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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<sup>1</sup> 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

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

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

**Targeted Input (request information to determine and identify):**

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

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

– **PIC #3: EA / IS Phase #1 Introduction**

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

– **ATRI and Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program**

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

- **Field Studies and Education, Consultation and Engagement on Valued Components**  
Several field programs took place during the NoC of EA milestone. To help Indigenous communities better understand the field studies related to valued components, Discussion Guides were distributed with plain language information about what the Project is studying, why it is important and questions to solicit feedback before the studies take place. Educational videos on valued components were also shared online.
- **Raising Awareness**  
Several activities were completed related to raising awareness on the Project and encouraging opportunities to meet with the MFFN CAR Project Team. Monthly electronic newsletters were distributed (referred to as E-Blasts) and always included a section seeking those interested to reach out and schedule a meeting with the MFFN CAR Project Team, a public social media account was created, the private MFFN members only Facebook account was used to share information and promote upcoming events and an article was featured in the Matawa Messenger newsletter.

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

## 1.4 Project Notifications and Information Releases

A formal notice and invitation to PIC #3 was published on the Project website ([www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices](http://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](http://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](http://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
<b>Matawa First Nations Management</b> (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Marten Falls First Nation</b> (Proponent and potentially affected Indigenous community)</li> <li>■ Aroland First Nation</li> <li>■ Constance Lake First Nation</li> <li>■ Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope)</li> <li>■ Ginoogaming First Nation</li> <li>■ Neskantaga First Nation</li> <li>■ Nibinamik First Nation</li> <li>■ Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>
<b>Matawa First Nation and the Union of Ontario Indians</b> (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Long Lake #58 First Nation**</li> </ul>
<b>Mushkegowuk Council</b> (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Attawapiskat First Nation</li> <li>■ Fort Albany First Nation</li> <li>■ Kashechewan First Nation</li> </ul>
<b>Shibogama First Nations Council</b> (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Kasabonika Lake First Nation*</li> <li>■ Kingfisher Lake First Nation*</li> <li>■ Wapekeka First Nation*</li> <li>■ Wawakapewin First Nation**</li> <li>■ Wunnumin Lake First Nation</li> </ul>
<b>Independent First Nations Alliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation</li> </ul>
<b>Independent First Nations</b> (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Mishkeegogamang First Nation***</li> <li>■ Weenusk First Nation</li> </ul>
<b>Nokiiwin Tribal Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation (AZA)*</li> </ul>
<b>Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), Region 2**</li> </ul>
<b>Independent Métis Nation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Red Sky Métis Independent Nation (RSMIN)* *</li> </ul>

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 (\*):

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marten Falls First Nation*;</li> <li>Aroland First Nation;</li> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation;</li> <li>Constance Lake First Nation*;</li> <li>Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope);</li> <li>Fort Albany First Nation;</li> <li>Ginoogaming First Nation;</li> <li>Kasabonika Lake First Nation;</li> <li>Kashechewan First Nation;</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kingfisher Lake First Nation;</li> <li>Long Lake #58 First Nation;</li> <li>Neskantaga First Nation;</li> <li>Nibinamik First Nation;</li> <li>Webequie First Nation;</li> <li>RSMIN;</li> <li>AZA; and</li> <li>Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation.</li> </ul> |
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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
<p><b>Specific Feedback Provided on Environmental Existing Conditions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Specific feedback was provided on the bird field program, including birds observed and comments on their habitats</li> <li>■ Specific feedback was provided on the wolverine field program</li> <li>■ Confidential information regarding the Albany River was provided and is considered as IK</li> <li>■ Caribou were identified in the District of Kenora</li> <li>■ Request to participate in field studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Birds and comments on their habitats were noted for the bird field program.</li> <li>■ One site of the wolverine hair snag was changed based on feedback provided</li> <li>■ The EA has been informed by confidential information regarding the Albany River and details are being kept confidential</li> <li>■ The general identification of caribou location(s) has been noted</li> <li>■ 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</li> </ul>
<p><b>Concerns Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ It was noted that a spawning area could be relocated if it would be disrupted by the Project</li> <li>■ Concern was expressed for watersheds</li> <li>■ Concern was expressed regarding caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights</li> <li>■ Concern was expressed related to salting on the road and impacts to nearby rivers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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</li> <li>■ 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.</li> <li>■ More specific details are required related to concerns for caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights.</li> <li>■ 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</li> </ul>
<p><b>Interests Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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</li> </ul>
<p><b>Route Alignment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA Has Been or May Be Informed
<p><b>Cumulative Effects, Road Projects and Regional Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Impacts from COVID-19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some communities expressed inability to effectively engage with their community members due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Timeline Extensions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some communities requested extended Project timelines, both on the provincial and federal processes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Request for Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While participant funding is issued by the province and not the MFFN CAR Project Team, requests were shared with the province to respond to.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>

