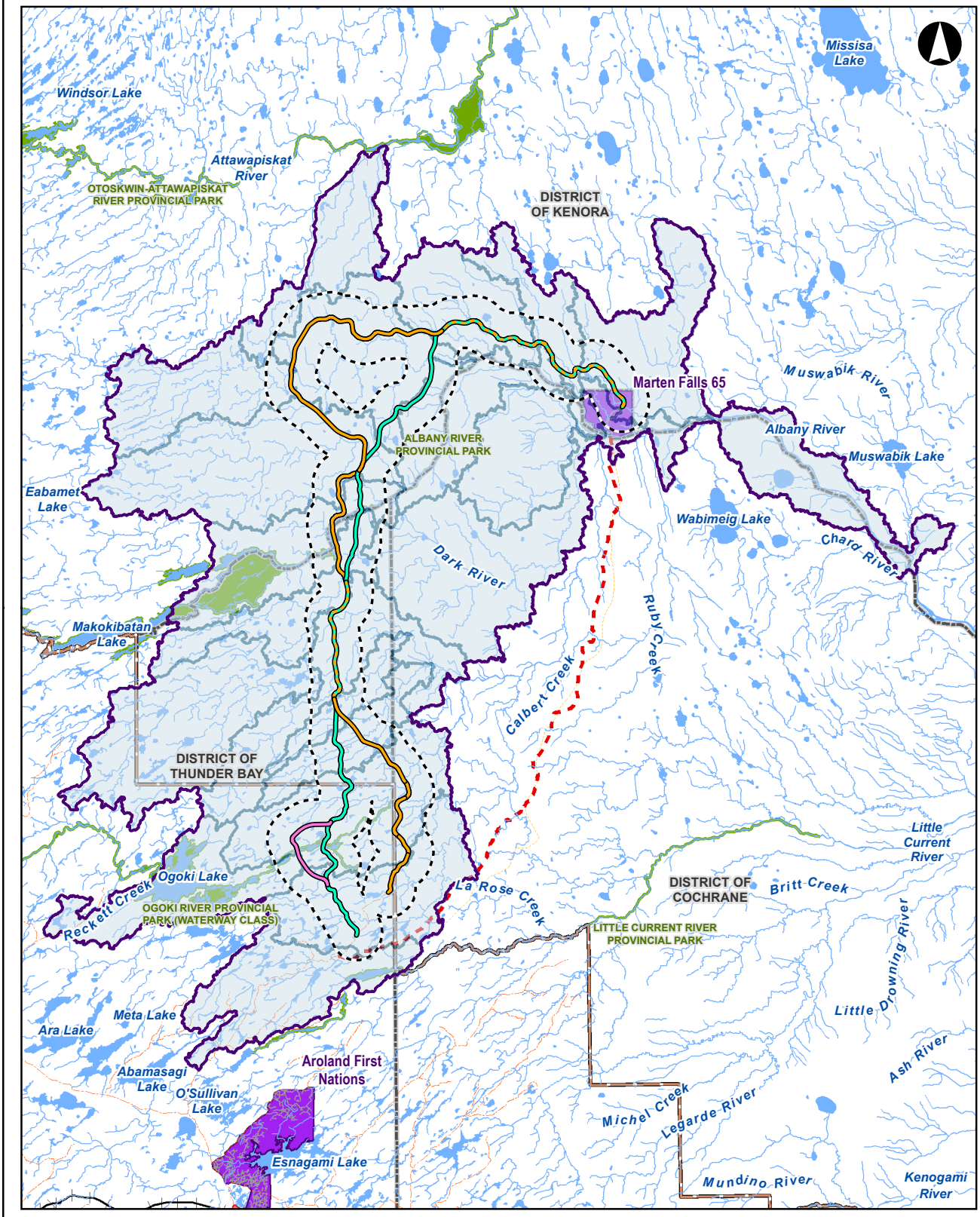


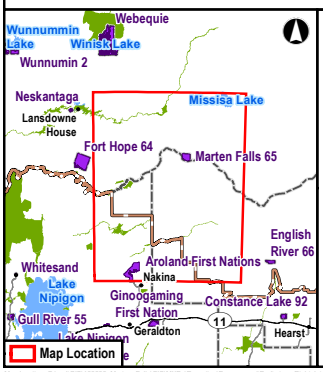
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On behalf of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team





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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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR: Overview of July 5th Phone Call

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Thu, Jul 11, 2024 at 1:03 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Knut Kitching [redacted] >, [redacted] Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted], Cathleen Sutherland [redacted], Andrea Nokleby [redacted] Ingrid Trimble [redacted], "Fisken, Avril" [redacted], Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]

Good afternoon Sarah,

Thanks so much for taking the time to chat with me on Friday. I am sending this email to provide an overview of our conversation, and to provide some answers to your questions. I am still in the process of confirming some of the details regarding some of these topics, so I will follow up with additional information as it becomes available.

Three Road Forum
During our phone conversation, we discussed Leo's attendance at the Three Road Forum. You noted that an Elder had made the comment about the MFFN CAR not being about mining, and shared the concern that this should not be the official messaging of the Project. I was wondering if you might be able to forward the minutes you were sent for us to review? Our team is still in the process of finalizing our minutes for the event, so I believe you likely received these from one of the other organizations that were involved in the forum. Regardless, I will track this concern moving forward.

Archaeology Assessment Report
You mentioned that Fort Albany First Nation might have interest in meeting to discuss the Archaeology Assessment Report, and requested that I provide our team's availability for the week of the 15th and the 22nd. Unfortunately our team does not have availability for the week of the 15th, but could meet on the week of the 22nd during the following times:

- Wed, July 24 from 10:30am to 12pm EST
- Wed, July 24 from 2:30 to 3:30pm EST
- Thurs, July 25 from 1:30 to 2:30pm EST
- Fri, July 26 from 1 to 3pm EST

Please let me know if any of these times work, and if so, I will coordinate a meeting.

IK Funding Agreement and IK Report
During our call, we discussed the next draft of the IK Funding Agreement, which you provided earlier that day. I can confirm that all of your suggested changes have been approved, and I have sent you a signed copy of the agreement in a separate email. If you could return a copy with Fort Albany's signatures, that would be great!

You also confirmed that the draft IK Report is currently with the FAFN team for review, as noted by Knut in his response to my last email. You noted that you may be able to provide a draft of this report to our team by the end of the month, depending on approval from Chief and Council. Please let me know if there have been any updates on this since we last spoke.

Community Coordinator Program
We discussed the Community Coordinator Program, and you raised several concerns and questions with the program, including:

- Concerns that have been raised previously by the community regarding having an MFFN-staffed person involved in the process
- The question about whether the three-year timeline provided in the job posting was still accurate
- The concern about the 16 hour/week requirement, as you noted that this work is more sporadic, and that the community cannot guarantee 16 hours of work a week
- Concerns about the $25/hour requirement, as you noted it would be difficult to hire somebody in the community for that level of compensation.

During our discussion, I noted that I believed there might be opportunities for the program to be more flexible regarding timelines, compensation, and what the funding can be used for, but noted that I would need to confirm with my team. You

requested that I provide something in writing speaking to this flexibility.

I spoke with my team about this, and we are currently in the process of trying to make changes to the Community Coordinator Program, in the hopes of making it more flexible. These changes are not yet finalized, so I am unable to provide details at this time. I am also unable to provide a timeline for when these details may be available, but I will provide them to you as soon as I can, should the changes be approved.

Should Fort Albany decide to sign onto the Community Coordinator Program in its current form, I can confirm that the MFFN CAR Project Team would not be involved in the hiring process of the Community Coordinator, and that reporting for the position can go through Fort Albany, as you mentioned. There are also two different payment options, the first of which would involve the MFFN CAR Project Team paying the Community Coordinator directly, and the second of which would involve the funds being sent to Fort Albany First Nation, for them to distribute to the Community Coordinator. These are efforts to keep the MFFN CAR Project Team at arms length from the Community Coordinator Position, in order to address the concerns related to communities having an MFFN-staffed person involved in the process. Should Fort Albany be interested in signing onto the Community Coordinator in its current form, I can provide more information about the payment options upon request.

I am attaching a more up to date job posting of the Community Coordinator job posting from 2023. We will also be updating this job posting in the near future, depending on the potential changes to the Community Coordinator Program. I will provide an updated job posting once it is available.

ATRI Report
I asked if Fort Albany First Nation still intends to provide comments on the ATRI Report, and you noted that they did. You shared that you may be able to get these comments to us this week - is there any progress on this?

Additionally, I wanted to confirm that we are certainly still accepting comments on this report past the original deadline, but that we cannot guarantee that any suggested revisions will be reflected in the draft EA/IS. They will, however, be reflected in the final EA/IS.

Detailed Timeline
During our discussion, you requested a more detailed timeline for the finalization of draft EA/IS, as well as the final EA/IS. I can confirm that we are currently anticipating that the draft EA/IS will be complete in November 2024. We cannot, however, provide a specific month for the completion of the final EA/IS at this time.

In-Community Meetings
Finally, you inquired about whether the MFFN CAR Project would have funding allocated toward in-community meetings with Fort Albany First Nation, should they express interest. I spoke with our Project Team, and I can confirm that, if the MFFN CAR Project Team attends, we can pay for meeting space rentals, meals prepared by the community, and door prizes and other meeting organization costs. Funding for technical advice to the community, however, would come from their own funding agreements with the Province.

Please let me know if I missed anything in this overview, or if you have any other questions or concerns. I will be in touch with additional information regarding these topics, once it becomes available.

Thanks,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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- Coordinate between the MFFN Project Team and community members living in / outside of your community as per your local practices and in collaboration with Chief and Council;
- Keep informed on Community Access Road Project activities (e.g., timelines, documents, events) and communicate relevant Project information to community members;
- Participate in meetings with the Project Team and other Community Coordinators;
- Provide support for community engagement activities related to the Project including:
    - Coordinate and organize logistics for meetings, workshops, events and / or school visits (e.g., book meeting spaces, order refreshments, help with truck / boat rentals and accommodations);
    - Help identify meeting participants and information providers (e.g., youth and / or elders);
    - Assist with meeting facilitation, note taking and meeting minute preparation, and coordinate translation services, if needed; and
    - Organize distributing Project advertisements and notices in your community; either online or in person (e.g., Facebook or posting in community);
- Assist in collecting data / information in your community (e.g., Indigenous Knowledge, community information and socio-economic information);
- Assist in reviewing draft documents, questionnaires or Project updates / information sheets.

This position will receive $25 per hour and is expected to be approximately 16 hours per week for up to 2 years. If you would like to learn more, contact Jennifer Bruin or Niki Angelis at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca or 1-800-764-9114.

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Revised Fort Albany First Nation IK funding agreement for approval

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Fri, Jul 26, 2024 at 9:10 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: Andrea Nokleby [redacted]>, Qasim Saddique [redacted], Bob Baxter [redacted], Jennifer Bruin [redacted], Lawrence Baxter [redacted]
Ingrid Trimble [redacted] Valdine Walker [redacted]

Good morning Sarah,

Thank you for sending along the finalized IK Funding Agreement. I will get Valdine (CC'd) to coordinate the first payment to Fort Albany.

Have a great weekend!

Jodi
[Quoted text hidden]

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fwd: Re: MFFN Community Access Road Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Jul 30, 2024 at 8:56 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, justin.page@firelight.ca
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good morning Sarah,

Thank you for following up. I have been in communication with the archaeology team about this, and I can provide a partial response to these questions at the moment. I will follow up with additional information as soon as I hear back.

The **Statement of Indigenous Engagement** was not provided to communities for review, as the purpose of this document is to be provided to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism as a requirement of archaeological licensing.

I am still confirming information about the **Record of Engagement** document that is referred to in the Archaeology Assessment Report, but it is my understanding that this is an internal document which has also not been shared with communities (not to be confused with the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement, which was shared with Fort Albany First Nation in 2022).

I can also confirm that IK from Fort Albany was not referred to or relied upon in this report.

I will follow up with any additional information I may receive about the Record of Engagement document. Please let me know if you have any follow up questions.

Thanks,

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

Fwd: Re: MFFN Community Access Road Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Jul 30, 2024 at 1:25 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Hello Sarah,

Just circling back on this. It turns out that there was a typo in the Archaeology Assessment Report, and that what is referred to as the "Record of Engagement" is actually the same document as the "Statement of Indigenous Engagement". The archaeology team has taken note of this error, and will revise the report to avoid future confusion.

To reiterate, this document was not shared with Fort Albany First Nation, as it is exclusively shared with the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism as a requirement of archaeological licensing.

Let me know if you have any further questions,

Jodi

[Quoted text hidden]

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Fort Albany First Nation IK funding agreement

Walker, Valdine [redacted] Tue, Jul 30, 2024 at 12:10 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Andrea Nokleby [redacted], Jodi Miles [redacted]>, 188898 [redacted]

Good morning,

I am assisting with the IK program funding and would like to confirm the preferred payment method of either a mailed cheque to the address below or a direct deposit payment. If the direct deposit is preferred could you please send me a copy of a void cheque at your earliest convenience.

[redacted]
Cheque Payable: Fort Albany First Nation

Thanks so much!

Valdine Walker
Associate
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR July Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Jul 31, 2024 at 3:39 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, [redacted], Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good afternoon Sarah,

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.

Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report
First, 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]

I know you had some questions about the report, which I provided a response to yesterday. Please let me know if you have any follow up questions, or if Fort Albany First Nation is still interested in 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.

Community Coordinator Program
I wanted to remind you that funding for the Community Coordinator program is still available, and to share some up to date information with you about the current program.

We are looking for a Coordinator to represent Fort Albany First Nation as the primary point of contact between the community and the MFFN CAR Project Team as we work through the Environmental Assessment processes. The Community Coordinator will provide advice, guidance and support for community engagement activities related to the Community Access Road and, at this stage in the EA / IA process, will focus much of their time preparing the community for the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement in November and for coordinating the review of this and associated documents. A job poster is attached to this email to share with Community members.

This position will receive $25 per hour and is expected to be approximately 16 hours per week for up to 1 year (up to Summer 2025). We are flexible with respect to payment terms (e.g., to an individual or to the band council) and are open to discussing what works best for your community. Please reach out to discuss.

IK Report/Study information
I wanted to touch base with you and Knut about Fort Albany's IK Report, which was with the community for review the last time we discussed it. I believe you mentioned that a draft report may be available for the MFFN Project Team review by the end of July, so I wanted to check in to see if there is any update on this timeline. Let me know!

ATRI Report
The last time we spoke you also mentioned that Fort Albany First Nation still intends to provide a response on the Draft Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions Report. I wanted to follow up and see if there has been any progress with this.

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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  - Organize distributing Project advertisements and notices in your community; either online (e.g., Facebook or posting in community);

- Assist in collecting data / information in your community (e.g., Indigenous Knowledge Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests, community and socio-economic information);
- Assist in coordination of the review of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, and / or Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Reports.

This position will receive $25 per hour and is expected to be approximately 16 hours per week for up to 1 year (up to Summer 2025). If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the program, contact: Niki Angelis at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca or 1-800-764-9114.

B6.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence

Subject: Re: IK Program Key Milestone Date Reminder

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
to MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

Thu, Jun 22, 3:57 PM

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Hello,

Fort Albany is currently in a state of emergency and is being evacuated due to fire. Its IK work has had to be postponed multiple times, including due to an earlier evacuation due to flooding.

Fort Albany will engage with this process when it is able, but for the time being it is impossible to give a date for that.

Best,
Sarah Beamish

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Introduction Letter

Guy Polden [redacted] Fri, Nov 10, 2023 at 10:39 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Justin Page <[redacted] Knut Kitching [redacted]>, Sarah Beamish [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

Could you please remove my name from the mailing list and replace it with my colleague Knut Kitching (CCed), who has assumed my role in working with FAFN.

Thanks so much,
Guy
[Quoted text hidden]

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Fri, Nov 10, 2023 at 1:19 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Jacqueline Sutherland [redacted], [redacted], Guy Polden [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

Thank you.

Can you please ensure the list of baseline studies includes the schedule for when the studies were/are to be conducted?

Best,
Sarah

[Quoted text hidden]

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Milestone #2 Progress Report and ATRI Report reminders

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 4:19 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Knut Kitching [redacted]

Good afternoon,

This is to confirm that FAFN will be providing comments on the ATRI draft report. While it is possible they will be submitted by the requested date tomorrow, it is more likely that the necessary internal review will require until next week.

FAFN will also be providing comments on the Milestone report.

Best,
Sarah

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Milestone #2 Progress Report and ATRI Report reminders

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Fri, Jan 19, 2024 at 8:03 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Knut Kitching [redacted], Andrea Nokleby [redacted]
Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted]

Hello,

I understand that significant work on the study is scheduled for February, when Firelight Group will be making two in-person trips to Fort Albany First Nation. Leo Metatawabin (copied) is the main staff contact for this and will be working with them to coordinate.

Assuming no further disruptions to the travel plans (which have had to be rescheduled a number of times), I believe that Firelight Group anticipates a draft report could be ready in or around March. From there, there would need to be a community review and verification process, with any necessary changes made following that, before it is shared. I think spring/early summer is a reasonable estimate, but if things are again disrupted due to spring flooding this year, that may change. **Justin and Knut**, please feel free to add or correct me.

At Leo's direction, I am sending one preliminary comment regarding the ATRI report, in case anything further is likely to be done with this draft before Fort Albany's fuller comments can be shared. On page 20 of the report, a short version of the creation story as shared by the late Elder Simeon Scott is reproduced. This was drawn from a 1995 publication and was not provided to the team directly by Fort Albany. Leo acknowledges that this story is already publicly available. However, as this story belongs to Omushkegowuk and Fort Albany First Nation, and Mr. Scott's particular telling of it may be significant for his family, Leo rightly considers this to be Traditional Knowledge and intellectual property that should not be published by the proponent team without consent, especially given member concerns and sensitivity regarding the surrounding context for this report. Leo intends to seek guidance from an elder member of Mr. Scott's family regarding the inclusion of this story in the report. However, unless and until consent is given to include it, the team should not use it in the draft report going forward.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

Sarah

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Milestone #2 Progress Report and ATRI Report reminders

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Tue, Jan 23, 2024 at 1:14 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Knut Kitching [redacted], Andrea Nokleby [redacted]
Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted]

Hello,

This is to update you that Fort Albany First Nation will now likely be submitting its comments next week, due to a death in the community this week.

Thank you,
Sarah

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]

Milestone #2 Progress Report and ATRI Report reminders

Knut Kitching [redacted] Tue, Jan 23, 2024 at 1:30 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted] >, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Andrea Nokleby [redacted] Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted]

Thanks for providing that update Sarah, I'm sure all of our thoughts are with the community at this sad time.

Regarding timelines for the draft report, Sarah's timeline is correct - we're anticipating being in-community the week of Feb 5-9 conducting interviews which will be analysed and written up through the rest of Feb and March, whereupon a community review/verification process will need to take place. The timing of that will of course depend on the pace of our production and the availability of community for this review. As Sarah says I think we can anticipate reporting out in late April or May. We'll update this timeline ASAP in February when data collection is complete and we've got a handle of what we're working with.

Thanks

Knut Tjensvoll Kitching, M.A., FRGS
Senior Researcher, The Firelight Group
[redacted]
Territory of xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) & sə̓lilwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh).

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Mon, Mar 25, 2024 at 7:25 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

This is to acknowledge your email and confirm that I'll respond to it by Wednesday.

Best,
Sarah

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Wed, Mar 27, 2024 at 1:32 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

My apologies, but some other matters are occupying my day and I likely won't get back to you now until tomorrow.

Best,
Sarah
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Thu, Mar 28, 2024 at 5:07 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted] Knut Kitching [redacted], Cathleen Sutherland [redacted]>

Good afternoon Jodi,

I can confirm that FAFN currently has no comments on the Milestone #2 report.

FAFN does still intend to submit its comments on the ATRI report and I expect those will be approved for submission next week.

Yes, the IK collection has begun and I believe good progress is being made with it. I believe they are still on track for a late spring/early summer report, but **Knut Kitching**, copied, can confirm if there have been any changes to that timeline. Note that if spring flooding results in another evacuation of the community this year, that may have an impact.

Chief Kataquapit has agreed to sign the IK Funding Agreement, but FAFN has some proposed changes to the text of the agreement. Please see the track changes in the attached. Once your team confirms these are acceptable, we can have it signed promptly. The only information still to be inserted will be the delivery dates of the reports, once we hear from Knut.

Thank you for the climate change survey link. I will bring it to the attention of the FAFN staff member who would likely be responsible for responding to this.

Best,
Sarah

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Knut Kitching [redacted] Thu, Mar 28, 2024 at 8:21 PM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted], Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Cathleen Sutherland [redacted], Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted]

Thanks Sarah,
We are on track with our report production here and are pulling together draft materials this month. I would anticipate the following schedule for their delivery:

- Preliminary maps/Data (GIS)/Draft Report, by no later than **April 30, 2024**
- Final IK Study Report and associated mapping/GIS files, by no later than **June 30, 2024**

The gap between these two deliverables is to provide time for Fort Albany review and validation/verification, and should provide some buffer to make adjustments if required.
Best,
Knut

Knut Tjensvoll Kitching, M.A., FRGS
Senior Researcher, The Firelight Group
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Contact Information Inquiry

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Tue, Apr 9, 2024 at 11:17 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin [redacted], Knut Kitching [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

Jacqueline Sutherland is no longer the CEO, so you can remove her.

Cathleen is the Interim CEO, and for now you should copy her on anything where you would have previously copied Jacqueline. However, she does not use the CEO email, she uses [redacted]

Best,
Sarah

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Reminder: Three-Road Forum

Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted] Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 3:21 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted] Sarah Beamish [redacted]

Hello Jodi

My name is Leo Metatawabin, and I will be representing Fort Albany First Nation to attend the Three-Road Forum next in Thunder Bay.

I will go ahead and make my travel arrangements asap because of the airline seating availability.
And I will drive from Timmins to Thunder bay to avoid complications with air travel and customs.

My question is: will you be making reservations for me at the hotel of forum??
Please let me know asap.
Thank you

P.s. I'm hoping that Sarah Beamish will attend as well.

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Reminder: Three-Road Forum

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 6:27 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted], Andrea Nokleby [redacted]>, [redacted], "MacInnis, Paul (MINES)" [redacted]

Hi,

Can someone also clarify how travel costs are arranged? Is this on a reimbursement basis?

Thank you.

Sarah

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Reminder: Three-Road Forum

EA Participant Fund (MINES) <[redacted] Fri, Jun 7, 2024 at 9:57 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]com>, "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted] Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]ca>, "EA Participant Fund (MINES)" [redacted], "MacInnis, Paul (MINES)" [redacted]

Hi Sarah,

Yes, typically it is addressed in a reimbursement format though the PFI agreements.

In many cases community members may get funds or make travel arrangements through the First Nation (using a purchase order of something of the like) and the First Nation is reimbursed through reporting on the agreements.

Consultants and other 3-party entities usually support their own travel and submit expenses also to be reimbursed via the agreements.

Hope that helps

Jason Frechette

Indigenous Liaison Officer | Ring of Fire Operations Unit

Ministry of Mines | Ontario Public Service

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR - June Updates

Knut Kitching <[redacted]> Thu, Jun 27, 2024 at 3:21 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Sarah Beamish [redacted] Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted] Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, [redacted] Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby [redacted] Cathleen Sutherland [redacted]

Hi Jodi - re: Fort Albany First Nation's IK report - I'm happy to report that the draft is currently with the FAFN team for review, and Leo will be advising us on how he would like to proceed with a validation/verification process, whereupon we expect to make any final edits and pass a final copy to FAFN for release.
Thanks,
Knut

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Meeting this afternoon re Fort Albany First Nation and MFCAR

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Thu, Jul 4, 2024 at 2:10 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

I've been asked by FAFN to keep my afternoon free for a possible time-sensitive meeting. Are you available tomorrow afternoon instead?

Thank you.

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Sarah Beamish (she/her), B.A., M.G.A., J.D.
[redacted]

My working hours may not be your working hours. I don't expect a response outside your own work schedule.

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]>

Meeting this afternoon re Fort Albany First Nation and MFCAR

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Thu, Jul 4, 2024 at 2:33 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Hi Jodi,

3:00 should work for me, but if anything comes up tomorrow, I have good availability next week and I'm sure we'll easily find a time.

Thanks,
Sarah

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Revised Fort Albany First Nation IK funding agreement for approval

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Fri, Jul 5, 2024 at 1:59 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Hello Jodi,

I have attached what is hopefully the final draft of the Indigenous Knowledge Program Funding Agreement document, without schedules.

There are the following changes since the last approved draft circulated, none of which I believe will be controversial given the approval by all parties of the substance:

1. Today's date has been added as the effective date (if you wish to change it to the date that all parties have signed, please change it and return it for re-signature).
2. The CEO information for FAFN has been updated.
3. The contact information for FAFN has been added.
4. The dates for delivery of the reports and maps have been added in (July 25 for preliminary and September 27 for final). The actual delivery dates may be different than these as I know FAFN is very close to finished with the preliminary drafts, but I believe details of the community verification process necessary before final drafts are shared are still being confirmed. I added in text saying "or such other dates as may be agreed on" to reflect some flexibility here, and will let you know if these dates need to change. Is that acceptable?

If either of the other signatories has issues with these changes, please let me know.

If this looks fine, please return a signed PDF with schedules attached, and I will promptly return a fully signed copy.

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Sarah Beamish (she/her), B.A., M.G.A., J.D.
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Hi Jodi,

Thank you. See signed copy attached.

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Good morning,

To assist FAFN with providing comments on this report, can you please clarify if the portions of the Statement of Indigenous Engagement and Record of Engagement relating to FAFN that are referred to in this report have been shared with FAFN? Can you also clarify if there are any other sources of Indigenous Knowledge from FAFN referre to or relied upon in this report, and if so, what those sources are?

Thank you.

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Given the upcoming requested date for comments this week, can you ensure someone sends a response to this ASAP? This information will affect FAFN's response.

Thank you.

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B6.3 Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Preliminary Existing Conditions Report

Fort Albany First Nation

Marten Falls First Nation

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Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project

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Introduction

Marten Falls First Nation is the Proponent of a proposed all-season Community Access Road (the Project). The Project would connect the community to the Ontario provincial highway network (**Figure 1-1**). The Project is subject to the federal *Impact Assessment Act* and the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* and associated regulatory processes. As part of these regulatory processes, the Proponent is required to assess the potential impacts of the Project on the rights and interests of Indigenous peoples, including on Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights which are recognized and affirmed in Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982.* The Project Team is currently consulting with 23 Indigenous communities, including Marten Falls First Nation, who may have Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests that have the potential to be adversely impacted by the Project. As a First Nation Proponent, constitutionally protected rights are of the upmost importance and significance to Marten Falls First Nation.

The purpose of this *Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions Report* is to:



Share our current understanding of rights and interests within the Project area specific to each Indigenous community;

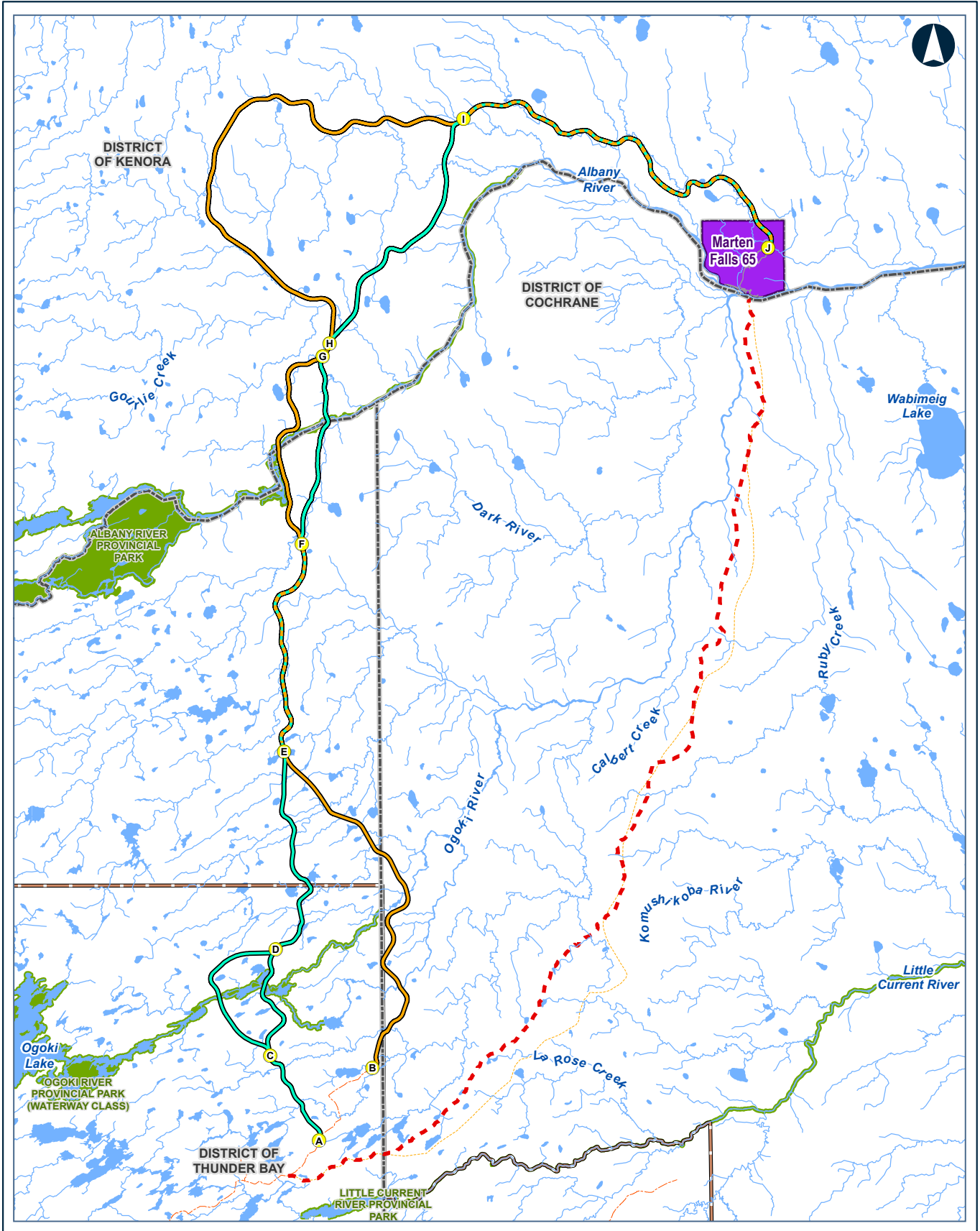


Provide our understanding of how rights are currently being exercised within the Project area; and



Seek your review and feedback on our current understanding.

The report begins with background information about the proposed Project and Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests, and why it is so important to have a strong understanding of rights and interests relevant to the proposed Project (**Section 1**). This is followed by our understanding of the historical and regional context with respect to Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests and how they have been cumulatively impacted to date (**Section 2**). The next section includes our understanding of your community today, including Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests that have the potential to be impacted by the proposed Project (**Section 3**). The report concludes with an overview of the next steps in the regulatory processes and how Marten Falls First Nation will continue to work with Indigenous communities on assessing the potential impacts of the Project on the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests of Indigenous peoples (**Section 4**).





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  - Alternative 4
  - Alternative 1 and Alternative 4
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  - Local Road
  - Winter Road
  - Resource / Recreation Road
- Existing Winter Access Road
- Railway
- Watercourse
- First Nation Reserve
- Far North Boundary
- District Municipal Boundary
- Waterbody
- Provincial Park

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1.1 Imagining Access – Why the Project?

The Project will offer Marten Falls First Nation the opportunity to grow as a community but also be part of the social and economic fabric of the region and country. The Community Access Road will reduce transportation costs for goods and services, making food, gas, and other supplies cheaper. It will help families be together in the community and increase social interactions with other communities. It will also provide a vital connection to emergency, health, and social services.

The development of the Community Access Road will mean that Marten Falls First Nation can begin to forge partnerships with businesses and governments to grow social and economic development opportunities. Opportunities will mean more training and jobs for youth in the region. In the near future, Marten Falls First Nation members will be able to work from their home community and spend or save their hard-earned money at the nearest urban centres. The road will also allow for the continuation of Marten Falls First Nation people on the land because community members will be able to access the lands and waters at a fraction of the price it is now for transportation.

Presently, many Marten Falls First Nation members, especially the youth, have migrated to the cities and towns in search of a better life. It only makes sense that they get a chance at a better life right in their own territory. The Community Access Road will support Marten Falls First Nation in repatriating their members and youth, and in continuing to honour their role as stewards of the lands, waters, and resources as their ancestors did.

1.2 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Overview

For the purpose of this report, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests are defined as follows.

Aboriginal Rights refer to the collective rights to practice traditions and customs that distinguish the unique culture of Indigenous groups and societies, which have been practiced since prior to European contact. These rights are grounded in the recognition of the status of Indigenous groups and societies as the original peoples of Canada, and their continued use and occupation of the land since before European contact; these rights flow to the descendants of Indigenous groups and societies on this basis. Aboriginal rights are not specifically defined under Section 35 as they can vary from group to group depending on the customs, practices and traditions that have formed part of their distinctive cultures, but they may include (CIRNAC, 2023):

- Indigenous title or ownership rights to land;
- Right to occupy and use lands and resources, such as hunting and fishing rights;
- Self-determination and self-government rights; and
- Cultural and social rights.

Treaty Rights are rights that are set out in historic and modern treaty agreements, including Treaty 9 and the Robinson-Superior Treaty, where the proposed Project is located. Treaties define specific rights, benefits, and obligations for the signatories of them, and vary depending on the time and circumstances in which they were negotiated (CIRNAC, 2023).

Aboriginal Interests refer to all requirements relating to Indigenous peoples required by both the federal *Impact Assessment Act* and the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. In addition to an assessment on potential impacts to Section 35 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Interests also include impacts under federal jurisdiction with respect to Indigenous peoples, including impacts on (i) physical and cultural heritage, (ii) current use of land and resources for traditional purposes, (iii) any structure, site or thing that is of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance, and any change occurring in Canada to the health, social or economic conditions of Indigenous peoples in Canada (IAAC & BCEAO, 2022). Therefore, Interests include those identified by Indigenous groups with respect to potential economic, social, health, heritage, or environmental effects of the proposed Project, which may or may not be directly related to specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights.

Note: Interests related to Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights only are presented in this **Preliminary Existing Conditions Report**. Interests that are not specifically related to Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights are presented in the existing conditions reports prepared by other disciplines (e.g., Socio-Economic, Land and Resource Use). Relevant information prepared by other disciplines will be used to inform the assessment on Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests.



1.2.1 What is the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Assessment Process?

The assessment of the potential impacts of the proposed Project on Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests is intended to be flexible and adaptable. The impact assessment process is generally undertaken as a series of seven steps (IAAC, 2022), as shown in **Figure 1-2**. Steps may need to be revisited and revised based on inputs from, and the specific context of, potentially affected Indigenous communities.

Dialogue (and ideally collaboration) with Indigenous communities throughout the process enables modifications to the process, if and as needed, and promotes a holistic understanding and consideration of Indigenous community needs, protocols, rights, and interests.

It important to note that the steps of the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests impact assessment are not completed in isolation of each other (i.e., step 1 does not need to be fully completed before moving onto the next step). This is because of the interconnectedness of the steps, the iterative nature of the process, the volume of information that is collected during the process, and the dialogue with Indigenous communities throughout the process.

Figure 1-2: Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Impact Assessment Process



The Marten Falls First Nation Project Team is currently working through Steps 1 to 3. This **Preliminary Existing Conditions Report** is a working document that has been developed based on dialogue with and inputs received from Indigenous communities to date and an extensive literature review of publicly available documents. By sharing this Preliminary Existing Conditions Report, we are wanting to work with Indigenous communities to validate, build on and / or revise our understanding of:

- Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests relevant to the proposed Project (Step 1);
- The context in which impacts on these rights and interests have already occurred, and how the proposed Project may further impact rights and interests (Step 2); and
- The guiding values and topics associated with community well-being, cultural expression, and the preferred means of exercising rights (Step 3).

The next steps in the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Impact Assessment process is to collaborate with Indigenous communities to grow the Proponent's understanding of:

- Pathways of potential impacts from the proposed Project (Step 4);
- Anticipated levels of impact that the Project may have (Step 5); and
- Measures and / or actions that can be taken to address potential impacts including the associated pathways (Step 6).
- The final step (Step 7) is to engage with communities to validate the outcomes of the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Impact Assessment.





1.2.2 Proposed Study Areas for the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Assessment

Study areas identify the geographic areas within which potential effects of the Project may occur. These study areas are used to guide the data collection and assessment processes.

The Project has both a general Study Area and a Project Development Area which are defined as follows:

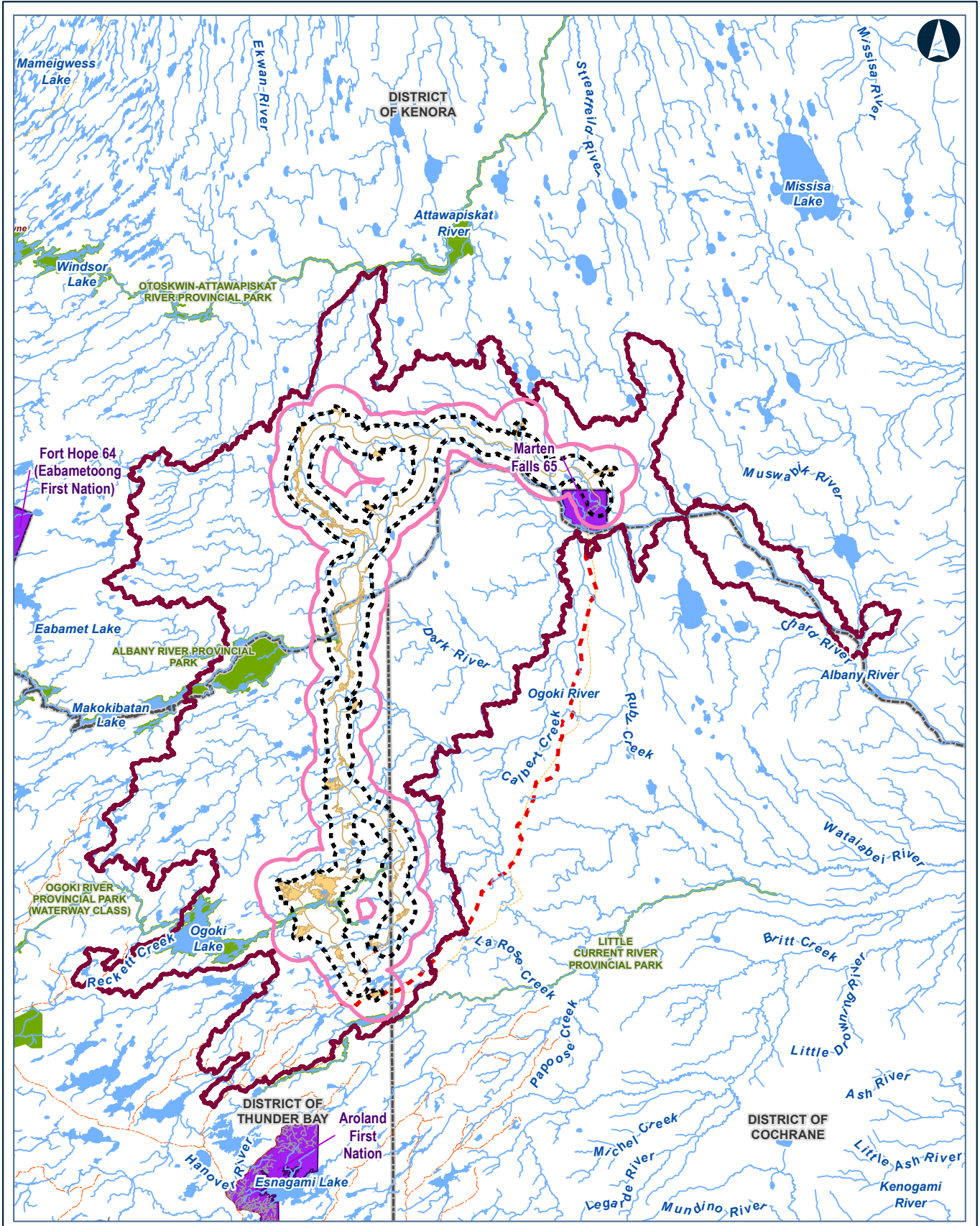
- Project Study Area- includes the area within 2.5 km of each side of the centreline of each alternative route (resulting in a 5 km wide Study Area). The preliminary Study Area generally allows for the documentation of existing conditions and prediction of potential effects for the Project. A 5 km wide Study Area provides flexibility for route refinements that may arise during the Environmental Assessment process through advancement of design (e.g., adjustment of the road alignment to avoid features). The specific location of Project components, including the roadway, quarries, borrow areas, aggregate source areas and temporary infrastructure, are not yet known and will be determined in the Environmental Assessment.
- Project Development Area – encompasses the 100-metre-wide Community Access Road right-of-way, temporary construction access roads, work areas, worker camps, and pits, quarries and associated access roads.

In addition to the Project Study Area and the Project Development Area, study areas have been identified for the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests assessment. Information on the proposed study areas for the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests impact assessment and associated requests for input have been previously shared with all potentially affected Indigenous communities, as follows:

- **August 2020:** The Project Team shared the Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Study Areas Memo with Indigenous communities for review and comment.
- **September 2020:** The Project Team received valuable feedback from Indigenous communities on the preliminary study areas.
- **January 2021:** The Project Team revised the proposed study areas for the assessment based on feedback received and distributed an Update on the Proposed Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Study Areas Memo outlining the changes and requesting any feedback.
- **August 2022:** The Project Team revised the proposed study areas based on changes to the proposed Project Development Area for the Project. Changes to the Project Development Area resulted to changes in the proposed Local Study Area for the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests assessment only; there were no changes to the proposed Regional Study Area for the assessment. An Update on the Proposed Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Study Areas Memo, outlining the changes and requesting any feedback, was distributed to Indigenous communities.

The current study areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and / or Interests assessment (as of September 2023) are shown in **Figure 1-3**.







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

General Features

- Local Road
- Winter Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- Existing Winter Access Road
- Railway
- Watercourse
- First Nation Reserve
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Notes:
1. Local and Regional Study Areas are Preliminary.

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Study Areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Impact Assessment

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1.3 A Shared Understanding – Working Together

Marten Falls First Nation is committed to developing a shared understanding of Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests within the assessment study areas. The Project Team recognizes that there are things that may have been missed or misunderstood with respect to community Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests, and the intent in preparing and sharing this **preliminary report** is to encourage the community to validate, build-on, and /or correct any misunderstandings.

This report sets the stage for the Project Team's understanding of community Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests and will be foundational to the impact assessment that will be completed in the future. By understanding the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests of communities in relation to the proposed Project, the Project Team will be better positioned to have informed conversations with potentially impacted Indigenous communities and their members.

It is the objective of the Project Team to avoid, mitigate or reduce potential negative impacts associated with the proposed Project while enhancing potential positive impacts related to Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests.





02

Historical and Regional Context

The culture, knowledge, and history of Indigenous peoples is passed down through oral stories and accounts from generation to generation. The following chapter presents an historical and regional overview of the Indigenous peoples in the region. The information presented below was collected from written academic articles, journals, and other publicly available documents, many of which were informed by oral history. Indigenous authors and publishers were sought where possible to capture a more authentic understanding of the history, culture, rights, and interests of Indigenous peoples, both pre- and post-contact, and how Indigenous peoples and their rights and interests have been cumulatively impacted to date.

Note: the term "Indian", which is the historical term used by the Crown for First Nations peoples in Canada, is used throughout **Section 2** when referencing historical documents and associated content.

2.1 Pre-Contact Context

Section 2.1.1 to **2.1.6** describe aspects of the societies of Indigenous peoples of the region prior to more consistent contact with Europeans (pre-contact), which occurred in the mid- to late-17th century.

The Indigenous peoples of what is now known as northern Ontario primarily consisted of the Anishinaabeg (which translates to 'Original People') and the Cree peoples (The Canadian Encyclopedia, 2023).

The Anishinaabeg in this region of Ontario have been referred to as the Northern Ojibwa. The Cree people of this region are known as the Omushkegowuk ('People of the Muskeg'). Throughout **Section 2.1.1** to **2.1.6**, 'Indigenous peoples' refers to the Anishinaabeg and the Omushkegowuk peoples of the region specifically, unless otherwise stated. Information on the community as it is today – is provided in **Section 3**.



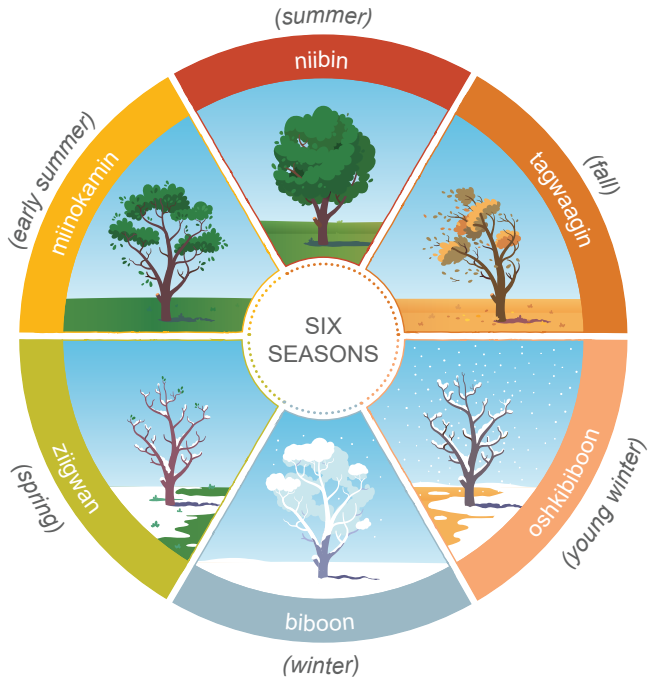


2.1.1 Seasonal Lifeways

Indigenous lifeways are typically shared and nurtured through culture, language, stories, and ceremony, and rooted in place and scared relationship with the Earth, sky, sun, plants, animals, and water (Robertson, 2023). Prior to contact, Indigenous peoples lived their lives following the animals they hunted and according to the seasons. As noted by Davidson-Hunt and Berkes (2003), the Anishinaabeg have six seasons:

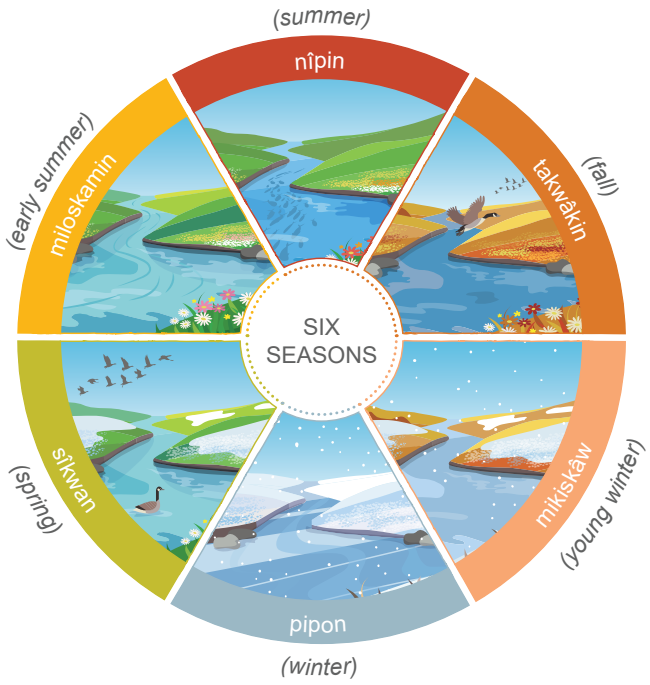
- *Ziigwan* (spring);
- *Miinokamin* (early summer);
- *Niibin* (summer);
- *Tagwaagin* (fall);
- *Oshkibiboon* (young winter); and
- *Biboon* (winter).

The seasons were denoted according to changes in the landscape. For example, *tagwaagin* begins when the leaves start to change colour and fall from the trees and turns into *oshkibiboon* when all the leaves have fallen off the trees and the first snows have fallen, while *biboon* turns to *ziigwan* when the ice on the lakes begin to melt and break up (Davidson-Hunt and Berkes, 2003).



The Omushkegowuk have described six seasons with several seasons reflecting the yearly melting and freezing of the waterways given their reliance on lakes and rivers for their livelihoods (Honigmann, 1948; Six Seasons of the Asiniskaw Ithiniwak, n.d.):

- *Sîkwan* (breakup, translates to "rattling feathers" because the geese fly in and it sounds like rattling);
- *Miloskamin* (spring, translates to "good moving water");
- *Nîpin* (summer, translates to "gifts from the water" because of the fish that are offered);
- *Takwâkin* (fall, translates to "gathering up" becaus e this is the season in which birds and people prepare for the coming winter);
- *Mikiskâw* (freeze-up, translates to "plenty of beads" because of the forming frost); and
- *Pipon* (winter).





Both the Anishinaabeg and the Omushkegowuk used the moon cycles to mark temporal dynamics of seasonal change, and to provide a more standardized way to note the passage of time during the year (Davidson-Hunt and Berkes, 2003; Six Seasons of the Asiniskaw Ithiniwak, n.d.).



Indigenous peoples of the region were hunters and gatherers who travelled seasonally, following the important resources that sustained them in each season. They used birch bark canoes, rafts, snowshoes, and toboggans for easier travel depending on the season (Long, 2010). A rich variety of foods were available, including birds (e.g., duck, goose, and partridge), big game (e.g., bear, deer, moose, and caribou), furbearers (e.g., beaver, muskrat, marten, and wolverine), and fish (e.g., whitefish, pickerel, pike, trout and sturgeon) (Dawson, 1976; Long, 2011; Long *et al.*, 2017). Indigenous peoples also gathered berries, plants, medicines, and fuels (Long, 2011). *Manoomin* (wild rice) was an important staple food among the Anishinaabeg in the Great Lakes region (Desmarais, 2019). Kuhnlein and Turner (1991) noted that plants used in the Hudson Bay Lowlands, further north, included: the roots and sweet sap of large tamarack trees; rock tripe lichen; angelica (wild celery); wapato (arrowhead); the shoots, roots, and stems of fireweed; cattails; wild onions; and, the buds of juniper and spruce trees. Early accounts indicate that the Omushkegowuk spent much of the year pursuing game over large areas in the north, while areas to the south provided food the Anishinaabeg were able to harvest in large quantities including fish, deer, moose, and caribou, requiring less travel (Bishop & Smith, 1975).



The division of labour was based on gender. The men were hunters and trappers (and butchers prior to returning to the group), and makers of toboggans, sleds and snowshoe and wigwam frames. The women fished and hunted and trapped small game, gathered plant foods and medicines, collected firewood, prepared meals, and created material goods for family and trade, in addition to their child caregiver duties (McMillan and Yellowhorn, 2004, as cited in Soloway, 2015). The role of women in preparing geese for future use by drying and smoking, and in preparing feathers and quills for sale, was especially important among the Omushkegowuk, (Lytwyn, 2002).

Indigenous lifeways were intimately tied to the family (Long, 2010). The social organization consisted of community groups composed of immediate and extended families, which may have inhabited single or several drainage basins. Settlements consisted of small habitation sites and associated hunting camps (Dawson, 1987). Up to ten families lived and shared together, typically a group of brothers and their wives and children (Bohaker, 2020), depending on the season and circumstances (Long, 2011). Families resided in cone-shaped wigwams made of wood and moss, covered in moose or caribou hides (MFFN & OMNRF, 2020).

When studying traditional Omushkegowuk (Attawapiskat) land tenure, Cummins (1992) reported that two to five Omushkegowuk families lived and travelled together as a 'microband', and up to 15 families connected as a 'macroband'. The macrobands in the region were aware of each other as they completed their seasonal rounds (Cummins, 1992).

Communities would come together in the summer, usually at a lake or shore within the territory where food was abundant; these areas were occupied annually for extended periods by clustered groups (Dawson, 1987). Summer gatherings were the largest, and hundreds of people (sometimes over a thousand) from several 'bands' would assemble for visiting, trade, marriage negotiations and to discuss issues of common concern (Leacock, 1981; Bohaker, 2020).

Small camps used on a temporary basis by community members to harvest resources in both summer and winter were also present around the larger summer gathering sites. Groups would disperse in the winter to their hunting areas (Dawson, 1987), and each family had a hunting territory (Oldmixon, 1931, as cited in Long *et al*., 2017). According to anthropologist Edward Rogers (1963), hunting ranges (territories) were loosely managed and hunting groups returned to the same general area each year. Trapping was done mostly for subsistence as the hunter-gatherer lifestyle required seasonal movement to avoid resource depletion (Rogers, 1963).

Indigenous land use, cultural practices, and settlement systems were shaped primarily by the seasonal cycles of the region. During the summer, time was spent fish harvesting and drying, berry picking and drying, and collecting materials for building homes and utility items including wigwams, snowshoes and fish baskets (MFFN & OMNRF, 2020). Furbearer snaring and small bird hunting was also common (Long *et al*., 2017). Summer was also a time for traditional gatherings for ceremonies including marriages, feasts, new friendships, naming ceremonies, and celebrations for community members who passed away (MFFN & OMNRF, 2020).



Fall was spent preparing for the winter hunting camps and season. This involved preserving food and preparing hides, making any utility items needed (e.g., moccasins and snowshoes), and making sure the dogs were fattened up for the coming winter sledding when it was time to move to the winter

areas (Omushkego Education & OCCC, 2006; MFFN & OMNRF, 2020). Fish were an important source of food during this time (Omushkego Education & OCCC, 2006), as were a variety of birds including waterfowl, grouse, and ptarmigan (Omushkego Education & OCCC, 2006; Long *et al*., 2017). Caribou and moose provided additional sources of food during this time (Omushkego Education & OCCC, 2006).

During the early winter or freeze up, travel was limited until the rivers and streams were frozen and fishing and trapping were important for sustenance (Omushkego Education and OCCC, 2006). Winter was a prime time for hunting caribou and trapping furbearers (Long *et al*., 2017). Winter gave people freedom as they could travel all over the land, and not worry about food spoiling (MFFN and OMNRF, 2020).

Breakup and spring (early summer) brought warmth. Areas for new shelters away from winter homes were scouted to prepare for the spring hunt (MFFN and OMNRF, 2020). Among the lowland Omushkegowuk, the spring harvesting of goose and duck was significant and was seen as a celebration for the survival of the family through the harsh winter conditions (Cummins, 1992). Canoes were used as a mode of travel as the waters of the rivers and streams started to flow again (Omushkego Education & OCCC, 2006). After the ice breakup was a time for fish harvesting and drying, and muskrat hunting and trapping (MFFN & OMNRF, 2020).

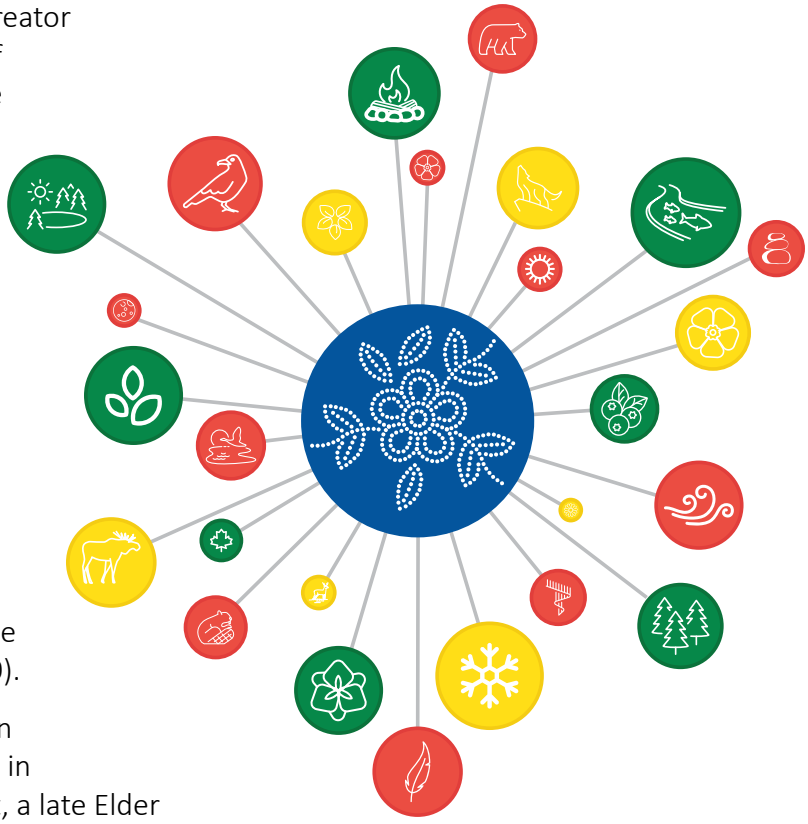


2.1.2 Culture and Worldview

Indigenous peoples of the region practiced a cultural way of living. The culture was, and continues to be, grounded in relationships with and knowledge of the environment, and shared through oral stories and practices (MFFN & OMNRF, 2020). When Europeans started to travel into the region, many viewed the land as something to be explored, owned, developed, and used for profit – this view was in contrast to the Indigenous' world view that the land and its resources is something to be shared, cared for, and honoured (Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021). From an Indigenous way of life, Indigenous peoples did not own the land; they were connected to it and depended on its generation and empowerment of all life, including the intangible aspects like culture, language, and dream (Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021). Indigenous worldview and identity were, and continue to be, grounded in intimate relationships with the land and the natural world, and the principles of kinship, respect, reciprocity, and responsibility (Bell, 2013; Guido, 2021).

The perspectives of many Indigenous peoples were, and continue to be, rooted in a recognition of the inter-relation of all of creation – everything is considered to be connected, like the strands of a spider's web (Bell, 2013). Moreover, many Indigenous peoples' beliefs on the origin of humankind framed their perspectives on relationships between humans and other beings: plants and animals inhabited the land before humankind and assisted humans when they arrived on earth (Johnston, 2005; Luby *et al*., 2021); and, all things in the natural world are valuable and equal (Simpson, 2000a).





According to the Anishinaabe origin story, the Creator envisioned humankind in response to feelings of loneliness. However, the Creator did not provide humankind dominion over Creation, and instructed that humankind was to take care of Mother Earth (Luby *et al*., 2021). The order of creation in the Anishinaabe creation story places humans last, as well as least in the order of dependence, and weakest in terms of bodily powers (Johnston, 1976). In addition, for the Anishinaabeg, all living beings were understood to have souls (and not just humans), and therefore personhood. Understanding the natural world and its inhabitants as kin, as brothers and sisters, was a critical piece of Anishinaabe culture and law; this is reflected in their presence in almost all Anishinaabe stories (Fontaine, 2020).

The important relationships and kinship between humans and the natural world are also reflected in Omushkego oral history. As told by Simeon Scott, a late Elder from Fort Albany First Nation, the first people were living in *the land above* when an unseen voice asked a man and a woman if they would like to go down and see *the land below*. They went to go see *the great net-maker*, a spider, to lower them down onto the land now called northern Ontario, but they did not heed his warnings that only one person may look down from the spider's line – they both looked down and fell. They were rescued from the eagle's nest in which they had landed by a bear and a wolverine. The first peoples then followed the bear, who taught them everything they needed to know to survive in their new home (Ellis, 1995).

The oral histories of Indigenous peoples of the region speak to the importance of respect, reciprocity, and responsibility.

- Among the Anishinaabeg, respect entails "a reverence for the diversity of life and peoples, for different ways of knowing, and for different ways of being" (Simpson in Bell *et al.,* 2010, p. 14). A deep respect for the natural world and the balance of all components of it underpins the worldview of Cree peoples (Preston, 2002), including the Omushkegowuk. The land and its resources had to be respected and sustainably utilized for the benefit of all, including ancestors and future generations (Honor the Earth, 2017).
- Indigenous peoples' relations with the land were primarily reciprocal in nature as this was considered critical to establishing and maintaining healthy relationships with the natural environment (Preston, 2002; Bell, 2013; Honour the Earth, 2017, Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021). If something

was taken or received, something had to be given back to give thanks. Gifts were offered for successful hunts and harvests; these included specific offerings that were often very private to the individual or group but they also entailed actions to sustain the life of a moose or caribou population from which they hunted (Tapestry Institute, n.d.).