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
<b>NoC</b>			
■ Distribution of EA NoC (October 29, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
■ NoC Advertisement (October 29 to November 12, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
<b>Public Information Centre #3 (PIC #3)</b>			
– PIC #3 Notice distributed (June 13)	✓	✓	✓
– PIC #3 in Thunder Bay (June 27)	✓	✓	✓
– PIC #3 in Geraldton (June 29)	✓	✓	✓
<b>Individual Project Meetings</b>			
■ 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). <i>Note: Also captured under the IK Program section below</i>	✓		
■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation (April 21, 2022). <i>Note: Also captured under the IK Program and Community Co-ordinator section below</i>	✓		
■ Teleconference presentation to Mushkegowuk Tribal Council's Terrestrial Working Group (May 18, 2022)	✓	✓	
<b>Other Notices / Newsletters</b>			
■ 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Circulated Field Study Notices &amp; Discussion Guides:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Winter Field Program Notice and Discussion Guide (December 10, 2021)</li> <li>– Furbearer Ground Track Survey Update (January 19, 2022)</li> <li>– Bird Aerial Surveys Update (February 4, 2022)</li> <li>– Wolverine Den Surveys Notice (February 14, 2022)</li> <li>– Wolverine Hair Snag Program and Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Update (March 3, 2022)</li> <li>– Wolverine Den Survey Update (March 9, 2022)</li> <li>– Early Spring Notice (March 29, 2022)</li> <li>– Terrain and Soils Notice (May 11, 2022)</li> <li>– Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Notice (May 30, 2022)</li> <li>– Vegetation Field Notice (June 10, 2022)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
■ Matawa Messenger newsletter feature (June 2022)	✓	✓	✓
<b>Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program</b>			
■ 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)	✓		
<b>Community Co-ordinator Program</b>			
■ 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.

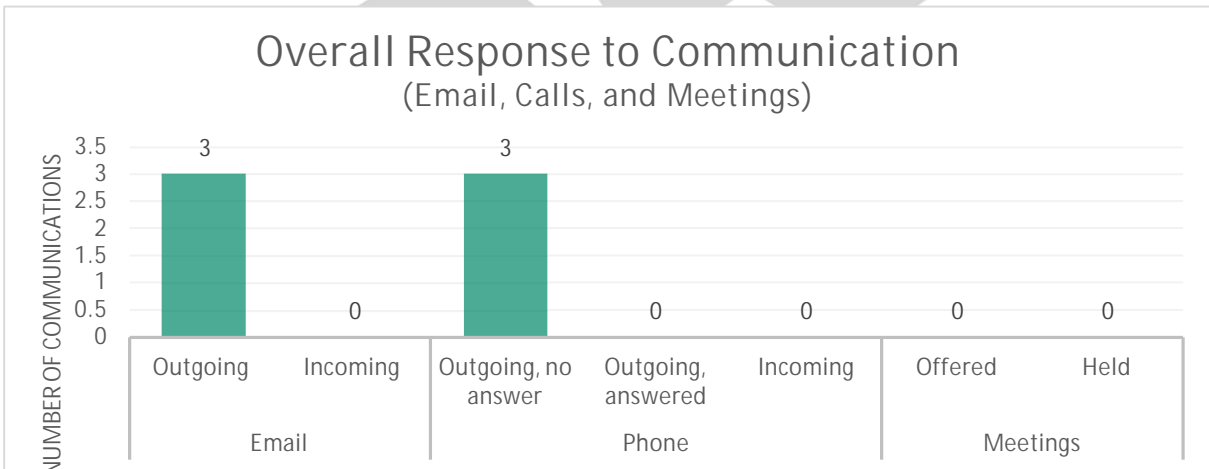
Consultation and Engagement Log—Union of Ontario Indians							
Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Incoming	Outgoing	Contact Name	Contact Title	Project Team	Summary
							materials on the website was shared, as well as an online feedback form with a deadline of July 13, 2022.

### 3.3 Consultation and Engagement with Tribal Councils

#### 3.3.1 Independent First Nations Alliance

Community Profile	
<b>Location:</b>	P.O. Box 5010, 98 King Street, Sioux Lookout, ON P8T 1K6 1151 Barton Street, Unit 203, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5N3
<b>Indigenous Communities:</b>	Pikangikum First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, Lac Seul First Nation, Muskrat Dam First Nation, Whitesand First Nation
<b>Treaty:</b>	
<b>Project Team Lead:</b>	James Meyer