- Indigenous stories also indicate important responsibilities to ensure healthy and balanced relationships with Creation. Anishinaabe teachings describe the gifts that each person is born with and responsibility of each person to "use their gifts to the best of their ability for the good of the community, and for the good of creation" (Bell, 2013, p. 103).

The perception of environments as social-ecological systems is an underpinning of an Indigenous worldview, and the spatial and temporal dynamics of the land were included in both memory and language (Davidson-Hunt & Berkes, 2003). As noted by Davidson-Hunt and Berkes (2003), Anishinaabe ways of remembering can be described as an experience of journeying within the land that is situated in both space and time: the journey is structured temporally according to the practices, seasons, moons, and ceremonies that mark of the passing of time and life stages, and spatially based on what is encountered and observed. This is evident in Indigenous place names, which provide a mental image of how a particular place in the landscape looks, how it relates to other places, and what occurred or might be found at the place (e.g., *Aagimakobawatig* describes a place where black ash grows beside a rapid). As noted by Berkes et al. (1998), the Anishinaabe notion of "land" is more akin to the concept of "ecosystem" but with the added dimensions of peoples, their culture and their history.

In addition to providing sustenance, the lands, waters, and their resources provided, and continue to provide, spiritual connection and well-being. Everything could be considered alive – both animate and inanimate objects were believed to have a spirit life (Simpson, 2000a). Many Anishinaabeg understood the world to be inhabited by spiritual beings known as *manidoos*, and these were known to be associated with places and seasons (Johnston, 2005). Moreover, the spiritual world was believed to exist as parallel world or plane of existence that could be accessed through prayer



or ceremony or that could manifest when it decided to do so (Honour the Earth, 2017). These beliefs remain an important part of Anishinaabe culture today.

In Anishinaabe culture, Johnston (2005, p. 17) describes that "there is an ongoing relationship between the Dead and the Living; between Ancestors and Descendent." It was considered the obligation of the living to bury their relatives in a proper manner (in marked graves with commemorative and symbolic items placed on them) and in a proper place (in their place of origin and/or near their ancestors), and to protect them from disturbance or desecration; failure to do so was thought to harm both the dead and the living (Johnston, 2005). Many Anishinaabe believed that bodies have several souls: one of them remains in the bones after death and only leaves when it is "recycled" into a descendant; the other leaves the body after death and travels to rejoin other relatives who have died (Johnston, 2003, as cited in Bohaker, 2020). Feasting to celebrate the dead (Feast of the Dead) was important for the care and protection of deceased souls (Johnston, 2005). The feasts also had a function of perpetuating alliances among kin and initiating alliances with outsiders (Bishop, 1976). Based on available records, the Jesuit missionaries were "mystified by the care and attention that Aboriginal people showed toward their dead" (Johnston, 2005, p. 8).

Prior to contact, Indigenous lifeways were based on a deep connection with the lands and all its inhabitants. As noted by Cajete (2000), "Native people expressed a relationship with the natural world that could only be called ensoulment" (p. 186). They spent so much time on the land, interacting with the natural world, that "their landscapes became reflections of their very souls" (Cajete, 2000, p. 187). The mutual relationships between, and the value of, all things in the natural world (including celestial bodies, spirits, and natural forces), as well as the need for balance among them, were recognized and honoured (Honor the Earth, 2017).



2.1.3 Language

Indigenous culture is rooted in language (Wastesicoot, 2015). Both the Anishinaabeg and Omushkegowuk are Algonquian in terms of their language group, one of the most populous and widespread Indigenous linguistic and cultural groups in North America. *Anishinaabemowin* (Ojibwe) was the language of the Anishinaabeg, while the Omushkegowuk spoke *Inilîmowin* (Swampy Cree).

Both languages are considered polysynthetic, which means that they have long, compound words to express complex meanings that would require many words, or even an entire sentence, in other languages (Oxford, 2019). A typical word is made up of several, or many small parts, with a variety of combinations that mean different things. For example:

- *Boozhoo* ("hello") in *Anishinaabemowin* acknowledges the original spirit of *Nanaboozhoo*, and also conveys the process of using the breath of life ("*boo*") to express the feeling of life ("*zhoo*") (Horton, 2021); and,
- The *Inilîmowin* word *niwanahikân* means "I am setting my traps" (Omushkego Education, 2016).

Both *Anishinaabemowin* and *Inilîmowin* also organize their nouns according to animacy: whether the noun is referring to a living thing like a human or animal (animate) or an object (inanimate); this is analogous to the use of masculine and feminine nouns in French, just on a different axis. However, some non-living objects, like drum and tobacco, are treated as animate, and this may have to do with the spiritual significance of these objects (Oxford, 2019).

There was no written form for the Ojibway and Cree languages prior to contact, though European missionaries later created a system of writing (OCCC, 1986). By the early 1800s, European traders noted that a mixed Cree-Ojibway dialect was spoken by Indigenous people who lived in territories shared by the Lowland Cree and Northern Ojibway, where mixing and intermarriage was common (Lytwyn, 2002); this became what is today referred to as *Anishininiimowin* (Oji-Cree).

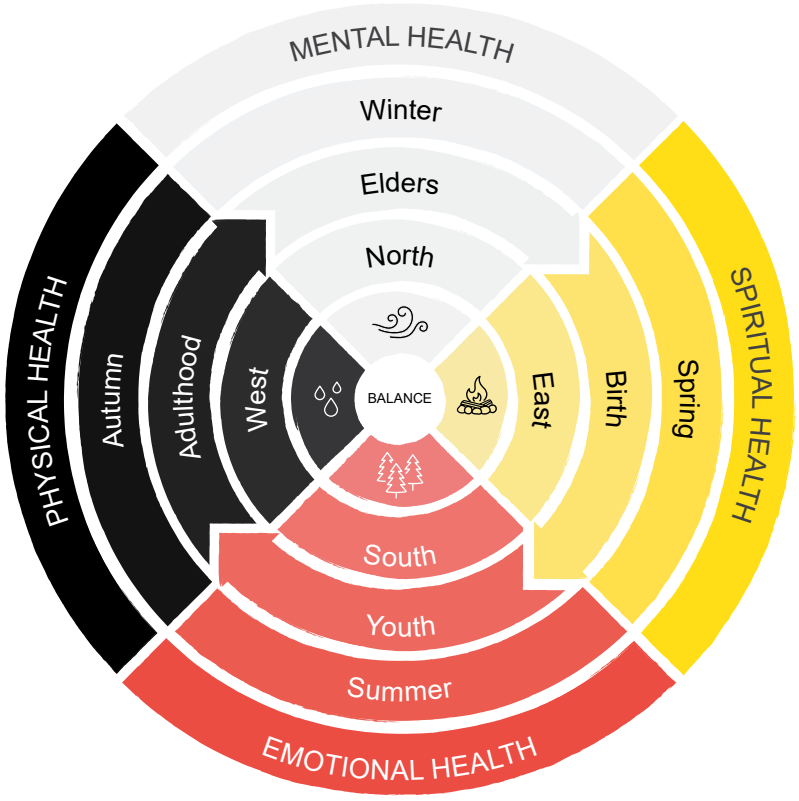




2.1.4 Learning and Knowledge Building

Indigenous educational traditions have been described as holistic whereby the learning process had to address the whole person, including the intellectual, spiritual, emotional, and physical dimensions (RCAP, 1996a). The process of learning and knowledge building among Indigenous people was considered a life-long process rooted in personal experience, ceremony, reflection and sharing (Simpson, 2000b), and recognition and honouring of the relationships with and within the natural world (McGregor, 2013).

Rituals, storytelling, and harvesting and gathering practices out on the land were foundational for conveying worldviews and handing down instructions for maintaining balance in the natural and spiritual worlds through the generations (Honor the Earth, 2017). As described by Johnston et al. (2018), Indigenous knowledge "originates in oral sources (conversations, stories, traditional teachings) in the day-to-day practices of Indigenous peoples according to Indigenous worldviews and including insights from the spirit world" (p. 4). The knowledge-transfer activities of rituals, ceremonies, storytelling and practices on the land were often directly tied to the place the knowledge relates to (Honor the Earth, 2017); that is, Indigenous knowledge sharing was not only relational in nature but also place-based.





Leanne Simpson (2000b) explored Anishinaabe ways of learning and identified a variety of important learning modalities, including dreaming, ceremonies, learning by doing (experiential learning), and storytelling. Dreaming, visioning, and ceremonies were considered important paths for knowledge transmission from the spiritual world to humans (Simpson, 2000b). Being on the land was considered critical for experiential learning, and young people learned how to participate by practicing the tasks and skills they would need to perform as adults (Antoine *et al*., 2018). Learning by observation was an important component of experiential learning. The Anishinaabeg often relied on plants, animals, and spiritual entities as teachers, each offering gifts and lessons of caring and sharing that were accessed through careful observation (Simpson, 2000b). For example, plants and animals could offer lessons based on where and when they grow, how they multiply, how they provide food for others, and who they prefer the company of, and who they avoid (Raven at el., 1998, as cited in Simpson, 2000b).

Storytelling was an important way to teach principles and values. There were various forms of stories, including stories of origin, sacred stories, stories of personal experience, and stories that convey laws, responsibilities, morals, values and life lessons, all of which were grounded in one's intimate relationship with the land (Fontaine, 2020). In oral tradition, storytellers may impart their own life and experience when telling stories, and the listeners filtered stories through their own experiences and reflective thinking to make them relevant to their own lives (Peltier, 2021). The meaning that was drawn from a story may depend on who was telling it, and the circumstances in which it was told in terms of time, place, and situation of the telling. Storytelling tradition is non-linear and cyclical in perspective. Time can be represented in different ways; while stories find their origins in the past, they can also speak to the present (RCAP, 1996b).



As described by Anishinaabe educator David Anderson (2002), traditionally children were often raised by their immediate and extended families, and taught the "big story" and the abstract messages of Anishinaabe being from infancy. Generally, children learned to listen and observe, and they watched as the community worked together to ensure the survival of all; role modelling was an important aspect of teaching (Bell, 2013). Children were expected to take the abstract concepts, morals, and values they were exposed to through storytelling, and develop them into their own meaningful relationships with all elements of the natural and spiritual world (Anderson, 200 2; Bell, 2013).

2.1.5 Governance and Legal Principles



Both the Anishinaabeg and the Omushkegowuk had their own forms of governance in place prior to contact with Europeans. As noted by Anishinaabe legal scholar John Borrows (2002), Indigenous peoples developed spiritual, political, and social conventions to guide relationships with each other and the natural environment, and "these customs and conventions became the foundations of many complex systems of government and law" (p. 47). Leadership among the Indigenous peoples in the region was observed to be markedly different from European societies, and European observers were "impressed by the lack of rigid, hierarchical political order among the Indians" (Lytwyn, 2002, p. 20).

The Anishinaabeg were traditionally governed by a hereditary clan system, the *Doodemaag*. Early accounts from the late 17th century indicate that the Anishinaabeg constituted their governments as *doodem* (clan) beings who met in council, and specific *doodem* beings took on responsibility for roles and places (Bohaker, 2020). *Doodems* were most often animals, but they could also be a tree or a *Manitou* (e.g., thunderbirds, mermen, underwater *manidoos*), and they tied people to specific places those *doodems* inhabited (Corbiere, 2019). Anishinaabe historian William Warren noted that Northern Ojibway *doodems* included Sucker, Goose, Beaver, Sturgeon, Gull, hawk, Cormorant, and Whitefish (Lytwyn, 2002). Each animal symbolized an ideal to be sought (Johnston, 1987). For example, "the leadership role in councils that was undertaken by members of the Loon *doodem* was visually reinforced by the fact that the common markings of loons has markings around its neck, resembling the wampum shell collars that leaders wore to indicate their status and political role" (Warren & Neill, 1885, as cited in Bohaker, 2020, p. 61).

The *doodem* was the foundation of Anishinaabe identity, exemplified by the fact that Anishinaabe leaders meeting in council signed colonial documents with imaged representing their *doodem* identities (Bohaker, 2020). Individuals were born into their *doodem*, which came from the father's side of the family (Bohaker, 2020). However, people could be adopted into a willing clan when seasonal cycles led to movements inland or upriver that led to a summer identity and a winter identity (Witgen, 2013, as cited in Corbiere, 2019). Marriages often functioned as micro-alliances that brought different *doodemag* together, sometimes from considerable distances away, for important social and political connections.



Given the role marriage had as an alliance-making institution, it was reinforced by a taboo against marrying someone from within the same *doodem* (Bohaker, 2020).

Each *doodem* had its own leadership system (common council), which may have involved an *ogimaa* (chief), an *aanikeogimaa* (second chief, deputy), and *gichi-Anishinabek* (elders, councillors), all of whom were leaders of their own *indinaakonigewin* (those whom one overwintered with, a group of usually 20-40 people) (Miller, 2010). In addition to these leaders, women's councils and warrior councils served to advise and significantly influence decisions. Each of these councils also had leaders (Bohaker, 2020). According to Miller (2010), women's councils were a central component of Anishinaabe governance, and women had defined political roles. One woman, an *ogimaakwe* or chief woman, would present the results of the women's council findings to the men during gatherings (Miller, 2010). Women could also hold the role of the *ogimaa* (Bohaker, 2020). Warrior councils had a responsibility to protect their people (Bohaker, 2020).

Historically, common councils met regularly and were responsible for local affairs, including where and what to hunt, where family groups reside through the seasons, settling conflicts and disputes in the community, and family alliances (Bohaker, 2020). Both women's and warrior councils provided common councils with advice on these matters (Bohaker, 2020). General councils between common councils occurred at least annually if not semi-annually, as part of the seasonal round. General councils were places at which alliances between common councils were established and renewed (Bohaker, 2020).

As noted by Bohaker (2020), leaders were expected to be generous with their wealth and "good leaders accumulated wealth in order to give it away" (p. 139). Their intended role was as "stewards" who took care of the people and the land. Leadership was not absolutely hierarchical and individuals could hold several leadership roles, with their status depending on their own personal gifts, expertise, and their *doodem* (Bohaker, 2020). Governance practices were primarily consensus-based through councils and alliances (Bohaker, 2020); this is reflected in Anishinaabe oral histories that demonstrate consultative and consensus-based leadership models through story (Borrows, 2010). Common practice was for leaders to exercise their authority *with* their community, not *over* them (Mills, 2019). *Doodem* kin ties could create and sustain lateral connections between different councils, and reinforce the political principle of interdependence through alliance (Bohaker, 2020).

Anishinaabe *aadizookaanag* (sacred stories) explain the origins of the *doodem* tradition: human beings are descended from, and therefore kin to, the other-than-human beings who are their *doodem*. To share a *doodem* was to be immediate kin. Indigenous worldview on kinship may be reflective of the idea of shared souls rather than shared blood, and "understanding this distinction is critical for understanding the concept of personhood in Anishinaabe law" (Bohaker, 2020, p. 53).

The governance structure of the Anishinaabe people was formalized through the *Niswi-mishkodewinan* (Three Fires Confederacy) of the Ojibway (Chippewas), Odaawa and Potawatomi Nations. The three groups shared similar languages and territories, and met for military and political purposes. Each group had a distinct role in the confederacy: the Ojibway were the providers and knowledge keepers of medicine and faith, the Odaawa were the warriors and keepers of trade, and the Potawatomi were the firekeepers who took care of the three fires (nations) and made sure they were strong. The fire was central to the governance structure, and continues to be so to this day (Anishinabek Nation, 2023a; Anishinabek Nation, 2023b).

While the Omushkegowuk did not have a clan system like that of the Anishinaabeg, they did have a kinship system where the family was the major self-governing unit, and extended family were involved to support each member in living up to their responsibilities (RCAP, 1996c; Wastesicoot, 2015). Elders served various functions based on their skills, including as storytelling historians, advisors, and counsellors to young people and others (Wastesicoot, 2015).







The Omushkegowuk had a leadership structure with *okimâw* (leaders) who were respected for their ability to make good decisions with respect to hunting practices and rules (Lytwyn, 2002). The *okimâw* were not intended to rule with force or dictate the lives of those who followed them, but rather, they were expected to display leadership based on their life skills, experience, and wisdom (Lytwyn, 2002), and their exemplary connection with the land, knowledge of the animals (Preston, 1990, as cited in Brekes *et al*., 1991). They did not have the right to impose decisions on others – leadership was meant to be consultative (Lytwyn, 2002), and decisions were accepted by consensus (Preston, 1990, as cited in Brekes *et al*., 1991). Similarly to the *ogimaa* of the Anishinaabeg, generosity, compassion, and a strong capacity to care for others were important attributes of *okimâw* (Wastesicoot, 2015). Heredity was noted to be an important factor, with leadership observed to be passed down from fathers to sons (Lytwyn, 2002). However, leadership roles were not necessarily inherited, and the *okimâw* remained as leader as long as they were able to maintain the respect of community members; if they lost this, the next person with high standing could assume the leadership role (Mandelbaum, 1979, as cited in Wastesicoot, 2015).



Women played an important role in the kinship system and decision-making processes of the Omushkegowuk (Walker, 2021). Historically, women in Cree society were the keepers of all stories and laws. McAdams (2015) notes that within Cree culture existed the clan mothers or warrior women whose role was to provide the legal "system" of the Cree people, and they were respected for their ability to show compassion and care for the people. Women were highly respected for their sacred role as bearers and teachers of future generations, and they were not only in charge of the 'household', but also the well-being of the community (Hookimaw-Witt, 2006). The knowledge of men and women was often considered complementary, and both were important for leadership. As noted by Hookimaw-Witt (2006), in Cree society, while the men had more knowledge about resources in the hunting territory, women had more knowledge about the resources they harvested and managed (small mammals, fish, and plants). Thus, in the realm of Cree politics, both genders had decision-making powers in their own domains, and through interactions with the other gender's decisions (Hookimaw-Witt, 2006). In addition, in both Anishinaabe and Mushkegowuk cultures it was women who were historically the voice for water, as both hold the important role of giver of life (Chief of Ontario, 2008; Chiblow, 2020).

Borrows (2002) suggests that "Indigenous laws originated in the political, economic, spiritual and social values expressed through the teachings and behaviour of knowledgeable and respected individuals and elders" (p. 13), and their principles are expressed through the stories, ceremonies, and traditions of Indigenous peoples across the country (Borrows, 2002). The instructions, laws, and ethics conveyed in Indigenous stories guided people on how to conduct themselves (McGregor, 2013). As noted by Borrows (2002), oral histories may inherently express Indigenous laws as they represent the accumulated wisdom and experiences of Indigenous peoples' conflict resolution. They record patterns of past disputes and their solutions while allowing for re-creation to meet emerging needs more easily, and do not depend on finding the first telling of the event, as common law does (Borrows, 2002).

The requirements for maintaining harmonious relationships among all beings have been referred to as Indigenous 'natural law' (McGregor, 2013). Among the Anishinaabeg, understanding the natural world as kin, as brothers and sisters, was a critical piece to Anishinaabe law (Fontaine, 2020). This is reflected in the sacred law of *Nda-Nwendaaganag* (all my relations), which acknowledges that all things in the universe are gifts from the Creator and have meaning and purpose. Further, all things are interconnected and important to one another, and respect is afforded to all of Creation (Anishinabek Nation Legal Department, 2018).



According to oral history, it is said that sacred or natural law was given to the Anishinaabeg by the Creator through their *Mino-Bimaadiziwin* (way of living the good life), language, philosophies, and ceremonies (Watts, 2010). *Mino-Bimaadiziwin* is representative of the relationship that the Anishinaabeg have with everything around them, and the understanding that everything is alive, and everything is related (Bell, 2013). It is a traditional legal principle rooted in all Anishinaabeg (Anishinabek Nation Legal Department, 2018). *Mino-Bimaadiziwin* was expected to be lived according seven original (ancestral) teachings that provide guiding principles for the way in which individuals are to treat each other and the natural environment (Bell, 2013; Seven Generations Education Institute, 2021):



Debwewin (truth) – To speak only to the extent we have lived or experienced. Represented by the turtle as the turtle was here during the creation of Earth and carries the teachings of life on his back.



Dabasendiziwin (humility) – To think lower of oneself in relation to all that sustains us. Represented by the wolf, who lives for his pack and the ultimate shame is to be an outcast.



Manaaji'idiwin (respect) – To go easy on one another and all of Creation. Represented by the buffalo as the buffalo gives every part of his being to sustain the human way of living, and respects the balance and needs of others.



Zaagi'idiwin (love) – Unconditional love between one another including all of Creation, humans and non-humans. The eagle represents love because he has the strength to carry all of the teachings.



Gwayakwaadiziwin (honesty) – To live correctly and with virtue. Represented by either the raven or the sabe (sasquatch) as they both understand who they are and how to walk in their life.



Zoongide'ewin (courage) – To live with a solid, strong heart. Represented by the bear. The mother bear has the courage and strength to face her fears and challenges while protecting her young. To face life with courage is bravery.



Nibwaakaawin (wisdom) – To live with vision. The beaver represents wisdom because he uses his natural gift by altering the environment for his family's survival.

The Omushkegowuk shared similar natural law and legal principles. *Wahkotowin* (having relations to all) was a central aspect of Cree natural law, and speaks to the interconnectedness of all things (Cardinal, 2007). According to the late Cree scholar and lawyer Harold Cardinal (2007), *Wahkotowin* is one of the most comprehensive doctrines of law among Cree people, and it contains a subset of laws (values) that establish principles that govern the conduct and behaviour of individuals within the family environment, within their communities, and with others outside the community. These principles are enshrined in the seven sacred teachings, or the seven scared laws (Wastesicoot, 2015):



Pakwaynamatowin (sharing);



Sahkiwewin (love);



Kistenchikewin (respect;



Kiskentamowin (wisdom);



Tapatenimowin (humility);



Tapwewin (honesty); and,



Sokenimowin (courage).

Similar to the Anishinaabe concept of *Mino-Bimaadiziwin*, the Cree concept of *Mino-Pimatisiwin* represents the cyclical nature of life and provides guidance on how to live in a good way with oneself, their community, and the natural world (Gaudet & Chilton, 2018). Connection to the land is central to the concept of *Mino-Pimatisiwin* (Gaudet & Chilton, 2018), as is respecting natural law.

2.1.6 Resource Management and Stewardship

Communal management of resources was a common feature of many Indigenous resource-use systems (Berkes, 1989, as cited in Berkes *et al*., 1991). Resources were considered the property and responsibility of all, and those that utilized them in an area were considered "stewards" who oversaw community norms and rules about their use, which were often comprehensive (Berkes *et al*., 1991). Collective, consensus-based decision making and enforcement of agreed-upon rules among group members was often the norm (Feit, 1986, as cited in Berkes *et al*., 1991).

Feit (2004) suggests that some form of hunting territories likely existed among Algonquian hunters in the northern Boreal areas. This would have enabled them to respond to disruptions caused by larger-scale forest fires, and / or resource depletions where groups displaced by these disturbances would have sought to resettle on lands used by adjacent groups of hunters and their families. In his study of hunting territories among the Northern Ojibwa, Bishop (1970) suggests that prior to settlement of interior northern Ontario by traders in the 1770s, hunting groups remained large throughout the year and moved *en masse* within a roughly defined region. Available records indicate a gradual stabilization of hunting groups in certain regions around major lakes and waterways following settlement in the region. By the late 1850s, there were fully developed hunting territories in the upper Albany River drainage area (Bishop, 1970). Leacock (1954, as cited in Bishop, 1970) suggests that the emergence of defined hunting areas held by family units after contact was driven by:



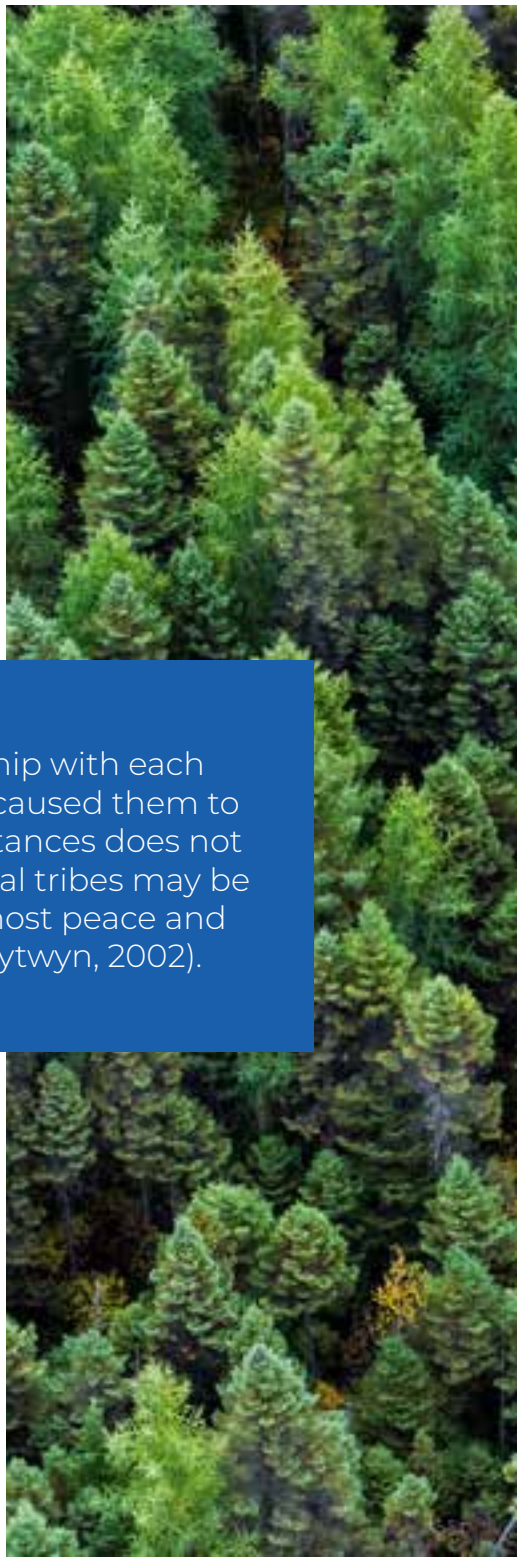
- Increasing scarcity in resources due to overharvesting, forcing bands to split into family units;
- Increasing access to store foods, enabling family units to be more self-sufficient;
- Weakened cooperative bonds among band members as economic ties were transferred from within the group to the trader;
- Non-migratory furbearers could be efficiently exploited by small family units;
- Preference among traders for dealing with individuals rather than groups; and,
- Hindered mobility with increasing dependence on single trading posts.

Within the literature, most available information on pre-contact land and resource management among the Indigenous peoples of northern Ontario pertains to the James Bay Cree, as these were among the first Indigenous peoples in northwestern North America to come in contact with Europeans. Comparatively, there is little information available on the social and economic life among the Ojibway north of Lake Superior in the early stages of contact because there were few literate traders in the area to describe it (Bishop, 1976) and few Europeans ventured inland from the coast until long after the trading posts had been settled (Lytwyn, 2002).

Lytwyn (2002) studied archived fur trade records of the Hudson Bay Company and reported that prior to contact, specific groups the Lowland Cree (Omushkegowuk) were usually named after prominent physiographic features, especially river basins. These basins were often used by winter hunting groups comprised of several related families (as described in **Section 2.1.1**), and led by a hunter or elder who was respected for their ability to make good decisions regarding hunting practices and rules (Preston, 1990, as cited in Berkes *et al.*, 1991). Within the hunting ranges, a smaller (core) area could be used

more intensively as a base camp from which hunters ventured over larger areas in search of big game (Preston, n.d., as cited in Tsuji *et al.*, 2011). The transmission of family-based hunting ranges was typically from father to son, but exceptions were documented (Cummins, 1992).

Based on the research of Lytwyn (2002), hunting groups did not have exclusive rights to their basins (hunting ranges), and there was considerable movement between the river-basin hunting groups. Early traders reported many examples of people moving back and forth between river basins, and commented on the freedom of Lowland Cree people (Omushkegowuk) to hunt and travel without restriction; this pattern of land use was also observed inland among the Upland Cree and Northern Ojibway (Lytwyn, 2002). As recorded by a trader named George Holdsworth in 1815:



> "the tribes generally live in peace and friendship with each other, and altho the necessity of migration has caused them to encroach on each others territories the circumstances does not appear to have given rise to jealousies, and several tribes may be seen occupying the track of country in the utmost peace and harmony" (HBCA, B.135/e/1, fo. 4d, as cited in Lytwyn, 2002).

As cited in Tsuji et al. (2011), Honigmann (1956) contends that "the notion of territorial [i.e., circumscribed, rigid boundaries] ownership by families did not appear until after the arrival of the Hudson's Bay Company" (p. 64); prior to this, boundaries were fluid.

The recognition of the inter-relation of all of creation, the dependence of humankind on other beings for survival, and the principles of respect, reciprocity, and responsibility (as described in **Section 2.1.2**) serve as underpinnings of Indigenous land stewardship –

something that was considered a sacred responsibility bestowed upon them by the Creator (Davidson-Hunt *et al*., 2005; Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021). There was an understanding that without balanced relationships with the environment, their own generation as well as those in the future were at risk. As noted by Luby et al. (2021), "Anishinaabe Elders teach youth to live with humility and recognize that nonhuman lifeforms can survive without human intervention, but humankind depends on plants and animals for subsistence" (p. 5). According to the Anishinaabeg worldview, in return for the gifts provided to humankind, the Creator placed a moral, custodial responsibility on them referred to as the principle of *gimiinigoowizimin gaaganawendang*, which means 'keeper of the gifts' (Davidson-Hunt *et al*., 2005). Among the Anishinaabeg, feasts were held to respect the beings who made life possible during the past season, and for the beings that were to sustain people in the coming season (Davidson-Hunt & Berkes, 2003).



The responsibility to be stewards of the lands was also prominent among the Omushkegowuk. Berkes et al. (1991) contend that "the core of Cree culture is traditionally based on land stewardship activities, skills, and ethics" (p. 15). As told by Fort Albany First Nation elders (see Tsuji & Nieboer, 1999), each season corresponded to a period of time when one or a group of species were abundant and accessible, and just enough animals of a particular species would be harvested for subsistence and sharing. As other species became more plentiful or accessible, harvesting of the next species would begin. This switching of harvesting pressures was intended to prevent overharvesting in one season, which could have negative consequences on that species and thus the community.

Stewardship responsibilities were often conveyed through stories. For example, as told by Geniusz (2015), the Anishinaabe story "The Year the Roses Died" teaches that the gift of Creation requires careful stewardship. Rabbit was blamed by a council of animals for eating all the roses. A *Manitou* (spirit) appears and tells the council (p. 14): "Killing the *Waabooz* [rabbit] will not bring back the roses. You all noticed that the roses were in trouble, and you all decided to take your own shares even if it meant killing the roses forever. There is no honor in this. This is not keeping creation in balance as you were told to do in the Beginning Time." The story describes how the animals failed in the responsibility to consider the needs of others, and highlights the importance of relationality for stewardship (Campeau, 2019).

2.2 Post-Contact Context

Indigenous peoples interacted with European explorers as early as 1000 AD, but it was not until permanent settlements were established in the 17th and 18th centuries when prolonged contact occurred (CIRNAC, 2017). Soon after the establishment of British and French colonies in what is now eastern Canada, alliances with Indigenous peoples were established to support various interests, including the commercial interests of the newcomers. Utilizing existing Indigenous trade routes, a vast trade network focused on beaver pelts was established between the English and the French and their Indigenous allies. Trade spurred new exploration through the Great Lakes basin, and further east and south (CIRNAC, 2017). Explorers and trappers also became interested in the rich trapping grounds north of Lake Superior and beyond, but the overland journeys from the Great Lakes were challenging. As a result, French explorers sailed through the Hudson Bay in 1668 to establish trade relations and access the heart of fur country (McIntosh & Smith, 2022). This expedition led to the establishment of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1670 (Finch, 2013).

The profitability of the fur trade led to significant competition, and various European and Indigenous interests often clashed violently, with various Indigenous groups displaced from their territories as a result. In 1701, France and the 40 Indigenous groups around the Great Lakes basin entered the Great Peace Treaty to end the violence. Indigenous groups formed both military and commercial (trade) alliances with groups from England and France as power struggles between the two countries intensified (CIRNAC, 2017).

The fall of Montreal in 1760 put an end to French colonial efforts in what would become Canada. To establish peaceful relations with the Indigenous allies of France, the British undertook a series of "Peace and Friendship" treaties. In 1763, France officially ceded its colonial territories with the Treaty of Paris and ended over 150 years of European competition and conflict. That same year, King George III issued a Royal Proclamation, which specified how the British colonies were to be administered and established a framework for the British Crown to acquire Indigenous interests in land through treaties. The Proclamation also established strict protocols for dealing with Indians, including that only the Crown could purchase land from them. Thus, the Proclamation was the first public recognition of First Nations' rights to lands and title (CIRNAC, 2017).



For the next 120 years, the relationship between First Nations and the British Crown transformed from one of allyship to wardship, driven by the influx of newcomers following the American war of Independence (1775-1783) and the War of 1812 (1812-1815), greater demand for land by settlers as a result, increasing costs of supplying gifts to First Nations groups to ensure their loyalty, and declines in the fur trade (Pettit, 2016; CIRNAC, 2017). With a need for more land and military threats fading, the relationship between Indigenous peoples and settlers shifted from one where Indigenous peoples could be considered necessary allies, to one where they could be considered obstacles to growth. What followed was a series of treaties and legislative developments that increased Crown authority over First Nations and lands reserved for them (CIRNAC, 2017).

Section 2.1.1 to **2.2.10** describe the post-contact context, including: the fur trade; early legislation and policy and associated impacts on Indigenous peoples; the numbered treaties established in the region; perspectives on Aboriginal and Métis Rights; and legislative developments that have governed natural resource and land use.



2.2.1 Fur Trade and the Hudson's Bay Company

The Hudson's Bay Company was established by the King of England with a royal charter in 1670, recognizing the economic importance of the fur trade. The charter granted special powers to a corporation of established and wealthy gentlemen, who formed the Hudson's Bay Company. These special powers included exclusive rights to trade, mineral claims, and governance over the entire Hudson Bay drainage area (OCCC, 1986), which makes up a third of what is known today as Canada. However, the charter created no political or legal rights over Indigenous peoples living in the vast territory (Archives of Ontario, n.d.). The Charter named the vast area "Rupert's Land" after the King's cousin and the Hudson's Bay Company's first governor, Prince Rupert.

French fur trappers had already visited the region, but the Hudson's Bay Company was the first to establish permanent trading posts and presence in the region in 1679, with a trading post at Fort Albany on James Bay. The French-British competition for furs eventually led the Hudson's Bay Company to move inland to establish trading posts nearer to the Indigenous hunters who were supplying it furs, and settlements sprang up around the posts (CIRNAC, 2017). In 1743, the Hudson's Bay Company established the first inland trading post, the Henley House, on the north shore of the Albany River. It was moved further south in 1796 and remained operation until 1857. A trading post was first established at Martin's (Marten) Falls on the Albany River in 1794, although it was closed five years later in 1799. In 1818, the Hudson's Bay Company founded a new post at Marten Falls to take the place of Gloucester House, another nearby trading post which was established in 1774. This new post remained operational until 1924. Following the closure of the post, the Marten Falls First Nation community was relocated to the present-day community location of Ogoki Post, approximately 64 km downriver and east (Handfield, 2020). By 1870, the Hudson's Bay Company had 97 trading posts in Rupert's Land (Archives of Ontario, n.d.). A post was established at Fort Hope (present day Eabametoong First Nation) in 1894, and a post at Lansdowne House (present day Neskantaga First Nation) was established in 1900.





The trading posts became a centre for trade relationships and social gatherings during summertime. Pacts between Indigenous peoples living in the region and the Hudson's Bay Company made commerce possible (Archives of Ontario, n.d.). The early trading posts, including Fort Albany, became the base for an extensive trade alliance with the Cree, who became a sort of intermediary between the company and interior Indigenous groups (CIRNAC, 2017). The Albany River became a major east-west trading route as it linked James Bay with the Winnipeg River (Morse, 1968). The Hudson's Bay Company relied on Indigenous knowledge of the area, the animals, and the tools needed for travel and survival, as well as Indigenous trappers to supply valuable furs (OCCC, 1986).

For over 200 years, furs, meat, feathers and handmade objects were bartered at trading posts or factories set up at strategic locations, where dozens of families could gather for a few weeks in the summer to socialize and make collective decisions, including with respect to land use (Long, 2011). During this time, Indigenous peoples became increasingly more dependent on the fur trade, and supplies and items that were previously considered luxuries were now considered necessities; many aspects of Indigenous lifeways were changed by European products (OCCC, 1986). As a result, the traditional economies of Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabeg and the Omushkegowuk, began to change. With the introduction of money and European goods, Indigenous men began finding seasonal employment on the York boats (boats used by the Hudson's Bay Company for trade and the transport of goods) and steamboats on the Albany and Attawapiskat Rivers, or building Hudson's Bay Company forts. Some Indigenous people were taught how to keep stores (MFFN & OMNRF, 2020).

As the fur trade became more profitable, some free traders organized themselves to form the Northwest Company, which grew rapidly and became the Hudson's Bay Company's major rival, with open conflicts arising. The fur trade war intensified until 1821, when the Hudson's Bay Company merged with the Northwest Company (OCCC, 1986), extending the Hudson's Bay Company's fur trade monopoly to the Pacific Ocean (Archives of Ontario, n.d.). Without the competition that made them necessary, some trading posts were closed, and trading options for Indigenous peoples became fewer (Finch, 2013). The





Hudson's Bay Company monopoly lasted until 1869, when the company transferred its deed for the area to the English Crown (Canada) for $1.5 million to enable westward expansion and settlement. In the transfer, Canada had agreed to a "Protection Pledge" that ensured it would protect the interests of Indigenous peoples living in the territory. The transfer took place without consultation with the Anishinaabeg or Omushkegowuk, who didn't believed that the Hudson's Bay Company or the Crown had sovereignty over the land in the first place (Archives of Ontario, n.d.).

The presence of the Hudson's Bay Company had profound effects on Indigenous peoples across Canada, including the Anishinaabeg and Omushkegowuk. In addition to the lifestyle changes associated with the economic transition, many Indigenous peoples of the region faced starvation in the 19th century, especially between 1820 and 1880. Animals important for both food and the fur trade became scarce because of natural population cycles, over-harvesting, and overhunting. The Hudson's Bay Company reduced trapping operations in areas where beaver populations were exhausted. Moose almost entirely disappeared from what is now northern Ontario in the period from 1780 to 1930, shifting pressures to smaller game and fish and increasing reliance on foods purchased from trading posts (OCCC, 1986). Caribou also became increasingly rare. The disappearance of these animals meant leather and cloth had to be purchased to avoid cutting up pelts. The transition to small game and fish also led to more time spent settled in areas where these resources are found rather than out in the hunting territory (Bishop, 1970).

The influx of traders and settlers also brought new diseases such as measles, smallpox, whooping cough, influenza, and tuberculosis, all previously unknown to Indigenous peoples. This led to many deaths, especially among elders (OCCC, 1986). Alcohol was also introduced, with devastating effects on Indigenous populations (CIRNAC, 2017).

With the rapid spread of trade came missionaries dedicated to spreading and promoting their faith. Two religions were introduced to the Anishinaabeg and Omushkegowuk: Anglican by the English and Catholicism by the French. Much like how the English and French had competed in the fur trade, the two religions competed for the conversion of Indigenous peoples into their respective churches. This led to severe restrictions on Indigenous beliefs, ceremonies, and practices, such as drumming and dancing, as they were considered pagan and devil worship. Christian ceremonies replaced Indigenous ones, and missionaries encouraged the use of biblical or European names (OCCC, 1986).





2.2.2 Métis Peoples

Decades of intermarriage between English and French traders and explorers with First Nation women created new and distinct communities along waterways and trade posts and routes around the Great Lakes in what is present day Ontario (MNO, 2023a). These communities were historically referred to as "half-breed" or "Métis", a word used to describe individuals with mixed Indigenous and European ancestry. The term half-breed was more commonly applied to English-speaking descendants of English or Scottish traders and explorers, who were often of the Anglican denomination, while the term Métis was more commonly applied to French-speaking descendants of French traders and explorers, who were often of the Catholic denomination (Foster, 1978). However, the term half-breed fell out of use as it became derogatory (racist) in nature and Métis is now used for people of both French- and English-speaking heritage (Gaudry, 2009).

The Cree had two names for the Métis: *âpihtawikosisân* meaning 'half people' and *otipêyimisowak* meaning the 'independent ones'. The Ojibway referred to the Métis as *wisahkotewan niniwak* meaning 'men partially burned' (Teillet, 2013).

The origins of Métis peoples and communities are closely tied to the emergence of the fur trade in North America. The arrival of European explorers in eastern Canada in the 1600s led to unions with Indigenous communities through marriage (Dumont, 2017). As the fur trade and competition among the French, English, and Indigenous groups intensified through the 17th century, French traders were encouraged to seek marriage alliances with Indigenous peoples to establish the kinship basis for trade and military activities (Foster, 1978). These strategic alliances continued until French colonial efforts officially ended in 1763 with the ceding of New France to Britain (see **Section 2.2**), upon which time Indigenous peoples in the Great Lakes region rebelled against British rule. With increased hostility between Indigenous peoples and the British in the last few decades of the 18th century, the French practice of establishing alliances with Indigenous peoples through marriage and peace and friendship treaties was adopted (Surtees, 1975, as cited in Foster, 1978).

Initially, children of mixed European and Indigenous ancestry were classified as either Indian or European based on their way of life rather than race. The socio-cultural identity of children was primarily associated with that of their mother: if she remained with her Indian band, then the child was considered an Indian, but if she resided in a trading post for an extended period, the child was considered European (Brown, 1978, as cited in Foster, 1978). However, distinct Métis settlements began to emerge as the Métis population increased, and Métis people began to identify as a separate group rather than simply extensions of their maternal (First Nations) or paternal (European) relations (MNO, 2023a).

As the fur trade expanded north and westward, new trade routes were established, leading to new Métis communities along them (Dumont, 2017). Métis settlements emerged along waterways and watersheds in Ontario as an outgrowth of the fur trade. These settlements were part of larger regional communities, interconnected by (MNO, 2023b):

- The highly mobile lifestyle of the Métis;
- The fur trade network;
- Seasonal rounds;
- Extensive kinship connections; and,
- A shared collective history and identity.

Peterson (1985) described the Great Lakes Métis during the 18th century as “people in the process of becoming” given that although they may not have been self-consciously Métis before 1815, “their distinctiveness was fully apparent to outsiders, if not to themselves” (p. 39). By the early 19th century, there was a historically significant population of Métis descendants in the Great Lakes region of Ontario who had developed a network of trading villages and towns long the shorelines of rivers and lakes (Peterson, 1978, 1985). The Métis settlement at Fort Williams (in present-day Thunder Bay, historically known as Port Arthur) is recognized as one of the two first Métis settlements in Canada (Tronrud & Epps, 1995, as cited in Gale, 1998). According to Peterson (1978), this network of marital and fur-trade alliances among the Great Lakes Métis communities suggested that a larger regional Métis identity had developed.



The Red River Métis Settlement has been regarded as the site of the culmination of Métis political consciousness. Canada's purchase of Rupert's Land from the Hudson's Bay Company in 1869 was undertaken without consultation of the Métis residing there. In response, and given concerns about Métis rights, a National Committee of Métis (effectively a provisional government) was established, with Louis Riel as the leader, to stop the land transfer until Métis rights and title were recognized. This action and events that followed became known as the Red River Rebellion and led to the establishment of the Province of Manitoba (Ouellet & Hanson, 2009). Further discussion of Métis rights is provided in **Section 2.2.10.1**.



Dickason (1985) contends that the Métis ethnic consciousness was crystalized in the new Far Northwest (present-day prairies region of Canada) where the pressures of settlement were much lower, Métis communities were far more isolated, and the fur-trade continued to flourish. Many French speaking Métis from the Upper Great Lakes region migrated north and west to the Red River Settlement (in present-day Manitoba) through the early- to mid-19th century. This migration was a result of increasing settlement in the Upper Great Lakes region, significant depletions in fur-bearing animals (Peterson, 1978), and a preference to continue fur-trade practices rather than adopt agricultural ones (Ens, 1996). The Métis of Red River and the Great Lakes Métis were often connected through marriage and kinship practices (Gaudry, 2009). By the mid-19th century, descendants with mixed ancestry were no longer being persuaded to make a choice between Indigenous and European identities, and a distinct and unified sense of Métis identity had emerged (Brown, 1985).

The early ethnic identity among Métis was based on a strong association with and reliance on the fur trade, an independent lifestyle, a lack of agricultural development, subsistence practices to provide clothing and tools, and a lack of established land rights (Peterson, 1978). Both Indigenous and European cultural traditions were adapted and merged into the clothing, food, medical practices, languages, beliefs, and customs of Métis communities (Peterson, 1978). Many First Nations women who were part of

Métis families maintained close ties with their ancestral communities, and many of their traditional lifeways and cultural practices were preserved in Métis communities. For example, Ojibway and/or Cree languages were spoken in many Métis communities in the Great Lakes (Foster, 1985). In addition, many Indigenous groups (including the Anishinaabe and Cree) had close relations with the Métis and shared the land and ways of life on it, as well as aspects of culture and language. Prior to the establishment of First Nation reserves (see **Section 2.2.6**), First Nations and Métis shared territory, usually peacefully (Teillet, 2013). It was also common for First Nations and Métis families to travel on hunting expeditions together (Chartrand, 2007).

According to Chartrand (2017), while the identity boundaries between First Nations and Métis were porous and there was a lot of transfer between them, the core identity distinctions were present. An important distinction with respect to legal traditions related to land was that the Métis did recognize individual title and ownership (unlike the collective ownership perspectives of First Nations), which was part of their European heritage understanding (Chartrand, 2017).







Many Métis families flourished and spread further west and north with the expansion of the fur trade. The genetic diversity of Métis peoples enabled them to be more resilient to European diseases, and the Métis also had many allied First Nations families. In addition, the Métis were able to serve as intermediaries between European and First Nations cultures, enabling them to work as guides, interpreters, fur traders, and suppliers of goods to new forts and trading companies. As a result, the Métis became the largest Indigenous merchant family in North America, and strong competition against less acclimatized Europeans (Carrière, 2017). The transportation of goods and the development of many settlements could be attributed to the hard work of the Métis (Redbird, 1980, as cited in Peressini, 2000).

Prior to the 1800s, the British government was largely unaware of the existence of the Métis (Hayter, 2017). In 1810, the Royal Society reported the successes of the Métis to the British Crown, which set the stage for the primary policy of the British to remove the Métis as a threat to settlement (Carrière, 2017).

By the mid-19th century, British authorities had developed a policy of Métis collective non-recognition. In addition to the perceived threat that the Métis posed to colonial expansion, the Métis also posed a potential threat to colonial aspirations for civilization. To acknowledge the Métis as a distinct group could have been likened to acknowledging the failures of colonial policy to assimilate and "civilize" First Nation peoples, which would be inconsistent with colonial objectives of progress (Chartrand, 2017).

In 1884, in the face of increasing settlement in the west following Canada's purchase of Rupert's Land, and in defense of Métis ancestral rights, the leader of the National Commission of Métis (Louis Riel) organized a petition to the Government of Canada. The petition requested (Ouellet and Hanson, 2009):

- Title to the lands already occupied by Métis families;
- Provincial status for Saskatchewan, Alberta and Red River; and,
- Better treatment of all Indigenous peoples.

An unsatisfactory response from the government led to the Northwest Rebellion or Riel Rebellion of 1885, leading to hundreds of deaths and defeat by federal troops. For their roles, Riel and other Métis and First Nations leaders were arrested, and Riel was subsequently hung as a message to the Métis who challenged Canada's western expansion goals (MNO, 2023a). Following the rebellion, the first Prime Minister of Canada, Sir John A. McDonald, in effect denied the existence of the Métis as a distinct group when he stated that they must consider themselves either Indian or white (Sealey, 1980, as cited in Peressini, 2000). In response to the public backlash from these events, many Métis in Ontario were disinclined to self-identify and covertly continued to practice their culture and lifeways (MNO, 2023a).

Today, the Historic Métis Nation refers to itself and is referred to by others as the Métis Nation. According to the Métis Nation of Ontario Registry Policy (June 2023 Version) (2023c), "Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry, is distinct from other Aboriginal Peoples and is accepted by the Métis Nation" (p. 2). To apply for citizenship within the Métis Nation of Ontario, individuals must meet and follow the requirements of the Métis Nation of Ontario Registry Policy which includes key measures related to self-identification, proving historic Métis Nation history, community acceptance, and provides provisions for appeals and the Harvesters Registry (MNO, 2023c).



2.2.3 Early Legislation and Policy

As the British need for the military allyship of Indigenous peoples waned, an emerging perspective from the British reflected a belief that British society and culture were superior. As a result, the Indian Department of the colonies of Upper and Lower Canada was tasked with a plan of "civilization", and Indian agents began encouraging Indigenous peoples to abandon their traditional lifeways and beliefs and adopt more agricultural and settled ways of life. Legislation was also introduced in support of the "civilization" program, starting with the *Crown Lands Protection Act* of 1839. The Act made the British government the guardian of all Crown lands, including Indian Reserve lands; this statute was the first to classify Indian lands as Crown lands to be protected by the Crown (CIRNAC, 2017).

As noted by Parrott (2022), the 1850 *Act for the better protection of the Lands and Property of the Indians in Lower Canada* was one of the first pieces of legislation that included a set of requirements, based on blood, for a person to be considered a legal Indian — a precursor to the concept of "status." These requirements essentially said that people were considered Indian if they were of "Indian blood" and were members of a "Body or Tribe of Indians." Descendants of such people were Indian, as were non-Indians who "intermarried with such Indians," people whose parents (one or both) would have been considered Indians, and "all persons adopted in infancy by any such Indians" (Parrott, 2022). Thus, early definitions of "Indian" were inclusive of Métis people.

Enfranchisement refers to the process that resulted in a person becoming of "citizen" of the country and no longer being considered an "Indian" under legislation, thus losing all benefits associated with that status. Enfranchisement was not abolished until the Indian Act was amended in 1985 through Bill C-31.

The British government introduced the *Gradual Civilization Act* in 1857, which offered 50 acres of land and monetary incentives to literate and debt-free Indians provided they abandoned their traditional way of life and adopted a civilized life as a "citizen". The Act had as its premise "that by eventually removing all legal distinctions between Indians and non-Indians through the process of enfranchisement, it would be possible in time to absorb Indian people fully into colonial society" (RCAP, 1996b, p. 249). This was followed by the *Management of Indian Lands and Property Act (Indian Land Act)* in 1860, which transferred exclusive authority for Indians, lands reserved for Indians, and Indian affairs from the Crown to the colonies, and then the new Dominion of Canada under the 1867 *Constitution Act* (*British North America Act*).

Assimilation became the fundamental principle of federal policy through the *Gradual Enfranchisement Act* in 1869, which aimed to remove any special distinction or rights of First Nations people to assimilate them into settler society. This marked the beginning of federal government efforts to legislate and regulate First Nations' identity (APPA, 2019). Between 1869 and 1985, an Indian woman marrying a non-Indian man would be enfranchised (AFN, 2020a).

2.2.4 The *Indian Act*

The *Indian Act* was introduced in 1876 to consolidate all previous regulations pertaining to Indians and provide greater authority to the Department of Indian Affairs. The Act enabled the Department to (CIRNAC, 2017):

- Intervene in a wide variety of band issues including governance structure;
- Make sweeping policy decisions, including who was considered to be a "Status Indian";
- Manage Indian lands (see **Section 2.2.6**), resources, and moneys;
- Control access to intoxicants, including alcohol; and,
- Take measures to promote "civilization", including mandating Indigenous children into government-sanctioned schools (see **Section 2.2.7**).

The *Indian Act* was based on the premise that it was the Crown's responsibility to protect Indian interests and thus the Crown would act as a "guardian" until such time that Indians could fully integrate into society (CIRNAC, 2017).

The Act has largely excluded Métis individuals since its enactment. The 1876 *Indian Act* simplified and further restricted the definition of "Indian" compared to definitions in earlier legislation (see **Section 2.2.3**). It excluded Métis who had received "half breed scrip" (individual land grants to Métis on the prairies beginning in the 1870s). It also excluded the children of Indian women who married non-Indian men (including Métis men). These exclusions effectively served to reduce the size of the category of Indian while increasing the size of the non-Indian category, which, in turn, reduced the amount of land necessary for Indians and enabled increasing settlement by Euro-Canadians (Hayter, 2017). Amendments to the Act beginning in 1879 increasingly excluded Métis people, with far reaching exclusions added through amendments up to and including 1951 (Teillet, 2013). While the result has been that Métis people have been largely excluded from the Act, many individuals who self-identify as Métis are today registered as Indians under the *Indian Act.*



According to Hanson (2009a) and CIRNAC (2017), throughout its history, the *Indian Act* has been highly invasive and paternalistic, and increasingly restrictive, imposing ever-greater controls on First Nations peoples. Between 1876 and 1920, individuals were automatically enfranchised and removed from their band lists if they (AFN, 2020a):

- Got a university degree and joined the medical or legal professions;
- Got any university degree and met the "fit" or "civilized" enfranchisement requirements; or,
- Became a priest or minister.

An amendment to the Act in 1880 marked the beginning of gender-based restrictions to First Nations status – women lost their Indian status if they married and non-Indian man (Hanson, 2009a). In the 1880s, a new system of band councils and governance was imposed, with the final authority resting with Indian agents. Outright bans on spiritual and cultural ceremonies were also imposed.

An amendment in 1927 forbid fundraising by First Nations for the purpose of pursuing a land claim without the permission of the Department of Indian Affairs, preventing First Nations from pursuing land claims of any kind (CIRNAC, 2017). It was not until significant amendments in 1951, as Canadian society became more aware of the concept of human rights following World War II, that (Hanson, 2009a):

- It was no longer illegal to practice Indigenous customs and culture;
- First Nations people were allowed to enter pool halls, gamble, appear off-reserve in ceremonial dress, and organize and hire legal counsel; and,
- First Nations women were allowed to vote in band councils.





Gender-based restrictions in the Act were in place until amendments were undertaken in 1985 to align with the equality rights guaranteed by Section 15 of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* (Bill C-31). The amendments enabled women who had previously lost their Indian status as a result of marriage to a non-Indian to regain it, as well as their children's status, and prevented a person's marriage from affecting their receipt or loss of status. However, the amendments created new forms of discrimination with the introduction of a "second-generation cut-off". Several cases were brought to court and as a result, Bill C-3 was passed in 2011 to address these issues and enable Indian status to grandchildren of women who regained status in 1985 (AFN, 2020b). Enfranchisement was also not abolished until the 1985 amendments.

2.2.5 Treaties

Canada undertook a series of treaties with First Nations with the aim of extinguishing title to large swaths of Indigenous land to enable settlement and resource development in western and northern Canada (Archives of Ontario, n.d.), and to reduce possible conflicts between First Nations and settlers (CIRNAC, 2017). When the Dominion of Canada was created in 1867, the Province of Ontario was a fraction of the size of the present-day province, and both legislation and the signing of treaties with Indigenous groups served to incrementally increase the landmass of Ontario (CIRNAC, 2021, as cited in Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021).

The Anishinaabeg and Omushkegowuk of the region are signatories to the Robinson-Superior Treaty (1850) and James Bay Treaty Number 9 (1905).

Although the Project is wholly contained in James Bay Treaty 9 boundaries, information on the Robinson-Superior Treaty is included in **Section 2.2.5.1.** as some of the Indigenous communities that are part of the Project Consultation and Engagement Program are signatories to the Robinson-Superior Treaty. While most Indigenous communities and groups in the area of the proposed Project are signatories to James Bay Treaty Number 9, an overview of the Robinson-Superior Treaty is presented first, in line with the chronological order of the treaties.

2.2.5.1 Robinson-Superior Treaty

Anishinaabeg requests for a treaty began in the 1840s when copper and iron deposits were discovered on the south and north shores of Lake Superior and the government started to issue mining leases; by 1846, 64 mineral licenses had been issued on the south shore of the lake, and surveying of the north shore had begun. In response, the Anishinaabeg and Métis seized the Montreal Mining Company site at Mica Bay, Lake Superior in 1849, forcing the government to negotiate treaties (Hele, 2020).

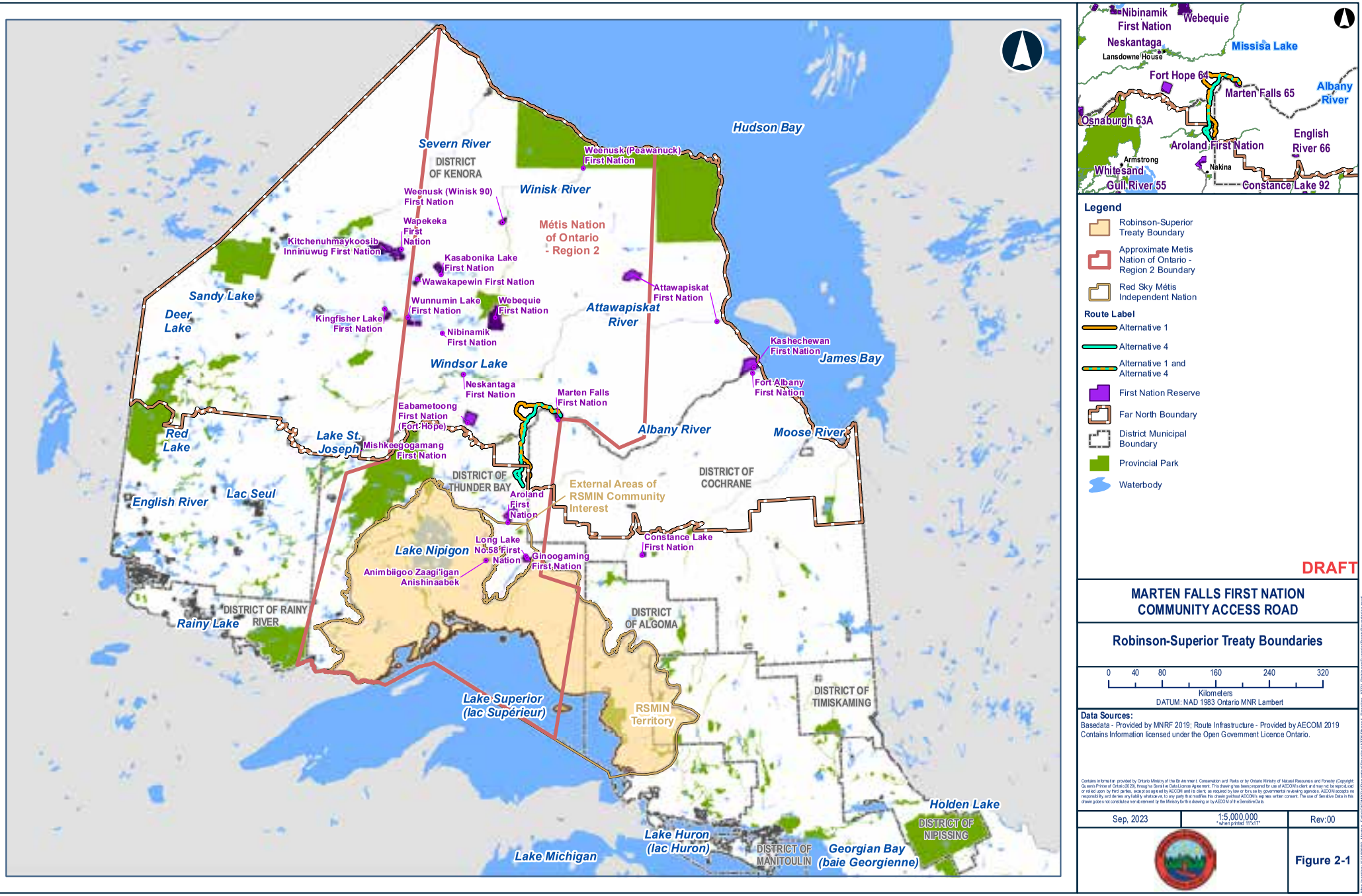
As of May 2023, there is an ongoing Ontario Superior Court trial related to the Robinson-Superior Treaty and the escalator clause for annuities. Communities associated with the treaty are seeking compensation for nearly 150 years of annuities without any increase in payments (Hopkins, 2023).

In September 1850, the Anishinaabeg of the Upper Great Lakes signed two separate but interconnected treaties: the Robinson-Superior Treaty, and the Robinson-Huron Treaty. These treaties provided Canada East and Canada West (the future Quebec and Ontario, respectively) with access to the north shores of Lake Huron and Lake Superior for settlement and mineral extraction. In exchange, the Anishinaabeg gained recognition of hunting and fishing rights, a one-time payment of £2000, an annual payment or annuity of £500 and £600 (respectively), and large reserves set aside specifically for First Nations from the surrender of specific lands for each signatory community. The treaties also contained an "escalator clause" for the annuity, which meant that the Crown would increase the annuity as revenues from lands increased (Hele, 2020).

While the recognition of the Métis in the Robinson-Superior Treaty was urged by the Indians (Gale, 1998), they were omitted as the treaty commissioner had no mandate to deal with the Métis (MNO, 2023a). The treaty commissioners informed the Métis that they were not empowered to deal with them as collective, and they could only choose to identify as either Indian or white for the purposes of the treaty (Teillet, 2013). The Hudson's Bay Company did pay some "half breeds" annuities under the treaty between 1851 and 1875, as recorded in treaty annuity lists for the Lake Superior region (MNO, 2023a). However, all Métis were later excluded from the annuity lists when the Government of Ontario argued an error had been made when some Métis were included as beneficiaries in the treaty (McNab, 1985, cited in Peressini, 2000). As noted by Peressini (2000), this action established a precedent for the exclusion of the Métis from Aboriginal rights in Ontario.

The Robinson-Superior Treaty covers the north shore of Lake Superior from Batchewana Bay to Pigeon River at the western end of the lake, and the lands to the north up to the Hudson Bay watershed (**Figure 2-1**). Indigenous peoples residing in the area covered by the treaty at the time of signing include ancestors of the Animibiigoo Zaagi Igan Anishinaabek First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation, and the Red Sky Métis Independent Nation.

The Robinson treaties were the first to lead to the surrender of huge tracts of land with different and disparate Indigenous groups; previous treaties in Upper Canada negotiated for relatively small and compact parcels of land. They also established payments to individual band members instead of yearly lump sums paid to the band, formalized the setting aside of reserve lands for each individual signing group, and acknowledged ongoing rights to hunt and fish throughout traditional territories including a provision that lands could be "taken up" by the Crown for settlement, mining, lumbering, trading, or other purposes (referred to as the Taken Up Clause). These treaties became the model for subsequent treaties (CIRNAC, 2013), including the James Bay Treaty Number 9.



Legend

- Robinson-Superior Treaty Boundary
- Approximate Metis Nation of Ontario - Region 2 Boundary
- Red Sky Métis Independent Nation

Route Label

- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4
- Alternative 1 and Alternative 4
- First Nation Reserve
- Far North Boundary
- District Municipal Boundary
- Provincial Park
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Robinson-Superior Treaty Boundaries

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2.2.5.2 James Bay Treaty Number 9

By the late 1800s, many Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabeg and Omushkegowuk of the region, were facing significant challenges including:

- Declining animal resources;
- Starvation;
- Illnesses brought by Europeans; and
- Unwelcome poachers and mining prospectors with the newly established railroads.

With problems worsening, some Indigenous peoples of the region began to press Canada to enter a treaty, with an aim of ensuring protection and economic security as settlement and development intensified. While initial requests for a treaty were not supported by Canada, the discovery of minerals in the region, combined with interests in further expansion of the railway network, timber development, and hydro-electric production, led to negotiations of the James Bay Treaty Number 9 (Treaty 9) (Archives of Ontario, n.d.).

Similar to the Robinson-Superior Treaty, Treaty 9 set aside reserve lands for First Nations and granted them annuities and the continued right to hunt and fish on unoccupied Crown lands in exchange for Aboriginal title (CIRNAC, 2017), and the surrender of over 230,000 km^2 of territory (OCCC, 1986). In addition, the treaty included: schools and teachers to educate First Nations children on reserve; and ceremonial and symbolic items such as medals, flags, and clothing. During negotiations, First Nations were encouraged to settle on reserve lands, take up agriculture, and receive an education (CIRNAC, 2017).

Treaty 9 was unique among the numbered treaties in that there was a requirement for the concurrence of the Province of Ontario given extended boundaries of the province west and north to the Albany River. However, based on oral history and available written records, the Indigenous signatories were not informed of the negotiations between Canada and Ontario with respect to the treaty (Armstrong, 2008, as cited in Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021). The terms of the treaty were finalized in advance by the Dominion of Canada and the Province of Ontario, and presented to Indigenous leaders; government representatives were not permitted to change the terms during the treaty expedition. The Ontario government had a series of demands, including that one of the three commissioners would represent the province, and that no Indigenous reserves in the treaty territory would be located in areas with hydro-electricity development potential greater than 500 horsepower (Archives of Ontario, n.d.).

Treaty 9 was the first major treaty in Ontario in which treaty signing took place in many locations rather than one (Archives of Ontario, n.d.). During the treaty expedition in 1905 and 1906, treaty commissioners travelled to trading posts along the rivers in what is now northern Ontario and met with Cree and Ojibway peoples. While the Indigenous people encountered at the trading posts at the time of the expedition were not necessarily part of a “band”, they were designated as such for administrative convenience. Each trading post was to give advance warning as to when the treaty party would arrive, but as it turned out, many Indigenous people were not present upon their arrival (OCCC, 1986).



The intent of the commissioners was to describe the contents of the treaty, establish reserves and associated boundaries, and obtain the signatures of Indigenous leaders. At each stop, the commissioners requested the community to select representatives who heard the treaty explained to them by interpreters (generally Hudson's Bay Company employees or clergy), as the document was provided in English only. Most community members received an $8 gift and the promise of a $4 annuity in perpetuity. It was noted in the Treaty 9 Commissioners' official report that the reserves were generally selected by the commissioners after conference with Indigenous people (Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021), but very little was actually described within the report (Morrison, 1986). Commissioners neither provided a full version of the treaty translated into the languages of the local Indigenous peoples, nor did they leave the document or a copy for review (Archives of Ontario, n.d.).

Treaty 9 covers most of present-day Ontario north of the height of land dividing the Great Lakes watershed from the Hudson and James Bay drainage basins (**Figure 2-2**). Signatories to Treaty 9 between 1905 and 1930 included the following:

- Marten Falls Band of Oji-Cree (Marten Falls First Nation);
- Osnaburgh Band of Ojibway (Mishkeegogamang First Nation);
- Fort Hope Band of Oji-Cree (Eabametoong First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation, and Webequie First Nation);
- English River Band of Oji-Cree (Constance Lake First Nation);
- Fort Albany Band of Cree (Fort Albany First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Aroland First Nation);
- Long Lake Band of Ojibway (Ginoogaming First Nation);
- Big Trout Lake Band of Oji-Cree (Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Kingfisher First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Wapekeka First Nation, Wawakapewin First Nation, and Wunnumin Lake First Nation);
- Winisk Band of Cree (Weenusk First Nation); and,
- Attawapiskat Band of Cree (Attawapiskat First Nation).

Ontario's northern border was extended from the Albany River to its present day location in 1912, leading Indigenous peoples in the newly acquired areas to petition the government for a treaty. Formal adhesions to Treaty 9 were made in 1929-1930 as a result (Archives of Ontario, n.d.).

Treaty 9 was considered to be one of the least generous of the numbered treaties: the monetary gifts and annuities were much lower than Treaty 8 or Treaty 10, and there was to be no distribution



of ammunition or net twine, no farm implements or cattle, no carpentry tools, and no salaries of clothing for the chiefs and councillors (Ry, Miller, & Touch, 2000, as cited in Long, 2011). In addition, as noted by Long (2010), Treaty 9 historians contend that the treaty was flawed due to the lack of oversight by the people who drafted it, and it may have been the first of the numbered treaties that lacked the oversight of the Colonial Office in Great Britain. The conditions and factors present when the treaty was signed were also problematic (Archives of Ontario, n.d.; OCCC, 1986):

- The treaty commissioners could not speak any of the local Indigenous languages;
- Many Indigenous signatories didn't speak, read or write English so interpreters selected by the commissioners were used;
- Indigenous peoples lacked an understanding of the Canadian legal system and were not provided with lawyers to advise them; and,
- The worldviews, culture, history, and ways of knowing land ownership of Indigenous signatories and the commissioners were very different.

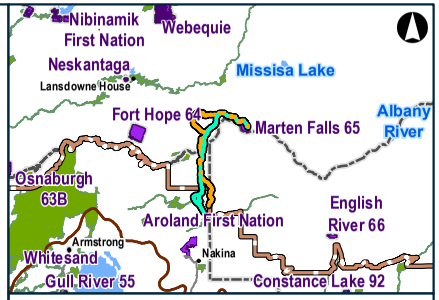
Long (2006) contends that there were two treaties: the official written version, and the one that was orally described to Indigenous peoples. This has been substantiated by Indigenous oral history and the Treaty 9 commissioners' own writings, which indicate that the commissioners told the Elders two key things:

- The treaty would last as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the winds blow; and,
- Traditional and cultural activities of Anishinaabe and Mushkegowuk signatory communities would be protected.

The Indigenous signatories understood, through oral promises, that the treaty would help them achieve *Mino-Bimaadiziwin* and *Mino-Pimatisiwin* (Archives of Ontario, n.d.).

Archival records also suggest that the commissioners did not explain the "Taken Up Clause" (see **Section 2.2.5.1**) – if they had, it is possible that Indigenous representatives would never have signed the document (Archives of Ontario, n.d.).





Legend

- Treaty 9
- Robinson-Superior Treaty Boundary
- Approximate Metis Nation of Ontario - Region 2 Boundary
- Red Sky Métis Independent Nation

Route Label

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Treaty 9 Boundaries

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2.2.6 Damming and Diversion

Today, not all of the water that would normally flow to Hudson's Bay remains within the watershed. The damming and diverting of waterways in the area has occurred at various scales over time. Demand for water in the Great Lakes region for shipping and hydropower has led to diversion from the Albany River watershed to the Great Lakes in the form of three key projects: one from the Kengami River; one from Lake St. Joseph; and one from the Ogoki River (Garrick, 2020). The Long Lake Diversion Project included the construction of the Kenogami Lake Dam and the Long Lake Diversion Dam, undertaken in 1937. The Ogoki Diversion Project, in the early 1940s included the construction of the Waboose and Summit Dams to divert water to Lake Superior through Lake Nipigon. The Lake St. Joseph Diversion Project was built to divert water from Lake St. Joseph to Lac Seul in the late 1950s (Garrick 2020; Creger, 2018). In discussion about the potential development of more waterway diversion projects in the 1960s, Marten Falls First Nation Councillor Sam Achneepineskum commented "Our community would have been a lake where it is now… I think that is part of the reason why Nishnawbe Aski Nation came to be, all the chiefs got together and they started to push back on trying to kill the project. It was called Damn the Dams" (Garrick, 2020, p. 15).

2.2.7 The Reserve System

The reserve system concept evolved from the early settlements created by missionaries. As more newcomers were arriving, they began occupying the traditional territories of Indigenous peoples in increasing numbers, and reserves were initially considered a pragmatic solution to land disputes and conflicts between Indigenous peoples and settlers. As treaties began to be reached with Indigenous peoples, provisions were included for the creation of reserves. The reserve system was formalized under the *Indian Act*, which permitted the government to determine the land base of First Nations in the forms of reserves set aside for their exclusive use (Hanson, 2009b).

While Treaty 9 specified that First Nations would choose the location of their reserves, the Ontario Order-in-Council later changed the terms – the commissioners would now decide, and one of the three treaty commissioners would be appointed by the Government of Ontario (Matheson, 1905a, as cited in Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021). The size of the reserves was based on the number of people in the band; however, the population data at the time for these communities could not be considered accurate and many people were not at the trading post during treaty deliberations because of the late start to the treaty expedition (Tsuji & Tsuji, 2021). This led to many reserve locations and sizes being determined based on local settler demand. Even in areas covered by the numbered treaties, reserve size was calculated differentially, ranging between 160 and 640 acres per family of five (Smith, 2009, as cited in Smith, 2016).

As noted by Smith (2016), even as the land base of First Nations was reduced though the reserve system, reserves were still vulnerable to surrounding land uses. Demands for mineral, forest, and agricultural lands; the construction of transportation routes or military sites; and other purposes that arose, often led to the alienation of reserve lands under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Government.

While consent from First Nations was often sought, this consent was regularly acquired under what could be considered questionable circumstances. The sale of reserve lands was consistently presented as being in the long-term interest of the First Nation community, yet railway and corporate executives, and other members of the settler elite (including Indian Affairs Department staff and other public officials), often gained possession of alienated reserve lands (Smith, 2016).

The creation of the reserve system had far-reaching implications for Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabeg and the Omushkegowuk. As noted previously, the land base of First Nations was significantly reduced: the reserve system dispossessed the Anishinaabeg of all but one percent of their traditional territory (Pitawanikwat, 2009). Under the reserve system, which provided First Nations with fragments of their ancestral territory, Indigenous residents held the right to occupancy only, which ownership and title remained in the hands of the Crown (Smith, 2016).

As noted by Hanson (2009b), the reserve system was essentially a government-sanctioned displacement of First Nations people, with reserves dividing up not only lands but also peoples and communities that had existed for hundreds, if not thousands, of years. Many families and clans that had hunted, gathered, and celebrated together for generations were abruptly and arbitrarily joined with other families and clans, disrupting long-established social networks and kinship systems that determined who could hunt, fish, and gather in particular areas (Hanson, 2009b).

Amendments to the *Indian Act* led to a requirement for First Nation reserve residents to secure a permit before selling or giving away any goods located or produced on reserves or by reserve residents (Smith, 2016), further restricting the lives of Indigenous peoples. This disruption of traditional networks and the significant changes to Indigenous traditional lifeways contributed to disproportionate levels poverty on many reserves; however, leaving reserves often meant facing discrimination, relinquishing one's First Nations status, and / or losing or jeopardizing connections to family and territory (Hanson, 2009b).



2.2.8 Residential School System

One of the most infamous consequences of the *Indian Act* was the promotion of the residential school system for Indigenous children. This was an extensive school system set up by the Canadian government and administered by churches, with intent to: indoctrinate Indigenous children into Euro-Canadian and Christian ways of living; and assimilate them into mainstream Canadian society (Hanson *et al.*, 2020). Duncan Campbell Scott, Head of Indian Affairs from 1913 to 1932, famously said in 1920 that "the goal of the Indian Residential School is to kill the Indian in the child" (Wilson & Hodgson, 2018).

The system originated from the mission system in the 1600s, when missionaries made plans to establish schools and farming settlements to try to educate, change, and settle Indigenous peoples. However, managing the schools and associated supplies proved challenging for the missionaries to carry out alone (OCCC, 1986). Following confederation, Canada's first Prime Minister, John A. Macdonald, commissioned a study of industrial schools established for Indigenous children in the United States, and a recommendation to follow their approach to "aggressive civilization" led to the creation and funding of the residential school system (Hanson *et al.*, 2020), although some schools were funded by provincial governments or by the various religious orders (Union of Ontario Indians, 2013). An amendment to the *Indian Act* in 1894 made it mandatory for Indigenous children to attend school (TRC, 2015a). Further amendments to the *Indian Act* in 1920 and 1933 reinforced the requirement for every Indian child between the ages of 7-16 to attend a residential school, and led to the legal guardianship of Indian children attending a school being assumed by their principals upon the often forcible surrender of legal custody by their parents (Union of Ontario Indians, 2013).



The residential school system was primarily located off-reserve (and often far from Indigenous communities), and children generally attended for 10 months of year, although some children lived at the school year round (Union of Ontario Indians, 2013). A primary purpose of the schools was to systematically dissolve all aspects of Indigenous cultures and languages. English, and in some cases French, were the only languages allowed. Indigenous languages and practices were forbidden, with punishments – often severe ones – for children who broke these rules (TRC, 2015a). Students had their long hair cut short as a way to strip away their personal and cultural identities, and they were stripped of their clothing and dressed in uniforms (Hanson *et al.*, 2020). Their days were long and strictly regimented between academic learning, religious prayer, and manual labour and tasks (Union of Ontario Indians, 2013). Boys and girls were kept separate, and as a result, siblings rarely interacted, further weakening family ties (Hanson *et al.*, 2020).

It is estimated that over 150,000 Indigenous children attended one of the almost 140 residential schools established by Canada and the Catholic, United, Anglican, and Presbyterian churches across the country between 1857 and 1996 (CIRNAC, 2017); 16 of these schools operated in Ontario (Auger, 2005). Some Métis children also attended residential schools (APPA, 2019). Children living in the Treaty 9 area attended residential schools at Moose Factory, Chapleau, Pelican Lake, and Fort Albany (Archives of Ontario, n.d.). The St. Anne's Residential School in Fort Albany ran from 1910 to 1963, and was attended by children from the Fort Albany, Weenisk, Attawapiskat, Fort Hope, and Ogoki (Marten Falls First Nation) communities. It is estimated that by 1945, approximately 170 children attended the school, with half of their days spent doing schoolwork and the other half spent on manual labour and domestic tasks (Auger, 2005).

The residential school system struggled with funding, often resulting in poor and unsuitable nutrition, unsanitary conditions, and inadequate medical care. With crowded dormitories, infectious diseases like tuberculosis were rampant, often leading to death. The education received was generally insufficient as many teachers assumed that Indigenous children were unfit for anything more than a basic education which focused on practical skills and religious training.



Messages of the inferiority of Indigenous peoples, their culture, and lifeways were commonplace (TRC, 2015a). Emotional and psychological abuse was commonplace, physical abuse was considered standard punishment, and sexual abuse was common (Hanson *et al.*, 2020). Survivors of the school at St. Anne's in Fort Albany have described serious physical and sexual abuse at the hands of school staff (Roman, 2013), leading to criminal charges of former school staff in the 1990s. The abuses combined with the poor living conditions resulted in an extremely high death toll. In 1907, government medical inspector P.H. Bryce reported that 24 percent of previously healthy Indigenous children across Canada were dying in residential schools, and this figure did not include children who died at home where they were frequently sent when critically ill (Hanson *et al.*, 2020).

2.2.9 The Sixties Scoop

The Sixties Scoop refers to the mass removal of Indigenous children, including Métis children, from their families into the child welfare system, without the consent of families or communities in most cases. As the government began phasing out compulsory residential school education in the 1950s and 1960s, residential schools persisted as a boarding school, primarily for children whose families were deemed unsuitable to care for them. An amendment to the *Indian Act* in 1951 enabled the province to provide services to Indigenous peoples that were not available federally, including child protection (Hanson, 2009c).

Provincial social workers assigned to reserves often assessed child safety and welfare by mainstream cultural standards, without adequate education and training to recognize the problems rooted in generations of trauma related to residential schools. As a result, thousands of Indigenous children were removed from their homes and placed into the child welfare system starting in the 1960s and continuing up to 1990 (TRC, 2015a). By the 1970s, roughly one third of all children in care were Indigenous (Johnston, 1983, as cited in Hanson, 2009c). Many children lived in institutionalized care, or floated between foster homes, where incidences of physical and sexual abuse were not uncommon but often covered up (Fournier & Crey, 1997, as cited in Hanson, 2009c). Similar to the impacts of residential school, the ensuing cultural suppression (denial of their Indigenous identity) and abuse among Indigenous children in the welfare system led to significant impacts on psychological and emotional health (Hanson, 2009c).



2.2.10 The *Constitution Act, 1982* and Aboriginal Rights

Between 1977 and 1981, the federal government entered into discussions with the provinces to reform and take authority of the Constitution from the British government. Aboriginal political organizations were unsuccessful in getting a seat at the negotiations table, and the first proposal for the Constitution put forward in 1981 excluded Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. However, several months of lobbying by First Nations, Inuit, and Métis organizations led to the inclusion of two clauses in Section 35 of the Constitution: recognition of “existing Aboriginal and Treaty Rights”; and, definition of Aboriginal peoples that included all three groups (CIRNAC, 2017). The presence of the word “existing” means that section 35 only applies to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights that were not extinguished when the *Constitution Act, 1982* came into effect. Therefore, if a right was previously extinguished (e.g., through surrender to the Crown), it is not revived by Section 35 (Centre for Constitutional Studies, 2021).

While attempts were made to define existing Aboriginal Rights between 1983 and 1987, they remained undefined because of disagreements between Canada, Indigenous groups, and the provinces. As a result, responsibility to define the extent and scope of Aboriginal Rights, and to direct government policies and programs so that they respect these rights and prevent infringement on them, has fallen to the courts (CIRNAC, 2017).

Several Supreme Court cases have reaffirmed Indigenous rights to harvesting activities. The *R. v. Sparrow* (1990) was a precedent-setting case and the first decision by the Supreme Court to interpret Section 35. In 1984, Ronald Sparrow from the Musqueam Indian Band was arrested for fishing with a net longer than was permitted by his food fishing license. The Supreme Court of Canada ruled that Musqueam's Aboriginal Right to fish had not been extinguished and was an existing right. The court also ruled that the government cannot override or infringe on these rights without justification. This ruling led to what is now known as the "*Sparrow* Test", which sets out a list of criteria that determines whether a right is existing, and if so, how a government may be justified to infringe on it (Salomons & Hanson, 2009).

The *R. v. Van der Peet* (1996) case was pivotal in further defining Aboriginal Rights under Section 35. Dorothy Van der Peet, a member of the Stó:lō Nation, was charged with selling salmon that had been caught under a food-fishing license. The court ruled that fishing constitutes an Aboriginal Right, but the sale of the fish does not. The ruling led to what is now known as the "*Van der Peet* Test" or the "Integral to a Distinctive Culture Test", which establishes ten criteria that must be met for a practice to be affirmed and protected as an Aboriginal Right (Hanson & Salomon, 2009):

1. The perspective of Aboriginal peoples themselves.
2. The precise nature of the claim (what is being claimed as a right).
3. The practice, custom, or tradition must be of central significance to the society in question.
4. The Aboriginal Right must have continuity with the practices, customs and traditions that existed prior to contact.
5. Courts must take challenges with evidence into account (e.g., oral history of Indigenous peoples rather than written records).
6. Claims must be specific and not general.
7. The practice, custom, or tradition must be of independent significance to the group (i.e. central to the group's identity).
8. The practice, custom, or tradition be distinctive (i.e., characteristic part of the culture).
9. European influence is only relevant if the practice, custom, or tradition is integral to the Indigenous society because of that influence.
10. Courts must take into account both the relationship of Aboriginal peoples to the land and their cultures.



Critics of the *Van der Peet* Test point out that the test situates Aboriginal cultural practices in the past and ignores the dynamic, adaptive nature of culture by treating Aboriginal cultures and traditions as static and unchanging (Hanson & Salomon, 2009).

2.2.10.1 Métis Rights

The rights of Métis communities and individuals were historically excluded or simply ignored by the government, contributing to vulnerabilities and marginalization (Teillet, 2013). Miner (2022) notes that Métis providing for their families and communities were often charged with poaching and illegal fishing throughout the 20th century. The rights of the Métis were not formally recognized until Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982.*

Since the early 2000s, two major Supreme Court of Canada decisions have initiated the long process of defining Métis rights, as well as highlighted the complexities associated with defining Métis identity in





the context of these rights. The first was *R. v. Powley* (2003), which forever transformed Métis harvesting rights. Two Métis hunters, Steve Powley and his son were charged with hunting a moose near Sault Ste. Marie without a license under the Ontario *Game and Fish Act*. They pleaded not guilty and asserted their Aboriginal Right to hunt. After a decade of court proceedings and a series of appeals by the Crown, the Supreme Court confirmed that as Métis people and members of a Métis community, the Powleys' right to hunt in the area was protected by Section 35 (Teillet, 2013). The evidence in the *Powley* case also showed that after the economic migration of Métis from the Great Lakes to the prairies in the early 19th century, a significant Métis population remained in the Great Lakes-Boundary Waters regions of Ontario (Teillet, 2013).

During the *Powley* case, the Supreme Court determined that the appropriate way to define Section 35 Métis rights is to modify the test used to define the Aboriginal Rights of First Nations, as determined *R. v. Van der Peet* (1996). The test to define Métis rights is now called the Powley Test and it includes ten components (Teillet, 2013):

1. The characterization of the right, including reason for harvesting (e.g., for food, for ceremonial purposes, etc.), the location of harvesting and other contextual information.
2. Verification of membership in the contemporary Métis community.
3. Identification of the historic rights-bearing Métis community with a distinctive collective identity that existed prior to when Euro-Canadians effectively established political and legal control in that area.
4. Identification of the contemporary rights-bearing community that is a continuation of the historic community.
5. The historical timeframe for the practice, which must have been undertaken post-contact but before Euro-Canadian political and legal control.
6. Whether the practice was integral to the claimant's distinctive culture.
7. Whether the practice is continue by the Métis community.
8. Whether the right was extinguished by the Crown by constitutional enactments, federal legislation, or by agreement with the Aboriginal people.
9. Whether the right was infringed upon for any reasons.
10. If the right was infringed upon, whether the infringement was justified.



In 2016, following a 17-year court battle, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled in the *Daniels v. Canada* case that Métis and Non-Status Indian are considered "Indians" under Section 91(24) of the *Constitution Act, 1867* (Gaudry, 2009). This interpretation means that the federal government holds the legal responsibility to legislate on issues related to Métis and Non-Status Indians rather than provincial governments. The case ended a long standing situation of legal uncertainty where neither levels of government took responsibility for the Métis and Non-Status Indians (Roy, 2021). The Supreme Court commented that Métis and Non-Status peoples had been essentially in a "jurisdictional wasteland with significant and obvious disadvantaging consequences" (Daniels v. Canada, 2016, para. 14). While the ruling does not grant Indian Status, as defined by the *Indian Act*, to Métis and Non-Status peoples, the ruling has resulted in new discussions and negotiations with the federal government over land claims, rights, self-governance, and access to education, health programs, and other government services (Roy, 2021).



Canadian legal definitions of Métis have further complicated the situation with respect to Métis Rights. The *Powley* case established who can legally qualify for Métis Rights and specific criteria to be considered Métis: the individual must self-identify as Métis, have an ancestral connection to a Métis community, and be accepted by that community as a member. However, in the *Daniels* case the Federal Court defined Métis as "a group of native people who maintained a strong affinity for their Indian heritage without possessing Indian status" (cited in Teillet, 2013). As noted by Teillet (2013), this definition separated individuals from Aboriginal collectives and held that there is no need for any ancestral connection to a Métis group and no need for community acceptance, and ultimately eliminated the Métis as a separate Aboriginal people. Regardless, the criteria of the *Powley* decision still define which Métis communities have Aboriginal Rights.

The Powley Test has been identified as problematic in that the criteria for being Métis is exclusionary to urban Métis families who may have lived in the city for generations, as well as people who have mixed Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal ancestry yet are not connected to a contemporary Métis society. This has contributed to tensions between different Métis groups (Ouellet & Hanson, 2009), and heated debate among many Métis people in Canada (Gaudry, 2009). As noted by Ouellet and Hanson (2009), it is expected that "the issue of Métis identity will continue to be the topic of much debate and discussion since Métis Rights depend on identifying the people who are entitled to such rights, and then specifying what those rights are" (para. 6).



2.2.11 Legislative Developments

In the period following the signing of Treaty 9, further British and later Canadian Governments laws, regulations, and policies on northern Ontario, contributed to growing intervention and regulation of Indigenous peoples by both the federal and provincial governments. This section reflects on some of the key legislative developments that have governed natural resource and land use, and the associated effects on the rights of Indigenous peoples in the region. It is important to note that this section is not exhaustive nor reflective of all legislation that may have impacted Indigenous peoples in the region.

2.2.11.1 Fish & Game Regulations

At the time of the Robinson treaties (1850), there was very little, if any, competition for fish resources from European fisherman, particularly in Lake Superior and areas to the north. There was also no comprehensive legislation pertaining to fish in place at the time. For varying periods of time, and depending on the location, the government generally did not restrict the full and free privilege to fish provided for by the Robinson treaties. However, changes occurred with the passage of comprehensive fisheries legislation and the drafting of subsequent treaties, including Treaty 9 (Hansen, 1991).

The first passage of comprehensive fisheries legislation came in 1857 with the *Fisheries Act*, under which the Department of Crown Lands became responsible for fisheries in Upper and Lower Canada. The Act did not contain any specific references to Indigenous people. An amendment in 1859 provided for the first time for special fishing

Treaty 9 was negotiated between Canada and Ontario at a time when federal-provincial jurisdiction over fisheries was well established. One of the treaty's provisions full reflected the state of fisheries legislation, in that the right to hunt, trap and fish is subject to regulations that may be made by "the government of the country".

licenses and leases on lands belonging to the Crown, with no specific reference to Indigenous people. Shortly after this, an agreement between the Department of Crown Lands and the Indian Department "for the protection of the interest of native tribes" was reached (as cited in Hansen, 1991, pg. 6). The agreement suggested that Indigenous people were considered subject to the regulations of the Act since they were exempt from paying fees for fishery leases anyways. However, they were exempt in cases of fishing for domestic consumption only, and they were subject to the regulations otherwise (i.e., when fishing commercially or for trade). Thus, fishing rights were being interpreted as domestic consumption fishing rights only (Hansen, 1991).

Amendments to the *Fisheries Act* in 1865 provided a regulation with respect to Indigenous fisheries for the first time. The regulation specifically referred to the allowance of 'certain Indians' to fish for their own use as food, reinforcing the interpretation of Indigenous fishing rights as rights related to domestic fishing purposes only. It also added a new component – an open season – which reflected developing conservation principles (Hansen, 1991). After confederation, Canada implemented the first federal *Fisheries Act* in 1868. The Act maintained the provisions of the preceding acts, including the licensing of Indians to fish for their own use. In addition, Indian fishermen were considered to be subject to all regulations (Hansen, 1991).

The government of Ontario was not involved in the legislative aspects of resource management until 1885 with the passage of the *Ontario Fisheries Act*. It contained several provisions from the federal act, and like his federal counterpart, the Ontario Commissioner of Crown Lands was authorized to establish licensing (Hansen, 1991). In 1890, a royal commission on game and fish was appointed to make recommendations with respect to these resources in the province.

The overlapping jurisdictional issues with respect to federal and provincial fisheries legislation were eventually resolved through the courts, where it was ruled that Canada had the authority to enact legislation for inland fisheries and Ontario had proprietary interests in fisheries and the authority to issue licenses for fisheries in the province (Hansen, 1991).



The expansion of the railway network led to new settlement in the region, which in turn led to an increase in the number of sportsman and tourists visiting the region and increased pressures on fish and wildlife. Upon recommendation by the commission, Ontario created the *Game and Fisheries Act* in 1892, replacing the previous fisheries legislation. In turn, the Act intensified enforcement for First Nations in Ontario (Calverley, 2009).

Under the new legislation, a series of law changes were enacted to address declining game populations, including: a new range of closed seasons for some of the most desirable species, such as deer, moose, and elk; new seasons for game birds; and complete hunting bans on certain species. In addition, new license requirements were introduced for non-residents and system of game overseers were established to enforce game laws and penalties (Calverley, 1999). Regardless of these efforts, wildlife populations continue to decline (Bate, 2023).

Initially, the *Game and Fisheries Act* contained a clause exempting treaty Indian hunters from the legislation based on their Treaty Rights. However, the clause referencing Treaty Rights was eventually removed from the Act in 1914 and by 1927, all hunting exemptions for First Nation hunters had been removed from the Act – all "persons" affected by the Act were now defined to include "Indians". By this time, game laws in Ontario included complete hunting bans on moose and deer, bag limits, quotas, required licensing, and hunting seasons (Bate, 2023). As a result of the hunting regulations, Indigenous hunters' control over resources, secured through treaty, was restricted, impacting their cultural lifeways.

A jurisdictional challenge arose with the application of the provincial Act to Indigenous peoples with Treaty Rights, which were under federal jurisdiction. Indian Affairs began to take increased interest in securing Indigenous peoples harvesting rights, as Indian Agents increasingly became allies to communities in the north.





As noted by Calverley (1999), after almost three decades of complaints, letters and petitions from the Anishinaabeg, some Indian Agents came to understand Indigenous perspectives on the application of provincial legislation; in part, the Act was taking food out of the mouths of Indigenous people. In terms of game depletion, the agents generally believed the increase in settler hunter and sportsman were the main conservation threat. Indian Affairs generally adopted a more proactive approach in relation to Indigenous hunting and trapping rights for a period. However, Indian Affairs was not completely opposed to regulating Indigenous hunting, and they would not openly challenge the Ontario government over treaty rights (Calverley, 1999).

In response to the *Sparrow* ruling (see **Section 2.2.9**), the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources issued an *Interim Enforcement Policy on Aboriginal Hunting and Fishing* in 1991 that states Aboriginal people harvesting game or fish for personal consumption or social or ceremonial purposes in their treaty areas or traditional lands will generally not be prosecuted. However, this policy was meant to be an interim measure and when the province enacted a new *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* in 1997, neither it, nor the detailed regulations under it, make any reference to Treaty or Aboriginal Rights to harvest.

2.2.11.2 The Registered Trapline System

In response to declining populations of fur-bearing species, and complaints from Indigenous trappers about other trappers encroaching into their territories, the government of Ontario issued new game regulations under the *Game and Fisheries Act* of 1946 that included the creation of the Registered Trapline System (Finch, 2020; Sutherland, 2020). While it was first implemented in southern Ontario, by 1948 the regulations applied to the north. Traplines established in the north were based on watersheds rather than the township system used in the south, as directed by the Department of Indian Affairs (Finch, 2020).

In the years following the introduction of the system, Indigenous trapping was impacted by several key factors such as new wildlife laws, changing lifeways, increased wage labour opportunities, increasing government aid, and multiple outbreaks of tularaemia, an infectious disease that affects beaver and muskrat (Finch, 2020). Input from Indigenous communities, including concerns that the established

trapping seasons did not work in the north because of the different climate in the James Bay region, were not reflected in trapping regulations (Sutherland, 2020). In addition, the Registered Trapline System involved licenses, registration, and quotas, all of which was foreign to Indigenous trappers (AMEC, 2004b, as cited in Tsuji *et al*., 2011).



2.2.11.3 Ontario *Far North Act*

In response to the need to balance development potential with conservation in the north, the provincial government launched the *Far North Planning Initiative* in 2008 (Bowie, 2017). The purpose of the initiative was to direct economic development, support conservation, and address Aboriginal and Treaty Rights through the development of community-based land use plans for the Far North region – an area that represents over forty percent of the province (MNR, 2011, as cited in Bowie, 2017).

The purpose of the 2010 *Far North Act* is to provide community-based land use planning in the Far North region that (*Far North Act*, 2010, s.1):

- Sets out a joint planning process between First Nations and Ontario;
- Supports the environmental, social and economic objectives for land use planning for the peoples of Ontario; and,
- Is done in a manner that is consistent with the recognition and affirmation of existing Aboriginal and treaty rights.

The land use planning process established under the Act entails the development of a terms of reference by a First Nations community interested in participating, which must then be approved by the Minister of Natural Resources, who then designates a planning area for the Community Based Land Use Plans (*Far North Act*, 2010, s. 9). The plans are intended to include maps that show historical and contemporary Indigenous use in the area. Communities can designate areas of significant cultural value such as burial sites, waterways and travel routes to be protected, caribou migration routes and areas to be considered open for or closed to mineral exploration. At least one protected area must be identified through the planning process (*Far North Act*, s. 9(9)(c)(d)). However, the plans must be jointly approved by the First Nation and the Ministry,

and once the final plan is approved, all decisions to authorize land use activities must be consistent with the land-use designations in the plan. For First Nations communities in the Far North, community-based land use plans signify inherent jurisdiction over lands and the authority to make decisions on contested land uses (Scott *et al*., 2018).



The legislation has been contested by First Nations and their regional organizations based on the level of and approach to consultation undertaken by the province, and concerns about how the recommendations provided by First Nations were incorporated. While amendments were made, including the addition of "joint bodies" that could be established with interested First Nations, the province retains ultimate decision-making powers related to amendments, policy documents, and exemption orders related to land use strategies (Gardner *et al*., 2012).

The Act was recently amended in December 2021, following the recommendations identified in a joint process with Nishnawbe Aski Nation and the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, and in consultation with First Nations and stakeholders in the region. Amendments were made to "encourage collaboration between Ontario and First Nations on land use planning and foster economic growth in the region while maintaining critical cultural and environmental protections" (Environmental Registry of Ontario, 2021).



2.3 Cumulative Effects to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests

For roughly seven generations nearly every Indigenous child in Canada was sent to a residential school. They were taken from their families, tribes and communities, and forced to live in those institutions of assimilation. The results while unintended have been devastating. We witness it first in the loss of Indigenous languages and traditional beliefs. We see it more tragically in the loss of parenting skills, and, ironically, in unacceptably poor education results. We see the despair that results in runaway rates of suicide, family violence, substance abuse, high rates of incarceration, street gang influence, child welfare apprehensions, homelessness, poverty, and family breakdowns. Yet while the government achieved such unintended devastation, it failed in its intended result. Indians never assimilated.

– Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair speech to the United Nations, 2010

The long history of colonialism in Canada and associated actions, legislation, and policy has involved both recognition of, and infringement on, the Aboriginal and / or treaty rights of Indigenous peoples in the region and across the country. This history has also been described as constituting cultural genocide (TRC, 2015b). The traditional lifeways, culture, and language of Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabeg, Omushkegowuk, and Métis of the region, have been forever transformed, in part because of centuries of displacement from their traditional land bases and use of resources. When combined with ongoing colonial structures and approaches that continue to overlap with the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests of Indigenous peoples, these changes impact cultural continuity and well-being as the ability of Indigenous peoples to transmit Indigenous knowledge, culture, and lifeways out on the land is increasingly challenged.

Colonial systems of governance and justice that have superseded and / or failed to respect the inherent jurisdiction of Indigenous peoples, and the spirit and intent of the treaties with the Crown, have been imposed on Indigenous peoples in the region for centuries (Anishinabek Nation Legal Department, 2018). Moreover, attention to Indigenous men rather than women and the application of patriarchal assumptions and approaches by European traders, missionaries, and political leaders have exacerbated violations to Indigenous governance by overlooking a segment of the population (i.e., women) that prior to contact, held important roles in leadership.

The impacts go well beyond Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests. While Canada has become a member of the world's leading nations, Indigenous peoples, including the Anishinaabeg and Omushkegowuk, continue to experience disproportionate inequities to the general Canadian population (OCCC, 1986). As noted by Matheson *et al*. (2022), the ongoing implications of various systemic structures experienced by Indigenous peoples has resulted in poor housing conditions, food insecurity, and the absence of potable water on some reserves. Many Indigenous people continue to experience the long term and often debilitating impacts of residential schools, and those that survived were often unprepared to succeed in the market economy or to pursue traditional activities such as hunting and fishing. In many cases, family connections were permanently broken. The overall suicide rate among First Nations communities is about twice that of the total Canadian population (TRC, 2015a). Indigenous peoples face higher rates of infant mortality, a greater burden of disease, and reduced life expectancy (Smylie & Firestone, 2016). In addition, Indigenous peoples are significantly overrepresented in the Canadian criminal justice system (RCAP, 1996, as cited in Government of Canada, 2023). Despite all of these atrocities and outcomes, Indigenous peoples are reclaiming their rights and reconnecting to their cultural roots.





2.4 Reconciliation and Looking to the Future

In more recent decades, there is increased awareness about colonization and its ongoing effects on Indigenous peoples. These efforts began with the establishment of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples in 1990, whose mandate was to study the evolution of the relationship between Indigenous peoples, the government of Canada, and Canadian society as a whole (Doerr, 2006). The Commission released a five-volume report in 1996 that ultimately noted that a complete restructuring of the relationship between Indigenous peoples and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada is needed (Doerr, 2006); the findings of the Commission's report have informed this one.

In 2008, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was established as part of the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement. The Commission was established to guide Canadians through the difficult facts of the residential school system, and to "lay the foundation for lasting reconciliation across Canada" (Moran, 2015, para. 1). The Commission conducted community hearings across the country to hear from Indigenous peoples directly. A six-volume final report documents the experiences of Indigenous peoples and identifies 94 Calls to Action to advance the process of reconciliation was released in 2015; the findings of the Commission's report have also informed this one. .

While there has been a recent focus, including efforts and actions on reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, many Indigenous communities, including Marten Falls First Nation, continue to experience day-to-day challenges with access to basic human rights including health services, education, personal and community safety, food security, and more. For Marten Falls First Nation, the development of the Community Access Road is an act of reconciliation – it helps to address access to basic rights while providing an opportunity to support Marten Falls First Nation's self-determination and their ability to pursue economic prosperity, social and community well-being and cultural continuity.



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Fort Albany First Nation

The information presented in this section of the report is based on the Proponent's current understanding of Fort Albany First Nation's rights and interests in relation to the study areas for the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests impact assessment.

The information in this section of the report has been sourced from information, inputs, and materials provided directly by Fort Albany First Nation through the Project's Consultation Program, and publicly available source information where appropriate. Fort Albany First Nation was invited to participate in the Project's Indigenous Knowledge Program; however, at the time of developing this report, the community has not yet provided a Project-specific Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land and Resource Use report or information.

Imagining Access – Why the Project?

The Project will offer Marten Falls First Nation the opportunity to grow as a community but also be part of the social and economic fabric of the region and country. The Community Access Road will reduce transportation costs for goods and services, making food, gas, and other supplies cheaper. It will help families be together in the community and increase social interactions with other communities. It will also provide a vital connection to emergency, health, and social services.

The objective of the Proponent to share this information with Fort Albany First Nation early in the assessment processes to enable collaboration and discussion. The overarching goal is to enhance the Project Team's understanding of Fort Albany First Nation Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests in relation to the proposed Project. Meetings have also been requested to discuss Fort Albany First Nation's knowledge, rights, and interests. However, at the time of preparing this report, Fort Albany First Nation had not responded to meeting requests.



3.1 Community Profile

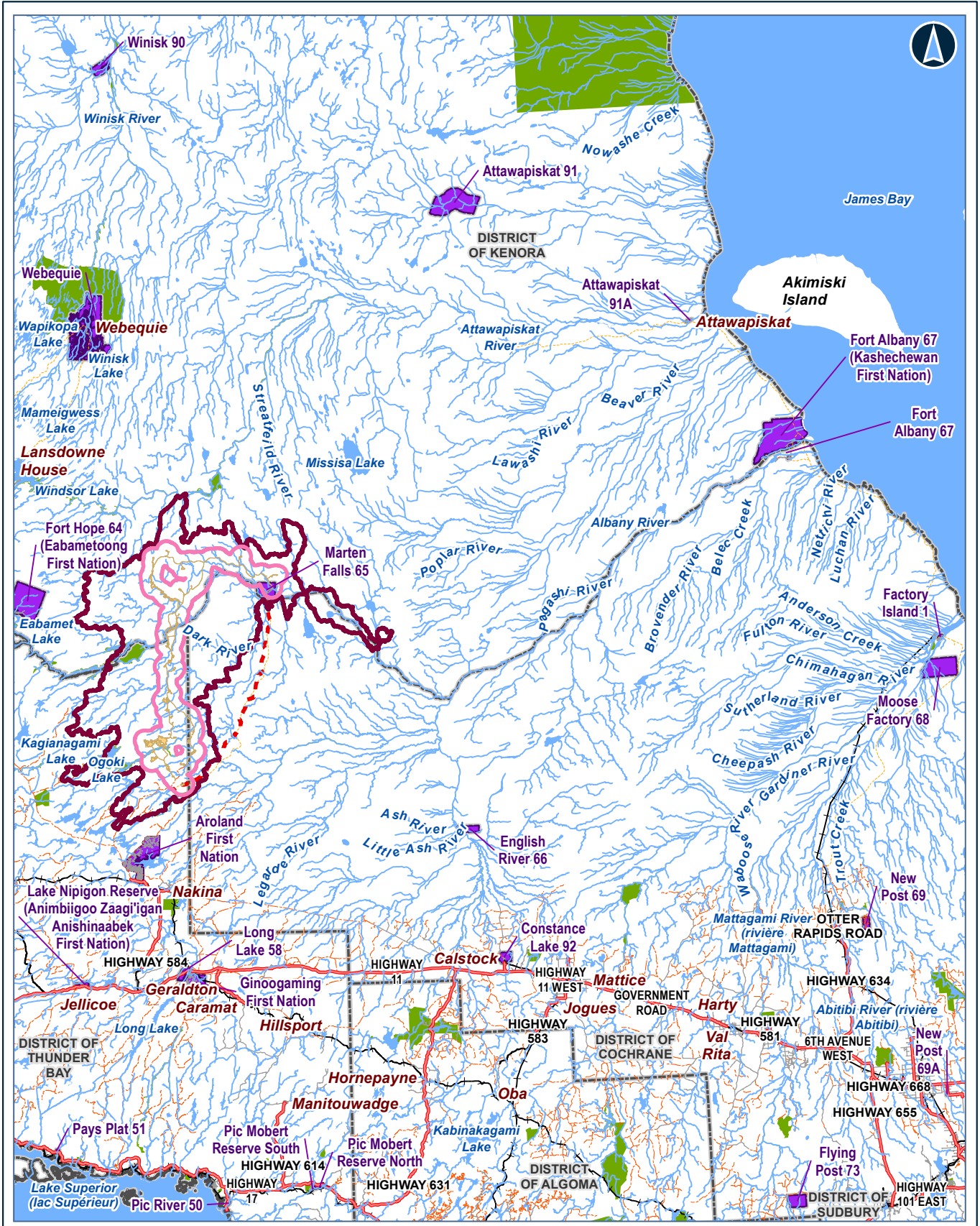
Fort Albany is an Omushkegowuk community located within the Hudson Bay Lowlands, 10 km upstream the *Kistachowan Sipi* (Albany River) from James Bay, and 580 km north of Timmins (**Figure 3-1**) (Russell, 1998). In the 1950s, the Fort Albany 67 Reserve divided into two communities, Fort Albany First Nation and Kashechewan First Nation, due to religious differences (Five Nations Energy Inc., 2012). The Anglicans formed the community of Kashechewan First Nation and the Roman Catholics remained as Fort Albany First Nation. The community of Fort Albany First Nation is located on the southern shore of the Albany River and is 12 km away from Kashechewan First Nation , located on the north shore of the Albany River (Talaga, 2019).

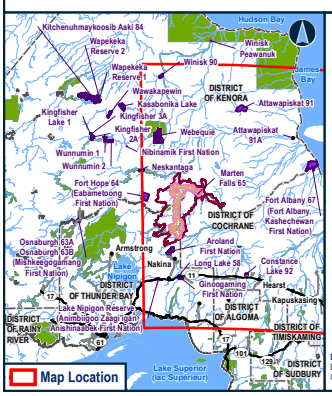
Kashechewan First Nation and Fort Albany First Nation are collectively referred to as 'Albany' in the Indigenous Services Canada First Nation Profile. As of September 2023, Kashechewan First Nation and Fort Albany First Nation has 5,425 registered members. Of these, 3,238 (60%) live on reserve in the community, and the remaining 2,187 (40%) live elsewhere (Government of Canada, 2021b).

Fort Albany First Nation is a remote, coastal, fly-in community, accessible only by plane year-round. The community depends on air transportation and limited shipping by barge for goods and travel in the summer months. In the winter, the community is connected to other First Nation communities and towns on the James Bay coast by winter roads that are seasonally constructed, including Kashechewan First Nation, Attawapiskat First Nation, Moosonee, and Moose Factory (Bowie, 2008; Hori, 2016). The remote nature of the community means that the cost of living and goods, and air travel outside of the community to access services, can be very high.

Sections 3.1.1 to **3.1.5** provide information about Fort Albany First Nation's pre- and post-contact history, reserve lands, language, and governance.







Legend

- First Nation Reserve
- ATRI Local Study Area
- ATRI Regional Study Area
- Project Development Area

General Features

- Highway
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Winter Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- Service Road
- Alleyway
- Existing Winter Access Road
- Railway
- Watercourse
- District Municipal Boundary
- Waterbody
- Provincial Park

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Fort Albany First Nation
Area of Interest

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Kilometres

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Figure 3-1

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3.1.1 Pre-Contact History

Before the fur trade, the territory around the settlement of Fort Albany was part of the regional economy where Cree people harvested and preserved food and camped together. Cree people frequented a lake on the mainland to harvest berries and fish and spend time in the fall and spring in goose camps in the immediate area of the present settlement (Russell, 2013). Individuals had valuable roles in the social structure, regardless of age and physical stature. The care of individuals within the collective society was a community responsibility (Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, 1993).

Prior to the fur trade, the Cree people lived by trapping, hunting, and fishing according to an established seasonal cycle. They lived in semi-permanent lodges made of animal hide and bark lodges, and travelled by toboggan and snowshoe in winter months. They travelled by canoe and larger boats when open water allowed (Reimer & Chartrand, 2005).

Social organization were formed by family ties, and people would travel together in small groups of families (Honigmann, 1961; Reimer & Chartrand, 2005). These small groups were held together by kin bonds, and were informally led by a male based on his age and wisdom. These small groups were linked through marriage ties, and larger groups were comprised of 15 or so families. Each large group of families occupied a specific river drainage (Honigmann, 1961).

A more comprehensive overview of the pre-contact context, including seasonal lifeways, culture and worldview, learning and knowledge building, governance and legal principles, and resource management and stewardship, is provided in **Section 2.1**.



3.1.2 Post-Contact History

The fur trade began in the region in the 1680s. In 1683, the name Fort Albany was given to the trading post established by the Hudson's Bay Company, sometime between 1674 and 1678, on the south shore of Albany Island, at the mouth of the Albany River (Kenyon, 1986, as cited in Russell, 1998; Wallace, 1948, as cited in Bélanger, 2005). In addition to Fort Charles and Moose Factory, Fort Albany was one of the first trading posts in North America (Russell, 1998). By 1682, Fort Albany was the busiest post due to its coastal location and selection of goods, compared to the inland posts. This solidified the decision to expand operations at Fort Albany and make it the governor's residence.

In 1686, the Fort Albany post was taken by the French and renamed Fort Ste. Anne, until it was retaken by the English in 1689. The post was taken again by the French in 1692, the English in 1693, and the French in 1695. In 1696, Fort Albany was surrendered to the English (Bélanger, 2005). Fort Albany was the most active and prosperous post for the English fur trade between 1701 and 1715 (Russell, 1998).

The existing regional economy proved important as the Hudson's Bay Company depended on the skills of Cree people for procuring resources, while Cree people adapted settler goods for their own purposes. The trading post at Fort Albany supported a mixed regional economy that included pathways for travel between other trading and harvesting areas. The settlement was also the regional location for international economy (Russell, 2013). The *Final Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples* describes local linkages, serving as meaningful context throughout the north (Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, 1996, p. 400, as cited in Russell, 2013, p. 136):

> The Northern Aboriginal community is not just a collection of buildings. It extends beyond dwelling places to include land for fishing, gathering, visiting, trapping, hunting, and memorable places where important events occurred. Northern Aboriginal peoples' tenure in the settled communities of today is relatively recent; they have lived in more mobile, family-centered communities for centuries. In modern times, the attachment to the land and the strong sense of collectivity remains.



In 1892, Roman Catholic missionaries set up permanent residence alongside the Hudson's Bay Company, Fort Albany trading post. Similar to the traders, the missionaries participated in a mixed economy; however, the missionaries envisioned a town, and created a new settlement in 1903 for Catholic Cree people (Cummins, 1990; Russell, 2013). A residential school was opened and run by the Grey Nuns. Over the next 70 years, the residential school building and subsequent infrastructure including the school, a hospital, residences, a small hydroelectric dam, and town services were managed by the Catholic mission (Russell, 1998). This has been perceived as an attempt to control the Cree people through residential education, religious evangelism, and its own economy. However, the Cree culture and language persisted as the Fort Albany settlement had developed its own economic, social, cultural, and political ties within the region, and national and international interests (Cummins, 1990; Russell, 2013).

The Roman Catholics moved their mission to the mainland in 1932 due to the original mission at Fort Albany being prone to flooding. This move further separated the Roman Catholic and Anglican missions. The Anglican Mission remained in Kashechewan First Nation, on the north side of the Albany River (Russell, 1998).

In a personal narrative from Theresa Metatawabin, made in Fort Albany First Nation in 1994, the introduction of national currency and welfare is discussed (Russell, 1998, p. 94):

> In 1965 was when there was the first real currency in the community, and welfare too. Before then, people lived on credit; charge up a debt (at the Hudson's Bay Company) then pay off the debt. People used to get paid with tokens. I worked 21 years at the residential school, ten years in the kitchen, and 11 years as janitor. Now I am on a pension.

Soil and vegetation contamination associated with a Mid-Canada Line Radar Line site near Fort Albany First Nation was confirmed in 1999 (Bertrand, 2008). The Mid-Canada Radar Line was built during 1957-1965 due to concerns about a nuclear attack from the Soviet Union. Improper decommissioning of the Mid-Canada Radar Line has led to ongoing contamination and concerns amongst First Nations about contamination and the traditional diet (Bertrand, 2008). Specifically, significantly elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls and other organochlorines in and around Site 050, located on Anderson Island near Fort Albany, have been confirmed in soil and vegetation and are considered as hazardous waste. Fort Albany First Nation community members have been involved in activities such as swimming, harvesting, and collecting drinking water around the Site 050 area (Bertrand, 2008).



Sites and local stories remain in Fort Albany Fort Nation that are representative of a colonial past. The hydroelectric dam, a barn, and a heap of old concrete have been left in the community from the mission. Buildings within the village have been

built with local materials including prefabs supplied through Indian Affairs (now Indigenous Services Canada) and those scavenged from the derelict radar base. Local stories discuss the exploitation of locals to provide labour for the mission, and the radar base (Russell, 2013).

In 1994, a series of dykes were constructed to prevent flooding in the Fort Albany settlement. This massive two-year project was completed in October 1995 and was organized by the Fort Albany First Nation Economic Development Office (Russell, 1998).

In January 2007, Fort Albany First Nation undertook a community project called *Paquataskamik* (natural environment). *Paquataskamik* aimed at generating discussion about the importance of the Albany River and eventually set the stage for what became a larger and more sustained effort at building a process for engaging people in meaningful dialogue about water and land issues in *Mushkego Inninowuk* (traditional territory). *Paquataskamik* had a number of iterations and included various initiatives (e.g., excursions, a film [*Patquataskamik* is home, 2011], language activities, and community mapping in both English and the *Inninowuk* language, etc.) aimed at evoking an *Inninowuk* way of being that was specifically located in place (Gruner, 2012).

In the summer of 2018, Fort Albany participated in the Sibi Project, which aimed to revitalize traditional fishing practices in the Albany River system. Throughout the program, Elders and on-the-land experts shared knowledge with youth regrading traditional fishing practices. Barriers to being on the land were addressed through the program, in addition to community social networks being revitalized and Indigenous Knowledge being transferred (Ahmed et al., 2023).

The Fort Albany First Nation community continues to deal with issues associated with a remote fly-in community, including issues related to education, health-care, housing, poverty, and the impacts of Canada's colonial practices (Gruner, 2012). Fort Albany First Nation has also experienced major flood events, and community members have raised concerns about mold in homes and the associated health risks flooding (Hori, 2016).

Fort Albany First Nation has also identified a variety of factors that have cumulatively impacted the community, including (Fort Albany First Nation, 2020):

- The diversions of the Albany River system, which have permanently altered the environment and the way of life for community members;
- The 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement which displaced people and impacted traditional ways of life and family structures;
- The Mid Canada Radar Line Site 050, which contaminated the lands and waters, contributing to high rates of chronic, disabling, and/or lethal human health condition;



- Indian residential schools and day schools, which caused intergenerational trauma, loss, and suffering;
- Acid rain, which has caused harm to the muskeg;
- Mining exploration and development, which has impacted environmental and human health and impeded use of the land; and,
- Climate change, which is resulting in deviations to the seasons and the environment.

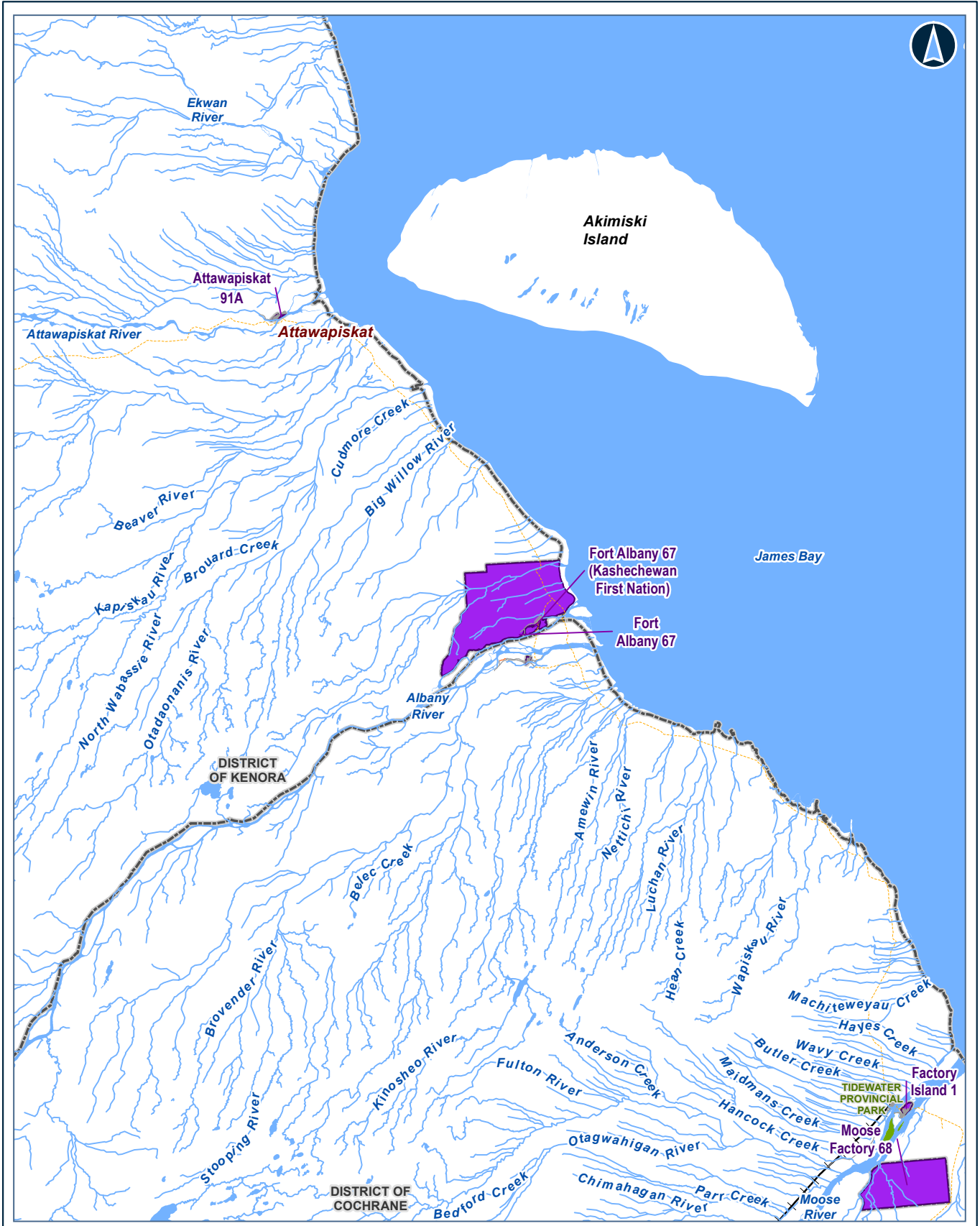
A more comprehensive overview of the post-contact context, including the fur trade, early legislation and policy and associated impacts on Indigenous peoples, the numbered treaties established in the region, perspectives on Aboriginal Rights, and legislative developments that have governed natural resource and land use, is provided in **Section 2.2**.