#### Communication Distribution



Summary of Participation During Reporting Period	
Date of Last Outgoing Communication from MFFN CAR Project Team (Email or Phone)	June 16, 2022
Date of Last Incoming Communication from Community (Email or Phone)	N/A
Participating in IK Program: Not offered	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: N/A
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: N/A
	IK information provided: N/A
Participating in Community Coordinator Program: Not Offered	N/A
Commented during The ToR	Commented on Draft ToR: <b>No</b>
	Commented on Final ToR: <b>No</b>

Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During EA / IA (October 29, 2021 – June 30, 2022)	
Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Oct 29, 2021	EA NoC distributed via email.
Nov 02, 2021	EA NoC distributed via mail (hard copy).
Nov 03, 2021	October 2021 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Nov 30, 2021	November 2021 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Dec 10, 2021	Winter Field Programs Discussion Guide and Notice distributed via email.
Dec 15, 2021	December 2021 MFFN CAR E-Blast & 2021 Highlights Letter distributed via email.
Dec 16, 2021	Phone calls to follow-up on the December E-Blast, Winter Field Programs Notice and Discussion Guide.
Jan 19, 2022	Furbearer Ground Track Survey update distributed via email.
Jan 21, 2022	Circulated a MFFN CAR IK Program update including updated schedule.
Jan 31, 2022	January 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Feb 04, 2022	Ungulate Aerial Surveys update distributed via email.
Feb 14, 2022	Wolverine Den Surveys Field Study Notice and Winter Field Programs update distributed via email.
Mar 03, 2022	Wolverine Hair Snag and Bird ARU update distributed via email.
Mar 09, 2022	Wolverine Den Surveys update distributed via email.
Mar 15, 2022	February / March 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Mar 28 – 30, 2022	Follow up calls and email to confirm receipt of the February / March E-Blast including the Bird and Spring Discussion Guides and Project update video.
Mar 29, 2022	Early Spring Field Notice and Winter program updates distributed via email.
Apr 29, 2022	April 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
May 11, 2022	Terrain and Soils Field Notice distributed via email.
May 27, 2022	May 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
May 30, 2022	Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Field Notice distributed via email.

### Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During EA / IA (October 29, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Jun 10, 2022	Vegetation Field Notice distributed via email.
Jun 13, 2022	Notice for PIC #3 distributed via email.
Jun 16, 2022	Email and phone call invitation for PIC #3.
Jun 24, 2022	June 2022 E-Blast distributed via email.
Jun 30, 2022	PIC #3 materials and online feedback form distributed via email.

### Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Independent First Nations Alliance

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.	■ Consultation Methods	■ Issue—Feedback: No feedback during October 29, 2021 – June 30, 2022 reporting period.	■ N/A	■ N/A	■ Opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA.

### Consultation and Engagement Log– Independent First Nations Alliance

Communication Date	Method of Engagement			Contact Name	Contact Title	Project Team	Summary
		Incoming	Outgoing				
Oct 29, 2021	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team issued the NoC for the provincial EA to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
Nov 02, 2021	Mail		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Donelda DeLaRonde</li> <li>■ Troy DeLaRonde</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Executive Director</li> <li>■ Chief</li> </ul>	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team mailed the NoC for the provincial EA to Independent First Nations Alliance and included the English Ojibway, Oji-Cree and Cree versions.</li> </ul>
Nov 03, 2021	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the October E-Blast to IFNA. 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.</li> </ul>

Consultation and Engagement Log– Independent First Nations Alliance							
Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Incoming	Outgoing	Contact Name	Contact Title	Project Team	Summary
Nov 30, 2021	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the November E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
Dec 10, 2021	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Winter Field Notice and Discussion Guide to Independent First Nations Alliance. The field notice included upcoming winter field study programs such as furbearer ground track surveys, winter ungulate aerial surveys and wolverine hair snag surveys with approximate dates. The Discussion Guide was attached with key questions relating to the upcoming winter field study programs to provide feedback.</li> </ul>
Dec 15, 2021	Email and Letter		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the December E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. A letter was also attached detailing upcoming outreach, 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.</li> </ul>
Dec 16, 2021	Phone		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called to follow-up on the December E-Blast, letter distributed to the Independent First Nations Alliance, Winter Field Program Discussion Guide and Field Notice. No one picked up the phone, and there was no ability to leave a voicemail.</li> </ul>
Jan 19, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>

Consultation and Engagement Log– Independent First Nations Alliance

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Incoming	Outgoing	Contact Name	Contact Title	Project Team	Summary
Jan 21, 2022	Email and Letter		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN Community Member Advisor</li> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant distributed an IK Program Timeline and Update letter to the Independent First Nations Alliance via email. The letter provided information on key IK Program and ATRI dates and deadlines.</li> </ul>
Jan 31, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the January E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
Feb 04, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
Feb 14, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>