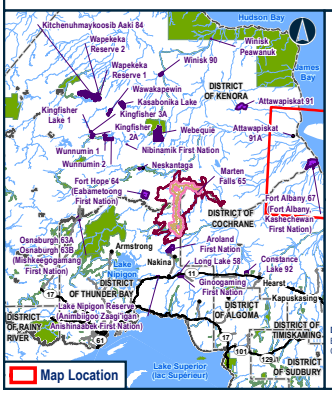
3.1.3 Reserve Lands

Fort Albany First Nation has one reserve, Fort Albany 67, on the south bank of the Albany River, approximately 15 km upstream from James Bay (**Figure 3-2**). The reserve is 3645.70 ha in size (Government of Canada, 2021c).









Legend

- First Nation Reserve
- ATRI Local Study Area
- ATRI Regional Study Area
- Project Development Area

General Features

- Local Road
- Winter Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- Railway
- Watercourse
- District Municipal Boundary
- Waterbody
- Provincial Park

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Fort Albany First Nation Reserve Lands

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Kilometres

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Figure 3-2

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3.1.4 Language

Fort Albany First Nation is a Swampy Cree (n-Dialect) speaking community (Spence & Literacy Ontario, 1996). In the *Inninowuk* (Cree) language, *Peetabeck* or *Peetabego* is the name for Fort Albany (Restoule et al., 2013).

According to the 2016 Census (Government of Canada, 2021d):

- Approximately 79% of the population has knowledge of the Cree language;
- Approximately 74% of the population reported Cree as their mother tongue (the first language they learned and still know); and,
- Approximately 67% of the population speaks Cree at home.

3.1.5 Governance

Fort Albany First Nation is a signatory to Treaty 9. See **Section 2.2.5.2** for more information on Treaty 9.

Fort Albany First Nation has a Custom Electoral System. Leadership includes a Chief, a Deputy Chief, and nine Councillors (Government of Canada, 2021e).

Fort Albany First Nation is affiliated with the Mushkegowuk Council, and the Nishnawbe Aski Nation also represents them as a signatory of Treaty 9 (NAN, 2020; FAFN, 2021).



3.2 Understanding of Rights & Interests in Relation to the Project

Section 3.2.1 and **3.2.2** describe the current understanding of Fort Albany First Nation's Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests in relation to the proposed Project. As noted in **Section 3.0**, this understanding was developed based primarily on a comprehensive literature review of publicly available sources of information and information provided by Fort Albany First Nation to the Proponent through the Consultation Program.

3.2.1 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Relevant to the Project

It is anticipated that Fort Albany First Nation asserts its Treaty 9 and Section 35 rights. It is recognized that Fort Albany First Nation "has inherent, Aboriginal, and treaty rights that are reflected in [their] own law (which includes natural law), in the Canadian law including the Constitution, and in international law" (Fort Albany First Nation, 2020, p. 2).

According to the Mushkegowuk Council's Declaration of Rights and Responsibilities (Mushkegowuk Council, n.d.a.), the following rights and responsibilities apply to Omushkego communities:

- Responsibility to maintain spiritual values, language, traditions, and culture;
- Right to be self-governing;
- Responsibility to ensure all Omushkego citizens have the opportunity for an appropriate standard of living;
- Responsibility to be guardians of the lands and resources;
- Right to live on the land of Omushkego ancestors;
- The rights to harvest and develop on the land;
- Responsibility to ensure that Omushkego citizens share in the wealth of the land;
- Responsibility to be clear with the federal and provincial governments about Omushkego understanding of the treaties;

- Right to have the spirit and intent of the treaties and agreements that affect Omushkego people to be honoured; and,
- Right to full recognition of Omushkego laws.

As a member of the Mushkegowuk Council, it is likely that these rights and responsibilities may also be declared by Fort Albany First Nation.

According to the Declaration of Nishnawbe-Aski (The People and the Land), the following rights apply to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation communities (NAN, 1977):

- The right to receive compensation for our exploited natural resources;
- The right to receive compensation for the destruction and abrogation of our hunting, fishing and gathering rights;
- The right to renegotiate our Treaty as understood by our people, land and resources; and,
- The right to approach other world nations to further the aims of the Cree and Ojibway Nations of Treaty No. 9.

As a member of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation, it is likely that these rights may also be declared by Fort Albany First Nation.

At a minimum, it is assumed that Fort Albany First Nation Aboriginal and / or Treaty rights related to the proposed Project include the right to hunt, trap, fish, and gather materials that are of importance to Fort Albany First Nation cultural traditions and lifeways, as well as the right to cultural continuity and wellbeing (ability to practice and transmit cultural traditions). These rights are considered Valued Components, which means that they are important elements of Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights that have the potential to be affected by the proposed Project. The potential impacts of the proposed Project on these Valued Components / rights will be assessed in the future.

General information on Fort Albany First Nation's use of lands, waters, and resource for traditional purposes is presented in **Section 3.4**.
Information on the Proponent's understanding of Fort Albany First Nation's use the lands, waters, and resources for traditional purposes in relation to the proposed Project is presented in **Section 3.5**.

General perspectives on the cultural continuity and wellbeing of Fort Albany First Nation are presented in **Section 3.6**. Information on the Proponent's understanding of what is important for Fort Albany First Nation cultural continuity and wellbeing is presented in **Section 3.7**.



3.2.2 Interests Related to the Project

The information on interests presented below is largely based three secondary sources of information (although several other supporting sources have been used and referenced throughout):

- Mushkegowuk Council's *Comments on Draft Guidelines for the Conduct of a Comprehensive Study and the Preparation of a Draft Comprehensive Study Report: Victor Diamond Project* (Mushkegowuk Council, n.d.b.); and,
- Fort Albany First Nation's *Letter to Impact Assessment Agency of Canada* (FAFN, 2020).

It is anticipated that Fort Albany First Nation's interests in the proposed Project may include:

- The entirety of the Albany River (Beamish, 2020);
- Changes or impacts to the muskeg including diversions, flooding, drying, disturbance, destruction, pollution, and / or damming (FAFN, 2020);
- Changes or impacts on rivers (rivers other than the Albany River not specified), including transportation and access routes to harvesting and traditional sites, navigability, pollution, and draining, damming and water diversion (FAFN, 2020);
- Thawing of permafrost (FAFN, 2020);
- Pollution, including mercury and contamination and bioaccumulation, that may impact food security (FAFN, 2020);
- Mapping of Fort Albany First Nation use of the river system (FAFN, 2020);
- Protection of springs that feed into the rivers (FAFN, 2020);
- Women's relationship with the river system (FAFN, 2020);
- Invasive Species, including rats (FAFN, 2020);
- Various plants, birds, bats, terrestrial animals, marine animals, freshwater/riparian animals, and insects and their relationships with each other and the land (FAFN, 2020);
- Impacts to insects, as food sources, pollinators, and pests (FAFN, 2020);
- Economic impacts including those related to employment and traditional economy (FAFN, 2020);





- Social and health impacts, including metal, emotional, spiritual, cultural, physical, social and infrastructural, applying to individuals, families, community, and the environment, and intergeneration impacts (FAFN, 2020);
- Impacts to cultural sustainability (FAFN, 2020);
- Impacts to important locations including (FAFN, 2020):
    - Albany River System as a whole;
    - Sacred grounds;
    - Numerous burial sites;
    - Family traplines;
    - Cabins / camps;
    - Important fishing, hunting, and harvesting areas;
    - Traditional trails;
    - Old trading posts;
    - Lakes near the community;
- Cumulative effects and impacts, along with the Webequie Supply Road and the Northern Road Link, especially on wildlife (Mushkegowuk Council, n.d.b ; FAFN, 2020);
- Impacts to fishing and hunting in the area due to increased public access and use, including pollution (FAFN, 2020);
- Continued ability to source drinking water from the Albany River (Minkin, 2008);
- Right to harvest plants for food, medicinal, and cultural purposes (Stantec, 2017);
- Right to access plants for harvesting (Stantec, 2017);
- Right to maintain the quantity of traditional plants used for food, cultural, and medicinal purposes (Stantec, 2017);
- Right to maintain the quality of traditional plants used for food, cultural, and medicinal purposes (Stantec, 2017);
- Resources for effective participation including easy and timely access to all information and documentation that affects and shapes the assessment process (Mushkegowuk Council, n.d.b.);
- How the Project may impact social, cultural, and economic stability of the First Nations (Mushkegowuk Council, n.d.b.);

- Potential impacts on the entire ecosystem of James Bay (Mushkegowuk Council, n.d.b.);
- Infrastructure related to the Project (Mushkegowuk Council, n.d.b.);
- Surface and groundwater and sediment quality (Mushkegowuk Council, n.d.b.);
- Wildlife and wildlife habitat (Mushkegowuk Council, n.d.b.); and,
- Cumulative impacts, especially on wildlife (Mushkegowuk Council, n.d.b.).

These interests will inform the overall Impact Assessment / Environmental Assessment, including the assessment on Fort Albany First Nation Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests.

3.3 Area of Interest

A preliminary Area of Interest has been identified for Fort Albany First Nation, as shown in **Figure 3-3**. The preliminary Area of Interest is intended to identify where Fort Albany First Nation may exercise / hold Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests that are relevant to the proposed Project.

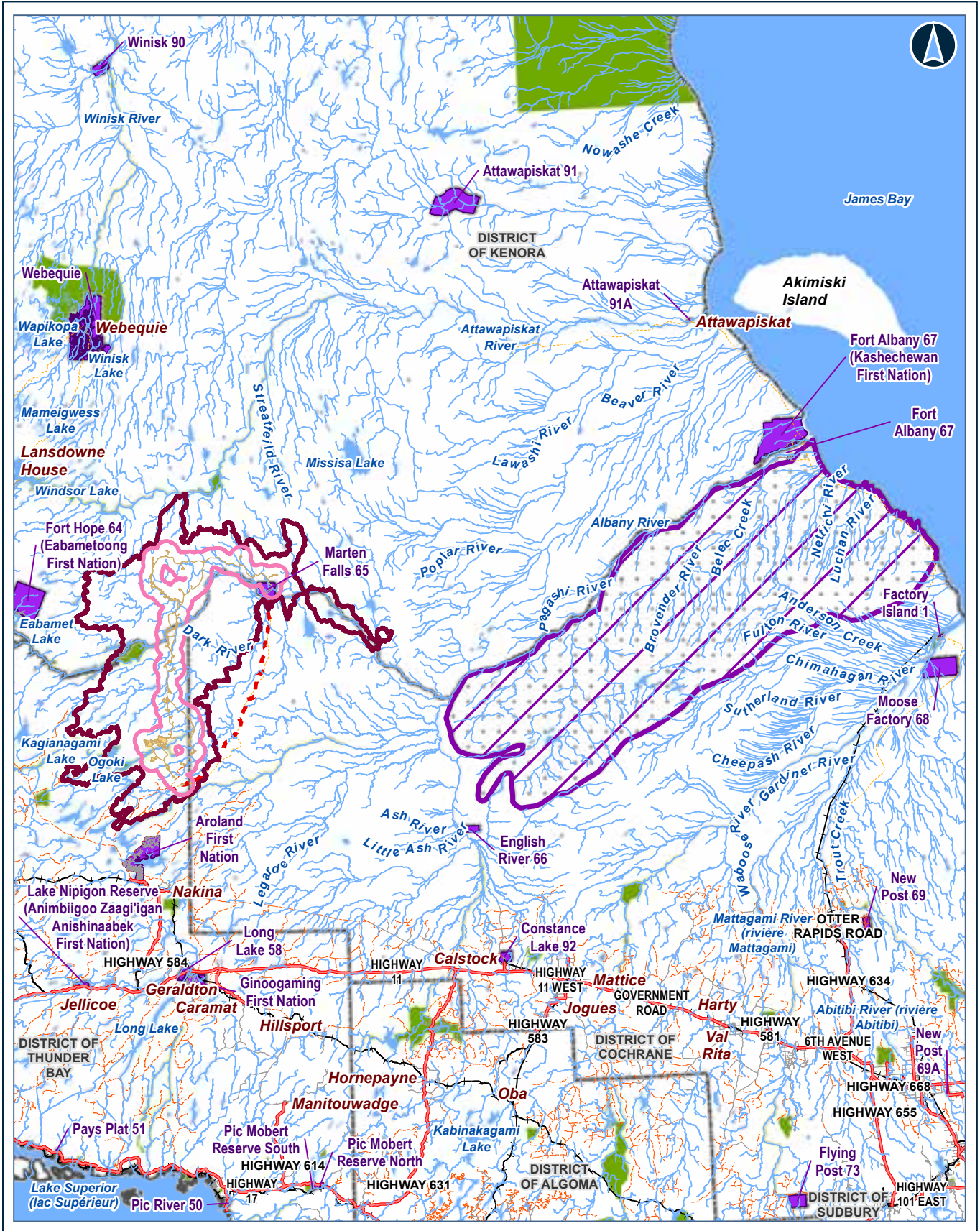
The preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation is based on:

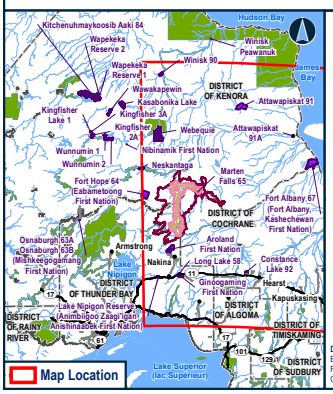
- A map prepared by the Mushkegowuk Council as part of the ongoing Mushkegowuk-led National Marine Conservation Area Project (Mushkegowuk Council, 2023) which identifies Fort Albany First Nation's Community Homelands.

The preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Project Development Area or the Local or Regional Study Areas for the proposed Project (**Figure 3-3)**.



The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (2023), notes that an Indigenous community's "long-standing connection to, use of, or occupation of an area is indicative of a community's rights". It is the Proponent's understanding that an Indigenous community can assert an area of interest or traditional territory and that these assertions may consider many factors including, but not limited to, hunting and trapping areas, wildlife migration patterns, travel routes, watersheds, etc. However, these assertions "may not be well understood by all parties, they may raise uncertainty as they lack information, or there may be differing interpretations" (IAAC, 2023). Therefore, it is important to note that for the purposes of identifying a preliminary Area of Interest for the proposed Project, Marten Falls First Nation is strictly presenting information that has been provided by an Indigenous community or has been identified in publicly available data sources. By presenting this information, Marten Falls First Nation is neither validating or confirming information regarding the assertion of areas of interest or traditional territories.





Legend

- Preliminary Area of Interest for the Proposed Project
- First Nation Reserve
- ATRI Local Study Area
- ATRI Regional Study Area
- Project Development Area
- Fort Albany First Nation Community Homelands (Mushkegowuk Council Lands and Resources, January 2023)

General Features

- Highway
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Winter Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- Service Road
- Alleyway
- Existing Winter Access Road
- Railway
- Watercourse
- District Municipal Boundary
- Waterbody
- Provincial Park

Data Source:
Base Data: Provided by MNRF 2019; Route Infrastructure - Provided by AECOM 2019; Planning and Traditional Area - Kashechewan First Nation and Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (December 2017); Community Homelands - Mushkegowuk Council Lands and Resources (January 2023). Contains Information licensed under the Open Government Licence Ontario.

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Fort Albany First Nation
Area of Interest

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3.4 Use of Lands, Waters and Resources for Traditional Purposes



Available information on Fort Albany First Nation land, water, and resource use is presented in **Sections 3.4.1** to **3.4.5**. The information is general to Fort Albany First Nation. Information on Fort Albany First Nation land, water, and resource use for traditional purposes in relation to the proposed Project is provided in **Section 3.5**.

The information presented is largely based on the following sources of information (although several other supporting sources have been used and referenced throughout):

- Fikret Berkes, Alun Hughes, Peter J. George, Richard J. Preston, Bryan D. Cummins, and John Turner's *The persistence of Aboriginal land use: Fish and wildlife harvest areas in the Hudson and James Bay Lowland, Ontario* (1995) study of contemporary Indigenous land use in northern Ontario;
- Paul Minkin's master's thesis *Cultural Preservation and Self-Determination through Land Use Planning: A Framework for the Fort Albany First Nation* (2008), which relied upon social learning through semi-structured interviews to develop a set of recommendations for community-based land use planning; and,
- Beverly Soloway's *"mus co shee": Indigenous Plant Foods and Horticultural Imperialism in the Canadian Sub-Arctic* (2015) which explores the relationship between a Mushkegowuk (Cree) hunter-gatherer society and a British planted-food model.

It is important to note the following about the information available on Fort Albany First Nation land, water, and resource use for traditional purposes:

- Most of the information available was collected almost 30 years ago, therefore most of the information could be considered past use;

- There was no information on present-day land, water, and resource use by Fort Albany First Nation available at the time of writing;
- Information on the role of members within the community (e.g., women, men, Elders, youth, people with disabilities) is limited or absent altogether;

For the purposes of the future Impact Assessment / Environmental Assessment, it is assumed that the general practices and preferences of Fort Albany First Nation community members described in this report are still relevant to the community today;

- Information on the quality and quantity of resources (including volumes harvested) and the frequency, duration, and / or timing of traditional practices is limited or absent; and,
- Information on resource thresholds that the community requires to exercise their rights is limited or absent.

Information on the cumulative effects that may have already interfered with the ability of Fort Albany First Nation to use their lands and resources for traditional purposes is provided in **Sections 2.2** and **2.3**.

Forests were valued for wildlife habitat, ecological services, wood provided, building material, and fuel (Minkin, 2008). The traditional economy provided the following: meat; fuelwood; berries; income from fur; building materials for bush camps; medicinal plants; raw materials for handcrafts and bush equipment; and social well-being and cultural value through procurement of items (Berkes et al., 1995).



3.4.1 Hunting and Trapping

Hunters from Fort Albany First Nation stayed close to the James Bay coast in spring, and ranged more extensively in fall and winter. The level of hunting and trapping activity was comparable throughout the winter, summer, and fall, and winter; however, hunting and trapping activity was less in the spring. Moose and caribou were reported in different areas, depending on the season (Berkes et al., 1995).

It is likely that the hunting of geese continues to be important to Fort Albany First Nation. Studies from the 1970s indicated that over 80% of hunters (defined as males over 15 and under 65 years of age, not disabled or absent) in coastal Cree communities' actively hunted geese (Cummins, 1992). In 2007 and 2008, geese were found to be the most common food item harvested by community members (Minkin, 2008). Other resources hunted included caribou, migratory birds in general, ducks or waterfowl, and rabbits.

The Registered Trapline System impacted Fort Albany First Nation. In a personal narrative from Abraham Metatawabin, made in Fort Albany in 1994, the introduction of the trapline system was described (Russell, 1998, pp. 91-92):

> It was 1947 when I started to stay down here year round. Prior to 1938 I was always up river. My late grandfather used to keep me and he lived off the land. He used to build his own little log cabin and stay there year round. Every two or three years he would build another cabin. This is how the old people used to live – no one place was a permanent campground, they would always move...In 1946 I left my grandfather to live on my own, and trapped with my brother Eli. Back them there were no trapping restrictions as imposed by Ministry of Natural Resources. Before Ministry of Natural resources there was a system in place, people knew their trap grounds. They also practised conservation as passed on from generation to generation. And then the trapline system was forced upon us by Ministry of Natural Resources.



A Trapper Training Program was initiated in 1995 and ran until 1996. It was a 20-week program that was modelled after a program that first ran in the 1970s. The Trapper Training Program provided an opportunity for eight young men to live on a trapline, and acquire or refresh bush skills, with expenses for supplies and equipment provided (Russell, 1998). Present-day information on trapping has not been provided to date.

Some common animals discussed by community member as part of the trapping harvest included otter, muskrat, beaver, and marten. The marten harvest only began in the mid-1990s, as marten were previously absent from the area. Other, less common, animals discussed in trapping harvest information included lynx, mink, and rabbit (Minkin, 2008). Animals are often trapped on Anderson Island and include marten, weasel, mink, muskrat, fox, skunk, beaver, and squirrel. Trapping was primarily a male activity and lone females only trapped prior to 1955 (Tsuji et al., 2005).

Important ways for community members have coped with food shortage included hunting, traditional food practices and subsistence harvesting. The community also participated in food sharing, which remained an integral part of the culture. In interviews with Fort Albany First Nation members, the high cost and unavailability of meat were discussed in relation to the economic importance of wild meat and hunting as a key measure for food security (Minkin, 2008). The use of freezers has modernized traditional food storage to store game meat (Skinner, 2013).



Tsuji and Nieboer (1999) explored changes in land use practices among the Mushkegowuk Cree and found that most animal harvesting activity occurred in the spring and fall when waterfowl are abundant. They also reported a shift in resource use to a greater focus on waterfowl. Reasons for this shift include (Cummins, 1992; Tsuji & Nieboer, 1999):

- Settlement and greater a concentration of communities along the coast (from more inland areas) in the 1950s and 1960;
- Repeated periods of game and furbearer depletion;
- Community population increases;
- Ease of accessing waterfowl; and,
- Participation in the wage economy, requiring shorter harvesting trips more suited to hunting waterfowl compared to moose and caribou, which require much longer hunting trips.

Recent regional climate changes has resulted in a shift in the migration routes of waterfowl from the coast to inland. The number of birds for both spring and fall that follow traditional coastal migration patterns has declined. The number of decreasing coastal migrations has affected the spring and fall waterfowl hunts and harvesting activities, resulting in negative impacts on the traditional economy and culture for the coastal Cree communities along James Bay and Hudson Bay (Hori, 2016).

As reported in 1998, some community members winter in the bush to hunt and trap and stay through to the summer to fish. Whether community members continue this practice is unknown at the time of writing this report. Historically, goose hunts have taken place in the fall and spring closer to James Bay and the fall moose hunts take place inland (Russell, 1998).



A summary of wildlife of potential importance to Fort Albany First Nation for hunting and trapping based on the reports by FAFN (2020), Cummins (1992), Minkin (2008), Tam et al., (2013), Tsuji et al. (2005), and Berkes et al. (1995) is provided in **Table 3-1**.

Through the Consultation Program, Fort Albany First Nation provided information via a letter to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, regarding their interests related to the Project, including species of importance (FAFN, 2020). Although it is not clear at this time if the species identified in the letter were harvested, they have been included in Table **3-1** as wildlife of potential importance to Fort Albany First Nation.



Table 3-1: Wildlife of potential importance to Fort Albany First Nation

Common Name	Oji-Cree Translation	Cree Translation
BIG GAME AND FURBEARERS		
Moose	mooz	
Caribou	atik	
Deer		
Bear (black, polar)	makwa, makoo	
Arctic Fox		
Wolverine		
Lynx	mizhih'bizhiw, piizhoo	
Beaver	amik	
Mink		
Rabbit (snowshoe hare)	wabooze	
Marten (pine)	wabizheshih, wabashtan	
Muskrat	wajaashk	
Mink		
Fox		
Skunk		
Muskrat		
Squirrel		

Common Name	Oji-Cree Translation	Cree Translation
BIRDS AND BATS		
Canada goose	nikah	
Wavy (blue goose)	nikah	
Snow Goose		
Brant		
Ducks	shesheeb	
Red Bat		
Swans		
Gyrfalcons		
Loons		
Peregrine Falcons		
MARINE ANIMALS		
Beluga Whales		
Bowhead whales		
Seals		





3.4.2 Fishing



An important harvesting activity for Cree communities is subsistence fishing. According to Hori et al. (2012, as cited in Hori, 2016), there was a report of extreme fish die-offs in 2005, which can be linked to observed regional climate changes which impact specific fish species and specific age classes (further information on this event was not provided). These impacts led to a reduced food source for communities in the area and may result in food security issues (Hori, 2016). Fish species have been impacted by damming and forestry in the region (Minkin, 2008).

Fish are harvested around the whole perimeter of Anderson Island; however, fishing is concentrated around Anderson's Point and in the channel between the island and the mainland (Yellow Creek) (Tsuji et al., 2005). Some of the fish species that are harvested include: whitefish, pike, suckers, and walleye (Tsuji et al., 2005; Minkin, 2008). Both men and women participate in fishing, with summer being the busiest season for fishing (Tsuji et al., 2005).

A summary of fisheries of potential importance to Fort Albany First Nation based on FAFN (2020), Cummins (1992), Minkin (2008), Tam et al., (2013), Tsuji et al. (2005), FAFN (2021), and Berkes et al. (1995) is provided in **Table 3-2**.

Table 3-2: . Fisheries animals of potential importance to Fort Albany First Nation

Common Name	Oji-Cree Translation	Cree Translation
Whitefish	atikameg	
Lake Whitefish		
Lake Cisco		
Jackfish (northern pike)	ginozhe	
Suckers		
Walleye		
Lake Sturgeon		
Brook Trout		
Pickeral		
Lake Chub		



3.4.3 Berry and Plant Gathering

Written and oral documentation, as well as the botany of the region suggested several ways that gathered vegetation was used in the Mushkegowuk diet. Labrador tea grew plentifully and was used as a medicine, the peeled roots of large tamarack trees were added to the cook pot, and the sweet tasting sap was scraped from the tree and eaten cooked or fresh. Rock Tripe was gathered from rocks and boiled in broths and soups, with foods such as caribou blood, fish, or fish roe. Angelica (wild celery) stalks and leaves were boiled and added to dishes or eaten raw dipped in seal or fish oil. Wapato (arrow-head) was found in the wet marshes of Mushkegowuk lands. Colored fireweed, cattails, wild onions, bulrushes, and the buds of spruce and juniper trees were included in cook pots (Saloway, 2015).

Firewood was produced in the territory. Many homes in Fort Albany First Nation were heated with wood stoves. Cutting wood was done close to home and in fall, some logs were be towed closer to home by boat.

Beginning in the 17th century, gardening was introduced to communities along the Hudson and James Bays by fur traders, missionaries, and government agents, displacing Mushkegowuk gathering of Indigenous plant food (Soloway, 2015). Vegetation plays a vital role in the local diet, economics, spirituality, and traditions and cultures for many northern Indigenous people (Hori, 2016).

The Mushkegowuk region offered a large variety of berries. Historically, berries were picked in the fall in large quantities, and children played a major role in this harvest (Honigmann, 1961). As of 2008, practices for food gathering included berry picking and gathering of Labrador tea (Minkin, 2008).

On Anderson Island, berries and trees are harvested and plants are / were collected. Some of the types of berries that were harvested included raspberries, cranberries, mooseberries, gooseberries, blueberries, and ground berries with cranberries being the most popular berry to harvest. Some of the types of trees that were harvested include spruce, pine, and tamarack. Some of the types of plants that were collected include moss, Labrador tea, grasses, herbs, and rose hips. Summer was the primary season for harvesting berries and collecting plants and winter was the busiest season for harvesting trees (Tsuji et al., 2005). On the mainland and on river islands berries and plants were collected (Russell, 1998).

A summary of berries and plants of potential importance to Fort Albany First Nation based on FAFN (2020), Cummins (1992), Minkin (2008), Tam et al., (2013), Tsuji et al. (2005), Saloway (2015), and Berkes et al. (1995) is provided in **Table 3-3**.

Table 3-3: Berries and plants of potential importance to Fort Albany First Nation

Common Name	Oji-Cree Translation	Cree Translation
BERRIES		
Low bush cranberry	maashkiigominan	
Raspberry		
Blackberry		
Mooseberry		
Gooseberry		
Ground berry		
OTHER PLANTS		
Labrador tea	kakikebak, kakekaybegoon	
Juniper	kakakiwadaang	
Willow (red)	wiisihkobihmagoon, oshiisigobiminsh	
Wild rose	okinii wabigwanin	
Wild onion		
Tamarack	maaskigwatik / wakinagan	
Poplar (balsam)	maan azaadii	
Spruce (black, white)	shikobaatik, mina'ig	
Stone moss		
Bulrushes		
Wapato		
Dwarf birch		
Trembling aspen		
Eriacaceous shrubs		
Cottongrass		
Black crowberry		
Reindeer moss		
Sphagnum moss		
Caribou lichen		
Bearberry		

Common Name	Oji-Cree Translation	Cree Translation
Dogwood		
Cedar		
Sage		
Sweetgrass		
Rose hips		
Pine		
Rock Tripe		
Colored Fireweed		
Cattails		
Bulrushes		

3.4.4 Travel

Travel routes over great distance and in relatively small areas were traced by Cree people since before the fur trade. Later, connections to missions, hospitals, trading posts, schools, and other buildings were linked to places around and beyond the region (Russell, 1998).



The Albany River has been described by community members as the community's highway and main artery (FAFN, n.d.; Berkes et al., 1995; Minkin, 2008). In 1730, a total of 118 canoes, carrying people from various locations, came through Fort Albany to trade demonstrating the volume of activity in the region and the large distances travelled. When rivers are flowing, they act as highways for boats to access routes for fishing, trapping, and hunting, plants, medicines, gathering firewood, and to other communities for connecting and marking significant moments and events, and important cultural sites for connecting to ancestors at points along the river where there are burials, and other activities such as camping, recreation, outside tourism, commerce, etc. (FAFN, n.d.; Berkes et al., 1995; Russell, 1998).

Rivers are used by canoes and/or boat when they are flowing, and by vehicle and / or foot when they are frozen. Other rivers that are used as travel routes include the Attihamek River and the Pagwa River (Minkin, 2008). People would use the rivers to travel to Ogoki (Post), Constance Lake First Nation, and Hearst (Minkin, 2008). Over the years,

damming in the region has impacted river travel on the Albany River in key two ways: physical barriers prevent boat passage upriver and reduced water volumes can make river navigation difficult (Minkin, 2008). The present-day extent of river travel, along the Albany River, is unknown.

Until the 1950s, the James Bay communities in the western region were only accessible by dog sled during the winter season and by boat during the summer season until the 1950s. The James Bay Winter Road was built in the early 1950s for the construction of the Mid-Canada Radar Lines. The winter road runs through several muskeg areas, streams, and rivers along the Hudson-James Bay coastline. The road network spans 320 kilometres and connects the remote, coastal communities of Kashechewan First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Moose Factory First Nation, and Attawapiskat First Nation to the northern terminus of the Town of Moosonee (Hori et al., 2018).

Since 2007, the construction and maintenance of the James Bay Winter Road is under the management of Kimesskanemenow Corporation. The road is divided into four sections and each of the four communities (i.e., Kashechewan First Nation, Attawapiskat First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, and Moose factory First Nation) take responsibility for each section.

The cost of goods and services for local residences can be minimized by winter roads, as the cost of shipping goods by barge or air is greater than using ground transportation. Aside from providing the transport of essential goods (e.g., fuel, food, medical supplies, etc.) and heavy machinery, the also serve important cultural and social functions. For example, community members may use the roads to gather for cultural, recreational, or social events, visit family and friends, and see the Elderly in health-care facilities or hospitals (Hori, 2016).



3.4.5 Habitation – Village Sites, Camps, and Cabins

Habitation refers to sites and areas where Fort Albany First Nation community members and / or their ancestors have lived, and may include village sites, camp sites and areas, and cabins. At the time of writing, there is no information on habitation sites and areas.

3.5 Understanding of Land, Water and Resource Use for Traditional Purposes in Relation to the Project

Sections 3.5.1 to **3.5.5** describe the current understanding of Fort Albany First Nation's land, water, and resource use for traditional purposes in relation to the proposed Project, and specifically within the Project Development Area, Local Study Area, and / or the Regional Study Area.

As noted in **Section 3.4**, it is assumed that the practices and preferences of Fort Albany First Nation community members described in this report are likely still relevant to the community today.

It is important to note that the purpose of this preliminary existing conditions report, is to develop an understanding of where Fort Albany First Nation is using the lands, waters, and resources for traditional purposes. This is not an assessment of potential impacts to Aboriginal and /or Treaty Rights. The assessment on potential impacts will be completed in future stages of the Impact Assessment / Environmental Assessment.

The Proponent recognizes that the proposed Project has the potential to influence the exercise of Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights outside of the Regional Study Area. This is particularly relevant in the case of wildlife and water valued components given the movement of these important resources. This lens will be applied in the future stages of the Impact Assessment / Environmental Assessment.

The assessment of potential impacts on the use of lands, waters, and resources for traditional purposes will also be informed by the results of other relevant Valued Component assessments (e.g., wildlife, vegetation, fish and fish habitat, etc.). It will also be informed by additional inputs from the Indigenous Knowledge and / or Consultation Programs.



3.5.1 Hunting and Trapping

3.5.1.1 Project Development Area

Based on available information on sites and areas used by Fort Albany First Nation members for hunting and trapping in **Section 3.4.1**, and given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Project Development Area, it is likely that Fort Albany First Nation does not exercise these rights within the Project Development Area. However, as noted in **Section 3.4.4**, Fort Albany First Nation has historically used the Albany River as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation). As such, there is a potential that opportunistic hunting may have occurred along the Albany River outside of their preliminary Area of Interest. It is likely that Fort Albany First Nation does not trap along the Albany River based on historical and current trapline systems. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.

3.5.1.2 Local Study Area

Based on available information on sites and areas used by Fort Albany First Nation members for hunting and trapping in **Section 3.4.1**, and given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Local Study Area, it is likely that Fort Albany First Nation does not exercise these rights within the Local Study Area. However, as noted in **Section 3.4.4** Fort Albany First Nation has historically used the Albany River as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation). As such, there is a potential that opportunistic hunting may have occurred along the Albany River outside of their preliminary Area of Interest. It is likely that Fort Albany First Nation does not trap along the Albany River based on historical and current trapline systems. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.



3.5.1.3 Regional Study Area

Based on available information on sites and areas used by Fort Albany First Nation members for hunting and trapping in **Section 3.4.1**, and given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Regional Study Area, it is likely that Fort Albany First Nation does not exercise these rights within the Regional Study Area. However, as noted in **Section 3.4.4**, Fort Albany First Nation has historically used the Albany River as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation). As such, there is a potential that opportunistic hunting may have occurred along the Albany River outside of their preliminary Area of Interest. It is likely that Fort Albany First Nation does not trap along the Albany River based on historical and current trapline systems. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.

3.5.2 Fishing

3.5.2.1 Project Development Area

Based on available information on areas used by Fort Albany First Nation members for fishing in **Section 3.4.2**, and given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Project Development Area, it is likely that Fort Albany First Nation does not exercise these rights within the Project Development Area. However, as noted in **Section 3.4.4**, Fort Albany First Nation has historically used the Albany River as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation). As such, there is a potential that opportunistic fishing may have occurred on the Albany River outside of their preliminary Area of Interest. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.



3.5.2.2 Local Study Area

Based on available information on areas used by Fort Albany First Nation members for fishing in **Section 3.4.2**, and given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Local Study Area, it is likely that Fort Albany First Nation does not exercise these rights within the Local Study Area. However, as noted in **Section 3.4.4**, Fort Albany First Nation has historically used the Albany River as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation). As such, there is a potential that opportunistic fishing may have occurred on the Albany River outside of their preliminary Area of Interest. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.

3.5.2.3 Regional Study Area

Based on available information on areas used by Fort Albany First Nation members for fishing **in Section 3.4.2**, and given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Regional Study Area, it is likely that Fort Albany First Nation does not exercise these rights within the Regional Study Area. However, as noted in **Section 3.4.4**, Fort Albany First Nation has historically used the Albany River as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation). As such, there is a potential that opportunistic fishing may have occurred on the Albany River outside of their preliminary Area of Interest. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.



3.5.3 Berry and Plant Gathering

3.5.3.1 Project Development Area

Based on available information on areas used by Fort Albany First Nation members for fishing in **Section 3.4.3**, and given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Project Development Area, it is likely that Fort Albany First Nation does not exercise these rights within the Project Development Area. However, as noted in **Section 3.4.4**, Fort Albany First Nation has historically used the Albany River as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation). As such, there is a potential that opportunistic berry and plant gathering may have occurred along the Albany River outside of their preliminary Area of Interest. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.

3.5.3.2 Local Study Area

Based on available information on areas used by Fort Albany First Nation members for fishing in **Section 3.4.3**, and given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Local Study Area, it is likely that Fort Albany First Nation does not exercise these rights within the Local Study Area. However, as noted in **Section 3.4.4**, Fort Albany First Nation has historically used the Albany River as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation). As such, there is a potential that opportunistic berry and plant gathering may have occurred along the Albany River outside of their preliminary Area of Interest. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.

3.5.3.3 Regional Study Area

Based on available information on areas used by Fort Albany First Nation members for fishing in **Section 3.4.3**, and given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Regional Study Area, it is likely that Fort Albany First Nation does not exercise these rights within the Regional Study Area. However, as noted in **Section 3.4.4,** Fort Albany First Nation has historically used the Albany River as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation). As such, there is a potential that opportunistic berry and plant gathering may have occurred along the Albany River outside of their preliminary Area of Interest. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.



3.5.4 Travel Routes

3.5.4.1 Project Development Area

Based on available information on travel routes used by Fort Albany First Nation members for traditional activities in **Section 3.4.4**, the Albany River has been used as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation), there is a potential that travel routes exist within the Project Development Area. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.

3.5.4.2 Local Study Area

Based on available information on travel routes used by Fort Albany First Nation members for traditional activities in **Section 3.4.4**, the Albany River has been used as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation), there is a potential that travel routes exist within the Local Study Area. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.

3.5.4.3 Regional Study Area

Based on available information on travel routes used by Fort Albany First Nation members for traditional activities in **Section 3.4.4**, the Albany River has been used as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation), there is a potential that travel routes exist within the Regional Study Area. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.



3.5.5 Habitation – Village Sites, Camps, and Cabins

3.5.5.1 Project Development Area

Based on available information on habitation sites and areas used by Fort Albany First Nation in **Section 3.4.5**, and given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Project Development Area, it is likely these sites do not occur within the Project Development Area.

3.5.5.2 Local Study Area

Based on available information on habitation sites and areas used by Fort Albany First Nation in **Section 3.4.5**, and given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Local Study Area, it is likely these sites do not occur within the Local Study Area.

3.5.5.3 Regional Study Area

Based on available information on habitation sites and areas used by Fort Albany First Nation in **Section 3.4.5**, and given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Regional Study Area, it is likely these sites do not occur within the Regional Study Area.



3.6 Understanding of Perspectives on Cultural Continuity and Wellbeing

Sections 3.6.1 to **3.6.4** the available information on Fort Albany First Nation and / or Mushkegowuk Cree perspectives on cultural continuity and wellbeing. The information is general to Fort Albany First Nation and / or the Mushkegowuk Cree. Information on Fort Albany First Nation and / or Mushkegowuk Cree perspectives on cultural continuity and wellbeing in relation to the proposed Project is provided in **Section 3.7**.

The information presented is largely based on the following sources of information (although several other supporting sources have been used and referenced throughout):

- Sheila Gruner's doctoral dissertation *Learning, land and life: An institutional ethnography of land use planning and development in a Northern Ontario First Nation* (2012) which examines the relationship between contemporary land use planning and life practices of a remote First Nation community; and,
- Tsuji et al.'s article *What Is Wellbeing, and What Is Important for Wellbeing? Indigenous Voices from across Canada* (2023), which conceptualizes wellbeing from an Indigenous perspective.





It is assumed that cultural continuity and wellbeing is dependent on several factors that are interrelated:

- **The protection of cultural sites and areas of importance:** Loss of or changes to cultural sites and areas of importance to Fort Albany First Nation have the potential to impact the ability to Fort Albany people to continue their culture and traditions, and their cultural wellbeing as a result;
- **The ability for continued experiences on the land:** Changes to the ability of Fort Albany people to continue their experiences on the land, and the many benefits these experiences provide, have the potential to impact cultural continuity and wellbeing;
- **A sufficient level of lands and resources for traditional use:** The continuation and wellbeing of Fort Albany First Nation culture requires a sufficient level of and access to lands, water, and resources; and,
- **The ability to practice and pass on language and cultural traditions:** Cultural continuity and wellbeing requires that Fort Albany people not only practice their language and cultural traditions, but that they are able to and pass them on to the next generation.

These important factors set the stage for the structure of this section of the report. A summary of some Fort Albany First Nation Elders' perspectives of what is important for cultural well-being is provided in the study by Tsuji et al. (2023):

- Traditional land and everything associated with the land, which was viewed as a gift;
- On-the-land traditional cultural activities, such as the procurement of traditional foods and spiritual pursuits;
- Inherent obligations that need to be honoured to maintain harmonious balance and interrelationships;
- Cree language;
- Cree knowledge;
- Cree cultural traditions;
- Recognizing Cree culture as dynamic and changing with the world; and,
- Sharing of knowledge- intergenerational and horizontal sharing of knowledge.



3.6.1 Protection of Cultural, Spiritual and Historical Sites and Areas

Cultural sites and areas may include ceremonial sites, gathering sites, teaching sites, sacred and / or spiritual sites and areas, place names, and historical sites. The following cultural sites have been noted as potentially important to Fort Albany First Nation (First Nation Council, 2020):

- Albany River;
- Lakes near the community;
- Burial sites;
- Family traplines;
- Cabins / camps;
- Important hunting, fishing; harvesting areas;
- Old trading posts; and,
- Traditional trails.







Mamawehitowin is a traditional annual gathering held at the Old Fort Albany Post site where until 1932, the Cree settlement, Anglican and Roman Catholic Mission, and the Hudson's Bay Post were located. In the history of Fort Albany First Nation, the site is a significant historical place. Many people come from various locations to participate in the annual event, including dancers and drummers, and the event requires extensive effort on the part of volunteers (Russell, 1998).

Gatherings were held at "the forks" where the Kenogami River and Kishiichiwan River meet. Relatives would visit, gather, discuss political concerns, renew relationships, and get updated on local news. The Kishiichiwan River also provided a route for travel. In the past, people would travel the river to visit their children at St. Anne's Residential School and travel between the Fort Albany reserve and the place where Constance Lake First Nation was eventually established. During summer break, people would spend time on the Kishiichiwan River, as previous generations had brought them. Other activities on the river included hunting, fishing, swimming, and berry picking (Daigle, 2018).

The exact locations of many of these cultural, spiritual and historical sites and areas are unknown at the time of writing this report. In a study by Tsuji et al. (2023), a Kashechewan First Nation member (which

has been presented here given the historical relationship between the two communities), describes how the nomadic nature of the people influenced their relationship to spiritual and historical sites and areas, in terms of geographical distribution:

> All over the area of my land, you can see sacred burial grounds, where my people died, where they lost their loved ones during the winter months.... We were very nomadic people.... Where there are footprints all over the place in my territory, that signifies that my people were out in the land (p. 9).

Various rivers, streams, and lakes, are also important cultural areas for the subsistence and travel values they provide. It is also recognized that Omushkegowuk, have their own intimate relationships with the water, and women are the keepers of the water (Chiefs of Ontario, 2008).

3.6.2 Continued Experiences on the Land

In a study by Tsuji et al., (2023), "being on the land was described as regaining control of one's environment with the chance to exercise their inherent duties and establish (or re-establish) harmonious relationships with the environment and culture)." Values, ethics, and bush skills are taught through land-based learning and the experience of being on the land is spiritual, happy, reliable, and comfortable (Berkes et al., 1995). From an Indigenous perspective, well-being is closely tied to mental health (Tsuji et al., 2023). Land based activities and programs have been recognized as vital in addressing overall poor mental and physical health, including high rates of diabetes, obesity, and heart disease (Ahmed et al., 2023). The harvesting of wild food during the spring and fall constitute a cultural event, increasing community and social cohesiveness (Skinner, 2013).

Through the Sibi Program, interviews with Fort Albany First Nation members were used to identify elements of well-being. Participants expressed positive emotion while being out on the land, regardless of experience or age. Improved well-being was attributed to strengthening community and social networks, fostering cultural continuity, and intergenerational knowledge transfer. On the land, people would work together and learn together to survive, learning life skill as they go (Ahmed et al., 2023).



Indigenous knowledge is reflected and enriched by the observations and experiences of being on the land. This knowledge system and the holistic perspective that it encompasses plays a vital role in addressing emerging challenges such as climate change and food security. For example, the knowledge of climate cycles and weather patterns contributes to the development for effective mitigation strategies for the impacts of extreme weather events (Ahmed et al., 2023).

Land based learning was integral to raising children. Leaning to listen and observe while out on the land was a primary teaching. Children could observe people interacting with the land in various ways and absorb information from various people, including how to interact with the environment. Children were not generally instructed, but learned through observation. For example, when asked to complete a task, they would know how to do it from watching others (Ahmed et al., 2023; Tsuji et al., 2023). The lived experience of people in the community in relation to the Albany River was discussed by a male adult from Fort Albany First Nation, as follows: "I just need to look at it, it's gratifying; gratifying for me, physically, emotionally, mentally, and it's like, aah, it's like getting a hug from mom; that's what it is for me" (Interview with male adult from Fort Albany, as cited in Grunner, 2012, p. 110)

3.6.3 Sufficiency of Lands and Resources

Fort Albany First Nation's territory has offered refuge and protection. The ways people are in relation to the land are changing as the landscape changes in relation to development in the region (Grunner, 2012).

In English, *Omushkegowuk* means the people of the muskeg, speaking to the importance of the muskeg to Fort Albany First Nation member's well-being and lives. Of foundational importance to the muskeg and ultimately Omushkegowuk, is the water that flows through the muskeg and the permafrost that maintains and forms the muskeg. Rivers that flow through the muskeg are an essential part of Fort Albany First Nation lifestyle and culture. Fort Albany First Nation members have an ancient relationship with the Albany River and its tributaries, which remain and have always been central to their way of life. Inland actions are impeding this relationship, as pollutants, rocks, garbage, silt, etc. are carried downstream to Fort Albany First Nation (FAFN, 2020).



As noted previously (**Section 3.4.4**), rivers are Fort Albany First Nation's "highways", providing essential access to important site and routes for harvesting. Upstream interference through damming and diversion has impacted the ability of Fort Albany First Nation to use the Albany River system. Navigation of the Albany River is increasingly difficult and sometimes impossible due to the low water level, especially for boats that are heavy with equipment, people, animals, etc. Due to changes in water flows, the land is extending further into the bay and sand bars are appearing. Boats have been damaged by hitting underwater rocks (FAFN, 2020).

When river travel is limited, it becomes more difficult for people to access lands and resources, which can impact health, mental well-being, nutrition, financial security, etc. In particular, access to traplines, fishing spots, and hunting ground has become limited. Further, Fort Albany First Nation has raised concerns that low water levels are impacting fish populations, as the river temperature changes. Fort Albany First Nation has voiced concerns that fish populations may be contaminated due to pollution in the rivers. In the past, Fort Albany First Nation members would drink water directly from the river. However, for most members, this practice has stopped due to pollution concerns (FAFN, 2020). According to the First Nation Fisheries Council, as cited in Tsulji et al. (2023):

Activities that impact navigation and the ability to fish have cascading effects that reverberate through a community: impacting the spirit of the water; the ability of the water to support aquatic and terrestrial species, including plants that are harvested or used in traditional activities; travel through First Nations' territories; the ability to pass along cultural and ecological knowledge accumulated over generations; and undermining trading and family relationships among First Nations. (p. 12)

Rivers are also important places of teaching and learning, including language learning. Cree language is used on the river and the land because it is tied to those places (i.e., place names). Families used to travel up the river to return to family traplines. Older people would teach younger people about history, culture, survival, and the land, while out on the river. Because navigating the river has become more difficult, teaching is being prevented. Due to low water levels, in recent years the *Paquataskamik* Project has been unable to travel upriver (FAFN, 2020).



The ability to engage in traditional economy, as their ancestors did, is changing as the balance of the mixed economy changes. For Fort Albany First Nation the land and rivers are their "grocery store". A significant part of the mixed economy of which the financial value is often underestimated consists of trapping, hunting, fishing, gathering and food preservation. These activities have major impacts to health and well-being as they provide less expensive food, keep people active, are better suited to people's bodies, and are nutritionally superior to processed foods. Fort Albany First Nation notes that other jobs should not always be considered superior to "bush jobs", as the cultural, health, and financial impacts on someone's extended family and household may not be compensated with cash (FAFN, 2020).



3.6.4 Ability to Practice and Transmit Cultural Traditions

A Fort Albany First Nation Elder defines cultural wellbeing as the "continuation of the Cree language, and the practice of spirituality (or conversely not engaging in unhealthy activities such as alcohol consumption or drugs) reconnecting with their ancestors / spirits and rejuvenating oneself" (Tsuji et al., 2023).

Mushkegowuk communities continue to engage their youth in learning about their way of life and their territory. Approaches to formal and non-formal education reflect practices that are specific to them and not necessarily represented in text, as there is a strong oral tradition. The Omushkegowuk have been shown two distinct forms of relating to the world: those passed on by Elders, parents, and knowledge holders in the community; and those brought in via dominant development, forced assimilation, institutional education, and other texts that shape the everyday lives of people (Gruner, 2012). When considering development, people consider both the potential job opportunities that are needed in tandem with the desire to make sure the Mushkegowuk way of life, the rivers, and the lands are available to future generations (Gruner, 2012).

Cree culture, at the core, is traditionally based on land stewardship activities, ethics, and skills. Cultural learning is rooted in various practices, including: events that are highly social (e.g., hunting and preparing geese and moose for special events or to be gifted to families) (Metatawabin, 2008, as cited in Gruner, 2012); strong oral traditions (e.g., passing on stories) (Bird, 2005, 2007, as cited

in Gruner, 2012); teaching youth about working in sustainable logging (e.g., gathering fallen trees for lumber, buildings, or furniture) (Russel, 2007, as cited in Gruner, 2012); and, spending time developing and discussing programs for activities, cultural camps, and celebrations. As such, the confidence of a community is strengthened by leadership in resource management (Berkes et al., 1995).

Cultural traditions in terms of gender roles have been impacted by the shifting mixed economy. Traditionally, when men were out hunting (i.e., absent from the home), the power of decision making in the camp and / or the home would lie with the women. Problems would be solved by grandmothers and mothers, solidifying the basis of power of women within society. In a subsistence society, women played and continue to play an important role as the contributions by both men and women measured by contributions to the whole and the need for survival, rather than the values placed on gender roles (Hookimaw-Witt, 2006).

Place naming speaks to governance and authority and original names orient local people to an Indigenous history. Indigenous names have been largely lost to English via colonial mapping and the continued inattention to the histories of Indigenous Peoples (Gruner, 2012). When Indigenous groups refer to the land, references are made in the entire context of their Indigenous homelands, as defined by them, and not just reserve lands (Tsuji et al., 2023). Cultural learnings can be rooted in educational activities and university supported and locally-driven research that involve a revitalization of Mushkegowuk lived experience and history in the broader territory (Gruner, 2012).



3.7 Understanding of Cultural Continuity and Wellbeing in Relation to the Project Area

Sections 3.7.1 to **3.7.4** describe the current understanding of Fort Albany First Nation cultural continuity and wellbeing factors in relation to the proposed Project. It is expected that these factors will form the foundation for the assessment on Fort Albany First Nation's cultural continuity and wellbeing.

It is recognized that Fort Albany First Nation's cultural continuity and wellbeing is closely related to land, water, and resource use for traditional purposes. As noted in **Section 3.5**, it is assumed that Fort Albany First Nation's land, water, and resource use for traditional purposes does not occur within the Project Development Area, Local Study Area or Regional Study Area for the assessment. However, as noted in Section 3.4.4, Fort Albany First Nation has historically used the Albany River as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation). As such, there is a potential that opportunistic hunting, fishing, and berry and plant gathering for traditional purposes may have occurred along the Albany River outside of Fort Albany First Nation's preliminary Area of Interest.



It is important to note that the purpose of this preliminary existing conditions report, is to develop an understanding of what is important for Fort Albany First Nation cultural continuity and wellbeing. This is not an assessment of potential impacts to Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights. The assessment on potential impacts will be completed in future stages of the Impact Assessment / Environmental Assessment.

The assessment of potential impacts on cultural continuity and wellbeing will also be informed by the results of other relevant Valued Component assessments (e.g., visual, noise, air etc.). It will also be informed by additional inputs from the Indigenous Knowledge and / or Consultation Programs.

3.7.1 Protection of Cultural, Spiritual, and Historical Sites and Areas

As noted in **Section 3.5.5**, there is no information available on the specific locations of cultural sites and areas of potential importance to Fort Albany First Nation in relation to the proposed Project.

It is likely that the protection of waterways is important to Fort Albany First Nation for the protection of cultural areas, and for cultural continuity and wellbeing. This lens will be applied to the assessment on Fort Albany First Nation's cultural continuity and wellbeing.

Sections 3.7.1.1 to 3.7.1.3 provide an overview of cultural, spiritual, and / or sacred sites and areas in relation to the Project Development Area and the Local and Regional Study Areas.

3.7.1.1 Project Development Area

As noted in **Section 3.6.1**, there is no available information on specific locations of spiritual, cultural, and historical sites of importance to Fort Albany First Nation. Further, given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Project Development, it is likely that these sites do not occur within the Project Development Area.

As noted in **Section 3.4.4**, Fort Albany First Nation has historically used the Albany River as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation) and is considered culturally important (Section 3.6.1). As such there is a potential that spiritual, cultural, and historical sites and areas may exist along this travel route within the Project Development Area. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.

3.7.1.2 Local Study Area

As noted in **Section 3.6.1**, there is no available information on specific locations of spiritual, cultural, and historical sites of importance to Fort Albany First Nation. Further, given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Local Study Area, it is likely that these sites do not occur within the Local Study Area.

As noted in **Section 3.4.4**, Fort Albany First Nation has historically used the Albany River as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation) and is considered culturally important (**Section 3.6.1**). As such there is a potential that spiritual, cultural, and historical sites and areas may exist along this travel route within the Local Study Area. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.

3.7.1.3 Regional Study Area

As noted in **Section 3.6.1**, there is no available information on specific locations of spiritual, cultural, and historical sites of importance to Fort Albany First Nation. Further, given that the preliminary Area of Interest for Fort Albany First Nation does not overlap with the Regional Study Area, it is likely that these sites do not occur within the Regional Study Area.

As noted in **Section 3.4.4**, Fort Albany First Nation has historically used the Albany River as a travel route to Ogoki Post (Marten Falls First Nation) and is considered culturally important (Section 3.6.1). As such there is a potential that spiritual, cultural, and historical sites and areas may exist along this travel route within the Regional Study Area. The present day use of the Albany River by Fort Albany First Nation for travel to Ogoki Post (Marten Fall First Nation) needs to be confirmed.



3.7.2 Continued Experiences on the Land

Based on the information available and presented in **Section 3.6.2**, it is assumed that the following is important to Fort Albany First Nation for the continued experiences on the land, and for cultural continuity and wellbeing:

- Access to quiet and undisturbed areas of solitude for peaceful and calming experiences on the land;
- Connection to the landscape by being able to access preferred and ancestral sites and locations, including family harvesting sites and areas, for cultural practices; and,
- Being able to maintain community and kinship ties and values through community social traditions like the spring goose hunt and cultural traditions like sharing meat.

This lens will be applied to the assessment on Fort Albany First Nation's cultural continuity and wellbeing.

3.7.3 Sufficiency of Lands, Waters, and Resources

Based on the information available and presented in **Section 3.6.3**, it is assumed that the following is important to Fort Albany First Nation and for cultural continuity and wellbeing, and for the ability of Fort Albany people to honour their role as custodians of their lands:

- A sufficient level and quality of lands, waters, and resources, as well as access to these resources; and,
- Being able to practice traditional land governance.

This lens will be applied to the assessment on Fort Albany First Nation's cultural continuity and wellbeing.

3.7.4 Ability to Practice and Transmit Cultural Traditions

Based on the information available and presented in **Section 3.6.4**, it is assumed that the following is important to Fort Albany First Nation for the continued practice and transmission of cultural traditions:

- Being able to have intergenerational experiences on the land to practice language and traditions;
- Being able to practice cultural traditions in the preferred way (i.e., preferred resources and methods in the preferred times of year); and,
- Being able to have continued access to and use of important teaching sites and areas, including place names and sites and areas of importance based on oral history.

This lens will be applied to the assessment on Fort Albany First Nation's cultural continuity and wellbeing.





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Next Steps



The Marten Falls First Nation Project Team invites you to share your feedback and comments on the information contained in this preliminary draft report. We welcome any additional information you would like to share with us. If there are additional sources of information you would like us to include for this report, we welcome you sending this information. We are available to meet at your earliest convenience to further discuss the information found in this report. To arrange a time to meet and/or to provide comments or share additional information, please contact:

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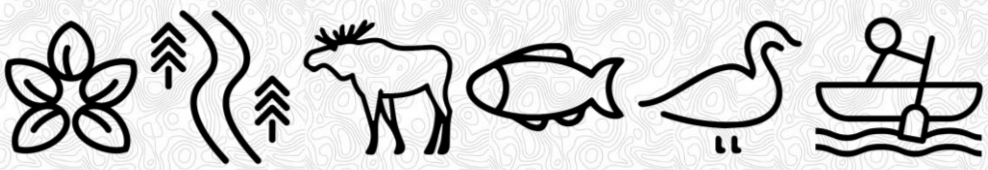
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B8. Kasabonika Lake First Nation

B8.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence
B8.2 Incoming Community-Specific Correspondence

B9. Kashechewan First Nation

B9.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence
B9.2 Incoming Community-Specific Correspondence
B9.3 Community-Specific Meeting Materials

B10. Kingfisher Lake First Nation

B10.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence

B11. Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation

B11.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence
B11.2 Incoming Community-Specific Correspondence

B12. Long Lake #58 First Nation

B12.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence
B12.2 Incoming Community-Specific Correspondence
B12.3 Community-Specific Meeting Materials

B13. Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN)

B13.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence
B13.2 Incoming Correspondence Received from the Community
B13.3 Community-Specific Meeting Materials

B14. Mishkeegogamang First Nation

B14.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence

B15. Neskantaga First Nation

B15.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence

B16. Nibinamik First Nation

B16.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence
B16.2 Incoming Community-Specific Correspondence
B16.3 Community-Specific Meeting Materials

B17. Wapekeka First Nation

B17.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence

B18. Wawakapewin First Nation

B18.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence

B19. Webequie First Nation

B19.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence

B20. Weenusk First Nation

B20.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence
B20.2 Incoming Community-Specific Correspondence

B21. Wunnumin Lake First Nation

B21.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence

B22. Métis Nation of Ontario

B22.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence

B22.2 Incoming Community-Specific Correspondence

B23. Red Sky Métis Independent Nation

B23.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence
B23.2 Incoming Community-Specific Correspondence
B23.3 Community-Specific Meeting Materials

B24. Chiefs of Ontario

B24.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence
B24.2 Incoming Community-Specific Correspondence

B25. Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

B25.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence

B26. Union of Ontario Indians

B26.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence

B27. Independent First Nations Alliance

B27.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence

B28. Matawa First Nations Management

B28.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence
B28.2 Incoming Community-Specific Correspondence
B28.3 Community-Specific Meeting Materials

B29. Mushkegowuk Council

B29.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence
B29.2 Incoming Community-Specific Correspondence
B29.3 Community-Specific Meeting Materials

B30. Nokiiwin Tribal Council

B30.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence
B30.2 Incoming Community-Specific Correspondence

B31. Shibogama First Nations Council

B31.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence

Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
ATRI	Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests
ATRI: Draft IA Report	Community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Report
ATRI: Final IA Report	Community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Final Impact Assessment Report
EA / IS	Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement
E-blast	Electronic newsletter
GBA Plus	Gender Based Analysis Plus
IK	Indigenous Knowledge
MECP	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
MFFN	Marten Falls First Nation
NoC	Notice of Commencement
NRL	Northern Road Link
PIC	Public Information Centre
RoCE	Record of Consultation and Engagement
The Agency	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
The Assessment Process	The Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment
ToR	Terms of Reference
WSR	Webequie Supply Road

1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

This Milestone #4 Progress Report is the last of four consultation and engagement reports that collectively make up the Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE) for Indigenous Communities, as part of the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road's Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS).

A RoCE for Interested Persons and a RoCE for Government Agencies are also included in the Final EA / IS. Additionally, a Cumulative Effects Consultation Report has also been prepared[1]. All RoCEs are part of Appendix X of the Final EA / IS.

Figure 1-1 illustrates the four milestone reports and their respective date ranges; each of Milestones #1 through #3 Progress Reports have been previously released to individual Indigenous communities for review and comment. While a separate Milestone #4 Progress Report was not mandated, its inclusion reflects MFFN's commitment to transparency and meaningful consultation and engagement.

1. A Cumulative Effects Consultation Report was an additional requirement as part of the Terms of Reference approval.

Figure 1-1: The Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities



The reporting time period of Milestone #4 Progress Report begins on August 1, 2024, the day after the third milestone (Identification of Preferred Alternatives) concluded, and ends September 5, 2025.

This report documents all communications, consultation, and engagement activities during this time period, including efforts related to the preparation and release of the Draft EA / IS in support of the Final EA / IS submission.

The September 5, 2025, end date for this reporting period marked the conclusion of the Draft EA / IS review phase and accommodated extension requests from Indigenous communities and government agencies for submitting formal comments on the Draft EA / IS; the original submission date of June 23, 2025, provided Indigenous communities four months to provide feedback and with the extension a total of six and a half months was provided.

Outreach conducted after September 5, 2025, is reflected in Section 11 “We Listened” of the Final EA / IS, and feedback provided after this date may also appear in Appendix C, Feedback and Response Log, of the Final EA / IS. Accepting feedback on the Draft EA / IS up to September 5, 2025, accommodated extension requests and helped ensure that the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team had sufficient time to review, analyze, and respond to comments received on the Draft EA / IS. This approach allowed feedback to be thoughtfully and accurately documented and incorporated, where appropriate, into the Final EA / IS.

While the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team worked to include as much feedback as possible received after September 5, 2025, into the Final EA / IS, incorporation depended on when comments were received and the complexity of the issues raised. Indigenous communities have an opportunity to comment on the Final EA / IS and raise any outstanding or additional feedback at that time.

1.1.1 Major Consultation and Engagement Initiatives and Feedback

The reporting period for Milestone #4 Progress Report encompassed a broad range of communication, consultation, and engagement initiatives to provide Indigenous communities with meaningful opportunities to participate in the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment (Assessment Process), including but not limited to:

- **Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program:** Continued implementation of the IK Program supported the collection and integration of traditional land use and cultural information into the assessment. Several communities provided IK information during this period, which informed Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) and valued component studies.
- **Draft EA / IS:** Released the Draft EA / IS for early review by Indigenous communities on February 19, 2026, including plain language summaries in multiple languages and an Assessment Summary Package. Meetings, webinars, and Public Information Centre (PIC) #6 were also hosted to support understanding and encourage feedback during the Indigenous review period. More details on the Draft EA / IS are provided in **Section 1.1.2**.
- **Community Well-Being Report:** This report, focusing on socio-economic conditions, health, and cultural considerations, was advanced and shared with communities for review and feedback on April 10, 2025.
- **ATRI Work:** Community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Reports (ATRI: Draft IA Report) were distributed to communities between June 10 to July 11, 2025, for comment, reflecting both publicly available information and ATRI / IK provided to date by Indigenous communities.

- **Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo:** Hosted in Thunder Bay and Timmins in February 2025, this forum brought together Indigenous communities, provincial representatives, and project teams for the Community Access Road, Webequie Supply Road, and Northern Road Link. This event featured project overviews, panel discussions, and breakout sessions in an expo-style format to encourage dialogue on cumulative effects, ATRI considerations, and community priorities. Private breakout sessions were offered to Indigenous communities to discuss project-specific concerns and provide feedback.
- **Funding Programs:** The Community Capacity Funding Program was introduced in November 2024, to replace the Community Coordinator Program, offering flexible funding to support communities in reviewing the Draft EA / IS and participating in consultation and engagement activities.
- **PIC #6:** Held in Thunder Bay and Geraldton in May 2025, PIC #6 provided updates on the Assessment Process, Cumulative Effects Assessment, and community well-being findings.
- **Webinars and Multimedia:** A series of webinars and videos were delivered on topics such as cumulative effects, valued components, and socio-economic considerations. These were complemented by plain language summaries, translated materials, and monthly E-blasts to make technical information accessible.
- **Band Council Resolution:** MFFN members contributed IK, land and resource use information, and feedback on existing conditions and areas of concern. Community members participated in the evaluation of route alternatives, supported the development of preliminary route recommendations, and reviewed the technically Preferred Route. This engagement culminated in a Band Council Resolution supporting the Preferred Route in August 2024. These activities were supported by ongoing outreach through social media, targeted communications, and both virtual and in-person meetings, helping ensure consultation and engagement remained inclusive and responsive throughout the milestone.

Feedback heard through this reporting period includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- Community well-being;
- Cumulative effects;
- Access and safety;
- Consultation and engagement;
- Socio-economic opportunities;

- Construction activities and long-term operation and maintenance of the Community Access Road;
- Cultural heritage;
- Indigenous Knowledge; and
- Climate change.

1.1.2 Importance of the Draft EA / IS

As further described in **Section 1.2**, this milestone is voluntary—MFFN chose to release a Draft EA / IS even though this is not a regulatory requirement. Doing so, however, provided Indigenous communities, interested persons, and government agencies early access to Community Access Road information and findings, and created meaningful opportunities for feedback prior to the submission of the Final EA / IS.

This proactive step allowed for a more collaborative process. Without the release of the Draft EA / IS, the first and only opportunity to review and comment would have occurred after submission of the Final EA / IS to federal and provincial agencies. By contrast, the Draft EA / IS review period resulted in over 1000 comments from Indigenous communities. These comments informed the preparation of the Final EA / IS and allowed the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to incorporate input where possible in the Final EA / IS.

This Milestone #4 Progress Report demonstrates how consultation and engagement efforts were tailored to provide opportunities for Indigenous communities to participate in the review of the Draft EA / IS prior to the review deadline.

Consultation and engagement activities undertaken during this reporting period are included, as well as comments and feedback received up to the end of the Draft EA / IS review period. **This report does not include formal comments submitted by Indigenous communities on the Draft EA / IS or the responses to those comments. This information is available in the Feedback and Response Log, available in Appendix C of the Final EA / IS.** This log includes feedback received from Indigenous communities; the corresponding responses; and resulting changes to the Final EA / IS, where applicable. If specific topics were raised, section references of the Final EA / IS are also provided to direct readers to more detailed information.

1.2 Federal and Provincial Requirements

There are both federal and provincial requirements that set the framework for the Assessment Process. These are summarized below and were used to inform the Consultation and Engagement Plan developed during the Terms of Reference to guide communications, engagement, and consultation related to the Community Access Road.

1.2.1 Federal Requirements

Federal requirements for engagement, specific to Indigenous communities, on the Community Access Road can be found in the following federal documents:

- Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, 2020a); and
- Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan for the Community Access Road (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, 2021).

In addition, the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines require Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA Plus) to be applied to impact assessments in Canada. Section 11 of the Final EA / IS provides information on how GBA Plus has been applied to the Community Access Road.

1.2.2 Provincial Requirements

The Marten Falls-Ontario Memorandum of Understanding on Shared Consultation Responsibilities (AECOM, 2020) was signed in January 2020 between MFFN and the Province of Ontario. The Memorandum outlines shared responsibilities regarding the procedural aspects of Ontario's duty to consult in the context of the provincial Environmental Assessment for the proposed Community Access Road, for potentially impacted and interested Indigenous communities. Roles and responsibilities governed by the Memorandum include consultation planning and notification, delivery of the planned activities, issues resolution and follow-up, and record keeping for consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities.

A Terms of Reference (ToR) is the first step in the provincial EA process and is a roadmap for planning and decision-making. It outlines how an EA should be prepared, including the studies to be conducted, the process for identifying and assessing the effects of a proposed project, and how people should be consulted.

The ToR for the MFFN Community Access Road was approved with amendments on October 8, 2021, and the Notice of Commencement (NoC) of the provincial EA for the Community Access Road was posted on October 29, 2021. As part of the ToR – Notice of Approval, Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) included an amendment requiring three additional consultation and engagement reports with Indigenous communities (for example, Milestone Progress Reports) at key EA milestones. Visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/marten-falls-community-access-road-project to read the details on the Notice of Approval.

As required by the MECP, progress reports were developed to reflect consultation and engagement activities associated with each of the following EA milestones, with intent to support Indigenous communities in providing meaningful input during the development of the EA:

- **Milestone #1:** NoC of Provincial EA (referred to as NoC of EA) – sent to Indigenous communities December 6, 2022. The reporting period covered October 29, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and focused on the introduction of the Community Access Road.
- **Milestone #2:** Effects Assessment Methods – sent to Indigenous communities November 27 and 29, 2023. The reporting period covered July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023, and focused on the development of the Effects Assessment methodology, including review by regulators and presentation of the Effects Assessment methodology at PICs.
- **Milestone #3:** Identification of Preferred Alternatives – sent to Indigenous communities November 28 and 29, 2024. The reporting period covered June 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024, and focused on the development of: valued component metrics tables and evaluation of information; development of a preliminary preferred alternative; validation of information with MFFN Chief and Council and community members; and confirmation of the Preferred Route through submission of the final route recommendation memo to Chief and Council, resulting in a Band Council Resolution for the Preferred Route.

Each progress report was required to:

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

Each report met the requirements noted above and community-specific sections were distributed to each individual Indigenous community for review and comment. Each progress report was also shared with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Provincial requirements were inclusive of all federal requirements, and both were met during the Assessment Process. Additional requirements outlined in the Marten Falls-Ontario Memorandum of Understanding on Shared Consultation Responsibilities were also met.

1.3 Indigenous Communities Identified for Consultation and Engagement

MFFN has consulted and engaged with Indigenous communities identified by the MECP and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) based on the level of interest expressed by each community.

In total, there are 31 Indigenous communities, Tribal Councils, and Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations being consulted and engaged on the Community Access Road (23 Indigenous communities and 8 Tribal Councils, and Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations).

From August 1, 2024, to September 5, 2025, the Community Access Road received communication from 19 of the 31 being engaged, listed below. Additionally, 12 Indigenous communities, Tribal Councils, and / or Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations who met with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team during this reporting period are indicated with an asterisk (*):

- MFFN*;
- Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek*;
- Aroland First Nation*;
- Attawapiskat First Nation*;
- Constance Lake First Nation*;
- Chiefs of Ontario;
- Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope);
- Fort Albany First Nation*;
- Ginoogaming First Nation*;
- Kasabonika Lake First Nation;
- Kashechewan First Nation*;
- Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation;
- Long Lake #58 First Nation*;
- Matawa First Nations Management*;
- Métis Nation of Ontario;
- Mushkegowuk Council*
- Nibinamik First Nation*;
- Red Sky Métis Independent Nation*; and
- Weenusk First Nation.

The following 12 of 31 did not communicate with MFFN from August 1, 2024, to September 5, 2025. MFFN continued to offer to meet and shared updates on an ongoing basis (e.g., monthly E-blasts, notifications, field notices). The 12 Indigenous communities, Tribal Councils, and / or Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations include:

- Independent First Nations Alliance;
- Kingfisher Lake First Nation;
- Mishkeegogamang First Nation;
- Neskantaga First Nation;
- Nishnawbe Aski Nation;
- Nokiiwin Tribal Council;
- Shibogama First Nations Council;
- Union of Ontario Indians;
- Wapekeka First Nation;
- Wawakapewin First Nation;
- Webequie First Nation; and
- Wunnumin Lake First Nation.

The term “neighbouring” is used to identify any Indigenous community being consulted and engaged with respect to the Community Access Road; the term is not in reference to proximity. MFFN is regarded as both the Proponent and the most potentially impacted community; and participates in consultation and engagement activities for neighbouring Indigenous communities.

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

- Expressed interest (to-date) in the Community Access Road, including applying to Ministry of Energy and Mines, and the Agency for capacity funding, and / or participation in the IK Program, the Community Coordinator Program, and the Community Capacity Funding Program;
- ATRI, including any rights that neighbouring Indigenous communities have identified that may be adversely affected by the Community Access Road;
- Geographical distance or proximity to the study area;
- Located downstream of the Community Access Road, with the potential to experience effects to watercourses due to the Community Access Road;
- Traditional and / or current land use within the study area or of lands potentially affected by the Community Access Road;
- Potential for effects on the environmental and community well-being (social, economics, and human health conditions) of neighbouring Indigenous communities; and
- Provided comments during the Assessment Process.

Throughout the Assessment Process, the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team adjusted their approach to engaging each individual Indigenous communitiy in consideration of these criteria; evolving the list as new information became available and additional neighbouring Indigenous communities engaged in the consultation and engagement opportunities provided. These opportunities are summarized in **Section 2**.

The above criteria were also used to identify which communities were offered funding to participate in the Indigenous Knowledge Program and the Community Capacity Funding Program[2]. Section 11 of the Final EA / IS provides more information on the IK Program and the Community Capacity Funding Program. The status of participation for both these programs can be found in **Table 1-1**.

2. To better serve the interest of Indigenous communities in reviewing the Draft EA / IS, the Community Coordinator Program was replaced with the Community Capacity Funding Program in November 2024.

Additionally, MFFN and Aroland First Nation members were also offered employment opportunities as Field Study Support Staff to assist with field programs and were provided funding for goods and services associated with in-person meetings, such as transportation, catering, and meeting set-up.

Table 1-1: Status of Neighbouring Indigenous Communities' Participation in the Community Capacity Funding Program and Funding Offer for the IK Program

No.	Indigenous Community	Status of Uptake in Community Capacity Funding Program and Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	Status of Uptake for Community Coordinator Program	Status of Funding Offer for Indigenous Knowledge Program
1	Aroland First Nation	• Funding provided • Aroland First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Aroland First Nation was reviewing applicants for the position • The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community	• Funding Provided • Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community
2	Attawapiskat First Nation	• Capacity Funding information sent to community • No response received • Attawapiskat First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • No response received	• Indicated they do not want to participate in the Indigenous Knowledge Program
3	Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek	• Funding provided • Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • No response received	• Funding provided • Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community
4	Constance Lake First Nation	• Funding provided • Contance Lake First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • Expressed interest; noted difficulty finding resource to fill role • The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community	• The Sharing Agreement is with the community for signing • The updated funding agreement is with the community for review • Constance Lake First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge

No.	Indigenous Community	Status of Uptake in Community Capacity Funding Program and Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	Status of Uptake for Community Coordinator Program	Status of Funding Offer for Indigenous Knowledge Program
5	Eabametoong First Nation	• Community Capacity Funding information sent to community • Community acknowledged receipt of information and expressed interest. Follow-ups have been sent; no further response received regarding the program during the Assessment Process • Eabametoong First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, after the review period ended	• Offered • No response received	• Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review • Eabamatoong First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge
6	Fort Albany First Nation	• Funding provided • Fort Albany First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • Acknowledged offer • The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community	• Funding provided • Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community
7	Ginoogaming First Nation	• Funding provided • Ginoogaming First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • Have expressed interest in program; actively recruiting. • The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community	• Funding provided • Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community

No.	Indigenous Community	Status of Uptake in Community Capacity Funding Program and Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	Status of Uptake for Community Coordinator Program	Status of Funding Offer for Indigenous Knowledge Program
8	Kasabonika Lake First Nation	• Community Capacity Funding information sent to community • No response received • Kasabonika Lake First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • No response received	• Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review • Kasabonika Lake First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge
9	Kashechewan First Nation	• Funding provided • Kashechewan First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • Acknowledged offer • The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community	• Funding provided • Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community
10	Long Lake #58 First Nation	• Community Capacity Funding information sent to community • Community acknowledged receipt of information and expressed interest; Community Capacity Funding Agreement has been sent to the community. • Long Lake #58 First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • Acknowledged offer • The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community	• Initial versions of sharing and funding agreements sent to the community • Long Lake #58 First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge
11	Marten Falls First Nation	• Funding provided • Marten Falls First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• One previous Community Coordinator hired (living in Marten Falls); one current Community Coordinator (living outside of Marten Falls) • Funding provided	• Funding provided • Received Indigenous Knowledge from the Community

No.	Indigenous Community	Status of Uptake in Community Capacity Funding Program and Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	Status of Uptake for Community Coordinator Program	Status of Funding Offer for Indigenous Knowledge Program
12	Neskantaga First Nation	• Community Capacity Funding information sent to community • No response received • Neskantaga First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • No response received	• Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review • Neskantaga First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge
13	Nibinamik First Nation	• Funding provided • Nibinamik First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • No response received	• Initial versions of the sharing and funding agreements sent to the community • Nibinamik First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge
14	Webequie First Nation	• Community Capacity Funding information sent to community • No response received • Webequie First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • No response received	• Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review • Webequie First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge
15	Weenusk First Nation	• Funding provided • Weenusk First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement	• Offered • Acknowledged offer • The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community	• The final versions of the sharing and funding agreements have been signed by the Project Team and the community • Once banking information is shared by Weenusk First Nation, funding for Indigenous Knowledge will be provided to Weenusk First Nation • Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community

1.4 Summary of Input and Information Received

Throughout this reporting period, issues, comments, and interests were provided by Indigenous communities.

An issue is defined as feedback provided that has the potential to influence the Assessment Process.

A comment or interest is defined as a question, statement, data, and / or information that does not have the potential to influence the Assessment Process.

Feedback is documented in the consultation and engagement log within each community-specific section, however, only issues are elaborated on in the community-specific Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action tables. All comments and interests are available in Appendix X of the Final EA / IS.

Section 2 includes a summary of key consultation and engagement activities and a more detailed summary of issues received through consultation and engagement activities.

Section 3 provides a detailed record of the consultation and engagement efforts with each of the 31 Indigenous communities and organizations, including all communications received between August 1, 2024, and September 5, 2025. The community-specific sections also include discussion of how input provided (e.g., issues) by the Indigenous communities has informed or been considered in the Assessment Process, as well as Final EA / IS section references for more information on select topics.

2. Consultation and Engagement

2.1 Approach and Consultation and Engagement Activities

As outlined in the Consultation and Engagement Plan to support the Assessment Process, this Milestone #4 Progress Report reporting period focused on the following activities and requests for targeted input.

Activities for Indigenous communities:

- Held Indigenous leadership and community discussions / meetings, considering applicable and relevant subgroups (e.g., women, youth, and Elders), in-person and virtual;
- Circulated Community Access Road updates, including 12 E-blasts;
- Sent emails and made phone calls to confirm interest in being consulted on the Community Access Road (for communities that had not yet expressed interest);
- Developed plain language updates (translated, as required);
- Maintained a website to share the latest updates and information on the Community Access Road;
- Distributed field notices and updates regarding specific programs;
- Circulated email updates;
- Posted social media updates;
- Conducted follow-up communications to confirm information was received and the material(s) provided were understood;
- Encouraged participation in Community Access Road programs including the IK Program and Community Capacity Funding Program;
- Circulated Notice of Release of the Draft EA / IS (translations available);
- Distributed Notice of PIC #6;
- Held PIC #6 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, along with two in-community MFFN meetings, two in-community Aroland meetings, and online version of PIC #6;
- Circulated materials to support the review of the Draft EA / IS, including an Assessment Summary Package and plain language summaries;
- Circulated information on the Community Capacity Funding Program to 15 communities to support the review of the Draft EA / IS;
- Distributed 11 plain language summaries in five languages (English, French, Ojibway, Cree, and Oji-Cree);

- Posted three videos on What We've Heard, Draft EA / IS Update, and Understanding Cumulative Effects;
- Distributed community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports;
- Held six meetings with MFFN Chief and Council and broader community;
- Held eight meetings with Indigenous communities;
- Distributed notices for the online webinar series, including Community Well-Being, Ungulates, Fish and Fish Habitat, and Land and Resource Use;
- Hosted an online webinar series on Community Well-Being, Ungulates, Fish and Fish Habitat, and Land and Resource Use;
- Held the second Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo;
- Shared multimedia-based communications related to the Draft EA / IS such as videos, live webinars, and web updates; and
- Sent an introductory letter and Frequently Asked Questions about the Draft EA / IS.

Requested information to determine and identify the following targeted input:

- The navigability of the Preferred Route;
- Indigenous community's values and topics of interest;
- Potential effects and mitigation measures to be considered, monitored and adapted to;
- Impacts of the Community Access Road on ATRI, socio-community, and economic impacts, and potential impact management measures to avoid, mitigate, and off-set the impact(s);
- Validation of reports including Milestone #3 Progress Report and ATRI: Draft IA Report;
- Cumulative effects assessment results and the Project Inclusions List;
- GBA;
- Confirmation on whether input and feedback provided during the previous milestone was captured appropriately;
- Confirmation of how Indigenous communities would like to receive the Draft EA / IS, language preferences for translations, study areas of interest, and their interest in scheduling a meeting with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team; and

- The Draft EA / IS conclusions, including technical reports and the Record of Consultation and Engagement for Interested Persons, and whether input and feedback provided during the previous milestone was captured appropriately.

The documents associated with the activities and targeted input for Indigenous communities can be found in **Appendix A**.

The following further describes the above activities and requests for targeted input that took place during this reporting period.

2.1.1 Draft EA / IS

The early release of the Draft EA / IS started on February 18, 2025, for an Indigenous community review period of 120 days. The public and regulator review period started on April 22, 2025, for a 60-day review period. The comment period for Indigenous communities, the public, and regulators was intended to conclude on June 23, 2025[3], however, requests for extensions were received from government regulators and Indigenous communities. Comments and feedback accepted up until September 5, 2025, are included within this reporting period; input received and information provided or activities conducted after this date are reflected within Section 11 of the Final EA / IS.

Consultation and engagement activities related to the release of the Draft EA / IS began with letters issued to the 31 Indigenous communities, Tribal Councils, and Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations engaged on the Community Access Road. The intent was to advise of the upcoming release of the Draft EA / IS; to help ensure those who were interested in taking part in the review were well informed and prepared for the process. The letter outlined the overall Draft EA / IS process, the review process, how the Community Access Road Project Team could support in the review process, and the estimated document content and size. A Frequently Asked Questions document regarding the circulation of the Draft EA / IS was also provided. An online questionnaire was included in the email to determine each community's main point of contact and preferred format to receive the Draft EA / IS. It also offered an opportunity to share their preferred language for translations, their key areas of interest, and whether they would like to meet with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to discuss the Draft EA / IS. A copy of the Frequently Asked Questions and questionnaire is provided in **Appendix A**.

In addition, key information related to the Draft EA / IS was provided in the monthly E-blasts, videos, and social media posts leading up to the official release.

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3. The deadline for the review of the Draft EA / IS was initially communicated as June 18, 2025. The deadline for feedback was changed to June 23, 2025, to account for the Easter holidays.

On February 12 and 19, 2025, the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team met with MFFN members in-community and in Thunder Bay, respectively, to deliver a printed copy of the Draft EA / IS and help guide the Community through the document. To assist in the review of the Draft EA / IS, an Assessment Summary Package was created. The Assessment Summary Package included a letter from Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, frequently asked questions, information on what is included in the Draft EA / IS, the Executive Summary, plain language summaries, a technical guide to the plain language summaries, and a USB with all the contents of the Draft EA / IS and its supporting documents.

On February 19, 2025, an email was sent to Indigenous community key contacts sharing the link to the Draft EA / IS and informing them of the 120-day review period for Indigenous communities. Links to supporting documents were also shared, including the Assessment Summary package and its contents. Communities who had requested hard copies of the Draft EA / IS had copies shipped to them. Furthermore, a hard copy of the Draft EA / IS and supporting technical documents were made available for in-person viewing at the MFFN Band Office in Ogoki, Matawa First Nations Management office in Thunder Bay, the Choose Life office in Geraldton, Greenstone Public Library at the Geraldton and Long Lac branches, Sioux Lookout Public Library, Thunder Bay Public Library – Waverley Resource Library, and Timmins Public Library.

The Community Well-Being Report was not available at the time of distribution of the Draft EA / IS. It was provided to Indigenous community key contacts on April 10, 2025, and MFFN community members on April 16, 2025 (the delay was caused by a technical difficulty).

Throughout the review period, meetings were offered to Indigenous communities to answer questions or assist in reviewing the documents. The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team relayed information on the Draft EA / IS through various information outlets, including but not limited to, monthly E-blasts, webinars, videos, monthly outreach to Indigenous key contacts, and website updates.

Feedback, comments and questions were welcomed via email, telephone or mail until June 23, 2025. To accommodate extension requests from Indigenous communities and government regulators, the comment capture period was extended until September 5, 2025. Over 1000 comments were received by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team on the Draft EA / IS from nine Indigenous communities, including Aroland First Nation, Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek, Constance Lake First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Ginoogaming First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Mushkegowuk Council, Nibinamik First Nation, and Weenusk First Nation. In addition, comments on the Draft EA / IS were provided by Attawapiskat First Nation to MECP and the Agency, copying the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team. Comments and responses to the feedback received on the Draft EA / IS, including how each was considered, is documented in a Feedback and Response Log in Appendix C of the Final

EA / IS. The log lists the comment submitted, the response to that comment, and where those changes appear in the Final EA / IS, if any changes were necessary.

The following Indigenous communities did not provide comments on the Draft EA / IS MFFN, Chiefs of Ontario, Eabametoong First Nation, Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation, Matawa First Nations Management, Métis Nation of Ontario, Red Sky Métis Independent Nation, Independent First Nations Alliance, Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Mishkeegogamang First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Nokiiwin Tribal Council, Shibogama First Nations Council, Union of Ontario Indians, Wapekeka First Nation, Wawakapewin First Nation, Webequie First Nation, and Wunnumin Lake First Nation.

The following table (**Table 2-1**) shows the topics / disciplines that each Indigenous community provided feedback on in their review of the Draft EA / IS. Topics that were commented on are shown with a check mark.

Table 2-1: Draft EA / IS Comments from Indigenous Communities by Topic / Discipline

Topic	Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek	Attawapiskat First Nation	Aroland First Nation	Constance Lake First Nation	Fort Albany First Nation	Ginoogaming First Nation	Kashechewan First Nation	Mushkegowuk Tribal Council	Nibinamik First Nation	Weenusk First Nation
Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests	☑	☐	☑	☐	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Access and Security	☑	☐	☑	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☐
Accidents and Malfunctions	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☑	☑	☑	☐
Acoustic Environment (Noise and Vibration)	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☑	☐	☑	☑
Atmospheric Environment (Air Quality)	☑	☐	☑	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Climate Change	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Community Well-being (Economics, Human Health, Social, Community)	☑	☐	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Construction (Camps, Aggregate, Waste Management, Decommissioning Abandonment, Construction Monitoring)	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Consultation Methods	☑	☐	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Country / Traditional Foods	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cultural Heritage and Resources (Archaeology)	☑	☐	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Cumulative Effects	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Draft EA / IS	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Economy	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☑	☐	☑	☐	☐
Education, Training and Employment	☑	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☑	☐
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)	✓		

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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)	✓		

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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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Appendix A

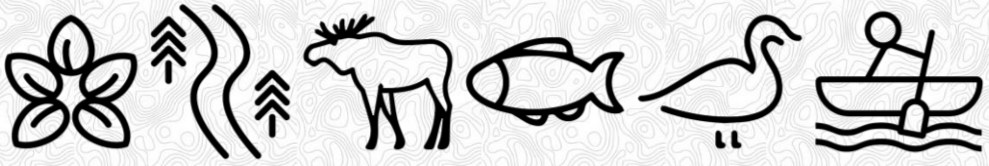
Notices and Other Information Releases

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/.



Revision History – Milestone #4 Progress Report

Comments received on Milestone #4 Progress Report are included in the table below. Although additional comments were received on Milestone #4 Progress Report, the nature of these comments were either general in nature or outside of the scope of the progress report. As no changes to this Milestone Progress Report were needed as a result of these comments, they are not listed in the table below.

Revision History – Milestone #4 Progress Report			
Revision #	**Community**	**Comment Received**	**Changes Made and Report / Section Reference**
1	• Fort Albany First Nation	• On February 2, 2026, Fort Albany First Nation's legal counsel requested that the section of the Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Fort Albany First Nation that references availability of Cree translations address that these translations were generally not made available until the end of the Draft EA / IS comment period.	• Addressed in Milestone #4 Progress Report, Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Fort Albany First Nation.

6. Fort Albany First Nation

Table 6-1: Community Profile

Key Identifiers	Details
Location:	PO Box 1, Fort Albany, ON P0L 1H0
Tribal Council:	Mushkegowuk Council
Treaty:	9
Project Team Lead:	Callais Harrison

Figure 6-1: Fort Albany First Nation Distribution of Communication

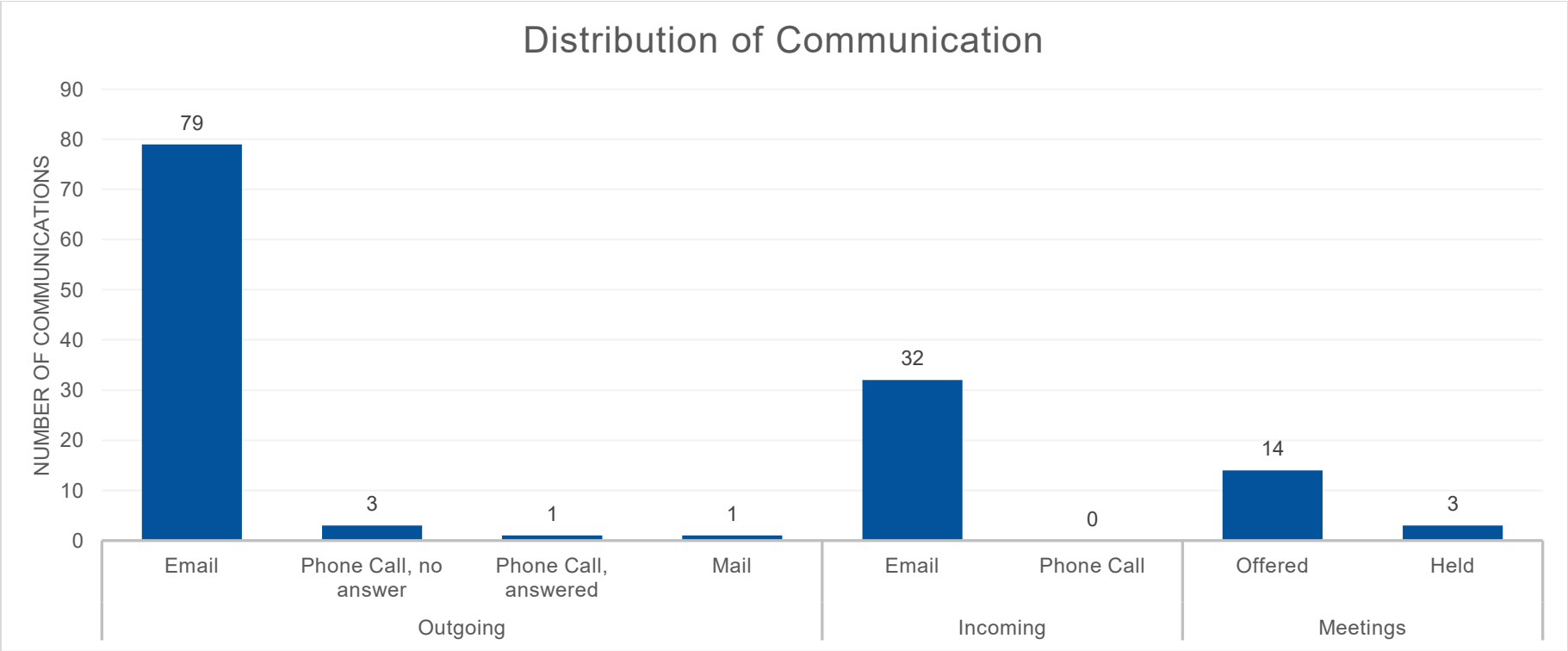


Table 6-2: Summary of Participation During Milestone 4

Activity	Status
Date of last outgoing communication from MFFN CAR Project Team (email or phone):	August 26, 2025 (Email)
Date of last incoming communication from community (email or phone):	June 26, 2025 (Email)
Participating in Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program:	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: Agreement signed by all parties
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: Agreement signed by all parties
	IK information provided: Yes
Participating in Community Coordinator Program / Community Capacity Funding Program:	Yes (Capacity Funding)
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:	Yes, comments were received outside of this reporting period on September 12, 2025.
Provided comments on the Community Well-Being Report:	Yes
Provided comments on the milestone progress reports:	Yes (Milestone 1)

Table 6-3: Key Consultation and Engagement Activities During Milestone 4

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Aug 01, 2024	July 2024 E-blast distributed via email.
Aug 02, 2024	Letter response to Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report received from Fort Albany First Nation distributed via email.
Sep 04, 2024	August 2024 E-blast distributed via email.
September 04 - 26, 2024	Follow up about IK Program payment distributed via email.
Sep 18, 2024	Fall 2024 Groundwater and Geochemistry Program Update distributed via email.
Sep 18, 2024	IK Study report provided by Fort Albany First Nation via email.
Sep 19, 2024	Response to Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report provided by Fort Albany First Nation via letter and email.
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 IK Program, and the Community Coordinator Program. A meeting was offered.
Oct 03, 2024	September 2024 E-blast distributed via email.
Oct 15, 2024	Incoming and outgoing emails to coordinate IK Funding payment.
Oct 30, 2024	Outreach about Project updates including the Draft EA / IS questionnaire and the Community Coordinator Program distributed via email. A meeting was offered.
Nov 01, 2024	Request for virtual meeting from Fort Albany First Nation distributed via email.
Nov 05, 2024	October E-blast distributed via email.
Nov 07, 2024	Update on the discontinuation of the Community Coordinator Program and the offer for community capacity funding distributed via email.
Nov 07, 2024	Virtual meeting held with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss topics including the Draft EA / IS process, meaningful engagement, and community concerns about environmental impacts of the MFFN CAR.

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
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. A meeting was offered.
Dec 17, 2024	Community Capacity Funding Agreement sent to Fort Albany First Nation via email.
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 request for an alternate address for the printed version of Draft EA / IS questionnaire, the request for feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report, and details about the Community Capacity Funding Agreement. 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 28, 2025	Phone and email outreach about Project updates, including the release of the EA / IS and the upcoming Three Road Gathering and Expo. Correspondence included the request for feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report, the Community Capacity Funding Agreement, and the availability of IK Program funding and requested confirmation of their preferred payment method to receive the payments. 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 band office.
Feb 19, 2025	In-person break-out session at Three Road Forum and Expo in Thunder Bay, Ontario.
Mar 04, 2025	February 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Mar 19, 2025	Outreach regarding details needed from Fort Albany First Nation to finalize the Community Capacity Funding Agreement distributed via email.
Mar 19, 2025	Email received requesting clarification regarding information requested to finalize the Community Capacity Funding Agreement.
Mar 26, 2025	Outreach about Project updates, including the upcoming webinar and the ongoing review period for the Draft EA / IS distributed via email. Correspondence included the request of necessary information to finalize the Community Capacity Funding Agreement. A meeting was offered.
Apr 03, 2025	March 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Apr 03, 2025	Virtual meeting regarding draft EA / IS requested by Fort Albany First Nation via email.
Apr 10, 2025	Community Well-Being report availability announcement distributed via email.
April 22-28, 2025	Communications about Cree Translations exchanged via email.
Apr 29, 2025	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 distributed via email. Correspondence included the Community Capacity Funding Agreement and a virtual meeting. The email also provided letter responses to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report and the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report, in addition to minutes from their meeting on November 7, 2024. 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 and phone outreach about Project updates, including the upcoming webinar series, the ongoing review period for the Draft EA / IS and PIC #6, their upcoming meeting, and the availability of Cree translations.
May 26, 2025	Notification for Public Information Centre #6 distributed via email.
Jun 03, 2025	Virtual meeting with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss their review of the Draft EA / IS.
Jun 05, 2025	Notification for People: Land and Resource Use webinar distributed via email.

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Jun 11, 2025	May 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Jun 13, 2025	Community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report provided on June 13, 2025, via email. A meeting was offered.
June 23, 2025	Fort Albany First Nation provided a letter and Draft EA / IS Feedback Table with 23 comments on the Draft EA / IS via email.
Jun 26, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates, including the conclusion of the Draft EA / IS review period, materials from PIC #6, community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report, and the upcoming distribution of the Draft RoCE for Indigenous communities distributed via email.
July 15, 2025	June 2025 E-blast and Summer / Fall 2025 Field Notice distributed via email.
July 16, 2025	June 2025 E-blast and Summer / Fall 2025 Field Notice correction distributed via email.
July 29, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates including the upcoming distribution of the Draft RoCE for Indigenous communities and ongoing field studies distributed via email. A follow up on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report was also provided, in addition to an update on the availability of materials that have been translated to Cree.
July 31, 2025	Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment update distributed via email.
August 7, 2025	July 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
August 26, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates including a new video about cumulative effects, and a follow up on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report distributed via email.

Table 6-4: Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Fort Albany First Nation

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
Consultation Methods, COVID-19, Provincial EA Process, Federal IA Process	COVID-19 and Engagement ■ In March 2020, Fort Albany First Nation noted limited engagement opportunities in the community due to COVID-19. ■ Noted their ongoing concerns with COVID-19 in their ToR comments. ■ In Fall 2020, Fort Albany First Nation cancelled planned focus group engagement due to community lock-down restrictions. ■ Throughout 2021, Fort Albany First Nation continued to note the challenges of COVID-19. On November 1, 2024, Leo Metatawabin requested a meeting with the MFFN CAR Project Consultant. ■ On February 18, 2025, Sarah Beamish noted via email that she would follow up about scheduling a meeting between Fort Albany First Nation and	■ Email ■ In-person meeting	■ On October 22, 2020, a response letter was provided to Fort Albany First Nation via email which noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team is committed to taking the lead from communities on the best way to engage with them virtually. The response also noted that MFFN CAR Project Team would be available to meet or participate with community engagement activities virtually once safe to do so. ■ In November 2020, the MFFN CAR Project Team participated virtually in a Fort Albany First Nation community event. ■ In November 2021, the MFFN CAR Project Team presented, in person, at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM. Chief Robert Nakogee was in attendance and offered for the MFFN CAR Project Team to come to their community. ■ In December 2021 and January 2022, Fort Albany First Nation re-instated travel restrictions in	■ Marten Falls First Nation worked with Fort Albany First Nation to determine their preferences 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. ■ Marten Falls First Nation followed up with Fort Albany First Nation throughout the Assessment Process, as documented in **Appendix X**, the Final EA / IS RoCE. ■ Additional information related to the consultation process is in **Section 11.**

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
	Project Team regarding the review of the draft EA / IS, should Fort Albany First Nation still be interested. ■ On April 3, 2025, Sarah Beamish requested availability for a two-hour video meeting in early June 2025 to discuss any questions or comments arising from Fort Albany First Nation's review of the Draft EA / IS. ■ Between May 5-June 3, 2025, emails were exchanged between the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and Fort Albany First Nation regarding the coordination of the June 3, 2025, meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. ■ On June 3, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Team and provided various comments regarding gaps they had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS. ■ On June 26, 2025, Sarah Beamish confirmed that Fort Albany First Nation had received the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report.		response to the Omicron wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. ■ Between January 2023 - December 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Team offered to coordinate an in-person and virtual meetings with Fort Albany First Nation. ■ On November 7, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and MFFN CAR Project Team met with Sarah Beamish and Leo Metatawabin to discuss Project updates, including Fort Albany First Nation's preferred consultation methods, and opportunities for in-community meetings during the review of the Draft EA / IS. Later that day, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a follow-up email which provided and overview of their meeting. It was noted that meeting minutes would be shared with Fort Albany First Nation once they are finalized. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. the preparation of the Final EA / IS. ■ On February 20 - 28, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up about Fort Albany First Nation's interest in in-community meetings during the review of the Draft EA / IS. ■ On April 21, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant informed Sarah Beamish that Project Team confirmed availability on June 3, 2025, for a video meeting to discuss any questions or comments arising from Fort Albany First Nation's review of the Draft EA / IS. ■ On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the November 7, 2025, meeting minutes with Fort Albany First Nation ■ Between May 5 - June 3, 2025, emails were exchanged between the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and Fort Albany First Nation regarding the coordination of the June 3, 2025, meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss the Draft EA / IS.	■ Community-specific ATRI Impact Assessment Reports will not be made available to the public. Feedback received on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report has been used to inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report.

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
			■ On June 13, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Fort Albany First Nation has 90 days to review and provide feedback on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Feedback received will inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report.	
Field Studies, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Cumulative Effects	Field Program Participation ■ On July 23, 2021, Fort Albany First Nation noted their interest in physically participating in the MFFN CAR Field Programs.	■ Email ■ Letter ■ Phone	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team responded to the July 23, 2021, letter on September 7, 2021. This response noted that as a community-led Project, participation opportunities are focused on MFFN community members. Additionally, as field study sites are accessed by helicopter or fixed wing aircraft, there are limited positions available for participation. The letter included a schedule of anticipated field programs. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team continued to provide monthly Project updates and Field Study Program notices to Fort Albany First Nation. ■ On October 5, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up via phone call and email about whether Fort Albany First Nation is still interested in participating in Field Programs. ■ As of September 5, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation has not responded to the follow-up or expressed continued interest in field program participation.	■ Field program results for individual disciplines are available in **Section 8**.
Consultation Methods	Meaningful Consultation ■ On March 6, 2023, Fort Albany First Nation noted that they do not view many of the communications with the MFFN CAR Project team to be meaningful consultation in their letter response to the RoCE and Milestone #1 reports. ■ On November 7, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss project updates, including the topic of meaningful consultation. When asked about the feedback provided on the RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Reports	■ Letter ■ Email ■ Phone	■ On May 17, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Reports, via an email and letter. The letter also acknowledged the issue reiterated by Fort Albany First Nation regarding the lack of meaningful communication related to the MFFN CAR Project and noted that the Project Team will continue to share information and opportunities in order to keep Fort Albany First Nation informed about the project. ■ On May 30 and 31, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up with Fort Albany First Nation via email and phone call to confirm if the responses had been received. ■ On October 5, 2023, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested details about how	■ Marten Falls First Nation followed up with Fort Albany First Nation throughout the Assessment Process, as documented in **Appendix X,** the Final EA / IS RoCE. ■ Additional information related to the consultation process is in **Section 11.**

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
	regarding meaningful consultation, Sarah Beamish noted that this comment was mainly in reference to consultation during COVID-19 pandemic, and the types of information being shared at that time. It was noted that these concerns are not related to the efforts of the Consultation Team, and that Fort Albany First Nation does not have any further specific concerns regarding the manner in which they are being engaged since the Milestone #1 report. Sarah Beamish highlighted the importance of engaging with Fort Albany First Nation during their review of the Draft EA / IS, including in-community meetings and providing plain-language documents. ■ On February 18, 2025, Sarah Beamish noted via email that she would follow up about scheduling a meeting between Fort Albany First Nation and Project Team regarding the review of the draft EA / IS, should Fort Albany First Nation still be interested. ■ On April 3, 2025, Sarah Beamish requested availability for a two-hour video meeting in early June 2025 to discuss any questions or comments arising from Fort Albany First Nation's review of the Draft EA / IS. ■ Between May 5 - June 3, 2025, emails were exchanged between the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and Fort Albany First Nation regarding the coordination of the June 3, 2025, meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. ■ On June 3, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Team. It was noted that though Fort Albany First Nation had originally felt that coastal communities were being left out of the EA / IS process for the		consultation for the Project could be improved to be more meaningful via phone call and email. ■ On October 30, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they wanted to discuss the topic of meaningful consultation in their upcoming phone call with Sarah Beamish, including ways that the MFFN CAR Project Team could make consultation more meaningful for Fort Albany First Nation. ■ On November 7, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss project updates, including the topic of meaningful consultation. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted the feedback provided on the RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Reports and requested input about how to make consultation about the project more meaningful. The attendees of the meeting also discussed opportunities to support Fort Albany First Nation in their review of the draft EA / IS, including in-community meetings and providing plain-language guides. Later that day, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a follow-up email which provided an overview of their meeting. It was noted that meeting minutes would be sent to Fort Albany First Nation, once they are finalized. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on Consultation and Engagement. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On February 20, 2025, The MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged Fort Albany First Nation's need for additional time to provide feedback on the Milestone #3 Report and clarified that feedback received after the February 14, 2025, deadline will not be incorporated into the finalized report but will be included in the Draft RoCE. ■ On February 20 - 28, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up about Fort Albany First Nation's interest in in-community meetings during the review of the Draft EA / IS.	

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	MFFN CAR, they have noticed that MFFN is increasingly willing to listen to voices from these communities. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided comments on the Draft EA / IS.		■ On April 21, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant informed Sarah Beamish that Project Team confirmed availability on June 3, 2025, for a video meeting to discuss any questions or comments arising from Fort Albany First Nation's review of the Draft EA / IS. ■ On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the November 7, 2025, meeting minutes with Fort Albany First Nation ■ Between May 5-June 3, 2025, emails were exchanged between the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and Fort Albany First Nation regarding the coordination of the June 3, 2025, meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS related to meaningful consultation. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that in-depth responses to these comments on the Draft EA / IS would be provided after Fort Albany First Nation submits their comments in writing. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to Consultation and Engagement. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	
General Project, Consultation Methods	MFFN CAR Messaging ■ On July 5, 2024, Sarah Beamish shared a concern during phone call related to the messaging of the MFFN CAR during the Three Road Forum. It was noted that an Elder had commented that the MFFN CAR was unrelated to mining, and Sarah noted that this should not be the official messaging of the MFFN CAR.	■ Phone ■ Email	■ On July 11, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged via email Sarah Beamish's concern regarding messaging about the MFFN CAR in relation to mining. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that this concern would be tracked.	■ Marten Falls First Nation followed up with Fort Albany First Nation throughout the Assessment Process, as documented in **Appendix X,** the Final EA / IS RoCE. ■ Additional information related to the consultation process is in **Section 11.**

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Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Lands, Territory, and Title, Consultation Methods, Field Studies, Study Area, Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology), Federal IA Process, Provincial EA Process	Areas of Archaeological Importance ■ On August 2, 2024, Sarah Beamish shared Fort Albany First Nation's feedback for the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report via email and letter, which expressed Fort Albany First Nation's interest in collaborating to determine and assess areas of archaeological importance in relation to MFFN CAR. The letter requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team: provide maps detailing areas of high potential that are not accessible for field testing, as well as areas of low potential; commit to co-developing methods with Fort Albany First Nation to investigate areas of high potential that cannot be field tested; and commit to working with Fort Albany First Nation to revise/add to areas identified for Stage 2 investigation to ensure that areas of importance are protected.	■ Email ■ Letter	■ On August 6, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's feedback for the Archaeology Assessment Report and noted that a response would be provided. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on Cultural Heritage and Archaeology. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report. The response noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team will assess any areas of archaeological importance that are identified by Fort Albany First Nation in the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment fieldwork. The response also noted that all areas retaining archaeological potential will require further assessment, including physical inspection, even if the area is only accessible by helicopter. ■ A Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment was conducted in August 2025. A summary of the report will be made available to Fort Albany First Nation when available. Action: ■ The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment report will be provided to Fort Albany First Nation.	■ Information on Archaeology is included in the Archaeological Assessments Technical Support Document **(Appendix R)**. ■ Additional subsections on Archaeology included **Section 8.3.6** Cultural Heritage and Archaeology and **Section 9.5.5** Archaeological and Cultural Heritage and **Section 10.4.5** Archaeology. ■ Additional information on the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment can be found in **Section 8.3.6.6.**

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Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Lands, Territory, and Title, Land and Resource Use, Study Area, Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology), Provincial EA Process, Federal IA Process	Cultural and Historic Context of the Project Area ■ On August 2, 2024, Sarah Beamish shared Fort Albany First Nation's feedback for the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report via email and letter. This feedback noted that there is a significant gap in understanding regarding the cultural and historic context of the Project Area, as it does not consider Fort Albany First Nation's history of accessing, using, and travelling through lands and waters within the Project Area, particularly areas along and near the Albany River system. It was requested that the MFFN CAR Project Team work with Fort Albany First Nation to update the history and context of the Project Area. ■ On September 18 and 19, 2024, Fort Albany First Nation provided information about their community's cultural and historic context of the Project Area via their draft IK Study report and their responses to the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. This included descriptions of past and present land uses including, but not limited to, hunting and trapping, fishing, plant gathering, travel, and habitation. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document.	■ Email ■ Letter	■ On August 6, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's feedback for the Archaeology Assessment Report and noted that a response would be provided. ■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report. ■ On September 20, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. It was noted that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on Cultural Heritage. Fort Albany First Nation 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 Fort Albany First Nation which included information on traditional land use and culture. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report. The response noted that Fort Albany First Nation's IK Report will be reviewed prior to the preparation of the Stage 2 Archaeology Report in order to include Fort Albany First Nation's history and context in reporting. ■ On June 13, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Fort Albany First Nation has 90 days to review and provide feedback on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Feedback received will inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document related to traditional land use and	■ The Cultural Heritage Report and Archaeological Assessment Summary is located in Appendix Q and R, respectively. ■ 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. ■ Community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports are not available to the public. Any feedback received on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report has been used to inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report.

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			culture. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue. Action: ■ Comments of this nature will be addressed within the community-specific Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report, including a specific Feedback and Response Log, in Spring 2026.	
Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Mitigation, Compensation, Accommodation, Access, Operations, Vegetation, Wildlife, Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology), Land and Resource Use, Socio-Community	Concern about Future Extractive Resource Development ■ On September 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report, which noted the community's concerns with the potential for the MFFN CAR to lead to increased extractive resource development in the area. The report noted concern about the environmental and socio-cultural impacts related to increasing resource extraction. ■ On May 29, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation requested that the upcoming June 3, 2025, meeting be used to discuss gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding cumulative effects, including the integration of regional impacts, consideration of induced development, and continued concerns about project splitting. ■ On June 3, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. Fort Albany First Nation raised concerns about the discussion and assessment of future extractive resource development in the Draft EA / IS, including the integration of regional impacts and consideration of induced development. Fort Albany First Nation emphasized concerns about project splitting, and the development and environmental	■ Email ■ Letter	■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on cumulative effects related to extractive resource development. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On May 30, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an agenda for the June 3, 2025, meeting, which incorporated Fort Albany First Nation's requested discussion topics, including those about concerns regarding future extractive resource development. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that in-depth responses to Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to the discussion of future extractive resource development in the Draft EA / IS would be provided after Fort Albany First Nation submits their comments in writing. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to resource extraction. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	■ Cumulative effects related to land and people are included in **Section 10**. This section includes predicted cumulative effects of the Preferred Route with the effects of past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects. Cumulative effects assessment methods and the Project Inclusions List were shared during PIC #4, #5, and #6, at the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2, and at Three-Road Project Gathering and Expos #1 and #2.

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	impacts that the MFFN CAR could lead to, should the road be constructed. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS.			
Human Health, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Land and Resource Use, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Groundwater (Quality and Quantity)	Impact to Human Health ■ On September 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report, which noted the community's concerns with the MFFN CAR's potential impacts to human health. This included concerns about the contamination of drinking water. ■ On November 7, 2024, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss project updates. During this meeting, Leo Metatawabin shared concerns about water security and food security. ■ On June 3, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. Fort Albany First Nation raised concerns about the assessment and discussion of human health in the Draft EA / IS, including mitigations for psychosocial impacts, gendered violence, and youth impacts, including identity, intergenerational wellbeing, anxiety, and fear. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document.	■ Email ■ Letter ■ Video Conference	■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report. ■ On November 7, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Fort Albany First Nation for meeting with them and provided a brief overview of what was discussed during the meeting, including concerns about water security and food security. It was noted that meeting minutes would be shared with Fort Albany First Nation once they are finalized. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on Human Health and Surface Water. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to provide feedback. On April 10, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on human health. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided Fort Albany First Nation with minutes from the November 7, 2024, meeting. ■ On May 30, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an agenda for the June 3, 2025, meeting, which incorporated Fort Albany First Nation's requested discussion topics, including those about impacts to human health. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that in-depth responses to Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to impacts to human health in the Draft EA / IS would be provided after Fort Albany First Nation submits their comments in writing.	■ 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. ■ An assessment of the existing watershed was included in **Section 8.1.4.1**. It includes information on the main characteristics of the tertiary watersheds within the Regional Study Area and how the Regional Study Areas was selected. ■

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			■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document related to human health. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	
Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Groundwater (Quality and Quantity), Wildlife, Land and Resource Use, Country/ Traditional Foods, Human Health, Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology), Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	Impacts to Water Quality and Quantity ■ On September 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report, which noted the community's concerns with the MFFN CAR's potential impacts to water quality and quantity. This included impacts to the movement and predictability or water, including the flow of rivers, and impacts to water quality due to contaminants. The draft IK Study report also noted that impacts to water quality and quantity may impact fish health, and the community's ability to use water for drinking, ceremonial purposes, and travel. ■ On September 19, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report, which noted the concern that the report does not address down-stream impacts. This report also noted that references to groundwater should refer to underground water flowing in places not visible at the surface and noted this water source's importance to fish and Fort Albany First Nation's rights and interests. ■ On November 7, 2024, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss project updates. During this meeting, Leo Metatawabin shared concerns about water security and changes to the Albany river, particularly how it impacts	■ Email ■ Letter ■ Video Conference	■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report. ■ On September 20, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. It was noted that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On November 7, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Fort Albany First Nation for meeting with them and provided a brief overview of what was discussed during the meeting, including concerns about water security and food security. It was noted that meeting minutes would be shared with Fort Albany First Nation once they are finalized. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on water quality and quantity. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report and provided minutes from the November 7, 2024, meeting. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss their concerns related to assessments of water quality and quantity in the Albany River. It was noted that in-depth responses to these comments on the Draft EA / IS would be provided after Fort Albany First Nation submits their comments in writing. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to water quality. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	■ Information on Groundwater can be found in the Groundwater Technical Support Document **(Appendix H).** ■ A subsection on groundwater is also included in **Section 8**. Life on Our Land. ■ Additional information on the groundwater and geochemistry monitoring programs can be found in **Section 14**. ■ A subsection on groundwater and geochemistry was also included in **Section 10.2** Water, of Section **10** Cumulative Effects Assessment. ■ Information on Surface water can be found in Surface Water Technical Support Document **(Appendix F)**. A subsection on Water, include surface water is also included in **Section 8.1** of Section **8**. Life on Our Land. A subsection on surface water was also included in **Section 10.2** Water, of **Section 10** Cumulative Effects Assessment. ■ 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

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	Fort Albany First Nation's access to land and camps. ■ On May 29, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation requested that the June 3, 2025, meeting be used to discuss gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding the assessment of mercury mobilization from sediment disturbance and hydrological modeling of seasonal flooding risks in the Albany River. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS.			included in **Section 9.3.3.4.1** and **Section 9.3.3.4.6**.
Vegetation, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Land and Resource Use, Socio-Community	Impacts to Plants ■ On September 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report, which noted the community's concerns with the MFFN CAR's potential impacts to the accessibility and availability wild foods, including plants. The report also noted concerns about long-term, irreversible environmental changes that impact all species and habitats. ■ On September 19, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report, which noted the community's concerns with the MFFN CAR's potential impacts to plants and the ability to harvest. ■ On November 7, 2024, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss project updates. During this meeting, Leo Metatawabin shared concerns about food security. ■ On May 29, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation requested that the upcoming June 3, 2025, meeting be used to discuss gaps in the Draft EA / IS	■ Email ■ Letter ■ Video Conference	■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report. ■ On September 20, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. It was noted that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On November 7, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Fort Albany First Nation for meeting with them and provided a brief overview of what was discussed during the meeting, including concerns about food security. It was noted that meeting minutes would be shared with Fort Albany First Nation once they are finalized. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on vegetation. Fort Albany First Nation 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 Fort Albany First Nation which included information on food systems. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report and	■ 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. ■ Community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports will not be made available to the public. Feedback received on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report will be used to inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report.

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	regarding traditional land use and food systems, including enforceable protections for harvesting areas or plans for safe, ongoing access and stewardship. ■ On June 3, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss concerns about the assessment and discussion of harvesting areas and resources in the Draft EA / IS, including the inclusion of protections and plans for access / stewardship for harvesting areas, and the assessment if impacts to accessing traditional resources. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well Being Report.		provided minutes from the November 7, 2024, meeting. ■ On May 30, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an agenda for the June 3, 2025, meeting, which incorporated Fort Albany First Nation's requested discussion topics, including those about impacts to traditional land use and food systems. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss impacts to traditional land use and food systems. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that in-depth responses to Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to impacts to harvesting areas and traditional resources in the Draft EA / IS would be provided after Fort Albany First Nation submits their comments in writing. ■ On June 13, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Fort Albany First Nation has 90 days to review and provide feedback on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Feedback received will inform the preparation of the Final ATRI IA Report. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Report related to vegetation and traditional food harvesting. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	
Wetlands, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Wildlife, Vegetation, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	Impacts to the Muskeg ■ On September 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report, which noted the community's concerns with the MFFN CAR's potential impacts to muskeg (peatlands). This included concerns about the removal of muskeg habitats, as well as impacts to muskeg ecosystems due to decreased water quantity and flow. ■ On September 19, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First	■ Email ■ Letter	■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report. ■ On September 20, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. It was noted that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on peatlands. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback.	■ Information on Peatlands is included in the Peatlands Technical Support Document **(Appendix I).** ■ Community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports will not be made available to the public. Feedback received on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report has been used to inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report.

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	Nation's response to the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report, which noted the concern that the report does not address down-muskeg impacts. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS.		■ On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. ■ On June 13, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Fort Albany First Nation has 90 days to review and provide feedback on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Feedback received will inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to peatlands. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	
Wildlife, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Vegetation, Country/Traditional Foods, Land and Resource Use, Socio-Community	Impacts to Wildlife ■ On September 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report, which noted the community's concerns with the MFFN CAR's potential impacts to wildlife, including habitat loss, changes to animal behaviour, impacts to animal health, and long term, irreversible environmental impacts to all species. It was noted that these impacts would negatively affect the availability and accessibility of wild foods for Fort Albany First Nation community members. ■ On September 19, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report, which noted the community's concerns with the health of wildlife, including chronic wasting disease. ■ On May 29, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation requested that the upcoming June 3, 2025, meeting be used to discuss gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding traditional land use and food systems, including enforceable	■ Email ■ Letter	■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report. ■ On September 20, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. It was noted that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on wildlife. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. ■ On May 30, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an agenda for the June 3, 2025, meeting, which incorporated Fort Albany First Nation's requested discussion topics, including those about impacts to wildlife. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that in-depth responses to Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to impacts to wildlife in	■ Information on Wildlife can be found in the Wildlife Technical Support Document **(Appendix K).** ■ 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. ■ Community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports will not be made available to the public. Feedback received on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report has been used to inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report.

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	protections for harvesting areas or plans for safe, ongoing access and stewardship. Fort Albany First Nation also requested that the analysis of moose movement corridors and potential habitat disruption in the Draft EA / IS be discussed. ■ On June 3, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. Fort Albany First Nation raised concerns about the assessment of wildlife in the Draft EA / IS, the assessment if impacts to accessing traditional resources, and the assessment of impacts to moose and moose habitat. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS.		the Draft EA / IS would be provided after Fort Albany First Nation submits their comments in writing. ■ On June 13, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report. Fort Albany First Nation has 90 days to review and provide feedback on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report. Feedback received will inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to wildlife. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	
Wildlife, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Country/Traditional Foods, Land and Resource Use	Impacts to Fish and Fish Habitat ■ On September 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report, which noted the community's concerns with impacts to fish and fish habitat, including fish health, availability and accessibility of wild foods, changes to animal behaviour, long-term, irreversible environmental changes to all species and habitats, and impacts to water quality and quantity. ■ On September 19, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report, which noted the community's concerns with the MFFN CAR's potential impacts to fish, including those caused by pollution. ■ On November 7, 2024, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR	■ Email ■ Letter ■ Video Conference	■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report. ■ On September 20, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. It was noted that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On November 7, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Fort Albany First Nation for meeting with them and provided a brief overview of what was discussed during the meeting, including concerns about water security, food security, and changes to the Albany River. It was noted that meeting minutes would be shared with Fort Albany First Nation once they are finalized. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on fish and fish habitat. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback.	■ Information on fish habitat is included in the Fish and Fish Habitat Technical Support Document **(Appendix G).** ■ 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. ■ 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

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	Project Consultant and MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss project updates. During this meeting, Leo Metatawabin shared concerns about changes to the Albany river, water security, and food security. ■ On May 29, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation requested that the upcoming June 3, 2025, meeting be used to discuss gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding traditional land use and food systems, including enforceable protections for harvesting areas or plans for safe, ongoing access and stewardship. Fort Albany First Nation also requested the discussion of the Albany River, including the assessment of mercury mobilization and seasonal flooding risks in the Draft EA / IS. ■ On June 3, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. Fort Albany First Nation raised concerns about the discussion and assessment of harvesting areas and traditional resources in the Draft EA / IS, including the inclusion of protections and plans for access/stewardship for harvesting areas, and the impacts that the MFFN CAR could have on accessing traditional resources. Fort Albany First Nation also raised concerns about the level of water quality and quantity assessments that were conducted for the Albany River in the Draft EA / IS. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS.		■ On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report and provided minutes from the November 7, 2024, meeting. ■ On May 30, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an agenda for the June 3, 2025, meeting, which incorporated Fort Albany First Nation's requested discussion topics, including those about impacts to the Albany River and traditional land use and food systems. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that in-depth responses to Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to impacts to water quality and quantity and traditional land use and resources in the Draft EA / IS would be provided after Fort Albany First Nation submits their comments in writing. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to fish. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	Support Document **(Appendix G)**. ■ 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 9.3.3.4.1** and **Section 9.3.3.4.6**.

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Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Atmospheric Environment (Air Quality), Acoustic Environment (Noise and Vibrations), Geology and Geomorphology (incl. soils), Groundwater (Quality and Quantity), Species at Risk, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Vegetation, Wetlands, Wildlife, Country/Traditional Foods, Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology), Economy, Land and Resource Use, Socio-Community, Human Health, Cumulative Effects, Climate Change	Long-term impacts and cumulative effects ■ On September 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report, which noted the community's concerns with long-term impacts and cumulative effects. This included concerns about long-term, irreversible impacts to all species and habitats, as well as magnified impacts to traditional resources, travel and habitation, and cultural continuity due to the cumulative effects of the Project with other changes in the region. ■ On November 7, 2024, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss project updates and to discuss the Community's concerns. During this meeting, Leo Metatawabin shared concerns about climate change, water security, and food security. ■ On May 29, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation requested that the upcoming June 3, 2025, meeting be used to discuss gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding cumulative effects, including the integration of regional impacts, consideration of induced development. ■ On June 3, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. Fort Albany First Nation raised concerns about the discussion and assessment of long-term impacts and cumulative effect in the Draft EA / IS, including the integration of regional impacts and consideration of induced development. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS.	■ Email ■ Letter ■ Video Conference	■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report. ■ On November 7, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Fort Albany First Nation for meeting with them and provided a brief overview of what was discussed during the meeting, including concerns about water security, food security, and climate change. It was noted that meeting minutes would be shared with Fort Albany First Nation once they are finalized. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on cumulative and long-term effects. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided Fort Albany First Nation with minutes from the November 7, 2024, meeting. ■ On May 30, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an agenda for the June 3, 2025, meeting, which incorporated Fort Albany First Nation's requested discussion topics, including those about long-term impacts and cumulative effects. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that in-depth responses to Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to the discussion of long-term impacts and cumulative effects in the Draft EA / IS would be provided after Fort Albany First Nation submits their comments in writing. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to cumulative and long-term effects. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	■ The cumulative effects related to land and people are included in **Section 10**. This section includes predicted cumulative effects of the Preferred Route with the effects of past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects. Cumulative effects assessment methods and the Project Inclusions List were shared during PIC #4, #5, and #6, at the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2, and at Three-Road Project Gathering and Expos #1 and #2.

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Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Land and Resource Use, Recreation and Tourism, Socio-Community, Visual Aesthetics	Impacts to Quality of Life ■ On September 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report, which noted the community's concerns with the MFFN CAR's potential impacts to the quality of life for community members. This included concerns about the reduced ability of Fort Albany First Nation members to enjoy the land. ■ On May 29, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation requested that the upcoming June 3, 2025, meeting be used to discuss gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding community health and well-being, including the assessment and mitigation of psychosocial impacts, gendered violence, and youth impacts. Fort Albany First Nation also requested the discussion of gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding traditional land use, including enforceable protections for harvesting areas or plans for safe, ongoing access. ■ On June 3, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. Fort Albany First Nation raised concerns about the assessment and discussion of community health and well-being in the Draft EA /IS, including mitigations for psychosocial impacts, gendered violence, and youth impacts, including identity, intergenerational wellbeing, anxiety, and fear. Fort Albany First Nation also raised concerns about the inclusion of protections and plans for access/stewardship for harvesting and sacred areas in the Draft EA / IS. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document.	■ Email ■ Letter	■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on potential impacts to quality of life. Fort Albany First Nation 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 Fort Albany First Nation which included information on impacts to quality of life. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that in-depth responses to Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to impacts to quality of life in the Draft EA / IS would be provided after Fort Albany First Nation submits their comments in writing. ■ On June 13, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Fort Albany First Nation has 90 days to review and provide feedback on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Feedback received will inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report. The deadline to provide feedback on the community-specific ATRI Draft IA Report is September 11, 2025. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document related to impacts to quality of life. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue. Action: ■ Comments of this nature will be addressed within the community-specific Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report, including a specific Feedback and Response Log, in Spring 2026.	■ 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. ■ Community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports will not be made available to the public. Feedback received on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report has been used to inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report.

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Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Land and Resource Use, Socio-Community, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Recreation and Tourism, Vegetation	Impacts to Travel, Trails, and Habitation ■ On September 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report, which noted the community's concerns with the MFFN CAR's potential impacts to travel on and use of land and rivers. It was noted that these impacts to travel would reduce access to key camping and harvesting sites. ■ On November 7, 2024, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss Project updates. During this meeting, Leo Metatawabin shared concerns about water security and changes to the Albany river, particularly how it impacts Fort Albany First Nation's access to land and camps. ■ On May 29, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation requested that the upcoming June 3, 2025, meeting be used to discuss gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding traditional land use, including enforceable protections for harvesting areas or plans for safe, ongoing access and stewardship. ■ On June 3, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. Fort Albany First Nation raised concerns about the assessment and discussion of traditional land use in the Draft EA / IS, including the inclusion of protections and plans for access/stewardship for harvesting areas. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document.	■ Email ■ Letter ■ Video Conference	■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report. ■ On November 7, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Fort Albany First Nation for meeting with them and provided a brief overview of what was discussed during the meeting, including concerns about water security and changes to the Albany River. It was noted that meeting minutes would be shared with Fort Albany First Nation once they are finalized. ■ On April 10, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on traditional land use. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report and provided minutes from the November 7, 2024, meeting. ■ On May 30, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an agenda for the June 3, 2025, meeting, which incorporated Fort Albany First Nation's requested discussion topics, including those about impacts traditional land use and access. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that in-depth responses to Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to impacts to traditional land use and access in the Draft EA / IS would be provided after Fort Albany First Nation submits their comments in writing. ■ On June 13, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Fort Albany First Nation has 90 days to review and provide feedback on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report.	■ 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. ■ Community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports will not be made available to the public. Feedback received on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report has been used to inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report.

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			Feedback received will inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document related to traditional land and resource use. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue. Action: ■ Comments of this nature will be addressed within the community-specific Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report, including a specific Feedback and Response Log, in Spring 2026.	
Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Cultural Heritage Resources (e.g., Archaeology), Land and Resource Use, Socio-Community, Visual Aesthetics	Impacts to Traditional and Cultural Ceremonies and Values ■ On September 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report, which noted the community's concerns with the MFFN CAR potentially impacting the ability to transmit cultural knowledge and partake in traditional and ceremonial practices. The report noted that these impacts would be caused by impacts to land and water, including impacts to the access of traditional sites. ■ On September 19, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report, which noted the community's concerns with the MFFN CAR's potential impacts to cultural sustainability. ■ On November 7, 2024, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR	■ Email ■ Letter ■ Video Conference	■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report. ■ On September 20, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. It was noted that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On November 7, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Fort Albany First Nation for meeting with them and provided a brief overview of what was discussed during the meeting, including concerns about the loss of sacred grounds and areas of interest due to increased development. It was noted that meeting minutes would be shared with Fort Albany First Nation once they are finalized. ■ On April 10, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on traditional use and culture. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on	■ 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. ■ Community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports will not be made available to the public. Feedback received on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report has been used to inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report.

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	Project Consultant and MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss project updates. During this meeting, Leo Metatawabin shared concerns about the loss of sacred grounds and areas of interest due to increased development. It was noted that this has impacted community members' ability to practice ceremonies after giving birth, as well as fasting ceremonies, and has caused interference with other land uses. ■ On May 29, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation requested that the upcoming June 3, 2025, meeting be used to discuss gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding traditional land use, including enforceable protections for harvesting areas or plans for safe, ongoing access and stewardship. ■ On June 3, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. Fort Albany First Nation raised concerns about the assessment and discussion of traditional land use areas and resources in the EA / IS, including the inclusion of protections and plans for access/stewardship for harvesting and sacred areas, and how the MFFN CAR will impact access to traditional resources. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document.		the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report and provided minutes from the November 7, 2024, meeting. ■ On May 30, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an agenda for the June 3, 2025, meeting, which incorporated Fort Albany First Nation's requested discussion topics, including those about impacts to traditional and cultural ceremonies and values. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that in-depth responses to Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to traditional and cultural land use and resources in the Draft EA / IS would be provided after Fort Albany First Nation submits their comments in writing. It also noted that some of this information would be provided in the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report, once it becomes available. ■ On June 13, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Fort Albany First Nation has 90 days to review and provide feedback on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Feedback received will inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document related to traditional land use and culture. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue. Action: ■ Comments of this nature will be addressed within the community-specific Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report, including a specific Feedback and Response Log, in Spring 2026.	

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Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Vegetation, Wetlands, Wildlife, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Geology and Geomorphology (incl. soils), Groundwater (Quality and Quantity), Atmospheric Environment (Air Quality)	Impacts to Governance and Environmental Stewardship ■ On September 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report, which noted the community's concerns with the MFFN CAR's potential impacts on Fort Albany First Nation's environmental stewardship of their traditional territory. ■ On May 29, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation requested that the upcoming June 3, 2025, meeting be used to discuss gaps in the Draft EA / IS Indigenous rights and governance, including the acknowledgement of Fort Albany First Nation's right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent, recognition of Fort Albany First Nation governance, and meaningful participation in long-term monitoring, oversight and adaptive management. Fort Albany First Nation also requested the discussion of gaps in the EA / IS regarding plans for safe, ongoing access to, and stewardship of, traditional land use areas. ■ On June 3, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. Fort Albany First Nation raised concerns about the assessment and discussion of Indigenous rights, governance, and stewardship in the Draft EA / IS, including the acknowledgement of Indigenous communities' right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent, as well as the inclusion of protections and plans for access/stewardship for traditional land use areas. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document.	■ Email ■ Letter	■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report. ■ On April 10, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on governance and stewardship. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On May 30, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an agenda for the June 3, 2025, meeting, which incorporated Fort Albany First Nation's requested discussion topics, including those about impacts to governance and stewardship. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that in-depth responses to Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to the impacts to governance and stewardship in the Draft EA / IS would be provided after Fort Albany First Nation submits their comments in writing. ■ On June 13, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Fort Albany First Nation has 90 days to review and provide feedback on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Feedback received will inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document related to environmental stewardship. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue. Action: ■ Comments of this nature will be addressed within the community-specific Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report, including a specific Feedback and Response Log, in Spring 2026.	■ 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. ■ Community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports will not be made available to the public. Feedback received on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report has been used to inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report.

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Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Wildlife, Country/Traditional Foods, Land and Resource Use, Socio-Community, Traplines	Impacts to Hunting and Trapping ■ On September 18, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report, which noted the community's concerns with the MFFN CAR's potential impacts to hunting and trapping, including habitat loss and changes to animal behavior. It was noted that these impacts would negatively affect the availability and accessibility of wild foods for Fort Albany First Nation community members. ■ On September 19, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report, which noted the community's concerns with hunting and trapping, including the loss of traps and impacts to goose hunting. ■ On November 7, 2024, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss project updates. During this meeting, Leo Metatawabin shared concerns about food security. ■ On May 29, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation requested that the upcoming June 3, 2025, meeting be used to discuss gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding traditional land use and food systems, including enforceable protections for harvesting areas or plans for safe, ongoing access and stewardship. Fort Albany First Nation also requested that the analysis of moose movement corridors and potential habitat disruption in the Draft EA / IS be discussed. ■ On June 3, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project	■ Email ■ Letter ■ Video Conference	■ On September 19, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report. ■ On September 20, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. It was noted that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On November 7, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Fort Albany First Nation for meeting with them and provided a brief overview of what was discussed during the meeting, including concerns about food security. It was noted that meeting minutes would be shared with Fort Albany First Nation once they are finalized. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on hunting and trapping. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report and provided minutes from the November 7, 2024, meeting. ■ On May 30, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an agenda for the June 3, 2025, meeting, which incorporated Fort Albany First Nation's requested discussion topics, including those about impacts to hunting and trapping. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that in-depth responses to Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to impacts to hunting and trapping in the Draft EA / IS would be provided after Fort Albany First Nation submits their comments in writing. On June 13, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report. Fort Albany First Nation has 90 days to review and provide feedback on the community-	■ The Final EA / IS references hunting and trapping in the Wildlife **(Section 8.2.5)** and Ungulates **(Section 8.2.7)** sections and Technical Support Documents. ■ Additional information on Trapping and Traplines in the Project Study Area can be found in the Final EA / IS in **Section 8.3.6**, **Section 8.3.9**, and **Figure 8.3-17**. Additionally, **Appendix U** includes information on trapping **in Section 5.1.6** and **Figure 5-2.** ■ 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. ■ Community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports will not be made available to the public. Feedback received on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report has been used to inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report.

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	Team to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. Fort Albany First Nation raised concerns about the assessment and discussion of hunting and trapping areas and resources in the Draft EA /IS, including the inclusion of protections and plans for access/stewardship for harvesting areas, the assessment if impacts to accessing traditional resources, and the assessment of impacts to moose and moose habitat. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS including the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document.		specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Feedback received will inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to wildlife. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue. Action: ■ Comments of this nature will be addressed within the community-specific Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report, including a specific Feedback and Response Log, in Spring 2026.	
Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Wildlife, Wetlands, Vegetation, Surface Water (Quality and Quantity), Groundwater (Quality and Quantity), Atmospheric Environment (Air Quality), Geology and Geomorphology (incl. soils)	Impacts to Land, Water, Air, and Fire ■ On September 19, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report, which noted the community's concerns about impacts to land, water, air, and fire. This comment emphasized the importance of fire for smoking food and linked it to food security and survival. ■ On November 7, 2024, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss project updates. During this meeting, Leo Metatawabin shared concerns about water security and changes to the Albany river, particularly how it impacts Fort Albany First Nation's access to land and camps. ■ On June 3, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation met with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of the Draft EA / IS. Fort Albany	■ Email ■ Letter ■ Video Conference	■ On September 20, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. It was noted that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On November 7, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Fort Albany First Nation for meeting with them and provided a brief overview of what was discussed during the meeting, including concerns about water security and changes to the Albany River. It was noted that meeting minutes would be shared with Fort Albany First Nation once they are finalized. ■ On February 19, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team shared the Draft EA / IS with Fort Albany First Nation which included information on land, water and air. Fort Albany First Nation had until June 23, 2025, to review and provide feedback. ■ On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report and provided minutes from the November 7, 2024, meeting. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss gaps that the community had noticed during their review of	■ 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. ■ Community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports will not be made available to the public. Feedback received on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report has been used to inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report.

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	First Nation raised concerns about the assessment of impacts to land and water, including the level of water quality and quantity assessments that were conducted for the Albany River. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS.		the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted that in-depth responses to these concerns related to impacts to land and water in the Draft EA / IS would be provided after Fort Albany First Nation submits their comments in writing. ■ On June 13, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Fort Albany First Nation has 90 days to review and provide feedback on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Feedback received will inform the preparation of the Final ATRI IA Report. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS related to land and water. The Feedback and Response Log in **Appendix C** will address comments on this issue.	
Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	Interest in Upholding the Natural Law ■ On September 19, 2024, Sarah Beamish provided Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report, which noted the community's interest in upholding the Natural Law.	■ Email ■ Letter	■ On September 20, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged the receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. It was noted that a response would be provided as soon as possible. ■ On April 29, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a response to Fort Albany First Nation's feedback on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. ■ On June 13, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Fort Albany First Nation has 90 days to review and provide feedback on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. Feedback received will inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report. Action: ■ Comments of this nature will be addressed within the community-specific Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report, including a specific Feedback and Response Log, in Spring 2026.	■ Information on the ATRI assessment is included in the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Technical Support Document **(Appendix O).** ■ Community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report will not be made available to the public. Feedback received on the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report has been used to inform the preparation of the Final ATRI Impact Assessment Report.

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Consultation	■ Availability of Cree Translations ■ At the February 2025 Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo, Sarah Beamish asked what Indigenous languages materials would be available in and the timelines for the translated materials to be available. Sarah expressed concerns about not having translated materials available and asked if there would be flexibility on deadlines once translations are available. ■ On April 23, 2025, Leo Metatawabin responded to an update on the available translations for the Draft EA / IS and stated that Swampy Cree translations are not acceptable. He clarified that the community is Mushkegowuk Inniwuk, emphasizing that it would be appropriate for the community to identify its own translators, or use the Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre for translation. ■ On April 25, 2025, Sarah Beamish expressed concern over the lack of Cree (N-dialect) translations currently available for the Draft EA / IS materials, and the concern that they may not be available until the end of the review period or later. Sarah asked if the MFFN CAR Project Team would consider using the Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre or local translators from Fort Albany First Nation for Cree translations. ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided feedback on the Draft EA / IS, including a letter which raised concerns about Cree translations being unavailable until after the consultation period, and about the translated materials being too brief and oversimplified.	■ Email	■ At the February 2025 Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo, the MFFN CAR Project Team noted that Draft EA / IS materials will be available in Ojibway, Oji-Cree, Swampy Cree (n-dialect) and French. However, very few translators are, however, available to translate into Indigenous languages. The translators had given an overall estimate of 100-120 days from the day the document was received for translation. The Project Team indicated that materials have been sent for translation as the documents were finalized have become available in an effort to have so as to have as many as possible available soon after the release of the Draft EA / IS. ■ On February 19, 2025, the Assessment Summary Package included a letter from Chief Bruce Achneepineskum translated in Cree. ■ On April 28, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish and Leo Metatawabin acknowledging their feedback regarding the Cree (N-dialect) translations for the Draft EA / IS materials. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that the concerns and questions have been shared with the translation coordination team and noted that they would follow up with more information at a later date. ■ On May 13, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that, although the MFFN CAR Project Team had not initially contacted the Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre, they are now actively in communication with the Centre and hope to engage them for support with Cree translations. ■ On May 22, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated they are working with different translators to provide translated materials to Fort Albany First Nation and asked if Fort Albany First Nation can provide contact information for any local individuals or organizations they recommend contacting for translation services. ■ On June 3, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant informed Fort Albany First Nation that the Plain Language Summaries for Ungulates and	■ Sections of the EA / IS were translated to Cree (N-dialect).

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
			Fish & Fish Habitat have been translated and posted online. ■ On June 26, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a list of additional Plain Language Summaries for technical reports that have been translated to Cree and uploaded to the Project website. ■ On July 26, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant informed Fort Albany First Nation that Plain Language Summaries for all technical reports were now available in Cree online.	
Provincial EA Process, Federal IA Process	Draft EA / IS Comments ■ On June 23, 2025, Fort Albany First Nation provided a letter and Draft EA / IS Feedback Table (via email) with 23 comments on the Draft EA / IS. Fort Albany First Nation's comments were related to 20 out of 36 topics.	■ Letter (via email)	■ On June 23, 2025, the MFFN CAR Project Team acknowledged receipt of comments. ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team responded to comments in the Final EA / IS	■ All comments received are documented and responded to in the Feedback and Response Log, found in **Appendix C** of the Final EA / IS.

Table 6-5: Consultation and Engagement Log – Fort Albany First Nation

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
August 01, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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	Email	x		■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which thanked the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for providing a response to Fort Albany First Nation's questions about the Archaeology Assessment Report.

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August 02, 2024	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish which provided a letter in response to the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation. The letter noted that engagement with community members has not yet informed the response, and that additional comments may be provided at a later date. The feedback from Fort Albany First Nation regarding the Report included the following requests: - Clarify that IK from Fort Albany First Nation was not used in the report; - Provide any IK attributed to Fort Albany First Nation to the community for review, should it be used in the future; - Provide Fort Albany First Nation's sections of the Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous communities to the community for review; - Work with Fort Albany First Nation to update the history and context of the Project Area; - Provide maps detailing areas of high potential that are not accessible for field testing, as well as areas of low potential; - Commit to co-developing methods with Fort Albany First Nation to investigate areas of high potential that cannot be field tested; and - Commit to working with Fort Albany First Nation to revise/add to areas identified for Stage 2 investigation to ensure that areas of importance are protected. ■ When discussing the history and context of the Project Area, Sarah Beamish noted that there is a significant gap in understanding regarding the cultural and historic context of the Project Area, as it does not consider Fort Albany First Nation's history of accessing, using, and travelling through lands and waters within the Project Area, particularly areas along and near the Albany River system.
August 06, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish which thanked her for providing a letter in response to the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation. 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	■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to follow up about the coordination of the first IK Program payment to Fort Albany First Nation. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested that Sarah Beamish confirm Fort Albany First Nation's address and preferred payment method.

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September 04, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation with the August 2024 E-blast. The E-blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including the Draft EA / IS, the completion of Summer Field Programs, as well as information regarding the upcoming Fall Public Information Centres. Links to the E-blast, MFFN CAR's website and the recorded webinars for the completed Summer Field Programs were included.
September 18, 2024	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish, where Sarah provided Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report and mentioned it could be shared with the MFFN CAR Project Team. Sarah noted that the draft IK Study report was being shared under the terms of the IK Program Funding Agreement and subject to the IK Sharing Agreement. Sarah also noted the draft IK Study report was still subject to a verification process before finalization and that any changes made for the final version that may affect the Project Team's use of the information for assessments would be flagged. Sarah mentioned that if any formal confirmation of details was needed prior to the final report, that they would do their best to get partial verification quickly.
September 18, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation with the 2024 Fall Groundwater and Geochemistry Program Update. The update provided the dates, September 28 - October 5, 2024, that field crews are scheduled to carry out groundwater sampling and a notice was provided regarding the increase in traffic and noise within the study area during this time. Links to the field notice and MFFN CAR's website were included.
September 19, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish, thanking Sarah for sending Fort Albany First Nation's draft IK Study report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked about the IK Program Funding payments and specifically noted that a different MFFN CAR Project Consultant had followed up on July 30 and September 4, 2024, to confirm information for the payment. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if Fort Albany First Nation would prefer to receive their IK Funding payments via mailed cheque or via direct deposit and requested a void cheque for the direct deposit.

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September 19, 2024	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish, where Sarah provided Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report and thanked them for their patience in awaiting the comments after the requested date. Sarah noted two stories from Fort Albany First Nation Elders referenced in the ATRI Report would require additional consultation in order for the Elder or their family to give their consent for their stores to be used in Project-related publications, particularly where the stories were shared in a different context than the Project assessments. The attached letter included: - Suggested revisions to the report such as but not limited to removing information, re-defining terms, corrections to Indigenous Knowledge, etc. - Opposition of the Project's Area of Interest and concerns about the Project's understanding of Fort Albany First Nation's land and resource use (e.g. the use of the Albany River system for travel and trade); - Opposition of the Project's understanding of Aboriginal Rights; - Specifications to impacts to land, water, air and fire from the Project (e.g. impacts to rivers and peatlands, impacts to groundwater); and, - Specifications to impacts to cultural and ceremonial sustainability, and impacts to traditional resources and associated land use (e.g. impacts to health of wildlife, impacts to hunting and fishing, impacts to plant population, etc.).
September 20, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish, to thank Sarah for sending Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report and noted they would review the response and follow up with any questions.

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September 25, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ 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 Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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 Fort Albany First Nation 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. Information regarding funding through the Province of Ontario Participant Funding initiative was outlined and noted the Province would reach out to Fort Albany First Nation to discuss resourcing needs to review the Draft EA / IS Report. 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. A link to a questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process was also included.
September 26, 2024	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish to thank her for providing Fort Albany First Nation's IK Study report and comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report and followed up on the preferred payment for the IK Program Funding. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that funding for the Community Coordinator Program was still available, explained the logistics of the Program and provided the job posting.
September 26, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Fort Albany First Nation providing the sign up for the Project E-blast, and Project social media accounts. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Fort Albany First Nation for providing their IK Study report and comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report and followed up on the preferred payment for the IK Program Funding. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that funding for the Community Coordinator Program was still available, explained the logistics of the Program and provided the job posting. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered to coordinate a meeting to discuss the Project further.

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October 03, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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 15, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish following up on the necessary information for Fort Albany First Nation to receive their first IK Funding payment. The Project Consultant asked Sarah to confirm whether Fort Albany prefers to receive the payment via mailed cheque or direct deposit. If they prefer direct deposit, the Consultant requested a copy of a void cheque to be provided.
October 15, 2024	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Ruby Edwards Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish, who indicated that she does not have the requested payment information for Fort Albany First Nation, but copied Ruby Edwards Wheesk, the Finance Director, who along with Cathleen Sutherland, can provide the necessary details.
October 15, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Ruby Edwards Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish thanking her for connecting them with Ruby Edwards-Wheesk to get Fort Albany Frist Nation's payment information.
October 28, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish notifying her of an upcoming call to provide Project updates. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered Sarah the option to schedule a specific time for the call if preferred.
October 28, 2024	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish regarding scheduling for a call about Project updates. Sarah noted that her schedule is busy this week and suggested November 4, 2024, if the updates are not time sensitive. She also offered limited availability on October 30 or November 1, 2024, if an earlier discussion is required.

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October 29, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish confirming availability for a call regarding project updates on November 4, 2024, with availability any time before 3:30 PM EST. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested that Sarah confirm a time that works best for her.
October 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow-up email to Sarah Beamish to confirm a time for their call regarding Project updates. The Project Consultant mentioned that a list of discussion topics would likely be shared later that day, allowing Sarah to review them in advance.
October 30, 2024	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish confirming that she is available for a call regarding project updates at 3:00 PM EST on November 4, 2024.
October 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish confirming their call regarding project updates scheduled for 3:00 PM EST on November 4, 2024.
October 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish to provide Project updates for October 2024 and to provide a list of topics for their upcoming phone call as part of the monthly outreach. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reshared a link to a questionnaire, previously sent in September, to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also followed up about some changes being made to the Community Coordinator Program and noted that more information would be shared the following week. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they are seeking input on improving engagement and referred to Fort Albany First Nation's concern about the perceived lack

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						of meaningful communication that was raised in their review of the Milestone #1 Report. Lastly, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared an update on the status of responses to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment and Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered to set up a meeting with the Project Team, should Sarah Beamish or Fort Albany First Nation want to discuss anything related to the Project in more detail.
November 01, 2024	Email	x		■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Leo Metatawabin, which requested a virtual meeting link for the call scheduled between the MFFN CAR Project Consultant and Sarah Beamish, so he could attend. The call was intended to discuss general project updates, as well as the topic of meaningful consultation.
November 01, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish regarding a request from Fort Albany First Nation to join their scheduled phone call on Monday. The call was originally proposed as a one-on-one phone call with Sarah to discuss project updates and the topic of meaningful consultation, so the Project Consultant was uncertain if the call was intended to be a virtual meeting with other community representatives, as Fort Albany suggested. The Project Consultant was open to shifting the call to a virtual meeting but noted that some Project Team members might not be able to attend on short notice. Guidance on how to proceed was requested.
November 03, 2024	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish requesting to pause their call scheduled for November 4, 2024. Sarah planned to check in with Fort Albany First Nation to confirm how they would like to proceed and asked the Project Consultant to confirm availability from November 6 through November 8, 2024, to arrange a suitable time if Fort Albany First Nation wants to attend.
November 04, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish agreeing to pause their call to discuss project updates and meaningful consultations, which was scheduled for November 4, 2024. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked to be kept informed about Fort Albany First Nation's response. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated flexibility from November 6 to November 8, 2024, except for November 6 in the morning. The Project Consultant also mentioned that Project Team members might want to attend and had asked for their availability, which would be provided to Fort Albany First Nation once confirmed.

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November 04, 2024	Email		x	■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Leo Metatawabin mentioning that Sarah Beamish would touch base with them about rescheduling their call to later in the week of November 4, 2024, depending on their preference.
November 04, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish providing a Project Team Member's availability for a rescheduled call. The Project Consultant requested confirmation if these times work for Sarah and Fort Albany First Nation.
November 5, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Ruby Edwards-Wheesk requesting information needed to provide Fort Albany First Nation with their first IK Funding payment, as per Sarah Beamish's request. The Project Consultant asked if Fort Albany would prefer to receive their IK Funding payments via a mailed cheque or direct deposit. If direct deposit is preferred, a copy of a void cheque should be provided to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant at their earliest convenience.
November 05, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish following up to inquire if there were any updates regarding the scheduling of their meeting about general project updates and the topic of meaningful consultation.
November 05, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation with the October 2024 E-blast. The E-blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current, and upcoming activities, including a new What We Heard video, an update on the ATRI Study Areas, MFFN Community Meeting, and the date for the Upcoming Webinar: Building the Community Access Road. Links to the E-blast and MFFN CAR's website were included.
November 06, 2024	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish confirming availability for a meeting. Sarah indicated that she and Leo Metatawabin are available at 10:00 AM on November 7, 2024, and requested that a teleconference or video link for the meeting be sent to her and Leo.
November 06, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish confirming their meeting to discuss project updates and the topic of meaningful consultation at 10:00 AM EST on November 7, 2024. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant mentioned that they would send an invite to both Sarah and Leo Metatawabin. The Project Consultant noted that another MFFN CAR Project Consultant would also attend the meeting and inquired if Fort Albany First Nation would be interested in having a representative from the Province of Ontario present.

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November 06, 2024	Email	x		■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish confirming a representative from the Province of Ontario would not need to be present for their meeting with Fort Albany First Nation at 10 AM on November 7, 2024.
November 06, 2024	Email		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to confirm the meeting time adjustment to 10:00 AM EST, noting the wrong time had been sent earlier due to time zones.
November 7, 2024	Email			■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to the Leo Metatawabin to confirm the details of their scheduled video call at 10:00 AM EST on November 7, 2024. The Project Consultant provided a Google Meet link and dial-in options for access, and mentioned that the invitation had been sent the previous day.
November 07, 2024	Video Conference			■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team met with Sarah Beamish and Leo Metatawabin to discuss Project updates, as well as the topic of meaningful consultation. Key topics covered in the meeting included: - Community concerns regarding climate change, food security, water security, and the protection of sacred and ceremonial lands; - Finalization of Fort Albany's IK report and its integration into the EA / IS; - Anticipated timing for Fort Albany to receive the draft EA / IS for review, for which there is no concrete release date yet; - The discontinuation of the Community Coordinator Program, and its shift to a lump-sum capacity funding payment; - Updates about the MFFN CAR Project Team's upcoming responses to Fort Albany's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment and Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report; and, - Discussion of meaningful consultation approaches to support Fort Albany's review of the draft EA / IS. ■ When discussing the topic of meaningful engagement, it was noted that this issue was raised in relation to communications during the Milestone #1 time period. Sarah Beamish noted that Fort Albany First Nation had frustrations about the consultation process during COVID-19, and that the community may raise concerns about project splitting in relation to MFFN CAR, NRL, and WSR. She noted that these issues cannot be solved by the consultation team altering their efforts, but noted that the assessments for the three projects could have been set up differently from the beginning. Sarah highlighted the importance of engaging with Fort Albany First Nation during the draft EA / IS process, including coordinating in-community meetings, and providing plain language documents, as well as documents in traditional languages.

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November 7, 2024	Email			■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish and Leo Metatawabin to thank them for their participation in their meeting and provided a high-level summary of the discussion. The Project Consultant confirmed that formal meeting minutes would follow after internal review. Key topics covered in the meeting included: - Community concerns regarding climate change, food security, water security, and the protection of sacred and ceremonial lands; - Finalization of Fort Albany's IK report and its integration into the EA / IS; - Anticipated timing for Fort Albany to receive the draft EA / IS for review; - Updates on the Community Coordinator program, with more details to follow via email; - Responses to Fort Albany's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment and Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report; and, - Discussion of meaningful consultation approaches to support Fort Albany's review of the draft EA/IS. ■ The Project Consultant also provided Fort Albany's comments on the Milestone #1 report, including the noted feedback on meaningful engagement. The Project Consultant invited any additional context or feedback related to this comment and encouraged further questions or concerns.
November 07, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish and Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit to provide an update on the Project and the status of the Community Coordinator Program. The Project Consultant informed them that the Program is being discontinued and replaced by a one-time capacity funding lump-sum payment, intended to support Fort Albany First Nation's engagement in the Project in a flexible manner suited to the community's needs. The Project Consultant explained that the original goal of the Community Coordinator role was to assist with outreach, fieldwork, and Public Information Centres as part of consultation efforts. However, as the Project moves toward the Draft EA / IS review phase, the focus has shifted to supporting the review and feedback-gathering process. The community may use the capacity funding for review activities, such as gathering feedback from elders or youth, or to fund a local coordinator to manage the review. If Fort Albany First Nation is interested in accessing this funding, the Project Consultant requested confirmation by February 28, 2025, including the preferred business entity for the payment, at which point a funding agreement will be provided for review.

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November 08, 2024	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish following up on their recent meeting. Sarah confirmed that Chief Kataquapit has approved Fort Albany First Nation's interest in accessing the one-time lump-sum capacity funding, contingent upon a review of the draft funding agreement once it is prepared.
November 20, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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 20, 2024	Email	x		■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish requesting an update on when the draft agreement for the capacity funding will be available for review. She noted that Fort Albany First Nation would like to incorporate the funding into their work planning for the coming months and expressed the need to review the draft soon to ensure there are no concerns about accepting the funding.
November 20, 2024	Email		x	■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish regarding the draft funding agreement for the capacity funding that is replacing the Community Coordinator Program. The Project Consultant noted that the drafting of the funding agreement is still ongoing. While a timeline for when the draft will be available for review could not be provided, the Project Consultant indicated that progress is being made and expressed hope that it will be available soon. The Project Consultant assured Sarah that they would provide further updates as more details become available.
November 26, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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.

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November 28, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Chief Kataquapit and Sarah Beamish 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 for Indigenous communities. A meeting to discuss the reports was offered and confirmation the reports could be successfully downloaded was requested.
December 17, 2024	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish with year-end updates and upcoming 2025 activities. They shared that the Community Capacity Funding Agreement was ready for Fort Albany First Nation's review, and noted that it would be sent to them via email. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also 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, as they cannot be delivered to a P.O. box. Feedback was requested on the community-specific section of the Milestone #3 Progress Report, distributed November 29, 2024, by February 14, 2025. Feedback options included email, phone, or scheduling a meeting. There was no answer, so a voicemail was left.
December 17, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Sarah Beamish to follow up with year-end updates and upcoming 2025 activities, after they left Sarah 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 the Community Capacity Funding Agreement were provided, including instructions on what is needed from Fort Albany First Nation to execute the agreement and payment information needed if they decide to participate in the program. A meeting was offered at the beginning of 2025 to discuss the Project.

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December 18, 2024	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation with the 2024 Year In Review E-blast. The E-blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current, and upcoming activities, including a holiday message from Chief Bruce Achneepineksum, a recap of the activities and events that occurred throughout 2024, the release of a new video on the Preferred Route selection, and an update on the Draft EA / IS. Links to the E-blast and MFFN CAR's website were included.
January 15, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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 28, 2025	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Sarah Beamish to provide updates on the MFFN CAR and upcoming activities. There was no answer, so the MFFN CAR Project Consultant left a voicemail. In this voicemail the MFFN CAR Project Consultant included a reminder that all information regarding the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account and requested that all questions or comments on the Draft EA / IS be directed to this address. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested that Sarah provide an alternate delivery address for the printed version of the Draft EA / IS as they are unable to send hard copies of the report to P.O. boxes. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant invited Fort Albany First Nation to book an in-person or virtual meeting to assist with the review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant included event details, instructions on how to register, and a link to book one-on-one time with the MFFN CAR Project Team at the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay (February 19-20, 2025) and Timmins (February 25-26, 2025). The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reminded Sarah of the funding offered in November 2024 to support the review and commenting process on the Draft EA / IS and asked Sarah to confirm Fort Albany First Nation's interest in receiving the funding by February 28, 2025. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also referenced the distribution of the Milestone #3 Progress Report on November 28, 2024, and requested feedback on the community-specific section by February 14, 2025. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reminded Sarah Beamish of available IK Program funding and requested confirmation of their preferred payment method to receive the payments.

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January 28, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation providing updates on the MFFN CAR and upcoming activities, including preparations for the release of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant included a reminder that all information regarding the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account and requested that all questions or comments on the Draft EA / IS be directed to this address. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant encouraged Fort Albany First Nation to provide a non-P.O. box delivery address for the printed version of the Draft EA / IS as they are unable to send hard copies of the report to P.O. boxes. A link to the questionnaire was provided. The email clarified that if the questionnaire is not completed, a link to the Draft EA / IS (~20,000 pages) hosted on a website will be sent by default. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant invited Fort Albany First Nation to book an in-person or virtual meeting to assist with the review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant included event details, instructions on how to register, and a link to book one-on-one time with the MFFN CAR Project Team at the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay (February 19-20, 2025) and Timmins (February 25-26, 2025). The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also offered to book in-person meetings outside of the event timeframe. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reminded Fort Albany First Nation of the funding offered in November 2024 to support the review and commenting process on the Draft EA / IS. They were asked to confirm their interest in receiving the funding by February 28, 2025. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also referenced the distribution of the Milestone #3 Progress Report on November 28, 2024, and requested feedback on the community-specific section by February 14, 2025. It was noted that feedback could be submitted via email, telephone, or by scheduling a meeting. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reminded Fort Albany First Nation of available IK Program funding and requested confirmation of their preferred payment method to receive the payments.
February 10, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation with the January 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: The Draft EA / IS, 2025 Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo, a new video on understanding project effects and mitigation, a reminder for the Winter 2025 Field Notice and information on the Indigenous Knowledge Program. Links to the MFFN CAR website, understanding project effects and mitigation video and the field notice were included.

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February 13, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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 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 Record of Consultation and Engagement 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		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish addressing several items related to the MFFN CAR. Sarah confirmed that Fort Albany First Nation does not have street mailing addresses beyond P.O. boxes. She advised that the printed materials for the Draft EA / IS can be addressed in a way which would allow the post office to hold the materials for Leo Metatawabin to pick up. Sarah noted that Leo Metatawabin is unable to attend the Three Roads Gathering. She confirmed that she will attend on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation to gather information and offered to schedule a private meeting with the project team if Fort Albany First Nation wishes to meet at another time. Sarah attached a revised version of the community capacity funding agreement, with changes to clarify that the IK Sharing Agreement governs the sharing and use of information funded through the program. She indicated that if these revisions are acceptable, Fort Albany First Nation is prepared to sign the agreement and accept the funding. Sarah attached a void cheque containing Fort Albany First Nation's banking information for the purpose of processing the funding. Sarah noted that Fort Albany First Nation will require additional time to provide feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report.

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February 19, 2025	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish confirming that Chief Kataquapit has approved the draft IK Study report, which was provided in September 2024. It was noted that the report can now be treated as final.
February 19, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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	■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team shipped the Draft EA / IS and the Assessment Summary hard copy to Fort Albany First Nation's band office.
February 20, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish providing updates and responses to specific points raised by Sarah. It was noted that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant is coordinating with the EA / IS distribution team to confirm whether the proposed mailing arrangement to the Fort Albany post office will work, sharing concerns due to the large physical size of the printed document. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged Sarah's attendance at the Three Roads Gathering on behalf of FAFN and invited her to coordinate any potential meetings between Fort Albany First Nation and the MFFN CAR Project Team during or after the event. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed receipt of the revised Community Capacity Funding Agreement with Fort Albany First Nation's suggested revisions and has forwarded it to the appropriate team members for review. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed receipt of Fort Albany First Nation's banking information for the IK Funding payment and noted that the process of setting up the payment is underway. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged Fort Albany First Nation's need for additional time to provide feedback on the Milestone #3 Report and clarified that feedback received after the February 14, 2025, deadline will not be incorporated into the finalized report but will be included in the Draft RoCE. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also informed Sarah that the Draft EA / IS is now available for Indigenous community review and can be downloaded from the project website. Sarah was reminded that all correspondence related to the Draft EA / IS should be sent to the specific Draft EA / IS email address.

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						Lastly, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant introduced a new point of contact for the MFFN CAR Project, and requested that they be cc'd on future correspondence.
February 20, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish acknowledging receipt of her update regarding the finalization of the IK Study Report and confirmed that the information will be shared with the project team.
February 24, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish confirming that the EA / IS distribution team will attempt to send the hard copy to the address provided by Leo Metatawabin. It was noted that there may be challenges with this delivery method, due to the documents being shipped via FedEx and due to the size of the shipment. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant suggested that Leo contact the post office in advance to confirm whether they can hold the delivery.
February 19, 2025	In-person			■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Council)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team and a representative of Fort Albany First Nation met to discuss the CAR and the Draft EA / IS during the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay, Ontario.
March 04, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation with the February 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: The Draft EA / IS release to Indigenous communities, community meetings with Marten Falls First Nation, 2025 Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo and information on upcoming engagement activities including Public Information Centre #6 and webinars. Links to the MFFN CAR website were included.
March 19, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish following up on the Community Capacity Funding Agreement for Fort Albany First Nation. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that Fort Albany First Nation's revised version of the agreement is still under internal review but requested the contact information for the individual who will represent Fort Albany First Nation for the transaction. The consultant also requested confirmation on whether Fort Albany First Nation intends to use the same void cheque previously provided for the IK funding payment for this payment as well.

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March 19, 2025	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ Sarah Beamish sent an email to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant requesting clarification on what is meant by the "person representing Fort Albany First Nation for this transaction" in relation to the Community Capacity Funding Agreement. She asked whether the request refers to the contact person for the transfer of funds, the signatory of the agreement, or another role. Sarah also looped in Ruby Edwards-Wheesk to confirm whether Fort Albany First Nation uses the same bank account (associated with the void cheque previously submitted for the IK Program) to receive all funding transfers related to the MFFN CAR.
March 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including the Draft EA / IS, upcoming webinar, and Community Capacity Funding Agreement. 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. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked if the void cheque that was provided for the IK Funding payment can also be used for the Capacity Funding payment, and for contact information for the transfer of funds.
April 03, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish and Ruby Edwards-Wheesk following up on previous correspondence related to the Community Capacity Funding Agreement, clarifying that they are requesting contact information for the individual responsible for coordinating the transfer of funds. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also confirmed that the MFFN CAR Project Team approved Fort Albany First Nation's revisions to the Capacity Funding Agreement and attached a clean version for signature. Once signed, the agreement will be returned to the Project Team for final signature. Additionally, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up on a previous request regarding the void cheque, asking whether the same account used for the IK Funding should also be used for the Capacity Funding payment.

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April 03, 2025	Email	x		■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish to request availability for a two-hour video meeting in early June 2025 to discuss any questions or comments arising from Fort Albany First Nation’s review of the Draft EA / IS. She requested availability from the MFFN CAR Project Team on some proposed dates.
April 03, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish noting that the previous message regarding the void cheque and contact person was not received and requested that any important information from that email be resent if applicable. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Sarah for confirming that the same void cheque can be used for the Capacity Funding payment and asked for Ruby Edwards-Wheesk’s phone number.
April 03, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to inform her that they will reach out to Project Team to confirm availability for a video meeting in early June 2025 to discuss any questions or comments arising from Fort Albany First Nation’s review of the Draft EA / IS.
April 03, 2025	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish confirming that her previous message regarding the Capacity Funding payment was in her drafts folder. Sarah confirmed that the same void cheque can be used for the Capacity Funding payment. She identified Ruby Edwards-Wheesk as the main contact for communication regarding the transfer of funds and provided her phone number.

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April 03, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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 21, 2025	Email		x	■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to inform her that Project Team confirmed availability on June 3, 2025, for a video meeting to discuss any questions or comments arising from Fort Albany First Nation's review of the Draft EA / IS.
April 22, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish providing an update on the translation status of the Executive Summary and Plain Language Summaries of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant informed Sarah that translations are in progress for Oji-Cree, Ojibway, Swampy Cree, and French, and that documents are being posted on the project website as they become available. It was noted that the translation partners are experiencing continued delays due to limited translation resources, especially for Swampy Cree. The consultant confirmed that some translated documents are already online, with more to follow as they are received.

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April 23, 2025	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Councillor) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Leo Metatawabin stating that Swampy Cree translations are not acceptable and clarified that the community is Mushkegowuk Inniwuk, emphasizing that it would be appropriate for the community to identify its own translators. Leo also suggested that, if necessary, the Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre could be approached to conduct the translation work.
April 25, 2025	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish expressing concern over the lack of Cree (N-dialect) translations currently available for the Draft EA / IS materials, and the concern that they may not be available until the end of the review period or later. She emphasized that this issue had already been raised with both the MFFN CAR Project Team and the IAAC during the Thunder Bay meetings. Sarah referenced a letter dated January 30, 2020, in which Fort Albany First Nation first identified the need for Cree translations as a priority for meaningful consultation. She asked whether the MFFN CAR team has contacted the Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre regarding translation support, and whether the MFFN CAR team would accept translator recommendations from Fort Albany First Nation.
April 28, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish and Leo Metatawabin acknowledging their feedback regarding the lack of Cree (N-dialect) translations for the Draft EA / IS materials. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that the concerns and questions have been shared with the translation coordination team and committed to following up shortly.
April 29, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including upcoming events and engagement opportunities and updates on the Draft EA / IS, the Capacity Funding Agreement, meeting minute responses and a virtual meeting. 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

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						the review. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant highlighted that PIC #6 would be happening on May 26 in Thunder Bay and May 29 in Geraldton, noting that the first hour of each PIC is dedicated to Indigenous community members and provided a link with more information. The MFFN CAR provided details on the upcoming webinar series which included webinars on ungulates, fish and fish habitat and land and resource use, mentioned the first webinar on Community Well-Being would be held on May 6 and provided a link to register. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reminded Fort Albany First Nation that the funding agreement was sent on April 3, 2025, and requested a signed copy. Once the signed version is received, a fully executed agreement will be returned, and Sarah will be notified when the lump-sum payment is sent. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked Fort Albany First Nation to confirm availability for a 2-hour virtual meeting on June 3, 2025, to discuss the Draft EA / IS with the Project Team, and requested a list of specific topics for discussion so that the appropriate subject matter experts could be present. The following documents were attached for Fort Albany First Nation's review: - A letter responding to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report - A letter responding to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report - Meeting minutes from the November 7, 2024, meeting between Fort Albany First Nation's and the MFFN CAR Project Team
April 30, 2025	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish confirming that Chief Kataquapit has approved and signed the Community Capacity Funding Agreement, and a signed copy was attached. Sarah also noted that Fort Albany First Nation would follow up shortly regarding a potential meeting on June 3, 2025. She stated that specific topics for discussion may not be available until late May, as the community is still reviewing the Draft EA / IS. However, she flagged that the Albany River is a key concern and requested that someone involved in the analysis of water and fish impacts attend the meeting.
April 30, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation with a reminder for the new webinar series on the Draft EA / IS. The reminder provided information on upcoming webinars, including: Community Well-Being, Land: Ungulates (Moose and Caribou), Water: Fish and Fish Habitat and People: Land and Resource Use. Links to the MFFN CAR website and to register for the Community Well-Being webinar were included.

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May 01, 2025	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish confirming their preference to hold the Draft EA / IS review meeting on June 3, 2025, from 3:00–5:00 p.m. EST. Fort Albany First Nation requested that a Zoom link be shared, and noted that they will provide specific discussion topics closer to the meeting date, but their technical advisors have recommended that the following MFFN CAR Project Team representatives attend: - A water technical expert; - A cultural heritage expert; - A wildlife (terrestrial) biologist; - A health risk assessment representative; and - A legal advisor or individual able to speak to rights and jurisdiction issues.
May 06, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation with the April 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: The public release of the Draft EA / IS, a new video on the introduction to the Draft EA / IS, Valued Components: Impact of the Community Access Road on Ungulates webinar and other upcoming webinars and an invitation to Public Information Centre #6. Links to the MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS website, project website, introduction to the Draft EA / IS video, webinar registration portal and social media pages were included.
May 13, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish confirming that the signed Community Capacity Funding Agreement has been forwarded to the Project Team for final signatures. Fort Albany First Nation will be notified once the agreement is fully executed, and the lump-sum payment is processed. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also confirmed that the June 3, 2025, meeting from 3:00–5:00 p.m. EST works for the MFFN CAR Project Team. Arrangements are underway to coordinate participation from the appropriate

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						technical leads, and a virtual meeting invitation will be sent shortly. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired whether Fort Albany First Nation would like assistance arranging community translation support for the meeting and asked if representation from the Province of Ontario should be included.
May 13, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish and Leo Metatawabin in response to concerns raised regarding the Cree (N-dialect) translation of Draft EA / IS materials. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that, although the MFFN CAR Project Team had not initially contacted the Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre, they are now actively in communication with the Centre and hope to engage them for support with Cree translations. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant invited Fort Albany First Nation to share contact information for any local translators they would like the team to consider.
May 20, 2025	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish noting that the meeting planned for June 3, 2025, would not be a full community / member meeting. Sarah indicated that no translation support would be necessary for the meeting. Sarah noted that Chief Kataquapit, Leo Metatawabin, representatives from Firelight Group and herself would likely be present. Sarah indicated that it would not be necessary for anyone from the Government of Ontario to attend.
May 20, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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.

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May 22, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including upcoming events, engagement opportunities, updates on the Draft EA / IS, their upcoming meeting, and the availability of Cree translations. 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 noting that the People: Land and Resource Use webinar will occur on June 5, 2025. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed if Sarah had any addition information about what Fort Albany First Nation would like to discuss during their upcoming meeting on June 3, 2025, to inform the correct subject matter experts. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated they are working with different translators to provide translated materials to Fort Albany First Nation and asked if Fort Albany First Nation is able to provide contact information for any local individuals or organizations suggest contacting for translation services.
May 22, 2025	Phone		x	■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Sarah Beamish to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including upcoming events, engagement opportunities, and updates on the Draft EA / IS. The phone call was not answered, and a voicemail could not be left as the voicemail box was full.
May 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation inviting recipients to attend the upcoming Public Information Centre #6 on May 26 and 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. An informational poster for the event and a poster for the release of the Draft EA / IS release to the public was attached, and the date, time and location of each event were included in the body of the email. A link to the event information page was included.

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May 27, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to advise that a legal advisor would not be in attendance for the meeting on June 3, 2025. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated that Andrea Nokleby will be in attendance as the Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interests discipline lead to speak on the ATRI assessment. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also indicated that subject matter experts for water, wildlife, health risk, and cultural heritage would also be present for the meeting, as previously requested. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if Fort Albany First Nation could provide any further direction on what they would like to discuss during the meeting. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they were aware of the significant topic of concern regarding the Albany River and inquired if Fort Albany First Nation had any other topics of discussion or questions the MFFN CAR Project Team could prepare responses to ahead of time.
May 28, 2025	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish indicating that the meeting scheduled for June 3, 2025, will focus on questions and concerns that arose from “red flags” technical review done by the Firelight Group. Sarah indicated that Dilek Karadag or Justin Page would follow up to provide topics for discussion. Sarah noted that Fort Albany First Nation will be hosting a member meeting on June 2, 2025, to discuss the Draft EA / IS. Sarah also indicated that Fort Albany First Nation was in conversation with neighboring First Nations regarding the Draft EA / IS. Sarah indicated that further topics could potentially be added to the list shared by Dilek or Justin. Sarah indicated that Fort Albany First Nation understood if the MFFN CAR Project Team would not be able to answer some of their questions, given the last minute additions.
May 29, 2025	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Dilek Karadag to share the topics that Fort Albany First Nation would like to discuss at the June 3, 2025, meeting. Dilek indicated that these topics reflect a preliminary review of the Draft EA / IS. The topics identified focused on gaps that the Firelight Group noticed in their review of the Draft EA / IS, including gaps about: - Indigenous rights and governance, including the acknowledgement of Fort Albany First Nation’s right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent, recognition of Fort Albany First Nation governance, and meaningful participation in long-term monitoring, oversight and adaptive management;

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						- Community health and well-being, including the assessment and mitigation of psychosocial impacts, gendered violence, and youth impacts; - Traditional land use and food systems, including enforceable protections for harvesting areas or plans for safe, ongoing access and stewardship; - The Albany River, including the assessment of mercury mobilization from sediment disturbance, and hydrological modeling of seasonal flooding risks; - Moose habitat, including the analysis of moose movement corridors or potential habitat disruption; and - Cumulative effects, including the integration of regional impacts, consideration of induced development, and continued concerns about project splitting.
May 29, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish and Dilek Karadag to thank them for providing details regarding topics of discussion for the upcoming June 3, 2025, meeting with Fort Albany First Nation. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated that the MFFN CAR Project Team had adjusted the number of attendees based on the details provided. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated that not all members invited to the meeting will be in attendance. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that Fort Albany First Nation could anticipate 10-12 people in attendance from the MFFN CAR Project Team. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated that other subject matters would be on standby during the meeting, if necessary.
May 30, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to provide the proposed agenda for the meeting with Fort Albany First Nation on June 3, 2025. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated that the agenda was drafted based on the information provided previously by Dilek Karadog. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked that Fort Albany First Nation review the proposed agenda and indicate if any revisions would be needed.
June 03, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to follow up on a proposed agenda for an upcoming meeting. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked whether Fort Albany First Nation had any revisions or additions to the agenda and offered to make adjustments as needed prior to the meeting. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also requested notification of any additional discussion topics that may have arisen following Fort Albany First Nation's member meeting.

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June 03, 2025	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish confirming that the proposed meeting agenda is acceptable as a starting point. She noted that the topics may overlap in discussion, particularly if Chief Kataquapit and Leo Metatawabin have questions or comments, and that the conversation may not follow the agenda's structure strictly. Sarah also indicated that comments raised by Fort Albany First Nation members during a recent meeting generally align with the current agenda, and suggested adding a discussion item at the end regarding the timeline for finalization of the EA / IS and the extent to which it allows for meaningful incorporation of Fort Albany First Nations' comments.
June 3, 2025	Email		X	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish with the finalized Community Capacity Funding Agreement attached. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they are currently confirming details regarding the payment and will provide transaction information once available. It was confirmed that the full amount will be issued in a single payment. Additionally, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant informed Fort Albany First Nation that the Plain Language Summaries for Ungulates and Fish & Fish Habitat have been translated and posted online, and the Executive Summary translation will be made available shortly. A link to the Cree-language EA / IS materials page was provided.
June 03, 2025	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish to relay a question raised by a community member during a recent meeting. The question asked whether Marten Falls First Nation will be taking a position on Bill 5 and / or the National Interests legislation, either in general or as it relates to the proposed Community Access Road or other Ring of Fire-related developments. Additionally, Fort Albany Frist Nation inquired whether Marten Falls First Nation will be seeking any regulatory acceleration, exceptions, or exemptions in connection with the project. Sarah requested a response to this question during the upcoming meeting or in follow-up correspondence.
June 03, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish thanking her for confirming the meeting agenda and sharing additional discussion topics. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that the additional questions Sarah had provided have been forwarded to the MFFN CAR Project Team and will be addressed during the upcoming meeting.

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June 03, 2025	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish to inform them that Chief Kataquapit will be unable to attend the scheduled meeting due to a last-minute political obligation. Sarah noted that Fort Albany First Nation has been asked to proceed with the meeting and to report back to the Chief. She also indicated that Fort Albany First Nation may engage at a political level at a later date.
June 03, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish acknowledging receipt of the update that Chief Kataquapit would not be attending the scheduled meeting due to other commitments.
June 03, 2025	Video Conference			■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultant met with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss the community's ongoing review of the Draft EA / IS. It was noted that this meeting was intended to focus on the gaps that the community noted in the Draft EA / IS, rather than the aspects of the Draft EA / IS that the community believes had been done well. Topics discussed during this meeting included: - Fort Albany First Nation's opposition to Bill 5, and their request for MFFN to make a statement about their stance on the proposed legislation; - Fort Albany First Nation's concerns about what the development of the MFFN CAR may lead to, including increased development in the area and environmental impacts; - Gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding Indigenous communities' right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent in the Draft EA / IS; - Gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding mitigation of psychosocial impacts, gendered violence, and youth impacts, including identity, intergenerational wellbeing, anxiety, and fear; - Gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding enforceable protections and plans for access / stewardship for harvesting areas; - Gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding enforceable protections for sacred and areas of interest; - The importance of the Albany River to Fort Albany First Nation, and gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding mercury mobilization from sediment disturbance, and hydrological modeling of seasonal flooding risks;

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						- Fort Albany First Nation's concerns about potential impacts that the MFFN CAR could have to accessing traditional resources, including caribou, sturgeon, and blue ice; - Gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding moose movement corridors or potential habitat disruption; - Gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding integration of regional impacts and consideration of induced development; - Fort Albany First Nation's continued concerns about project splitting; and - Anticipated timelines for the release of the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report, and the Final EA / IS. ■ It was also noted that though Fort Albany First Nation had originally felt that coastal communities were being left out of the EA / IS process for the MFFN CAR, they have noticed that MFFN is increasingly willing to listen to voices from these communities.
June 05, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation inviting recipients to register for the upcoming People: Land and Resource Use webinar on Thursday, June 5, 2025, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. EST. An invitation to reach out if Fort Albany First Nation is interested in a meeting to talk about any of the topics covered in the webinar series was also included. Links to the registration page for the webinar and the location to view previous webinars were included.
June 11, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation with the May 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: the upcoming conclusion of the Draft EA / IS review period on June 23, 2025, new webinar recordings and informative videos, public materials from Public Information Centre #6 held May 26 and 29, 2025, and National Indigenous History Month. Links to the MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS website, project website, webinar recordings, videos, Public Information Centre #6 materials and social media pages were included.
June 13, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report to Fort Albany First Nation. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Draft Report included information from publicly available sources and any Indigenous Knowledge reports received by the MFFN CAR Project before January 2025, and that it outlined the assessment process for ATRI related to the Project, which focused specifically on Fort Albany First Nation. A link to the community-specific Draft Report was provided. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted the review period for the Draft

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						Report is 90 calendar days and that if no feedback was received by September 11, 2025, the Draft Report would be finalized. The email also noted that any additional Indigenous Knowledge or details that could better inform the report would be used to refine the potential effects in the Draft Report and a final version would be provided to Fort Albany First Nation. A meeting was offered to discuss the Draft Report and answer any questions.
June 25, 2025	Letter (via email)	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Dorothy Moszynski (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks) ■ Sasha McLeod (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks) ■ Loraine Cox (IAAC / AEIC)	■ MFFN CAR EA / IS Email Portal	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team received an email from Fort Albany First Nation with a cover letter and Draft EA / IS Feedback Table providing 23 comments on the Draft EA / IS.
June 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Councillor) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including updates on the Draft EA / IS, the Draft RoCE for Indigenous communities, and the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. 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 Fort Albany First Nation 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 noted that the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report was sent to Fort Albany First Nation for review on June 13, 2025. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated that the review period for this report would consist of 90 calendar days. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant expressed that additional Indigenous Knowledge that could better inform the report would still be accepted. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that a final version will be provided to Fort Albany First Nation. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant indicated that the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report will be finalized on September 11, 2025. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked that Fort Albany

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						First Nation confirm they had received the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report. 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. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a list of additional technical reports have been translated to Cree and uploaded to the Project website.
June 26, 2025	Email	x		■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Sarah Beamish confirming Fort Albany First Nation has received the community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report.
July 15, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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 29, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to provide July Project updates for MFFN CAR. The email noted that the Draft RoCE for Indigenous communities is planned to be released in Fall of 2025, and methods of providing feedback on the 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,

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				■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)		groundwater well decommissioning, and geotechnical investigations. A follow up on the Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Impact Assessment Report, which was originally circulated on July 13, 2025, was also provided. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a list of additional technical reports have been translated to Cree and uploaded to the Project Website. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed the date and amount of the Community Capacity Funding payment that was sent to Fort Albany First Nation.
July 31, 2025	Email		x	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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	■ Elizabeth Kataquapit (Chief) ■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant) ■ Dilek Karadog (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Fort Albany First Nation 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	■ Terry Metatawabin (Deputy Chief) ■ Ruby Edwards-Wheesk (Finance Director) ■ Leo Metatawabin (Community Core Consultation Coordinator) ■ Cathleen Sutherland (CEO) ■ Sarah Beamish (Legal Counsel) ■ Justin Page (Technical Advisor) ■ Knut Kitching (Consultant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Sarah Beamish to provide August Project updates for MFFN CAR. The email shared a link to an educational video about cumulative effects in relation to the MFFN CAR Project. A follow up on the Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Impact Assessment Report, which was originally circulated on June 13, 2025, was also provided.

B6. Fort Albany First Nation

B6.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence
B6.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence
B6.3 Community Specific Meeting Materials

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Fwd: Re: MFFN Community Access Road Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

Miles, Jodi [redacted] Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 9:20 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [redacted]
Cc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted], Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Cathleen Sutherland [redacted], Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted], Justin Page [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [redacted]

Good morning Sarah,

Thank you for sending these along. I have sent them over to our archaeology team for their review. We will provide a response as soon as possible.

Thanks again,

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

Fort Albany First Nation IK funding

Walker, Valdine [redacted] Wed, Sep 4, 2024 at 10:57 AM
To: [redacted] c[redacted]
Cc: Jodi Miles [redacted] Andrea Nokleby [redacted], [redacted]

Good morning,

I am assisting with the IK program funding and would like to confirm the preferred payment method of either a mailed cheque to the address below or a direct deposit payment. If the direct deposit is preferred could you please send me a copy of a void cheque at your earliest convenience.

Attention: Cathleen Sutherland, Chief Executive Officer
Address: [redacted]
Cheque Payable: Fort Albany First Nation

Thanks so much!

Valdine Walker
Associate
[redacted]
www.dillon.ca

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 2:49 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

Thank you so much for sending this along. I am CCing Andrea Nokleby and Caroline Wrobel, who will be reviewing the report and may follow up with questions.

I did want to follow up about our IK Funding payment to Fort Albany. You should have received emails from Valdine Walker (also CC'd) on Jul 30th, 2024 and September 4th, 2024 looking to confirm information about Fort Albany First Nation's preferred payment method. Could you please confirm if Fort Albany would prefer to receive their IK Funding payments via a mailed cheque to the address below, or via direct deposit? Should they prefer direct deposit, please provide a copy of a void cheque to myself and/or Valdine at your earliest convenience.

Attention: Cathleen Sutherland, Chief Executive Officer
Address: [redacted]
Cheque Payable: [redacted]

One more thing - I was planning to give you a call next week to discuss project updates. If you'd prefer to schedule a call at a specific time, please let me know and I would be happy to arrange that.

Thanks again!

Jodi Miles

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the MFCAR ATRI Report

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 9:22 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>

Good morning Sarah,

Thank you for sending this along! We will review and let you know if we have any questions.

Jodi
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[Quoted text hidden]

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN Community Access Road – About the Draft EA / IS

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Sep 25, 2024 at 3:41 PM
To: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, [redacted], Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, "MacInnis, Paul (MINES)" <[redacted], [redacted], [redacted]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Dear Chief Kataquapit,

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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Jodi Miles
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2 attachments

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September 25, 2024

Fort Albany First Nation
[redacted]

Subject: **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (EA / IS)**

Dear Chief Kataquapit,

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).

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.

Provincial Funding Support

The Province of Ontario continues to offer funding agreements with eligible communities to participate in the review of the Draft and Final EA / IS through the Participant Funding Initiative. They will be reaching out to you separately to discuss resources needed by the community to take part in the extended review period of the Draft EA / IS.

Funding for the Community Coordinator Program Is Still Available

We remind you that it is still possible to benefit from the help of a Community Coordinator. This person would be the primary point of contact between your community and the MFFN

Community Access Road Project Team as we work through the environmental assessment process.

A Community Coordinator would provide advice, guidance and support for community engagement activities related to the proposed Community Access Road. At this stage in the process, a Community Coordinator could focus their time preparing the community for when the Draft EA / IS is circulated and help coordinate the review of this and associated documents.

If you would like a Community Coordinator in your community, this position will receive $[redacted] per hour and is expected to require approximately 16 hours per week up to summer 2025. We are flexible with respect to payment terms (e.g., to an individual or to the band council) and are open to discussing what works best for your community. Please reach out for more information!

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 Chief Terry Metatawabin, Fort Albany First Nation

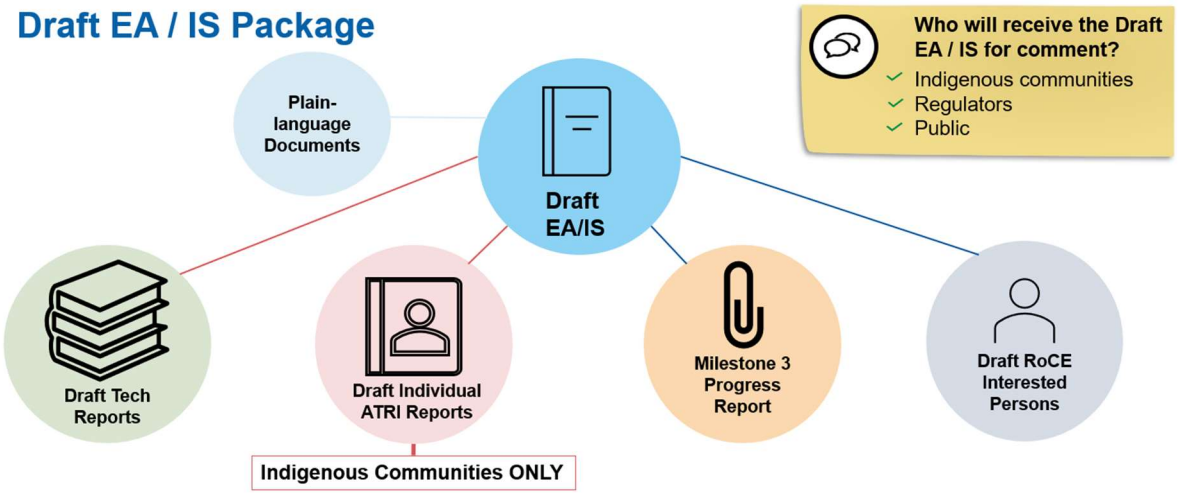
- Cathleen Sutherland, CEO, Fort Albany First Nation
- Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel
- Justin Page, Fort Albany First Nation Consultant
- Knut Kitching, Fort Albany First Nation Consultant
- Leo Metatawabin, Community Core Consultation Coordinator

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.

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - September Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Sep 26, 2024 at 3:34 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

I hope all is well. I am sending this email to follow up on the voicemail I left for you earlier today.

Draft IK Report, ATRI Report Response, and IK Funding

Firstly, thank you for providing Fort Albany First Nation's IK Report and ATRI report feedback last week. Our team is still in the process of reviewing these documents, but we will be in touch.

I did want to follow up about the emails that were sent by Valdine Walker and myself on July 30th, September 4th, and September 19th asking for confirmation on Fort Albany's preferred payment method (cheque or direct deposit) and mailing address, which are needed for us to send the first IK funding payment. If you could confirm this information, that would be great!

Community Coordinator Program

Funding for the Community Coordinator program is still available! We are looking for a Coordinator to represent Fort Albany First Nation as the primary point of contact between the community and the MFFN CAR Project Team as we work through the Environmental Assessment processes.

The Community Coordinator will provide advice, guidance and support for community engagement activities related to the Community Access Road and, at this stage in the EA / IA process, will focus much of their time preparing the community for the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement in November and for coordinating the review of this and associated documents. A job poster is attached to this email to share with Community members.

This position will receive $[redacted] per hour and is expected to be approximately 16 hours per week for up to 1 year (up to Summer 2025).

We are flexible with respect to payment terms (e.g., to an individual or to the band council) and are open to discussing what works best for the community. Please reach out to discuss.

Stay up to date!

To stay updated on ongoing activities for the MFFN CAR, sign up for our newsletter here: Contact Us - Marten Falls First Nation (martenfallsaccessroad.ca)

Follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the project, please do not hesitate to reach out!
Thanks, Jodi Miles, On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD



WE'RE HIRING!

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is undertaking a federal Impact Assessment (IA) and provincial environmental assessment (EA) for an all-season access road to our community. To support these studies, we are looking to hire **Community Coordinators**.

Are you a highly motivated person? Do you have strong organizational and relationship building skills? Would you like to work with a great project team and build experience in environmental management?

If so, this could be the role for you!

The Community Coordinator will be a primary point of contact between your community and the MFFN Project Team. We will work closely with you as you help to involve your community in the environmental assessment processes.

Responsibilities

- Coordinate between the MFFN Project Team and community members living in / outside ofyour community as per your local practices and in collaboration with Chief and Council;
- Provide advice, guidance and support for community engagement activities related to the

Project including:

  - Coordinate and organize logistics for meetings, workshops, events and / or school visits (e.g., book meeting spaces, order refreshments, help with truck / boat rentals and accommodations);
  - Help identify meeting participants and information providers (e.g., youth and / or elders); Assist with meeting facilitation, note taking and meeting minute preparation, and coordinate translation services, if needed; and
  - Organize distributing Project advertisements and notices in your community; either online (e.g., Facebook or posting in community);
- Assist in collecting data / information in your community (e.g., Indigenous Knowledge Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests, community and socio-economic information);
- Assist in coordination of the review of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, and / or Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Reports.

This position will receive $[redacted] per hour and is expected to be approximately 16 hours per week for up to 1 year (up to Summer 2025). If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the program, contact: Niki Angelis at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca or [redacted]

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

Fwd: Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report

From: **Miles, Jodi** <[redacted]>
Date: Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 1:56 PM
Subject: Re: Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

I just wanted to follow up about the information we need to provide Fort Albany with their first IK Funding payment. Would you be able to confirm if Fort Albany would prefer to receive their IK Funding payments via a mailed cheque to the address below, or via direct deposit? Should they prefer direct deposit, please provide a copy of a void cheque to myself and/or Valdine at your earliest convenience.

Attention: Cathleen Sutherland, Chief Executive Officer
Address: [redacted]
Cheque Payable: [redacted]

Thank you,

Jodi Miles

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 3:48 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Thank you, Sarah!

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Upcoming Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Mon, Oct 28, 2024 at 9:21 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Good morning Sarah,

I hope you had a great weekend. I just wanted to let you know that I will be giving you a call sometime over the next few days to provide you with some project updates. If you would prefer to schedule a specific time to chat, please let me know.

Thanks!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Upcoming Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 8:42 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for getting back to me! I am free any time on November 4th before 3:30pm EST. Let me know what would work best for you.

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Upcoming Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 8:20 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good morning Sarah,

Just following up on this. Let me know what time works for you!

I will likely be sending you an email today with a list of topics I wanted to discuss with you during our call, so you'll be able to review these ahead of time if you like.

Thanks!

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Upcoming Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 1:04 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

Great! I will talk to you then.

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 6:33 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

As I noted in my email today, I wanted to provide a brief list of topics I wanted to discuss during our phone call next week.

Community Coordinator Program

As we have discussed in the past few months, there are some changes being made to the Community Coordinator Program to make the funding more flexible. These changes will shift the Community Coordinator funding to a one time, lump sum capacity funding payment to the community to be used to support their engagement with the project. I will provide more details about this, including the process for signing up for this payment, next week.

Archaeology and ATRI Report Responses

I wanted to give you an update on where we're at with our responses to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report, as well as the Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. These responses are still in process, but I am hoping to get them to you soon.

Meaningful Engagement

I wanted to revisit a concern that Fort Albany First Nation raised in their review of the Milestone #1 Report. The issue noted that the community did not consider the majority of the communications outlined in that report to be meaningful. I wanted to follow up to see if you might be able to provide direction on how we can make our engagement more meaningful to the community.

Survey

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 that Fort Albany First Nation has easy access to the documents and has identified a key community contact to help guide the review process.

If you, or someone from Fort Albany, could fill out this questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process, it would be greatly appreciated: [redacted]

If you have any topics you would like to discuss during our call that you would flag ahead of time, please let me know! As always, I am happy to arrange a meeting with Project Team, if there is anything you or the community would like to discuss with them.

Thank you,

Jodi Miles

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Jodi Miles <[redacted]> Fri, Nov 1, 2024 at 4:36 PM
To: [redacted]
Bcc: [redacted]

Good afternoon Sarah,

Happy Friday! I just received this email from Leo, asking to be a part of our phone call scheduled for Monday. When I originally proposed this call, I proposed it as just a phone call between you and I, so I am not sure if you intended it to be a virtual meeting with other community representatives, as Leo is proposing.

I am happy to shift our phone call to a virtual meeting with the community, though some members of our Project Team would likely want to attend as well, and I am unsure if they would be able to with such short notice. Please advise me with how you would like me to proceed.

Thanks,

Jodi

Begin forwarded message:

From: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>
Date: November 1, 2024 at 3:56:40 PM ADT
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 8:19 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>

Good morning Sarah,

Absolutely! Keep me posted about what Leo says. I am fairly flexible Wednesday-Friday, with the exception of Wednesday morning before 10:30am EST. I am thinking Qasim, and possibly some other members of the project team, will want to attend, so I just asked for their availability for those days. I will let you know what they say.

Thanks!

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 8:24 AM
To: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good morning Leo,

I believe Sarah is going to touch base with you about this. We are likely going to reschedule to later this week, depending on how you would like to proceed.

I look forward to meeting with you!

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 8:59 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>

Hello again Sarah,

I wanted to send along Qasim's availability. We could do:

Wednesday morning between 10:30am -12:30pm EST
Thursday morning between 9am - 11am EST
Thursday afternoon between 1pm to 4pm EST

Please let us know if these times work for you, Leo, and any other Fort Albany community members who may be attending.

Thanks again!

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR IK Funding Payment Info

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 9:25 AM
To: Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>
Cc: Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Valdine Walker <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>

Good morning Ruby and Cathleen

I am reaching out to you in the hopes that you can provide the information we need to provide Fort Albany with their first MFFN CAR IK Funding payment, as per Sarah's request.

Would you be able to confirm if Fort Albany would prefer to receive their IK Funding payments via a mailed cheque to the address below, or via direct deposit? Should they prefer direct deposit, please provide a copy of a void cheque to myself and/or Valdine (CC'd) at your earliest convenience.

Attention: Cathleen Sutherland, Chief Executive Officer
Address: [redacted]
Cheque Payable: [redacted]

Let me know!

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 2:19 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

Just wanted to follow up to see if you have any updates about this meeting yet. Let us know!

Thanks,

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 5:12 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good morning Sarah,

This is great! I will set up a meeting and send both of you an invite. Just a heads up, Andrea Nokleby (CC'd) will also be joining us.

Does Fort Albany First Nation have any interest in having a representative from the Province of Ontario present for the meeting? Let me know!

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 5:34 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

Okay great, thank you for confirming!

Also, I apologize, I just noticed I sent the invite for 10am Atlantic time (my timezone), I have adjusted it to be 10 EST.

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 8:33 AM
To: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good morning Leo,

I hope you are doing well. Yesterday I sent you an invite for a video call tomorrow at 10am. In case you didn't see the invite in your inbox, the video call can be access through the link or phone number below:

MFFN CAR meeting with Fort Albany
Thursday, November 7 · 10:00am – 11:00am
Time zone: Eastern Time
Google Meet joining info
Video call link: [redacted]
Or dial: (CA) [redacted]
More phone numbers: [redacted]

I look forward to meeting with you today!

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Meeting Follow-up

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 4:27 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>
Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>, Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah and Leo,

Thank you so much for meeting with us today, it was great to chat with you both face to face! I wanted to send a quick follow up email today to provide a high-level overview of our meeting and share the information I said I would provide. I will also be circulating more formal meeting minutes for your review at a later date, once I have them drafted and reviewed on our end.

During our meeting, we discussed the following topics:

- Some of the community's concerns related to climate change, food security, water security, and the protection of sacred and ceremonial lands;
- Fort Albany's finalization of their IK report, and how the IK report will be incorporated into the EA/IS;
- When Fort Albany First Nation can expect to receive draft EA/IS for review;
- Updates to the Community Coordinator program (more information to be provided shortly in a separate email);
- Our upcoming responses to Fort Albany's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment report, and the Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions report; and
- Meaningful consultation methods, including how we can support Fort Albany's review of the draft EA/IS.

As requested, I have provided Fort Albany's comments about the Milestone #1 report for your reference, including Fort Albany's comment about meaningful engagement (page 2). If you have any further context or feedback you would like to provide pertaining to that comment, please let me know!

Thank you both again for taking the time to chat today. Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns, and stay tuned for meeting minutes about our meeting today.

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Project Name:	Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All Season Community Access Road (CAR)	**Date of Meeting:**	November 7, 2024
		Time:	10:00 am EST
Attendees:	Sarah Beamish, *Fort Albany First Nation Legal Council* Leo Metatawabin, *Fort Albany First Nation Community Core Consultation Coordinator* Qasim Saddique, *Project Director, MFFN CAR* Andrea Nokleby, *Indigenous Knowledge Program Lead, MFFN CAR* Jodi Miles, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*	**Location:**	Google Meet
		Prepared By:	Jodi Miles, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
Regarding:	**MFFN CAR Community Coordinator Program, Indigenous Knowledge Program, Draft EA/IS, and Meaningful Consultation**		

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Summary

The MFFN CAR Project Team and Fort Albany First Nation met to discuss various project updates, as well as the topic of meaningful consultation, which had previously been raised in the Milestone #1 Report. During this meeting, the following topics were discussed:

- Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to climate change, food security, water security, and the protection of sacred and ceremonial lands;
- Updates regarding the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program, including Fort Albany First Nation's finalization of their IK report, and how the IK report will be incorporated into the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS);
- Updates related to the release of the draft EA / IS;
- Updates to the Community Coordinator program;
- Upcoming responses to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment report, and the Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Existing Conditions report; and
- Meaningful consultation methods.

Item #	Topic / Theme	Notes	Response/Action Items

1.	Community Concerns	• Leo Metatawabin, Fort Albany First Nation's Community Core Consultation Coordinator, noted that the community has concerns about:
		  • Changes to the Albany River and how it has impacted Fort Albany First Nation's access to their land and camps;
		  • Climate change, food security, and water security;
		  • The loss of sacred grounds and burial grounds in their community due to increased development. [redacted]	

2.	Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program	• Fort Albany First Nation is currently finalizing their IK report. Changes should be minor to the draft report already submitted. • The IK Program Lead noted the key dates for incorporating IK into the draft EA / IS. • The goal is to incorporate IK into the entire EA / IS. • Fort Albany First Nation's IK will be incorporated into the ATRI chapter of the draft EA / IS, but will likely not be incorporated into the other draft chapters of the draft EA / IS due to timing constraints. However, it was noted that their IK would be reflected in applicable chapters of the final EA / IS report.	**Action Item:** • Fort Albany First Nation to provide final version of their IK Report, once finalized.
3.	Draft EA / IS Timeline	• The release date of the draft EA / IS being confirmed. The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that information on the release date will be circulated as soon as possible. • Fort Albany First Nation will be shut down for a couple weeks over Christmas. Likely around Dec 20, 2024 - Jan 4, 2025. • Fort Albany First Nation's winter road will also be opening up late winter.	**Action Items:** • MFFN CAR Project Team to provide draft EA / IS to Fort Albany for their review, once available. • MFFN CAR Project Team to continue to communicate about any updates to the draft EA / IS timeline.

Item #	Topic / Theme	Notes	Response/Action Items
1.	Community Coordinator Program	• The Community Coordinator program is being discontinued and replaced with a lump-sum capacity funding payment of $ [redacted]. This can be used for anything to support Fort Albany First Nation in their review of the draft EA / IS and would be managed by the community. • MFFN CAR Project Team is aiming to distribute the capacity funding to communities within the next four months. • There is no date that Fort Albany First Nation would have to use this capacity funding by. • Sarah Beamish noted that Fort Albany First Nation's Chief has said that the community would likely be interested in the new capacity funding, but will need to review the funding agreement first. • The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that the capacity funding agreement is not ready yet, but that it will be sent once it's finalized. • The MFFN CAR Project Team is not looking for a proposal from Fort Albany First Nation regarding how the capacity funding will be used. • Leo Metatawabin asked if the capacity funding can be used to purchase equipment. The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that he should wait for the draft agreement for confirmation, but that it would likely be an option. • Sarah Beamish noted to Leo Metatawabin that there is some money available in the provincial funding and container office budget that could be used to purchase equipment.	**Action Items:** • Sarah Beamish to provide Fort Albany First Nation's preferred payment method and associated information for IK Program payment and future capacity funding payment. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant to provide Community Coordinator Funding Agreement to Fort Albany First Nation, once it is available.
2.	Upcoming Responses (Archaeology and ATRI comments)	• MFFN CAR Project Team's response to Fort Albany First Nation's Archaeology Report comments is still being drafted. • The MFFN CAR Project Team is currently developing the Stage 2 Archaeology Assessment (AA) Report process. • MFFN CAR Project Team's response to Fort Albany First Nation's draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report comments is still being drafted.	**Action Item:** • MFFN CAR Project Consultant to provide response to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Archaeology Assessment Report and the ATRI Existing Conditions Report

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		• Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report will be integrated into the ATRI Assessment Report.	
3.	Consultation Methods	• Fort Albany First Nation provided a comment on the Milestone #1 Report noting that they do not consider the majority of the communications in that report to be meaningful. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired about how the MFFN CAR Project Team can make consultation more meaningful to Fort Albany First Nation. • Sarah Beamish noted that the majority of the emails/phone calls in the Milestone #1 Report did not provide information about issues that Fort Albany First Nation is concerned about. • There was a lot of frustration from Fort Albany First Nation about the consultation process during COVID. There was a lot of communication, but most of it had to do with asking for more time, etc. • These concerns are not related to the efforts of the Consultation Team, or how they can do anything differently. These concerns were mainly in reference to the type of information being provided at that time. Fort Albany First Nation does not have any further specific concerns regarding the manner in which they are being engaged since the Milestone #1 report. • Fort Albany First Nation filled out the EA / IS survey and noted that they will want to meet with the Project Team for their review of the reports. They will make the review plan after the materials are circulated. • Fort Albany First Nation noted that it will be important to make sure that the materials are accessible to the community. The MFFN CAR Project Director confirmed that plain language and traditional language documents will be available. • Sarah Beamish noted that Fort Albany First Nation will likely share concerns regarding project splitting. In the community's	• **Action Item:** • MFFN CAR Project Consultant to send Milestone #1 comment to Sarah • Fort Albany First Nation to request in-community meetings with the MFFN CAR Project Team once they review the draft EA / IS materials

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		perspective, MFFN CAR, Webequie Supply Road (WSR), and Northern Road Link (NRL) are one continuous road.
		• Sarah Beamish noted that she isn't sure how concerns about project-splitting could be translated into more meaningful consultation, and noted that perhaps the assessments could have been set up differently from the beginning.
		• Leo Metatawabin provided the following information, when asked about concerns about the EA / IS review period:
		  • Fort Albany First Nation will be working on a Community Comprehensive Plan in the near future.
		  • Hunting season is important in relation to food security and the high cost of living.
		  • Fort Albany is a grieving Nation, and that healing is a process.
		  • Fort Albany First Nation has been experiencing infrastructure challenges in the community, including the collapsing of the radio building. Additionally, the elevator in the community hall is not working, making it challenging to engage with Elders.
		• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked if we can work with Leo Metatawabin to help engage with Elders during the EA / IS review period. Leo Metatawabin will confirm if or how engagement support could be provided.
		• Sarah Beamish suggested that the $[redacted] capacity funding could be used for one-on-one meetings with Elders, meals, etc.
		• The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that meetings with Project Team can also be tailored to fill gaps, such as the engagement of Elders, through presentations, additional materials, etc.
		• Fort Albany First Nation should request in-community meetings with Project Team sooner than later so that they can be scheduled.	

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		• The MFFN CAR Project Director confirmed that there would be another event like the Three Road Forum happening in the future. Leo Metatawabin noted that he would be interested in attending future events like this, but noted that the community is in an election year, and he is not sure what new Chief and Council will want. • The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that the Province will likely provide funding to pay for travel and accommodation expenses. • Leo Metatawabin noted that he plans to attend the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Convention. He noted concerns about how PDAC's Indigenous program is separate from the lands program.	

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

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Updates to the Community Coordinator Program

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 4:29 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>
Cc: Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Dear Sarah and Chief Kataquapit,

This email is to update you on the proposed Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road and the Community Coordinator Program (the Program).

Unfortunately, the timing window for participation in the Program has passed and it is being discontinued and replaced with a one-time capacity funding payment to help support engagement in the Community Access Road in a manner that best suits Fort Albany First Nation.

The original objective of identifying a Community Coordinator was to have the individual support consultation efforts between the MFFN Community Access Road and communities with outreach, field work and Public Information Centers, among other engagement activities. As we approach the circulation of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS), there are fewer tasks for a community coordinator to complete based on the original description of the role. Consultation and outreach activities will continue, however as we approach the submission of the Draft EA / IS the focus will change to its review and gathering of feedback.

The original objective of identifying a Community Coordinator was to have the individual support consultation efforts between the MFFN Community Access Road and your community with outreach, field work and Public Information Centers, among other engagement activities. As we approach the circulation of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS), there are fewer tasks for a community coordinator to complete based on the original description of the role. Consultation and outreach activities will continue, however as we approach the submission of the Draft EA / IS the focus will change to its review and gathering of feedback.

To ensure that Fort Albany First Nation is supported during the review of the Draft EA / IS we would like to offer a **one-time lump sum capacity funding payment of $[redacted]** These funds are intended to support your engagement in the Community Access Road; we believe that this approach will provide your community with the flexibility to allocate the funds as you see fit and ensure that their use matches your needs.

If you so chose to, these funds could support your review and comment gathering on the Draft EA / IS by elders and / or youth, for example. If your community would like to have a Community Coordinator to support the review (e.g. by gathering and compiling feedback) you are able to use this funding to pay that position. However, please note that as our Community Coordinator Program is being discontinued and the responsibilities of managing this role will be the responsibility of your community. During the review period of the Draft EA / IS the Project Team will continue to make themselves available to help support you upon request (e.g. with Project materials and information, and meetings as required).

If this capacity funding is of interest to you, please let us know before **February 28, 2025**, identifying which business entity the payment should be made to, and we will provide a funding agreement for your review.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Updates to the Community Coordinator Program

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 1:57 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for following up! I just got an update today about the drafting of this funding agreement, and unfortunately it is still ongoing. I am unable to provide a timeline on when it will be available for your review, but it sounds like they are making progress so hopefully it will be available soon. I will keep you in the loop if I get any details about when it can be expected.

Thank you for your patience,

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

FOR REVIEW: MFFN CAR Milestone #3 Progress Report

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Nov 28, 2024 at 4:00 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>
Cc: Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Dear Sarah and Chief Kataquapit,

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 Fort Albany First Nation: [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 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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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Dec 17, 2024 at 1:13 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good afternoon Sarah, I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out to follow up about the voicemail I left for you earlier today, provide the draft community capacity agreement for your review, and provide a couple other project updates.

Community Capacity Funding Agreement

As per our previous discussions, the Community Capacity Funding Agreement is now available for Fort Albany First Nation's review (see attached).

To execute the agreement, the following is required from Fort Albany First Nation:

- Date agreement (page 1)
- Fill out Name of Community, mailing address, key contact name and email address (page 1)
- Signing authority (page 5)
    - Must be signed by a person or persons with the authority to execute on behalf of the community
    - There is space for two signatures, but it is up to Fort Albany's discretion if only one signature is needed.

In order to make this payment, should Fort Albany decide to this participate in this program, we will also need the following information to make the payment:

- Community Name or entity owned by the community (e.g. the Band Office)
- Phone Number
- Key point of contact
- Email address
- Mailing Address

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the capacity funding agreement, once you have had a chance to review.

EA / IS Print Out Distribution

I was reviewing the information provided by Fort Albany through our EA / IS survey, and I noticed that Leo requested both USB and hard copies of the EA / IS, and provided the following address:

[redacted]

[redacted]

Though this address will work for the USB version of the EA / IS I wanted to flag that we are unable to mail printed copies of the EA / IS to P.O. boxes. Is there an alternative address that we could send the hard copy to? Please let me know.

Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

On November 28, 2024, we distributed Fort Albany First Nation'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 (CC'd).

Happy Holidays!

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Jan 28, 2025 at 4:35 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good afternoon Sarah,

I hope this email finds you well. I am sending this email to follow up about the voicemail I left you earlier today about some project updates. Please see below for an overview, and additional details:

Draft EA / IS

As we approach the release of the Draft EA / IS, we would like to provide you with a few reminders and updates.

Firstly, 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.

Secondly, we would like to remind you that we are unable to send printed copies of the draft EA / IS to P.O. box. The address that was provided for Leo via the EA / IS survey is a P.O. box, and therefore we would like to request an alternate address to send the printed copy of the EA / IS to. We are able to send the USB version of the document to this P.O. box address, just not the printed copy. Please let us know if there is a different address we can use.

We would also like to remind you that 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.

Three Roads Gathering

The MFFN CAR Project Team will be attending the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay February 19-20 and Timmins February 25-26, 2025. Fort Albany First Nation has received an invitation to this event with all the details on the event, how to register and a link to book a time to speak one-on-one with the Project Team. If Fort Albany wishes to meet with the MFFN CAR Project Team outside of this event, we are happy to book in-person meetings during this timeframe.

Community Capacity Funding Program

In November 2024, we introduced the one-time lump sum capacity funding payment of [redacted] to support Fort Albany's review and comment on the Draft EA / IS. We also sent a draft Capacity Funding Agreement to you on December 17th. Please let us know if you have reviewed this agreement, and if you are interested in participating by February 28, 2025.

A copy of the draft Community Capacity Funding Agreement has been attached for your convenience.

IK Funding Information

We are still waiting for Fort Albany's preferred payment method and banking information to receive payment for the IK Program. Please confirm if Fort Albany would prefer to receive their IK Funding payments via a mailed cheque to the address below, or via direct deposit? Should they prefer direct deposit, please provide a copy of a void cheque to myself and/or Valdine (CC'd) at your earliest convenience.

Attention: Cathleen Sutherland, Chief Executive Officer
Address: [redacted]
Cheque Payable: [redacted]

Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

On November 28 / 29, 2024, we distributed Fort Albany's community specific Milestone #3 Progress Report. We welcome any edits or comments to Fort Albany's 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.

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of the topics in this email, or if you would like to set up a meeting to discuss further.

Thank you,

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Upcoming Release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement - February 18, 2025

[redacted] <[redacted]> Thu, Feb 13, 2025 at 8:30 PM

To: "[redacted]" <[redacted]>
Cc: "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>

Dear Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit,

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: https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/
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.

Warm regards,
Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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[redacted]

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement
Website: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]
Phone: [redacted]

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 12:32 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for providing all of this! Some responses to the topics you raised:

1. I am in the process of confirming with the EA / IS distribution team to see if this will work. It is worth noting that the printed EA / IS will be a very physically large document (I've been told that it takes two full days to print!) For this reason, we anticipate there may be issues with having the post office hold it for Leo, but I will let you know when I hear back.
2. Thank you for letting me know, and I hope you enjoy your time at the Three Roads Gathering. Keep me posted about any potential meeting coordination between Fort Albany and the MFFN CAR Project Team.
3. Thank you for returning the Community Capacity Funding Agreement with Fort Albany First Nation's suggested revisions. I have sent this along to the appropriate folks on my team to review, and we will return it to you as soon as possible.
4. Thank you for providing Fort Albany First Nation's banking information for the IK Funding payment. I have also passed this along, and we are in the process of getting Fort Albany set up to receive their first payment
5. Thank you for your update about the Milestone #3 Report. I would like to note that, given the tight timelines surrounding the release of the EA / IS, we will still accept feedback after the due date, but the feedback will not be incorporated into the finalized Milestone #3 Report. Instead, any feedback received after February 14, 2025, will be incorporated into the Draft RoCE.

I also wanted to note that, as you may already be aware, the Draft EA / IS is now available for Indigenous community review, and is available for download on [redacted]. 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.

Finally, I want to note that I am looping Callais Harrison into this email thread. Callais has been supporting my role on this project behind the scenes, and will now be supporting me with engagement efforts, so you may receive communications from her in the future. If you could CC Callais on any correspondence with me, that would be great!

Please let me know if you have any feedback or concerns related to any of the topics discussed in this email, or the MFFN CAR Project in general. If you would like to set up a phone call or meeting to discuss the project in more detail, 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]>

Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 1:19 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Thanks so much for this update, Sarah! I will let my team know.

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Mon, Feb 24, 2025 at 2:46 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

Just an update on the distribution of the hard copy of the Draft EA / IS - the EA / IS distribution team has confirmed that they will try to send it to the address Leo has provided. That being said, they notified me that they are sending it via FedEx, so Canada Post may not be able to hold it. It also takes a total of seven boxes to contain the documents, so the size of it may cause issues for the post office as well. If at all possible, it may be worthwhile for Leo to contact the post office to ask if they can hold it for him.

Thanks!

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

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 10:49 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Good morning Sarah,

I hope all is well! I'm just circling back about the Capacity Funding Agreement. Fort Albany First Nation's revised version of the agreement is still being reviewed on our end, but in the meantime I was asked to request the following information for the person representing Fort Albany for this transaction:

- First Name:
- Last Name:
- Email Address:
- Phone Number:

I also assume that Fort Albany will want us to use the same void cheque that was provided for the IK Funding Payment for the Capacity Funding payment, once everything is finalized. Would you be able to confirm this?

Thanks!

Jodi

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: March, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at 8:52 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

As Jodi mentioned in her recent email, I will be supporting outreach efforts for the MFFN CAR Project moving forward.

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 Indigenous Community review

MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS Email

The Draft EA / IS is now available for Fort Albany First Nation'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!

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!

Community Capacity Funding Agreement

Thank you for providing Fort Albany's revised version of the Community Capacity Funding Agreement. Our team is still in the process of reviewing these revisions. In the meantime, we were wondering if you or Ruby could confirm that the void cheque that was provided for the IK Funding payment can also be used for the Capacity Funding payment, once everything is finalized. Secondly, we were wondering if you could provide the following information for the contact person who we should be in touch with regarding the transfer of funds:

- First Name:
- Last Name:
- Email Address:
- Phone Number:

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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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 1:12 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah and Ruby,

I apologize - I thought I had responded to this question a few weeks ago, but now I am seeing that my email didn't get sent! To answer your question, we are looking for the contact info for the person who we should be in touch with regarding the transfer of funds.

Additionally, I wanted to let you know that the MFFN CAR Project Team approved Fort Albany First Nation's revisions to the Capacity Funding Agreement. I have attached a clean version for Fort Albany's signatures. Once it is signed, I will return the agreement to the Project Team for their signatures.

Finally, I wanted to follow up again about my question regarding the void cheque. If either of you could provide an answer to this question, as well as the contact information of the person who we should be in touch with regarding the transfer of funds, it would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 3:17 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

Very strange, Callais didn't see that response come through and can't seem to find that email in her inbox or spam folder. If there was any other important information provided in that email, please resend it.

Thank you for confirming this information for the Capacity Funding agreement. Is there a phone number that we can use for Ruby? Apologies if you already provided one in your previous email!

Thanks,

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Prospective dates for meeting with FAFN re: draft EA/IS

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 3:20 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

Thanks for getting back to us about this meeting! I send along these dates to the MFFN CAR Project Team, and will keep you posted about their availability.

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 3:32 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Thanks Sarah!

We will use that phone number for Ruby, and we will let you know the details for the transfer once it is made.

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Prospective dates for meeting with FAFN re: draft EA/IS

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Mon, Apr 21, 2025 at 8:45 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>

Good morning Sarah,

I hope you had a great long weekend! After discussing these dates with the Project Team, we determined that June 3rd will likely be the best date for this meeting. Please let us know if this date still works for Fort Albany, and if any specific times on this day work best.

Thanks!

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

Re: MFFN CAR Translations

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Tue, Apr 22, 2025 at 1:51 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

I hope this email finds you well.

I wanted to touch base with you today to provide an update on the translations of the Executive Summary and related Plain Language Summaries of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement for the proposed Community Access Road.

As you may know, we are working to have these documents translated into Oji-Cree, Ojibway, Swampy Cree and French, and providing them on our project website as they become available: https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/.

We are in touch with our translation partners weekly and, unfortunately, they are expressing continued delays due to limited translation resources available across Canada. This is particularly true for Swampy Cree. Please note that we do have some translations already available online (see summary below) and commit to posting the remainder as soon as they are provided to us.

We appreciate that translations are important for the review process, especially in reaching Elders, and are working with our partners to make them available as soon as possible.

Summary of Available Translations:

Document	Language			
	Oji-Cree	Ojibway	Swampy Cree	French
Executive Summary	☑			☑
Plain Language Summaries				
Physiography, Terrain & Soils and Vegetation	☑	☑		☑
Ungulates	☑			☑
Wildlife and Birds	☑			☑
Fish & Fish Habitat	☑	☑		☑
Groundwater and Surface Water	☑	☑		☑
Acoustic, Air and Greenhouse Gases	☑	☑		☑
Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	☑			☑
Climate Change Adaptation		☑		☑
Peatlands				☑
Visual	☑	☑		☑
Community Well-Being	☑			☑

Best Wishes,

Callais

On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

Re: MFFN CAR Translations

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Mon, Apr 28, 2025 at 3:24 PM
To: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Terry Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah and Leo,

Thank you for your feedback. I've shared it with the team responsible for translation coordination, and will be in touch to address your questions and concerns, shortly.

Sincerely,
Callais

On Wed, Apr 23, 2025 at 1:13 PM Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]> wrote:
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 4:39 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

I hope all is well.

I wanted to provide you with a couple of April updates regarding the MFFN CAR Project.

Community Capacity Funding Agreement

I wanted to follow up about the Community Capacity Funding Agreement, which was sent to Fort Albany First Nation for signature on April 3, 2025. Once we receive signatures from Fort Albany First Nation, we will provide you with the fully executed agreement and update you when the lump-sum payment is sent. Please see attached the most recent version of the draft Community Capacity Funding Agreement.

Virtual Meeting to Discuss the Draft EA / IS

Please let me know if June 3rd works for a 2-hour meeting with Project Team and Fort Albany First Nation to discuss the Draft EA / IS. Are there any specific times that would be preferable?

We would also like to request a list of any specific topics that Fort Albany First Nation may want to discuss during this meeting so we can prepare to have the appropriate subject matter experts in attendance. Let us know if you would be able to provide this information.

Letter Responses and Meeting Minutes

Please see attached several documents for your review, including:

- A letter response to Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report;
- A letter response to Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report; and
- Meeting minutes from the November 7, 2024 meeting between Fort Albany First Nation and the MFFN CAR Project Team.

Thank you for your patience with these responses and meeting minutes. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns with any of these responses, or suggested revisions for the meeting minutes.

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.

Community Well-Being Report

On April 16, 2025, the Community Well-Being Report was released for review by Indigenous communities and groups.

We are halfway through the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please keep in mind that the review process **concludes on June 23, 2025.**

Public Information Centre #6

We will be hosting our Public Information Centre (PIC) #6 on Monday, May 26, 2025, and Thursday, May 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. The first hour of each PIC is dedicated to Indigenous community members. For more information, visit https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/ and keep an eye out for an email from info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca.

Upcoming Webinars

Our Draft EA / IS webinar series will start in May. The first in this series is Community Well-Being, held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. EST. Register now by following this link: [redacted]

Keep an eye out for more information on the remaining webinars in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Series:

- **Land: Ungulates** - Thursday, May 8
- **Water: Fish and Fish Habitat** - Thursday, May 22
- **People: Land and Resource Use** - Thursday, June 5

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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April 29, 2025

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Dear Sarah,

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.

We would like to acknowledge that the MFFN CAR Project Team received Fort Albany First Nation's draft Indigenous Knowledge and Use Study report on September 18, 2024. As reflected in the responses below, the IK provided in this report was not used in the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, though can be integrated upon Fort Albany First Nation's request. The MFFN CAR Project Team will acquire Fort Albany First Nation's consent prior publishing future archaeology reports which refer to or rely upon IK provided by Fort Albany First Nation.

See below for the MFFN CAR Project Team's responses to the comments you provided.

Fort Albany Council Comment	**MFFN CAR Project Team Response**
Access to Additional Documents: It is Fort Albany First Nation's understanding that a record of Indigenous Knowledge collected for this Stage 1 Report is documented in the private "Supplementary Documentation." In our correspondence with proponent representative Jodi Miles dated July 30, 2024, you advised that "IK from Fort Albany was not referred to or relied upon in this report." **If this is the case, then statements in the report suggesting that it relies on feedback from Fort Albany First Nation should be corrected to reflect this.** Fort Albany provides the below two comments for the record and in case it is later clarified that Indigenous Knowledge from Fort Albany was used, or if IK from Fort Albany is used in future stages of the archeological assessment. Fort Albany First Nation respects the intellectual	During the production of the archaeological report, the project archaeologists had received Indigenous Knowledge input solely from Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN), which was incorporated. Supplementary documentation, containing information from MFFN, was provided to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) as part of the archaeological licensing requirements. This information will not be entered into the register and does not include confidential details but outlines additional survey areas within the survey interval. With the consent of Fort Albany First Nation, the information shared in the September 2024 Indigenous Knowledge (IK) report may be utilized to inform more specific Stage 2 study areas for future fieldwork and reporting. Should the use of Fort Albany IK be necessary, the project

property and confidentiality of other First Nations but requires opportunity to review any information recorded provided by Fort Albany First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation members and or linked to Fort Albany First Nation. **1. Provide any Indigenous Knowledge attributed to Fort Albany First Nation for review and consent prior to sharing with the Ministry. No Fort Albany First Nation Indigenous Knowledge can be shared without written permission.**	archaeologists will engage with Fort Albany First Nation at that time. Section 1.1 of the report references Fort Albany solely because feedback was received on previous archaeological reports for this project. This wording will be clarified in future documentation.
Fort Albany First Nation also requires access to any sections of the Record of Engagement specific to Fort Albany First Nation (also provided under separate cover) from the 2024 Stage 1 Report. **2. Provide sections of the Record of Engagement specific to Fort Albany First Nation for review and verification prior to sharing with the Ministry.**	The Record of Engagement related to the archaeological assessment includes any email communications received by the archaeology team regarding requested archaeological input from Indigenous communities. It does not contain sensitive information obtained through the formal Indigenous Knowledge Collection process, which is part of the larger project. Formal IK data is reported separately, subject to the consent of the community. The Record of Indigenous Engagement is a standard document submitted with archaeological assessments to provide the MCM with a record of which communities provided archaeological input. This process generates the contents of the Indigenous Engagement document. An example of the document's formatting is attached. Fort Albany First Nation will have the opportunity to review the Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE), a document which is different from the aforementioned Record of Engagement, and will provide an overview of all communication exchanged between the MFFN CAR Project Team, neighbouring Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons, between October 28, 2021 and early 2025. The RoCE will be available for Fort Albany First Nation's review in summer 2025.
Insufficient Context and Historical Background for Fort Albany First Nation:	The Marten Falls Project Team is committed to including the history and context of Fort Albany and other Indigenous communities in our future reporting.

Fort Albany First Nation members have accessed, used, and traveled through lands and waters within the study area, particularly areas along and near the Albany River system (up to and beyond Marten Falls First Nation) for countless generations. Fort Albany First Nation has also been significantly impacted by the historic river diversions referenced in the report. The context, history, and importance of the study area to Fort Albany First Nation members have not been provided in this 2024 stage 1 assessment nor was it included in the original community access road stage 1 report. This represents a substantial gap in understanding the cultural and historic context of the Project Area. The Proponent needs to work with Fort Albany First Nation to ensure that Fort Albany First Nation history, culture, and relationship to the project area informs all future culture, heritage, and archaeological assessments and investigations. **3. Commit to working with Fort Albany First Nation to update the history and context of the area to Fort Albany First Nation members to better inform all culture, heritage, and archaeological assessments and investigations going forward.**	The Fort Albany First Nation Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Report will be reviewed during the preparation for the Stage 2 Archaeology process. The Project Team will reach out to Fort Albany First Nation for any questions or to address any data gaps.
Treaty No. 9 and Oral Promises: The English text of Treaty No. 9 is reproduced in the report, and it is stated that "Treaty 9 was written without First Nations input." However, no mention is made of the oral discussion and Crown promises regarding the Treaty, which were key to how the meaning of the Treaty was understood by First Nations people at the time of signing, and remain highly legally, culturally, and politically significant today. The history of the oral promises has been spoken about extensively by Cree Elders and leaders, and is well-documented in sources such as Treaty No. 9: Making the Agreement to Share the Land in Far Northern Ontario in 1905 (John Long, 2010). It is vital that this be acknowledged in any discussion	This section has been updated to reflect your comment the following wording: "As with all treaties between Indigenous Nations and the Crown, Treaty 9 is the subject of ongoing analysis and legal proceedings. Unlike most Crown treaties, Treaty 9 was not written following negotiations but rather a written document that was brought into communities for signature. However, it is important to note that the treaty text was written in English, a language not read by most Indigenous representatives participating in the negotiations, resulting in verbal negotiations. Therefore, there is still the issue of what was verbally promised by the Crown under Treaty 9 versus the written agreement, which has lasting implications today, including but not limited to land and mineral

of Treaty 9. **4. Commit to acknowledging the oral representations and promises made by Crown representatives to First Nations during the Treaty 9 signing processes in any discussion of Treaty 9.**	rights, hunting and fishing rights, and informed consent."
Recommendations for Stage 2 Assessment: FAFN has reviewed the maps and figures for the 2024 Stage 1 Report and requires further information on the rationale for proposed stage 2 test areas. It is unclear from Figures 7-1 to 7-13 how locations for stage 2 test areas were determined given that the entire Project Area has a high archaeological potential. FAFN understands that exceptions can be made where terrain is inaccessible but it is unclear from the maps how that has affected test locations or if/where any areas of low potential have been identified. **5. Provide maps demarcating areas of high potential that are not accessible** FAFN wants to ensure that areas of high potential that are not subject to field test due to accessibility are rigorously investigated by other means. **6. Proponent to commit to co-developing methods with FAFN to investigate areas of high potential that cannot be field tested - methods may include but not be limited to Indigenous Knowledge studies, satellite imagery review and further helicopter fly-overs.**	Section 3 of the archaeology report, Recommendations, explains how archaeological potential is calculated in the Canadian Shield. All areas retaining archaeological potential will require further assessment, consisting of the physical inspection of an area by a licensed archaeologist, even if only accessible via helicopter. Our team will work with Fort Albany First Nation in relation to other areas in our approach as part of the future Stage 2 process. All areas identified by Indigenous communities as retaining archaeological potential will be physically inspected as part of the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment fieldwork.
FAFN would also like to direct the Proponent to the need to involve First Nations, including Fort Albany First Nation, in the identification of areas to include in Stage 2 field investigations. Ontario's (2022) Engaging aboriginal communities in archaeology: a draft technical bulletin for consultant archaeologists in Ontario – Section 3 recommends that Proponents:	Areas recommended for Stage 2 survey are included in the Stage 1 that has been sent for review. If there is archaeological input that Fort Albany First Nation would like included that were not identified in the Indigenous Knowledge report sent in September 2024, please provide for review and inclusion in subsequent fieldwork and reporting.

"extend a Stage 2 survey to include lands that have been identified as of interest to the Aboriginal community, even though those lands may have low potential to contain cultural heritage resources" FAFN needs to be engaged in updating and revising Stage 2 test locations to ensure that areas of cultural importance to FAFN and or areas sensitive to Project impacts are fully investigated. **7. Proponent to commit to working with FAFN to revise/add to areas identified for Stage 2 investigation to ensure that areas important to FAFN are protected.**	

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 c[redacted] or [redacted] to coordinate.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Qasim Saddique
Project Director

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Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Member Advisor

cc:

- Bob Baxter, Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Jennifer Bruin, Technical Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Callais Harrison, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Jodi Miles, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Niki Angelis, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit, Fort Albany Council
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- Community Core Consultation Coordinator, Fort Albany Council
- Justin Page, Fort Albany Council
- Knut Kitching, Fort Albany Council
- Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany Council

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Tue, May 13, 2025 at 4:57 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

To confirm, the signed Community Capacity Funding Agreement from Fort Albany First Nation has been sent to the Project Team for signatures. Once finalized, we will return a fully executed version for your records and notify you when the lump-sum payment is processed.

We can also confirm that 3-5 pm EST on June 3rd works for our team. We are in the process of arranging attendance from the appropriate technical leads, and will send along a virtual meeting invitation ASAP.

Would Fort Albany First Nation like us to work with you to arrange community translation support for this upcoming meeting? Additionally, please let us know if you would like any representatives from the Province of Ontario to attend the meeting.

Looking forward to your confirmation.

Best regards,
Callais
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

Re: MFFN CAR Translations

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Tue, May 13, 2025 at 4:58 PM
To: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Terry Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah and Leo,

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding translation of the Draft EA / IS materials.

To confirm, the MFFN CAR Project Team had not reached out to the Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre when you had sent this email, but we are now in communication with them, and are hoping to have them help with Cree translations. We are also open to any recommendations from Fort Albany First Nation regarding local translators. If there are specific individuals or organizations you would like us to connect with, please feel free to share their contact information and we will pass it along to the translation coordination team.

We understand the importance of making these materials accessible in Cree (N-dialect) and remain committed to working with Fort Albany First Nation to support meaningful participation in the review process.

Sincerely,
Callais
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: May, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Thu, May 22, 2025 at 4:32 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

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.**

Upcoming Meeting

Thank you so much for helping us set up the Zoom link for our upcoming meeting between Fort Albany First Nation and the MFFN CAR Project Team. Our team is very much looking forward to meeting with you, the Firelight Group, and the community. I did want to check in to see if you have any additional information about what you or Fort Albany would like to discuss, now that you are further into your review of the EA / IS? If so, please let us know so we can pass it along to the appropriate subject matter experts who will be in attendance.

Cree Translations

Thank you again for sharing Fort Albany's concerns about the availability of Cree translations. We are in the process of working with several different translators, including the Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre, to try to get these translated materials to Fort Albany as soon as possible. I did want to follow up on my email from May 13th, where I noted that our team would be open to working with local translators from Fort Albany First Nation, should the community be able to provide their contact information. I was wondering if you would be able to provide the contact information for any local individuals or organizations who we should be contacting for their translation services? Let us know!

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.

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Phone: [redacted]

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, May 27, 2025 at 3:32 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

I hope this email finds you well! I just wanted to circle back about a couple of things regarding our upcoming meeting.

Firstly, I just wanted to note that we will not have a legal advisor in attendance at this meeting, but Andrea Nokleby will be attending as the Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interests discipline lead, and will be able to speak to the ATRI assessment. We will also have subject matter experts for water, wildlife, health risk, and cultural heritage present for the meeting, as requested.

Secondly, I wanted to follow up to see if you had any further direction about what you or Fort Albany would like to discuss during this meeting, or a proposed agenda that we can refer to? Our team is aware that the Albany River is a significant topic of concern, but are there any other topics our team should be prepared to discuss, or any questions that we may be able to prepare for ahead of time?

Let us know!

We look forward to meeting with you,

Jodi
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, May 29, 2025 at 3:18 PM
To: Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>
Cc: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah and Dilek,

Thank you for providing this additional direction. We have adjusted the attendees for this meeting on our end, based on these details. I would like to note that not everyone currently in the invite list will be present at the meeting. You can probably anticipate 10-12 attendees on our end, with other subject matter experts on standby in case we need to pull them in.

Please keep me updated about any additional discussion topics that may arise prior to the June 3rd meeting.

Thanks again,

Jodi
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Fri, May 30, 2025 at 3:12 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

I am sending along our proposed agenda for our upcoming June 3rd meeting, which was drafted based on the details Dilek provided in her last email. If you could review this agenda and notify me if there is anything you would like me to revise prior to the meeting, that would be great.

Thanks,

Jodi
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 8:55 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Good morning Sarah,

I just wanted to follow up to make sure that you have received our proposed agenda in my last email, and check in to see if you had any changes you'd like us to make. If so, I will make sure to adjust as necessary before we meet this afternoon.

Further, if you would be able to notify us about any additional discussion topics that may have arisen after the member meeting yesterday, it would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to meeting with you,

Jodi

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: Finalized Capacity Funding Agreement

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 1:20 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

Please see attached the finalized Capacity Funding Agreement.

We are confirming the details about when the payment will be sent, and will provide you with details about the transaction when we have them. I do want to note, once the payment is issued, it would be for the full amount.

I also wanted to let you know that the Plain Language Summaries for Ungulates and Fish & Fish Habitat are translated and now online, here: ᑎᐸᒋᒧᐃᐣ ᐁ ᐸᔮᑌᑕᑊ (Cree) - EA/IS. The Executive Summary will be available shortly as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Callais

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 2:11 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for sending along these additional discussion topics, and for confirming the agenda. I have passed these questions along to the MFFN CAR Project Team to be discussed during our meeting.

Jodi
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Harrison, Callais [redacted]

MFFN CAR - Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: DRAFT Impact Assessment Report

Harrison, Callais [redacted] Fri, Jun 13, 2025 at 1:34 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Dear Sarah,

As part of our ongoing collaboration on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road, we're sharing your community specific **Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Report** (Draft Report) for your review and feedback.

This Draft Report includes information from publicly available sources, as well as any Indigenous Knowledge Reports we received before January 2025. It outlines the assessment process for Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests related to the Community Access Road, and it focuses specifically on your community.

Please use the following link to access and download your Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Report for the Community Access Road:

[redacted]

The review period for this report is 90 calendar days. If Fort Albany First Nation has comments, questions, additional Indigenous Knowledge or details about important sites, areas, or resources—and how often they're used— that could better inform this report we'd appreciate you sharing that with us. Your input will help us refine the potential effects to your Draft Report. A final version of this report will be provided to you.

If we don't hear back with new information by September 11, 2025, the Draft Report will be finalized.

We would be very pleased to meet with you to review the Draft Report, answer any questions you may have, or have a discussion on the assessment process.

Kind regards,

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]> Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 11:43 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good Morning Sarah,

I hope all is well.

I am sending this email regarding a couple of June updates for the MFFN CAR Project.

Please see below for an overview:

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.

Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI): Draft Impact Assessment Report

Fort Albany First Nation's ATRI: Draft Impact Assessment Report was sent to the community for review on June 13, 2025.

The review period for this report is 90 calendar days. If Fort Albany First Nation has comments, questions, additional Indigenous Knowledge or details about important sites, areas, or resources—and how often they're used— that could better inform this report, we'd appreciate if Fort Albany would share that with us. Fort Albany's input will help us refine the potential effects to your Draft Report. A final version of this report will be provided to the community.

If we don't hear back with new information by **September 11, 2025**, the Draft Report will be finalized.

If you could confirm that you received this report on June 13, 2025 and are able to access it, that would be greatly appreciated.

Cree Translations

I wanted to let you know that several additional technical reports have been translated to Cree and uploaded to the Project Website since we last provided an update. This includes the Plain Language Summaries for Acoustics (Noise and Vibration), Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases, Archaeology and Cultural Heritage, Community Well-Being, and Groundwater and Surface Water.

We apologize for the delay with these translations, and will continue to provide updates as additional translated materials become available.

Public Information Centre #6

Public Information Centre #6 was held on May 26 and 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. Thank you to all those who were able to attend the meetings in person. You may review the materials on our website: https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/#pic6

Coming Up...

The Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous communities will be released in Fall 2025. Keep an eye out for the report to be sent in the coming months! 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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MFFN CAR: July, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 1:41 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon Sarah,

I hope all is well.

I am sending this email regarding a couple of July updates for the MFFN CAR Project.

Please see below for an overview:

Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities

The Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities will be released in Fall 2025. Keep an eye out for the report to be sent to your community! Ways to provide feedback will be included.

Ongoing Field Studies

Field programs will be continuing into the 2025 summer and fall seasons to support the Preliminary Design and future permitting for the MFFN CAR. The following three field programs are included in the Summer 2025 Field Notice: Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, Groundwater Well Decommissioning and Geotechnical Investigation.

For more information, read the full field notice here:

https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2025-07-09-MFFN-Summer-2025-Field-Notice.pdf

Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI): Draft Impact Assessment Report

I wanted to remind you that Fort Albany First Nation's ATRI: Draft Impact Assessment Report was sent to the community for review on June 13, 2025.

The review period for this report is 90 calendar days. If Fort Albany First Nation has comments, questions, additional Indigenous Knowledge or details about important sites, areas, or resources—and how often they're used— that could better inform this report, we'd appreciate if Fort Albany would share that with us. Fort Albany's input will help us refine the potential effects to your Draft Report. A final version of this report will be provided to the community.

If we don't hear back with new information by **September 11, 2025**, the Draft Report will be finalized.

Community Capacity Funding Payment

As requested in your email on April 3, 2025, I wanted to confirm the date and amount of the Community Capacity Funding payment that was sent to Fort Albany First Nation. The full amount of this payment ([redacted]) was sent to Fort Albany First Nation by EFT on June 18, 2025.

Cree Translations

I wanted to confirm that all plain language summaries for the MFFN CAR EA / IS are now available in Cree. These documents can be found here:

https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/plain-language-summaries-cree/

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]> Tue, Aug 26, 2025 at 11:49 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good Morning Sarah,

I hope all is well.

I am sending this email regarding a couple of August updates for the MFFN CAR Project.

Please see below for an overview:

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

Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Report

On June 13, 2025, your community-specific Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Report was distributed.

The review period closes on **September 11, 2025**. Please submit any comments, questions, additional Indigenous Knowledge or details about important sites, areas or resources through email.

Please use the following link to access and download your community-specific report: [redacted]

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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B6.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Fwd: Re: MFFN Community Access Road Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

Sarah Beamish [redacted] Fri, Aug 2, 2024 at 4:42 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted] >, [redacted]

Thank you Jodi.

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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Fwd: Re: MFFN Community Access Road Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

Sarah Beamish <[redacted] Fri, Aug 2, 2024 at 5:53 PM
To: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted], "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [redacted], Cathleen Sutherland [redacted], Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted], Justin Page [redacted]

Good afternoon,

Please see attached a letter with preliminary comments regarding this study, sent on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation.

Yours truly,
Sarah Beamish
[Quoted text hidden]

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August 2, 2024

Via email

To: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

Re: Fort Albany First Nation comments regarding the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Community Access Road from Marten Falls to Painter Lake Additional Aggregate Resources

We write on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation.

Fort Albany First Nation has conducted a preliminary review of the 2024 Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment concerning additional aggregate resources and is providing these initial comments. Fort Albany First Nation requests and recommendations have been numbered and bolded. Concerns have been identified regarding access to additional documents, gaps in the historical context for Fort Albany First Nation, and Stage 2 Assessment planning. Fort Albany First Nation asks that recommendations be meaningfully responded to in a timely manner.

Please note that member engagement has not yet informed the review of the report and Fort Albany First Nation may provide further comment later. A lack of comments on any particular aspect of this Assessment should not be taken as an indication of Fort Albany's agreement.

Access to Additional Documents:

It is Fort Albany First Nation's understanding that a record of Indigenous Knowledge collected for this Stage 1 Report is documented in the private "Supplementary Documentation."

In our correspondence with proponent representative Jodi Miles dated July 30, 2024, you advised that "IK from Fort Albany was not referred to or relied upon in this report." **If this is the case, then statements in the report suggesting that it relies on feedback from Fort Albany First Nation should be corrected to reflect this.**

Fort Albany provides the below two comments for the record and in case it is later clarified that Indigenous Knowledge from Fort Albany was used, or if IK from Fort Albany is used in future stages of the archeological assessment.

Fort Albany First Nation respects the intellectual property and confidentiality of other First Nations but requires opportunity to review any information recorded provided by Fort Albany First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation members and or linked to Fort Albany First Nation.

1. **Provide any Indigenous Knowledge attributed to Fort Albany First Nation for review and consent prior to sharing with the Ministry. No Fort Albany First Nation Indigenous Knowledge can be shared without written permission.**

Fort Albany First Nation also requires access to any sections of the Record of Engagement specific to Fort Albany First Nation (also provided under separate cover) from the 2024 Stage 1 Report.

2. **Provide sections of the Record of Engagement specific to Fort Albany First Nation for review and verification prior to sharing with the Ministry.**

Insufficient Context and Historical Background for Fort Albany First Nation:

Fort Albany First Nation members have accessed, used, and traveled through lands and waters within the study area, particularly areas along and near the Albany River system (up to and beyond Marten Falls First Nation) for countless generations. Fort Albany First Nation has also been significantly impacted by the historic river diversions referenced in the report. The context, history, and importance of the study area to Fort Albany First Nation members have not been provided in this 2024 stage 1 assessment nor was it included in the original community access road stage 1 report.

This represents a substantial gap in understanding the cultural and historic context of the Project Area. The Proponent needs to work with Fort Albany First Nation to ensure that Fort Albany First Nation history, culture, and relationship to the project area informs all future culture, heritage, and archaeological assessments and investigations.

3. **Commit to working with Fort Albany First Nation to update the history and context of the area to Fort Albany First Nation members to better inform all culture, heritage, and archaeological assessments and investigations going forward.**

Treaty No. 9 and Oral Promises

The English text of Treaty No. 9 is reproduced in the report, and it is stated that "Treaty 9 was written without First Nations input." However, no mention is made of the oral discussion and Crown promises regarding the Treaty, which were key to how the meaning of the Treaty was understood by First Nations people at the time of signing, and remain highly legally, culturally, and politically significant today. The history of the oral promises has been spoken about extensively by Cree Elders and leaders, and is well-documented in sources such as *Treaty No. 9: Making the Agreement to Share the Land in Far Northern Ontario in 1905* (John Long, 2010). It is vital that this be acknowledged in any discussion of Treaty 9.

4. **Commit to acknowledging the oral representations and promises made by Crown representatives to First Nations during the Treaty 9 signing processes in any discussion of Treaty 9.**

Recommendations for Stage 2 Assessment

FAFN has reviewed the maps and figures for the 2024 Stage 1 Report and requires further information on the rationale for proposed stage 2 test areas. It is unclear from Figures 7-1 to 7-13 how locations for stage 2 test areas were determined given that the entire Project Area has a high archaeological potential. FAFN understands that exceptions can be made where terrain is inaccessible but it is unclear from the maps how that has affected test locations or if/where any areas of low potential have been identified.

5. **Provide maps demarcating areas of high potential that are not accessible for field testing as well as any areas determined to have low potential.**

FAFN wants to ensure that areas of high potential that are not subject to field test due to accessibility are rigorously investigated by other means.

6. **Proponent to commit to co-developing methods with FAFN to investigate areas of high potential that cannot be field tested - methods may include but not be limited to Indigenous Knowledge studies, satellite imagery review and further helicopter fly-overs.**

FAFN would also like to direct the Proponent to the need to involve First Nations, including Fort Albany First Nation, in the identification of areas to include in Stage 2 field investigations. Ontario's (2022) *Engaging aboriginal communities in archaeology: a draft technical bulletin for consultant archaeologists in Ontario* – Section 3 recommends that Proponents:

> "*extend a Stage 2 survey to include lands that have been identified as of interest to the Aboriginal community, even though those lands may have low potential to contain cultural heritage resources*"[1]

FAFN needs to be engaged in updating and revising Stage 2 test locations to ensure that areas of cultural importance to FAFN and or areas sensitive to Project impacts are fully investigated.

7. **Proponent to commit to working with FAFN to revise/add to areas identified for Stage 2 investigation to ensure that areas important to FAFN are protected.**

FAFN looks forward to resolving these concerns. FAFN also requests that any pertinent field schedules and upcoming next steps regarding culture and heritage be shared.

Thank you.

[1] Available at: [redacted]



Yours truly,
Sarah Beamish

Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit
Cathleen Sutherland, Chief Executive Officer
Leo Metatawabin, Community Core Consultation Coordinator
Justin Page, The Firelight Group

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 11:34 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>

Hello Jodi,

Attached is a link to Fort Albany First Nation's **draft** Indigenous Knowledge Study report. It is set to allow you to view and download the document in order to share with others on the MFCAR team, but please let me know if you have difficulties accessing it.

This draft report is being shared under the terms of the funding agreement, and it is subject to the IK Sharing Agreement. It is still subject to a verification process before finalization, so the final version may look different. If FAFN makes any changes to it that may affect your team's use of it for the assessments, we will flag those changes for you.

If you require formal confirmation of any particular details of this report prior to receiving the final/verified version, please let us know and we will do our best to get partial verification more quickly.

[redacted]

Best,
Sarah

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the MFCAR ATRI Report

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 4:14 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Jodi,

Please find attached Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the draft ATRI Report for the Marten Falls Community Access Road. Thank you for your patience awaiting these and for your team's consideration of them after the requested date for comments.

Please note in particular the requests regarding the use of stories by two late FAFN Elders in the Report. While FAFN recognizes that these stories were drawn from publicly-available sources, these requests reflect FAFN's expectation that its members (or in the event that they are deceased, their families) be consulted and give their consent before their stories or words are quoted in Project-related publications, particularly where those stories or words were shared in different contexts than the Project assessments.

Thank you.

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Sarah Beamish (she/her), B.A., M.G.A., J.D.
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 3:24 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

I don't have these answers for you but I have copied Ruby, their Finance Director. She or Cathleen can tell you.

Sarah

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Upcoming Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Mon, Oct 28, 2024 at 4:00 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

My schedule is quite full this week, so unless the updates are time-sensitive, next week is better. Are you available Monday the 4th?

If it is time-sensitive, I can make a few minutes Wednesday or Friday afternoon.

Best,
Sarah

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Upcoming Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 10:01 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

You can call me at 3:00 EST on November 4.

Best,
Sarah
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Community Core Consultation Coordinator [redacted] Fri, Nov 1, 2024 at 3:56 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]

Hello Jodi

Could you please provide the zoom coordinates for this discussion about our community.

Thank you

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Sun, Nov 3, 2024 at 6:11 PM
To: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

HI Jodi,

Can we hit pause on our call on Monday, and I will check in with Leo tomorrow to confirm how he'd like to proceed. Please also confirm your availability Wednesday through Friday so if Leo or anyone else from FAFN wants to be there, I can confirm a good time when I speak with him.

Thanks,
Sarah
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 4:32 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

Leo and I can meet tomorrow morning at 10. Please send a teleconference or video link (his email is [redacted]).

Sarah
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 5:28 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

I don't think having anyone from Ontario present is necessary.

Sarah
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Meeting Follow-up

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 10:52 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>

Hello Jodi,

Thank you for the meeting this week.

As a first follow-up point, this is to confirm that Chief Kataquapit has confirmed that FAFN wishes to access the $[redacted]n funding we discussed, subject to review of the draft funding agreement when it is ready. We look forward to receiving a copy of that.

Have a good weekend.

Sarah

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Updates to the Community Coordinator Program

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 1:45 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

Do you have an update on when the draft agreement for this capacity funding will be available for review? FAFN would like to build this funding into its work planning for the coming months and it would be helpful to review that soon to confirm there will be no concerns about accepting the funding.

Sarah

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 6:10 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

Thank you for your email and patience awaiting a response.

1. **Draft EA / IS** - Leo has advised that there are no mailing addresses other than P.O. Boxes in FAFN. However, he has said you can send the boxes of printed materials to "Fort Albany First Nation, c/o Leo Metatawabin, Fort Albany, [redacted] and this should result in them being kept at the post office for him to pick up. Will this work for you?
2. **Three Roads Gathering** - Unfortunately Leo is double-booked for the Gathering dates and will be unable to attend, but I will attend on FAFN's behalf to gather information, and if the First Nation wants a private meeting with the team on other dates, we will schedule that.
3. **Community Capacity Funding Program** - I have attached the funding agreement with some revisions that are meant to ensure everyone is clear that the Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Agreement applies to the sharing and use of information funded through the Program. If these changes are acceptable to the team, then FAFN is ready to sign the agreement and accept the funding.
4. **IK Funding Information -** See attached a void cheque with FAFN's banking information.
5. **Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback** - We will need a little more time with this item.

Best,
Sarah

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 10:03 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>

Hello Jodi,

This is to confirm that Chief Kataquapit has approved the draft IK Study report provided in September, and the project team can treat it as final.

Best,
Sarah
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 11:42 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

Can you confirm what you mean by "person representing Fort Albany for this transaction"? Do you mean the contact person to be in touch with regarding the transfer of funds, or the person who would sign the Agreement, or something else?

Ruby, can you answer Jodi's question about the void cheque? Does FAFN use the same account to receive all funding transfers for the Marten Falls Community Access Road project?

Sarah
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 1:49 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Hello Jodi,

I sent the answer about the void cheque and contact person to Callais. Yes, you can use the same void cheque information, and the contact person for this purpose is Ruby.

Thank you for the accepted changes. We'll follow up on this soon.

Sarah
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Prospective dates for meeting with FAFN re: draft EA/IS

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 1:56 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Jodi,

As FAFN undertakes its review of the draft EA/IS, it would like to schedule a two-hour video meeting date in early June with representatives of the MFCAR team to discuss any questions and comments it may have. We are not yet sure if this meeting will actually be needed, but would like to hold the time now in case it is.

To assist us with confirming a date and time, can you share MFCAR team availability on June 3, 4, 9, or 10?

Thank you.

--
Sarah Beamish (she/her), B.A., M.G.A., J.D.
Beamish Law
[redacted]
www.beamishlaw.com

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 3:27 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

I have checked and see the email was in Drafts, my apologies. This is what it said:

> Yes, the void cheque can be used for this as well.
>
> Ruby (copied) can be your main contact for communicating about transfer of funds. You can reach her through the main FAFN phone number ([redacted]). I am helping FAFN with tracking the funding on this so when the transfer is made, I'd appreciate it if you can also confirm with me the date and amount.

Sarah
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

Re: MFFN CAR Translations

Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]> Wed, Apr 23, 2025 at 1:12 PM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Terry Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good afternoon, Callais

Under no circumstances we can accept translation for swampy Cree. There are none here.

We are Mushkegowuk Inniwuk and it would only be fitting that we identify our own translators.
If no, may I suggest the Ojibway - Cree Culture Centre be approach to do the translation.

Thank you
leo

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

Re: MFFN CAR Translations

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Fri, Apr 25, 2025 at 11:48 AM
To: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>
Cc: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Terry Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Thank you for this update, Callais. It is troubling to see that there is not yet a single Cree translation available.

As I expressed to the MFCAR team and to IAAC in Thunder Bay, it is very concerning that FAFN is expected to follow the regular consultation timeline without any Cree language materials having been provided, or expected to be provided until the end of the comment period, or possible later.

I would like to remind you that providing materials in Cree (N-dialect) was the first thing FAFN identified as being important for quality consultation, in its letter to IAAC dated January 30, 2020 during the consultation on the draft Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan:

> **Methods of consultation and engagement**
>
> Our members have identified many things that can help ensure adequate and quality consultation:
>
> 1. Provide facilitation, interpretation, and important materials in our local Cree dialect (N-dialect).

Further to Leo Metatawabin's response to you, can you confirm if the MFCAR team has sought the services of the Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre? Would the team accept recommendations from FAFN regarding local translators?

Sarah
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Wed, Apr 30, 2025 at 3:30 PM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good afternoon,

Thank you for these updates.

Chief Kataquapit has approved the funding agreement. A signed copy is attached.

We will get back to you shortly regarding a meeting time on June 3. We will likely be unable to provide specific topics for discussion until late May when FAFN is further along with its review of the draft EA/IS. However, as the Albany River is a topic of core concern to the community, it would be prudent to plan for someone involved with the analysis of impacts on water and fish to attend.

Best,
Sarah

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Thu, May 1, 2025 at 5:38 PM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>

Hello,

We would like to hold the meeting on the afternoon of June 3. Does 3-5 pm EST work for you? If so, please send a Zoom link to Leo, Justin, Dilek (all copied), and me.

We will provide topics for discussion closer to the meeting date. However, FAFN's technical advisors at Firelight Group suggest that the MFCAR team bring a water technical expert, cultural heritage expert, wildlife (terrestrial) biologist, and representative involved with assessment of health risks, in addition to a legal advisor/someone who can speak to the issues of rights and jurisdiction raised in the assessments. If you have questions about this, Dilek or Justin can provide further information about these requests.

Thank you.

Sarah
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Tue, May 20, 2025 at 1:50 PM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>

Hi Callais,

The meeting on June 3 will not be a full community/member meeting, so no translation support is needed.

It is likely that present for FAFN will be Chief Kataquapit, Leo Metatawabin, me, and representatives from Firelight Group.

It is not necessary for anyone from Ontario to attend.

Thank you.

Sarah
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Wed, May 28, 2025 at 2:40 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Hello Jodi,

Thank you for this update.

The discussion will mainly focus on questions and concerns arising from the "red flags" technical review done by The Firelight Group, which has been informed by guidance from the First Nation regarding key concerns and priorities. Dilek or Justin will follow up with you shortly to provide the topics that they are likely to focus on.

FAFN is holding a member meeting on the evening of June 2 where the draft EA/IS will be discussed as well, and is also in the midst of exchanges with neighbouring First Nations about the draft EA/IS as well, so it may be that some further topics will be added to what Firelight shares with you. We will understand if you don't have answers on hand to any last-minute additions and need to follow up after the June 3 meeting.

Best,
Sarah

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Dilek Karadag <[redacted]> Thu, May 29, 2025 at 2:34 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>, "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Good day Jodi,

Following up on Sarah's email, I'm writing to share the topics that we would like to discuss during the June 3rd meeting. These reflect Fort Albany's **preliminary review** of the draft EA/IS. Key topics include:

- **Fort Albany Indigenous rights and governance:** Gaps regarding acknowledgement of Fort Albany's right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC), recognition of FAFN governance, and meaningful participation in long-term monitoring, oversight and adaptive management.
- **Community health and well-being:** Gaps regarding the assessment and mitigation of psychosocial impacts, gendered violence, and youth impacts.
- **Traditional land use and food systems:** Gaps regarding enforceable protections for harvesting areas or plans for safe, ongoing access and stewardship.
- **Albany River:** Gaps regarding assessment of mercury mobilization from sediment disturbance, and hydrological modeling of seasonal flooding risks
- **Moose habitat**: Gaps regarding analysis of moose movement corridors or potential habitat disruption.
- **Cumulative effects**: Gaps regarding integration of regional impacts (e.g. legacy hydro or forestry) and consideration of induced development. Continued concerns about project splitting.

Please note that additional issues may emerge during the June 2 Fort Albany members meeting.

Best regards,

Dilek

Dilek Karadağ
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 10:52 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

The agenda looks fine as a starting point, keeping in mind that these topics overlap for FAFN members, so the discussion may not end up this siloed, particularly if Chief Kataquapit and Leo have questions or comments.

I believe comments by FAFN members at last night's meeting will mostly fit into the agenda categories outlined. The only other thing we may add near the end is discussion of timeline for finalization of the EA/IS and what room that timeline will allow for meaningful consideration of, and revisions responsive to, First Nations' comments.

Sarah
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 1:52 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Hi again Jodi,

There was in fact a member question posed last night that we would like an answer to, either today or in follow-up.

Will Marten Falls First Nation be taking a position on Bill 5 and/or the National Interests legislation, generally or as they relate to the proposed road or other Ring of Fire-related developments? Will Marten Falls be seeking any form of regulatory acceleration, exceptions, or exemptions for this road?

Thank you.

Sarah
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 2:47 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Hello,

This is to update you all that Chief Kataquapit has to send her regrets for the meeting, as she has to join an important political meeting that has come up today. She has asked that we proceed and report back to her, and FAFN may engage at a political level at a later date.

Sarah
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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 2:52 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for this update. We look forward to possibly connecting with Chief Kataquapit at a later date.

Jodi
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Subject: Fort Albany First Nation comments on MFCAR Draft EA/IS
Sent: 2025-06-23, 9:21:48 PM
From: Sarah Beamish<[redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit; Community Core Consultation Coordinator; Justin Page; Dilek Karadag; [redacted]; MartenFalls (IAAC/AEIC); Moszynski, Dorothy (MECP); McLeod, Sasha (MECP)
Attachments: [redacted]

Dear Marten Falls Community Access Road Team,

Please see attached comments from Fort Albany First Nation regarding the Draft EA/IS for the Marten Falls Community Access Road.

Best,
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Sarah Beamish (she/her), B.A., M.G.A., J.D.
Beamish Law
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June 23, 2025

Via email - eaisinput@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Re: Preliminary Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)/Impact Statement (IS) for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road

Dear Marten Falls Community Access Road team,

Please find attached Fort Albany First Nation's (FAFN) preliminary comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement (Draft EA/IS) for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFCAR). The proposed project has the potential to benefit Marten Falls First Nation in ways that we can appreciate, as we understand the challenges of being a fly-in community. It also has the potential to result in significant, long-term adverse effects on the lands, waters, cultural values, and resources within Fort Albany First Nation's homelands and waters.

As we have prepared this letter, a number of our members have been traveling in boats as far as Chemahagun River and Mammamattawa, as part of the Here We Stand movement which began as a call to action by Attawapiskat First Nation youth Jeronimo Kataquapit. These members are marking burial sites, putting up FAFN flags, and putting down tobacco to affirm our ancestral and continuing presence across our homelands, and to honour our sacred relationship with these lands and waters which have shaped who we are as a people. Such journeys remind us of our deep connection to places that may now be impacted by the MFCAR.

We want to provide some context for these preliminary comments.

The Draft EA/IS and its supporting documents are many thousands of pages in length, and are highly technical in parts. However, the plain language summaries were so brief and general (and in some cases flawed or oversimplified, as with the plain language explanation of cumulative effects) that they were not sufficient for understanding the matters of most interest and concern for our members. As a result, we will have to prepare tailored materials for our members to help them understand this Draft EA/IS.

There were also no Cree translations available for most of the consultation period, despite this being important for our member engagement activities, especially with our Elders. The Cree translations that were eventually provided were only for a few plain language summaries.

One early issue we have noted from our initial review of these materials is that they do not always seem to provide clear answers to some of our priority questions. For example, one of the top concerns for FAFN is the overall impact of the proposed Project on the Albany River system

and our people's uses of it, and it seems that assessing what the Draft EA/IS says about this will require us to consider information from across many different parts of the Draft EA/IS.

The Draft EA/IS's and plain language summaries' descriptions of initial effects, mitigation measures, residual effects, and cumulative effects are often so general that it is difficult for us to understand what they may mean in practice. We believe we will have to review the supporting studies themselves in some detail, and potentially submit specific questions, to better understand this. We will then to have translate that information into accessible formats for our members, which will take more time.

The draft Aboriginal and Treaty Interests Report for FAFN was also not available to us until very recently, so we were unable to consider it alongside the rest of the Draft EA/IS materials and have not been able to integrate it into any of our initial member engagement activities.

Further, the Draft EA/IS early consultation period overlapped with April goose hunt, and the emergency evacuation of our community in May due to spring flooding. Both events impacted our ability to plan member engagement.

As a result, during this early consultation period we have only been able to do a relatively high-level review of the Draft EA/IS, which has not yet included review of all of the supporting documents. Our technical review has focused on some key "red flags" topics, and our engagement with members has focused mainly on helping them to understand at a high level what this document addresses, and getting their guidance about what information and methods will support more meaningful engagement activities with them over the coming months. This means that the attached comments provide only an initial and partial high-level review of some key concerns identified. These are very preliminary in nature and will be further developed following deeper engagement with FAFN members and knowledge holders over the coming months.

At a high-level, issues identified in the attached table include:

- insufficient integration of Indigenous governance, Indigenous Knowledge, and consent-based decision making;
- gaps in the assessment of downstream hydrological impacts and the Albany River system;
- limited consideration of cultural impact, food systems, and psychosocial well-being;
- inadequate assessment of cumulative effects, including foreseeable mining and infrastructure projects; and
- insufficient analysis of legacy impacts and long-term land use change scenarios.

We respectfully request that the proponent review these concerns and respond meaningfully. Each comment includes a recommended revision or required action to address the issues raised.

We have had the benefit of reviewing comments submitted by Attawapiskat First Nation, and recently met with their representatives to discuss the Draft EA/IS. Except where their comments relate only to their community, we support and adopt those comments. We particularly

emphasize our agreement with their comments regarding cumulative effects. We find it troubling that many clearly foreseeable developments or activities have been left out of the assessment, and we are concerned that this has greatly undermined the overall analysis in the Draft EA/IS, in a manner that has resulted in potential or likely effects being underestimated, perhaps significantly.

Finally, we note that this comment period has overlapped with the alarming passage of Bill 5 and Bill C5, which are intended to expedite developments in and around the Ring of Fire. We oppose these as attacks on the rights and jurisdiction of all Treaty 9 First Nations, and we have been glad to see that Chief Achneepineskum has publicly shared similar concern. We believe that our First Nations share a common interest in protecting our rights and homelands from the attitudes reflected in these new laws, and that our common interest in refusing to legitimize them transcends any single project. We ask for Marten Falls First Nation's assurance that it will not support the Crown using these new laws to speed up, limit, or remove the regulatory processes that apply to the MFCAR.

Sincerely,

Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit

Attachment: Fort Albany First Nation's Preliminary Comments on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road

Cc: Council, Fort Albany First Nation
Leo Metatawabin, Economic Development Officer, Fort Albany First Nation
Justin Page and Dilek Karadag, The Firelight Group [redacted]
and [redacted])
Sarah Beamish, Beamish Law [redacted]
Loraine Cox, Team Leader, Ontario Region, Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
[redacted] and [redacted]
Dorothy Moszynski and Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officers, Environmental Assessment Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
[redacted]

ID #	Document	Section and Page #	Comment
FAFN-001	The Draft EA/IS	The Draft EA/IS	The Draft EA/IS proposes general Indigenous involvement in future monitoring and decision-making but does not outline, define, or resource a specific role for Indigenous Nations in long-term project governance. This generalized approach falls short of meaningful consultation and accommodation standards, and it fails to align with best practices for Indigenous participation in project oversight and environmental stewardship, particularly in a culturally and ecologically sensitive region. It also fails to explain how Indigenous Knowledge systems will be integrated into monitoring design, evaluation criteria, or adaptive decision-making. Please revise the EA/IS to include the following: 1. A commitment to the co-development of a project oversight and monitoring body with guaranteed participation for impacted Indigenous Nations. 2. Funding and support for Indigenous-led monitoring programs, including Guardian initiatives and community-based monitoring. 3. Formal decision-making input for Indigenous Nations throughout the life of the project. 4.A clear description of how Indigenous Knowledge will inform monitoring approaches, thresholds, and indicators.
FAFN-002	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 12.1.3 pp. 920-922	The Draft EA/IS does not provide predictive hydrological modeling or analysis of changes to ice formation, freeze-thaw timing, or ice-jam related flooding risks in the Albany River system. This is a significant omission because freeze-thaw cycles and ice formation processes are critical to river dynamics, ecological health, and flood risk management. Understanding how the project may affect these processes, especially in the context of changing climate conditions, particularly under future climate change scenarios, is necessary to assess potential impacts on aquatic systems, infrastructure, and Indigenous land use. Please revise the EA/IS to include the following: 1. Predictive hydrological modeling or analysis of potential changes to ice formation, freeze-thaw cycles, and the risk of seasonal flooding along the Albany River system. 2. An assessment of these risks under both current and projected future climate scenarios.

FAFN-003	The Draft EA/IS	The Draft EA/IS	The current defined study areas do not adequately reflect the extent of potential downstream and cumulative impact, particularly along the Albany River system. For a project of this scale one that fundamentally alters access, hydrology, and ecosystem dynamics - a broader special scope is required to understand long range ecological and cultural consequences. Please revise the EAIS to: 1. extend the regional study area to include downstream zones of influence, including the Albany River and coastal ecosystem leading into James Bay. 2. Integrate Indigenous Knowledge and land use mapping to identify areas of cultural and ecological significance beyond the current study boundary. 3. Re-evaluate potential project effects using this expanded spatial lens to ensure that downstream communities and ecosystems are meaningfully assessed.
FAFN-004	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 9.4.6.4, Table 9-30 p.669	The Draft EA/IS acknowledges historical mercury contamination in the Albany river system but it fails to assess the potential for mercury mobilization resulting from sediment disturbance, dewatering, or hydrological changes associated with road development. This omission is especially concerning given the potential health and ecological impacts for downstream Indigenous communities that rely on aquatic ecosystems for harvesting and subsistence. Please revise the EA/IS to include the following: 1. A site specific risk assessment evaluating the potential for mercury mobilization during construction and operation, particularly in areas with known or suspected contaminated sediments. 2. Mitigation measures to minimize sediment disruption in mercury-sensitive areas. 3. Monitoring protocols and contingency measures to prevent downstream mercury contamination, protect aquatic health, and ensure the safety of Indigenous harvesting practices. 4. Integration of Indigenous Knowledge and historical community observations regarding mercury impacts and vulnerable sites.
FAFN-005	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 8.3.6.4 pp.122-128	Section 8.3.6.4 off the Draft EA/IS states that no barriers to fish movement were observed at survey crossings. However, the report does not adequately assess the long term risk to fish migration posed by the installation of culverts, bridges, and other water crossings - particularly under changing seasonal flow conditions due to climate change variability and road maintenance activities. Without robust predictive analysis,

			the project risks fragmentation of aquatic habitats essential to the life cycles of migratory and resident fish species. Please revise the EA/IS to include the following: 1. Detailed assessment of fish passage for each proposed crossing, including site specific hydraulic modeling and design criteria. 2. Commitment to infrastructure standards that ensure year-round habitat connectivity under both low-flow and high-flow conditions. 3. Monitoring and maintenance protocols to ensure crossing structures do not become migration barriers overtime.
FAFN-006	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 8.3.6.4 p.125	The Draft EA/IS does not sufficiently evaluate how road construction and operations may alter key water quality parameters-such as water temperature, dissolved oxygen, and sedimentation - that are critical to fish health and habitat suitability. These parameters are particularly sensitive during spawning and overwintering periods. Please revise the EA/IS to include the following: 1. Predictive modeling of changes to water temperature, dissolved oxygen levels, and sedimentation in impacted tributaries and mainstream rivers. 2. A seasonal analysis to assess risk during biologically sensitive periods. 3. Mitigation strategies and long-term monitoring to safeguard water quality in fish-bearing waters.
FAFN-007	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 9.4.5 pp.602, 646-647 Sec. 10.3.5 pp. 802-811	While the Draft EA/IS and Appendix K include a detailed assessment of Caribou in the Missisa range, the report concludes that the project will not result in significant adverse effects for moose. As a result, it does not provide the same level of detailed analysis for moose habitat connectivity, movement corridors, or migratory behaviors. This omission overlooks the potential for road infrastructure to disrupt moose movement patterns, which may have both ecological and harvesting implications. Please revise the EA/IS to include following: 1. A comprehensive analysis of moose movements corridors in the study area. 2. Predictive assessment of potential barrier effects from road construction and operation. 3. Identification of habitat fragmentation risks and recommended mitigations to preserve movements and access

FAFN-008	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 9.4.5 pp. 646-647	The Draft EA/IS acknowledges that the new access road may increase hunting pressure and human activity, but it does not assist the population-level effects or propose specific mechanisms for regulating increased access. Please revise the EA/IS to include the following: 1. Risk assessment of increased hunting and poaching pressure due to new road access. 2. Concrete regulatory and enforcement measures to manage access and harvesting activities. 3. Commitment to co-develop culturally appropriate access protocols and enforcement mechanisms in collaboration with Fort Albany First Nation.
FAFN-009	The Draft EA/IS	Appendix I pp. 111- 168	Peatlands are vital ecosystems that store carbon, regulate water flow, and hold deep cultural significance for indigenous communities through their connection to traditional harvesting and land-based practices. The Draft EA/IS indicates that peatlands may be damaged by chances in surface water flow or melting permafrost resulting from road construction and related disturbances. However, it does not include detailed, location specific studies or predictive modeling to assess where and how peatland degradation may occur. Moreover, the report does not define clear ecological thresholds to identify when peatland degradation is becoming serious or reversible. Please revise the EA/IS to include the following: 1. specially explicit assessment of peatland vulnerability, including hydrological and thermal modeling to identify high-risk areas for degradation from drainage, thaw, or terminal disturbance. 2. Integration of climate change scenarios into peatland resilience modeling to support proactive design and mitigation. 3. Formal commitment to engage Fort Albany First Nation in the identification, classification, and protection of sensitive peatland areas using Indigenous Knowledge and stewardship protocols. 4. Clear thresholds or indicators of peatland degradation, and mitigation and adaptive response plan to prevent long term damage or carbon release 5. Quantification of peatland carbon storage and inclusion in the cumulative effects analysis, particularly in relation to long-term climate change impacts.

FAFN-010	The Draft EA/IS	Appendix T pp. 274-275	The Draft EA/IS acknowledges that the construction of a new access road may increase risks related to drug and alcohol availability, human trafficking, and social disruption. These risks are not isolated to individual harm-they have broader community wide impacts on safety, mental health and cultural cohesion. Indigenous women and youth are particular vulnerable to these effects, which can erode community trust, strain support services, and disrupt intergenerational relationship. However, the Draft EA/IS does not explain how these risks will be tracked over time or how affected communities will be protected if social harms intensify. The lack of a long-term prevention, response, and support strategy is a significant gap in the assessment. Please revise the EA/IS to include the following: 1. Co-developed Safety and Wellness plan with affected Indigenous Nations and neighboring communities that includes culturally relevant prevention, support services, and response protocols. 2. Community-led monitoring of social harms with indicators developed in partnership with Indigenous leaders and health experts.
FAFN-011	The Draft EA/IS	Appendix T pp. 269-271	The Draft EA/IS includes that greater road access could lead to decline in traditional food harvesting and an increase in overharvesting due to easier access to hunting and fishing areas. These changes could significantly disturb cultural transmission between Elders and youth and contribute to the erosion of food sovereignty. Maintaining traditional harvesting is essential not only for food security, but also for cultural continuity, knowledge transfer, and the integration of Indigenous values and practices in land stewardship. Please revise the EA/IS to include the following: 1. Commitment to support community-based harvesting and food security programs that strengthen traditional food systems, not just rely on imported food options. 2. Formal support and funding for Indigenous-lead harvesting initiatives.
FAFN-012	The Draft EA/IS	Appendix T pp.220-226	The Draft EA/IS briefly acknowledges potential psychological impacts- such as loss of sense of place, mental health risks, and intergenerational cultural disruption - but does not meaningfully assess them. These effects are deeply tied to community identity, resilience, and long-term well-being. Psychological harms can manifest as increased anxiety, disconnection from land-based practices, and erosion of cultural continuity.

			Please revise EA/IS to include a substantive assessment of cumulative psychosocial effects, including: 1. Long term mental health impacts of environmental and cultural disruption. 2. Risks to cultural continuity and identity, especially for youth. 3. Mitigation measures such as land based healing initiatives mental health supports, and cultural programming co-designed with Fort Albany First Nation
FAFN-013	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 8.3.6.7 pp.349-350	The Draft EA/IS References sacred and burial sites but does not clearly explain how these will be protected during or after construction. Sacred sites are essential to cultural survival and are protected under both Indigenous law and Canadian heritage legislation. Their desecration can cause intergenerational trauma and erode Spiritual and cultural identity. Please revise the EA/IS to include a clear commitment to protect sacred and burial sites, including the designation of no-go zones and protocols for community notification and consent prior to any work near sensitive areas.
FAFN-014	The Draft EA/IS	The Draft EA/IS	The Draft EA/IS includes monitoring and adapting but does not explain how affected Indigenous Nations can participate in real time monitoring or what role the community would play. Legacy impacts from historical hydroelectric and resource development have degraded baseline conditions, making community-led oversight essential to restore and safeguard Indigenous lands. Please revise the EA/IS to include clear mechanisms for Indigenous Nations to participate in real time monitoring, enforcement come up and adaptive management decisions, particularly through on the ground roles.
FAFN-015	The Draft EA/IS	The Draft EA/IS	The Draft EA/IS does not explain what thresholds would trigger stronger protection or adaptive actions. Clearly defined thresholds are critical to ensure automatic responses when harm occurs, helping to prevent irreversible damage to lands, water and cultural values. Please revise the EA/IS to include clearly defined indicators and thresholds that would automatically trigger operational changes or the implementation of additional safeguards when environmental or cultural impacts are observed. These thresholds should be co-developed with Indigenous communities and include Indigenous Knowledge indicators.

FAFN-016	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 10 pp. 754-776 Sec. 6.8 p. 69 Appendix E	The Draft EA/IS does not assess what may happen if other mines-particularly those in the Ring of Fire- or new roads are developed in the region. Failing to consider foreseeable developments overlooks the cumulative landscape-scale pressure that could drastically alter ecosystems, increase access, and undermines Indigenous rights and territory stewardship. Please revise the EA/IS to include a scenario-based cumulative effects assessment that incorporates foreseeable projects such as other Ring of Fire mines, and access roads, and evaluates their combined impact with the Marten Falls Community Access Road.
FAFN-017	The Draft EA/IS	Sec.10 pp.771 -773	The Draft EA/IS excludes key foreseeable Ring of Fire mining projects from its cumulative effects assessment. Table 10-1 omits major mining projects- such as the Blackbird, Big Daddy, Black Label, and Black Thor mines- despite their public identification by mining companies. The rationale provided that- these are “deposits and not active projects” - fails to reflect their "reasonably foreseeable" status, as defined by Indigenous knowledge holders and planning standards. This exclusion represents a serious flaw in the scoping of cumulative effects and illustrates the broader issue of project splitting. By artificially narrowing the scope of analysis, the EA/IS fails to account for the full impact of opening the Ring of Fire and adjacent James Bay Lowlands to industrial development. Please revise the EA/IS to retain these mining projects in the cumulative effects assessment, in accordance with regulatory guidelines on "reasonably foreseeable” developments.
FAFN-018	The Draft EA/IS	Section 7.2.3 pp.87-94	The Draft EA/IS does not adequately assess the environmental and cultural impacts of aggregate extraction and construction waste management, despite identifying over 40 potential aggregate and borrow sites. These activities, involving drilling, blasting, crushing, dewatering, and stockpiling of materials, are expected to operate throughout the construction and operational phases of the road. Associated infrastructure, including concrete batch plants, access roads to pits, and waste disposal areas, is not fully scoped into the effects analysis. These activities may also result in noise, light, and chemical pollution that affects Indigenous harvesting practices and local ecosystems. This omission is unacceptable given the scale, intensity, and duration of aggregate extraction operations.

			Please revise the EA/IS to include all aggregate-related facilities, dewatering activities, and construction waste infrastructure in the cumulative effects analysis. A full assessment of long-term impacts, ecological thresholds, and mitigation plans is required, particularly for sensitive peatland and surface water areas.
FAFN-019	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 10 pp. 754-776 Sec. 6.8 p. 69 Appendix E	The Draft EA/IS acknowledges past hydroelectric and forestry development, but it does not assess their ongoing ecological and cultural impacts. Legacy impacts matter because they compound new pressures and shape the degraded environmental and cultural baselines against which current project impacts should be measured. Please revise the EA/IS to include an analysis of legacy hydroelectric and forestry development impacts as part of the cumulative effects framework.
FAFN-020	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 10 pp. 754-776 Sec. 6.8 p. 69 Appendix E	The Draft EA/IS does not consider how the road may induce new development - such as additional mining, logging, or increased recreational access - beyond its immediate footprint. Assessing induced development is critical because it can accelerate land-use change and contribute to cumulative cultural loss, habitat fragmentation, and long-term environmental degradation. Please revise the EA/IS to include an assessment of potential induced development scenarios resulting from improved access, and their implications for environmental and cultural sustainability.
FAFN-021	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 10 pp. 754-776 Sec. 6.8 p. 69 Appendix E	The cumulative effects assessment is conducted in isolation and is not integrated into any broader regional planning or strategic assessment framework. Without the regional lens, the assessment fails to account for the interconnectedness of development pressures. A broader approach ensures consistent standards, cross-jurisdictional planning, and holistic protection of Indigenous rights and ecosystems. Please revise the EA/IS to include the cumulative effect assessment within an established or emerging regional strategic assessment framework, such as the Ring of Fire Regional Assessment.
FAFN-022	The Draft EA/IS	The Draft EA/IS	The draft EA/IS does not consider how project related habitat alteration and landscape change could contribute to increased abundance of certain insect populations and the resulting ecological impacts. While the EA/IS assess is negative effects on pollinating insects from construction and operation activities, it does not evaluate the potential

			for insect overpopulation to cause broader environmental consequences- such as ecological imbalance, vegetation stress, or shifts in predator prey dynamics. These effects could be particularly relevant in disturbed or reclaimed areas, where conditions may Favor population booms of opportunistic species. The EA/IS also does not include Indigenous Knowledge or local observations of previous insect population increases following landscape changes. These represents a gap in the current impact assessment framework. Indigenous knowledge and local ecological observations may provide insight into past experiences with insect population changes and related environmental impacts, especially following habitat disturbance. We recommend that the EAIS be revised to include an analysts of potential environmental consequences from increased insect abundance, including culturally or ecologically significant feedback effects, to ensure the long term integrity of affected ecosystems is properly evaluated.

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: June, 2025 Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 12:05 PM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>
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Hi Callais,

Thank you for the updates.

Yes, we received the ATRI Report. Thank you.

Sarah

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B6.3 Community Specific Meeting Materials

Project Name:	Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All Season Community Access Road (CAR)	**Date of Meeting:**	November 7, 2024
		Time:	10:00 am EST
Attendees:	Sarah Beamish, *Fort Albany First Nation Legal Council* Leo Metatawabin, *Fort Albany First Nation Community Core Consultation Coordinator* Qasim Saddique, *Project Director, MFFN CAR* Andrea Nokleby, *Indigenous Knowledge Program Lead, MFFN CAR* Jodi Miles, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*	**Location:**	Google Meet
		Prepared By:	Jodi Miles, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
Regarding:	**MFFN CAR Community Coordinator Program, Indigenous Knowledge Program, Draft EA/IS, and Meaningful Consultation**		

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Summary

The MFFN CAR Project Team and Fort Albany First Nation met to discuss various project updates, as well as the topic of meaningful consultation, which had previously been raised in the Milestone #1 Report. During this meeting, the following topics were discussed:

- Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to climate change, food security, water security, and the protection of sacred and ceremonial lands;
- Updates regarding the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program, including Fort Albany First Nation's finalization of their IK report, and how the IK report will be incorporated into the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS);
- Updates related to the release of the draft EA / IS;
- Updates to the Community Coordinator program;
- Upcoming responses to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment report, and the Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Existing Conditions report; and
- Meaningful consultation methods.

Item #	Topic / Theme	Notes	Response/Action Items

1.	Community Concerns	• Leo Metatawabin, Fort Albany First Nation's Community Core Consultation Coordinator, noted that the community has concerns about:
		  • Changes to the Albany River and how it has impacted Fort Albany First Nation's access to their land and camps;
		  • Climate change, food security, and water security;
		  • The loss of sacred grounds and burial grounds in their community due to increased development. [redacted]	

2.	Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program	• Fort Albany First Nation is currently finalizing their IK report. Changes should be minor to the draft report already submitted. • The IK Program Lead noted the key dates for incorporating IK into the draft EA / IS. • The goal is to incorporate IK into the entire EA / IS. • Fort Albany First Nation's IK will be incorporated into the ATRI chapter of the draft EA / IS, but will likely not be incorporated into the other draft chapters of the draft EA / IS due to timing constraints. However, it was noted that their IK would be reflected in applicable chapters of the final EA / IS report.	**Action Item:** • Fort Albany First Nation to provide final version of their IK Report, once finalized.
3.	Draft EA / IS Timeline	• The release date of the draft EA / IS being confirmed. The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that information on the release date will be circulated as soon as possible. • Fort Albany First Nation will be shut down for a couple weeks over Christmas. Likely around Dec 20, 2024 - Jan 4, 2025. • Fort Albany First Nation's winter road will also be opening up late winter.	**Action Items:** • MFFN CAR Project Team to provide draft EA / IS to Fort Albany for their review, once available. • MFFN CAR Project Team to continue to communicate about any updates to the draft EA / IS timeline.

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1.	Community Coordinator Program	• The Community Coordinator program is being discontinued and replaced with a lump-sum capacity funding payment of $[redacted] This can be used for anything to support Fort Albany First Nation in their review of the draft EA / IS and would be managed by the community. • MFFN CAR Project Team is aiming to distribute the capacity funding to communities within the next four months. • There is no date that Fort Albany First Nation would have to use this capacity funding by. • Sarah Beamish noted that Fort Albany First Nation's Chief has said that the community would likely be interested in the new capacity funding, but will need to review the funding agreement first. • The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that the capacity funding agreement is not ready yet, but that it will be sent once it's finalized. • The MFFN CAR Project Team is not looking for a proposal from Fort Albany First Nation regarding how the capacity funding will be used. • Leo Metatawabin asked if the capacity funding can be used to purchase equipment. The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that he should wait for the draft agreement for confirmation, but that it would likely be an option. • Sarah Beamish noted to Leo Metatawabin that there is some money available in the provincial funding and container office budget that could be used to purchase equipment.	**Action Items:** • Sarah Beamish to provide Fort Albany First Nation's preferred payment method and associated information for IK Program payment and future capacity funding payment. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant to provide Community Coordinator Funding Agreement to Fort Albany First Nation, once it is available.
2.	Upcoming Responses (Archaeology and ATRI comments)	• MFFN CAR Project Team's response to Fort Albany First Nation's Archaeology Report comments is still being drafted. • The MFFN CAR Project Team is currently developing the Stage 2 Archaeology Assessment (AA) Report process. • MFFN CAR Project Team's response to Fort Albany First Nation's draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report comments is still being drafted.	**Action Item:** • MFFN CAR Project Consultant to provide response to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Archaeology Assessment Report and the ATRI Existing Conditions Report

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		• Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report will be integrated into the ATRI Assessment Report.	
3.	Consultation Methods	• Fort Albany First Nation provided a comment on the Milestone #1 Report noting that they do not consider the majority of the communications in that report to be meaningful. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired about how the MFFN CAR Project Team can make consultation more meaningful to Fort Albany First Nation. • Sarah Beamish noted that the majority of the emails/phone calls in the Milestone #1 Report did not provide information about issues that Fort Albany First Nation is concerned about. • There was a lot of frustration from Fort Albany First Nation about the consultation process during COVID. There was a lot of communication, but most of it had to do with asking for more time, etc. • These concerns are not related to the efforts of the Consultation Team, or how they can do anything differently. These concerns were mainly in reference to the type of information being provided at that time. Fort Albany First Nation does not have any further specific concerns regarding the manner in which they are being engaged since the Milestone #1 report. • Fort Albany First Nation filled out the EA / IS survey and noted that they will want to meet with the Project Team for their review of the reports. They will make the review plan after the materials are circulated. • Fort Albany First Nation noted that it will be important to make sure that the materials are accessible to the community. The MFFN CAR Project Director confirmed that plain language and traditional language documents will be available. • Sarah Beamish noted that Fort Albany First Nation will likely share concerns regarding project splitting. In the community's	• **Action Item:** • MFFN CAR Project Consultant to send Milestone #1 comment to Sarah • Fort Albany First Nation to request in-community meetings with the MFFN CAR Project Team once they review the draft EA / IS materials

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		perspective, MFFN CAR, Webequie Supply Road (WSR), and Northern Road Link (NRL) are one continuous road.
		• Sarah Beamish noted that she isn't sure how concerns about project-splitting could be translated into more meaningful consultation, and noted that perhaps the assessments could have been set up differently from the beginning.
		• Leo Metatawabin provided the following information, when asked about concerns about the EA / IS review period:
		  • Fort Albany First Nation will be working on a Community Comprehensive Plan in the near future.
		  • Hunting season is important in relation to food security and the high cost of living.
		  • Fort Albany is a grieving Nation, and that healing is a process.
		  • Fort Albany First Nation has been experiencing infrastructure challenges in the community, including the collapsing of the radio building. Additionally, the elevator in the community hall is not working, making it challenging to engage with Elders.
		• The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked if we can work with Leo Metatawabin to help engage with Elders during the EA / IS review period. Leo Metatawabin will confirm if or how engagement support could be provided.
		• Sarah Beamish suggested that the $[redacted] capacity funding could be used for one-on-one meetings with Elders, meals, etc.
		• The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that meetings with Project Team can also be tailored to fill gaps, such as the engagement of Elders, through presentations, additional materials, etc.
		• Fort Albany First Nation should request in-community meetings with Project Team sooner than later so that they can be scheduled.	

Project Name:	Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All Season Community Access Road (CAR)	**Date of Meeting:**	February 19, 2025
		Time:	1:00-2:00 pm EST
		Project #:	[redacted]
Attendees:	Kimberly Jorgensen, Constance Lake First Nation Consultant (Four Rivers) Shannon Costigan, Constance Lake First Nation Consultant (Four Rivers) Wayne Neegan, Constance Lake First Nation CCLO Phyllis Ineese, Constance Lake First Nation Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel Ervin Waboose, Long Lake #58 First Nation CCLO Amanda Misnakoshkang, Long Lake #58 First Nation Land Officer Qasim Saddique, MFFN CAR Project Team Jennifer Bruin, MFFN CAR Project Team Bob Baxter, MFFN CAR Senior Community Member Advisor Ingrid Trimble, MFFN CAR Project Consultant Gabbie Ratajczak, MFFN CAR Project Consultant	**Location:**	Thunder Bay, Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo
		Prepared By:	Gabbie Ratajczak (MFFN CAR Project Consultant)

Regarding: **MFFN CAR Breakout Session at Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo – Constance Lake First Nation**

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Summary

The MFFN CAR Project Team and representatives of Constance Lake First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation and Long Lake #58 First Nation 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

- The Project Team to provide Fort Albany First Nation legal counsel with approximate translation timelines for the Assessment Summary (completed – translations were provided as they became available on June 3, June 26 and July 29, 2025).

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1	General Project	• Constance Lake First Nation is interested in how MFFN is supported and fostered during the road development, why they chose certain river crossing and landscape; and what kind of species are taken into account, particularly in relation to caribou.	• The Project Team explained the process for building a road, how it differs from Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) forestry roads and how in this process the government needed to consult with MFFN community members and other Indigenous communities. Feedback from MFFN and Indigenous communities was used to choose the preferred route. Feedback included staying away from caribou calving areas, ensuring no pollution would occur in the rivers and not using the winter corridor route as an option. The Project Team indicated that detailed information is included in the Draft EA / IS. This includes the community's perspective and how the decision was driven by a holistic view of the project.
2	Climate Change	• How is climate change factored into decisions for the CAR?	• The Project Team placed a lot of consideration into climate adaptation and how to design and construct the CAR considering climate change and to make it resilient to it. Considerations have been made regarding the construction process, the human environment, the physical environment and more. More information can be found in the Draft EA / IS.

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3	Peatlands	• Are there areas where bogs tend to be more watered? This type of landscape changes in cycles. How does it impact the CAR?	• The Project Team explained that the CAR will be constructed as a floating road and will have 1-metre-thick rock on top of peat and aggregate sites along it. This is blasted rock and will allow for water to pass through.
4	Peatlands	• If there was a spill on the bog, how would it be cleaned up and who would be responsible?	• During the construction phase, each construction company will have to prepare a spill response plan and environmental protection plan. They will have spill kits ready on hand and will have the equipment and people trained to employ the means necessary for cleanup.
5	Atmospheric Environment	• What are you doing for dust abatement?	• The current assumption is that water will be used for dust suppression. • Ownership and operation of the road is currently unknown, and dust abatement is part of ongoing discussions of whoever becomes the owner of the CAR. • Community members did not want salt on the road.
6	Consultation Methods	• Fort Albany First Nation legal asked what Indigenous languages materials would be available in and the timelines for the translated materials to be available. • Fort Albany First Nation legal counsel expressed concerns about not having translated materials available. • Fort Albany First Nation legal counsel asked if there would be flexibility on	• The Assessment Summary will be available in Ojibway, Oji-Cree, Swampy Cree and French. However, very few translators are available to translate into Indigenous languages. The translators had given an overall estimate of 100-120 days from the day the document was received for translation. The Project Team

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		deadlines once translations are available.	indicated that materials have been sent for translation as they have become available in an effort to have as many as possible available soon after the release of the Draft EA/IS. • **Action Item:** Project Team to provide Fort Albany First Nation legal counsel an approximate translation timelines for Draft EA / IS documents.
7	Indigenous Knowledge, Consultation Methods	• Participants wondered about the Indigenous influence in the process and how Council was involved	• In the past, MFFN were not consulted on development projects on their territory. • MFFN partnered with Land Use Planning in order to be involved in this process. • MFFN is consulting with 23 Indigenous Communities and tribal council's as required.
8	Consultation Methods	• Constance Lake First Nation asked about opportunities to have a presentation for their members on the results of the Draft EA / IS. They also wondered about it covering their members areas of interest and if a customized packaged could be prepared.	• The Project Team noted that they would be glad to take requests to present high level findings and summary of results on a topic. The Project Team indicated that if Constance Lake First Nation provides information on what their members are interested in the Project Team would be able to customize a package/presentation for them.

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		• The MFFN CAR Project Director confirmed that there would be another event like the Three Road Forum happening in the future. Leo Metatawabin noted that he would be interested in attending future events like this, but noted that the community is in an election year, and he is not sure what new Chief and Council will want. • The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that the Province will likely provide funding to pay for travel and accommodation expenses. • Leo Metatawabin noted that he plans to attend the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Convention. He noted concerns about how PDAC's Indigenous program is separate from the lands program.	

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Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2025

Project Name:	Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) Project	**Date of Meeting:**	June 3, 2025
		Time:	3:00 pm EST
Attendees:	Leo Metatawabin, *Fort Albany First Nation* Sarah Beamish, *Fort Albany First Nation Legal Council* Justin Page, *Fort Albany First Nation Consultant (The Firelight Group)* Dilek Karadag, *Fort Albany First Nation Consultant (The Firelight Group)* Bob Baxter, *MFFN CAR Project Team* Qasim Saddique, *MFFN CAR Project Team* Jennifer Bruin, *MFFN CAR Project Team* Craig De-Vito, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant* Lesley Reid, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant* Crista Gladstone, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant* Erin Greenaway, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant* Nadia Baker, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant* Andrea Nokleby, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant* Ingrid Trimble, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant* Jodi Miles, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*	**Location:**	Zoom
Regarding:	**Fort Albany First Nation's review of the MFFN CAR Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement**	**Prepared By:**	Jodi Miles, MFFN CAR Project Consultant

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Summary

The Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation on June 3, 2025, to discuss Fort Albany First Nation's ongoing review of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS). The meeting focused on identifying gaps noted by Fort Albany First Nation in the Draft EA / IS. The key topics of discussion included:

- Fort Albany First Nation's opposition to Bill 5, and their request for MFFN to make a statement about their stance on the proposed legislation;
- Concerns about what the development of the MFFN CAR may lead to, including increased development in the area and environmental impacts;
- Indigenous communities' right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent;
- Mitigation of psycho-social impacts, gendered violence, and youth impacts, including identity, intergenerational wellbeing, anxiety, and fear;
- Enforceable protections and plans for access / stewardship for harvesting areas;
- Enforceable protections for sacred and burial sites;
- The importance of the Albany River to Fort Albany First Nation, and water quality and quantity assessments for the Albany River;
- Fort Albany First Nation's concerns about potential impacts that the MFFN CAR could have to accessing traditional resources;
- Moose movement corridors and / or potential habitat disruption;
- Integration of regional impacts and other induced development as a result of the MFFN CAR;
- Anticipated timelines for the release of the Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Impact Assessment Report, and the Final EA / IS.

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1.	Meeting Context &	• Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel noted that this meeting was intended to discuss the gaps that Fort Albany First Nation had noted in their review of the	

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	Overarching Concerns	EA / IS, and would not discuss aspects of the Draft EA / IS that Fort Albany First Nation had believed to be done well. • Fort Albany First Nation Legal Council expressed concerns about impacts that the Ring of Fire will have on coastal communities and noted that they view the Community Access Road as "one piece of the puzzle" in regard to the development of the Ring of Fire. • Fort Albany First Nation Legal Council expressed Fort Albany First Nation's opposition to Bill 5 and inquired about MFFN's stance on the proposed legislation. • Fort Albany First Nation Legal Council shared that throughout the duration of the Project, Fort Albany First Nation had recognized a positive change in the inclusion of coastal communities in the EA / IS process for the MFFN CAR. • MFFN noted that MFFN has similar concerns regarding the impacts of the MFFN CAR, such as pollution and impacts to the river system. It was noted that MFFN wants to see the Project done right, with adequate assessments and mitigation measures.	
2.	Rights and Jurisdiction	• Fort Albany First Nation Consultant identified gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding Indigenous communities' right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC). It was noted that while United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is referenced, there	• **Action Item:** • MFFN CAR Project Team to distribute Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report to Fort Albany First Nation.

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		is no clear language about FPIC in reference to Indigenous governance, stewardship, and adaptive management. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report will be shared with Fort Albany First Nation shortly, and will contain information on this matter. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that Fort Albany First Nation's Project-specific Indigenous Knowledge (IK) study was received, but that the Draft EA / IS does not necessarily contain all the IK that was provided. Any comments or additional information that Fort Albany First Nation may provide in response to the Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report will be used in the Final EA / IS.	• Fort Albany First Nation to submit their comments on the Draft EA / IS in writing. • MFFN CAR Project Team to address comments from Fort Albany First Nation in the Final EA / IS.
3.	Community Health and Wellbeing	• Fort Albany First Nation Consultant identified gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding mitigation of psychosocial impacts, gendered violence, and youth impacts, including identity, intergenerational wellbeing, anxiety, and fear. Fort Albany First Nation Consultant noted that the Draft EA / IS did not address these elements in detail. • Fort Albany First Nation noted concerns about the mental health impacts of the MFFN CAR, induced development in the area, climate change, and evacuations in the community. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the upcoming Draft ATRI Assessment Report will address some of these gaps,	• **Action Item:** • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant to share a bibliography of IAAC's reference materials on the psychological impacts of major infrastructure projects.

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		including information about cultural continuity and cultural sense of place. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that these comments had been noted.	
4.	Traditional Land Use and Food Systems	• Fort Albany First Nation Consultant noted they perceived gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding enforceable protections and plans for access/stewardship for harvesting areas, as well as sacred and burial sites. It was noted that the maps in the Draft EA / IS show harvesting areas but lack enforceable protections. • Fort Albany First Nation noted concerns about losing access to traditional resources, including caribou, sturgeon, and blue ice. • The importance of the Albany River was stressed in relation to Fort Albany First Nation's traditional land use, noting its use for fishing and travel (e.g., rafting and canoeing). • Fort Albany First Nation spoke about experiences harvesting in the Albany River and at Albany Forks, and noted the desire to pass these traditions on to the next generation. It was noted that changes in the river (e.g. becoming too shallow) make travel more difficult, leading to psychological and cultural impacts. • Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel noted that the land around the Ogoki Forks has been traditionally used by Fort Albany First Nation and is in close proximity to the MFFN CAR.	

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		• Fort Albany First Nation raised concerns about the loss of ability to practice ceremonies due to increased development in the area. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that additional information on traditional land and resource use is included in the Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report, as will details on sacred and burial sites, including "no-go" zones. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that the Ogoki Forks area is included in the Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report and requested that Fort Albany First Nation provide any additional information about traditional land use areas specific to the project area.	

5.	Albany River	• Fort Albany First Nation Consultant expressed that the Draft EA / IS does not properly address risks to the Albany River system, highlighting gaps in the assessment of mercury mobilization and flood risk.
		• Fort Albany First Nation Consultant requested that the following be included in the Draft EA / IS:
		  • Hydrological modeling for current and future climate scenarios;
		  • Assessment of ice formation, freeze-thaw timing, or ice-jam related flooding risks; and
		  • Site-specific risk assessments for mercury downstream.
		• MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated their approach focused on erosion	

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		sediment for water quality, but acknowledged they did not go into specific mercury parameters. It was noted that flood risk was not evaluated specifically in the Draft EA / IS, as it is expected during permitting. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Community Wellbeing Report would include information about mercury in the Albany River at Marten Falls. • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant emphasized the impact of flooding on the community, noting the importance of evaluating flood risk now, rather than in the permitting phase. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged these concerns and noted that the team would review Fort Albany First Nation's comments.	
6.	Moose Habitat	• Fort Albany First Nation Consultant identified gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding moose movement corridors and potential habitat disruption, including the lack of assessment for population-level impacts and the inclusion of mitigation measures. It was requested that the Final EA / IS include assessments on barriers to moose movement and habitat impacts. • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant noted that moose are culturally important and vital for food security. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the moose assessment completed as part of the Draft EA / IS, included habitat	

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		suitability modelling and winter occupancy surveys. It was noted that a collaring program was not completed for moose (as was done for caribou), which would be required to assess moose movement. It was acknowledged that while moose are adaptable, the road can disrupt habitats and result in a change in moose movements and increase hunting pressure. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged these concerns and noted that the team would review Fort Albany First Nation's comments and provide fulsome responses and applicable edits in the Final EA/IS and technical appendices.	
7.	Cumulative Effects	• Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel expressed continued concerns about project splitting, viewing the MFFN CAR, Webequie Supply Road (WSR), and Northern Road Link (NRL) as one continuous road. • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant noted perceived gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding integration of regional impacts (e.g., legacy hydro or forestry) and consideration of other induced development, as a result of the MFFN CAR. • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant expressed that the "whole picture" is missing from the EA / IS, including historical mining, mineral, and forestry management plans.	

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		• Fort Albany First Nation spoke about major impacts from train tracks, hydro lines, mining, and forestry. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that additional information on historical cumulative effects is included in the Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report.	
8.	Project Timelines	• Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel asked about the timeline for the finalization of the EA / IS, and whether it leaves enough time for meaningfully integrating Fort Albany First Nation's comments. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they anticipate the Final EA / IS will be released toward the Q2 of 2026, but that complex questions and comments may delay this timeline. • Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel inquired if the MFFN CAR Project Team could send the Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report to Fort Albany First Nation the week of June 9, 2025 in order for the community to review before an upcoming community meeting. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team would try to send Fort Albany First Nation the Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report during the week of June 9, 2025.	

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