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Mar 03, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
Mar 09, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
Mar 15, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the combined February / March E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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</li> </ul>
Mar 28, 2022	Phone		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called to follow-up on the February / March E-Blast, including the Project update video, and Bird and Spring Discussion Guides distributed to the Independent First Nations Alliance. Reception noted that Kristin Cawley was not in today and to reach out via email.</li> </ul>

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Mar 29, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed an update on the last round of winter furbearer surveys scheduled for April 1-5, 2022 during which, remaining wolverine denning surveys will be completed in advance of the Groundwater and Geochemistry program. The email included an Early Spring Field Notice, providing advanced notice of upcoming field programs taking place between March - May, 2022 and includes links to the Bird Discussion Guide and Spring Programs Discussion Guide. The Winter Field Notice, Wolverine Den Survey Field Notice and Early Spring Field Notice were attached, and a links to the Project website and furbearer video were included.</li> </ul>
Mar 30, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow up email on the February / March E-Blast, including the Project update video, and Bird and Spring Discussion Guides distributed to the Independent First Nations Alliance.</li> </ul>
Apr 29, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the April E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
May 11, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Physiography, Terrain &amp; Soils Field Notice and an update for May field programs to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>

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May 27, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the May E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
May 30, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Field Notice to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
Jun 10, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Vegetation Field Notice to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
Jun 13, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
Jun 16, 2022	Phone		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Kristin Cawley to invite Independent First Nation Alliance communities to the upcoming PIC #3. There was no answer and no option to leave a voicemail.</li> </ul>
Jun 16, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow up email to the Independent First Nation Alliance to share information about the upcoming PIC #3,</li> </ul>

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>		including a poster for community members and a link to the website.
Jun 24, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the June E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
Jun 30, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>■ Environmental Services Advisor</li> <li>■ Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>

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# B28. Independent First Nation Alliance

## B28.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence



## B28.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>  
Sent: January 21, 2022 12:20 PM  
Subject: MFFN CAR IK Program Timeline Update  
Attachments: 2022 01-21-MFFN Community Access Road Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline Update.pdf

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

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

For any questions you may have regarding the Indigenous Knowledge Program, or to follow-up on this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact Bob Baxter at 807-628-7553 or [bbaxter48@gmail.com](mailto:bbaxter48@gmail.com) or myself at 604-417-5332 or at [anokleby@dillon.ca](mailto:anokleby@dillon.ca).

Thank you and have a great day,

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team



## Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline and Update

January 21, 2022

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

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

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

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

Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use is invaluable in that it helps us to better understand and appreciate the environment with respect to the identity, culture, and heritage of Indigenous Communities. If your community has Indigenous Knowledge or information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use related to the Project that you would like to share or if you would like to learn more about the Indigenous Knowledge Program please do not hesitate to reach out to Bob Baxter at 1-807-628-7553 or [bbaxter48@gmail.com](mailto:bbaxter48@gmail.com) or Andrea Nokleby at 1-604-417-5332 or [anokleby@dillon.ca](mailto:anokleby@dillon.ca).

We hope you and your community are safe and well.





# MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Figure 1: Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline



From: Meyer, James  
Sent: March 30, 2022 4:45 PM  
To: Kristin Cawley  
Cc: mhoppe@ifna.ca; jgregg@ifna.ca; info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca  
Subject: MFFN CAR: March Distribution and Check-in

Good afternoon Kristin,

I hope you are doing well. I called earlier this week and left a voicemail requesting a conversation with you and council about some recent communications on the MFFN Community Access Road Project. I am checking in to see if you have had a chance to go over the materials and if so had any questions, comments or feedback. Here is a summary of some of the recent topics:

February / March E-Blast

<https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/2022/03/11/february-march-2022/>

Bird and Spring Discussion Guides outlining the current and upcoming field programs in the region

We are looking for any Indigenous Knowledge, feedback or input on the field programs that may help our field teams avoid sensitive areas.

- <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/bird-discussion-guide/>
- <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/spring-discussion-guide-2022/>

Project Video Update and Survey

We are collecting Indigenous Knowledge and feedback from community members on the Project through our survey, those who fill in the forms are eligible to win a \$50 gift card (this is open to anyone).

- <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/march-2022/>

Please let me know if you need me to resend any of the materials or you run into any issues accessing them.

All the best,  
James Meyer

On behalf of the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

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From: Meyer, James  
Sent: June 16, 2022 3:52 PM  
To: Kristin Cawley; mhoppe@ifna.ca; jgregg@ifna.ca  
Cc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca  
Subject: Join us at the Public Information Centre #3 for the Community Access Road  
Attachments: MFFN-PIC3 Poster.pdf

Good afternoon Folks,

Hope you are all doing well. I am following up on a phone call made June 16, 2022 about the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road's third Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Project on June 27<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>. I hope local Indigenous community members are interested in joining us.

The PIC will be an opportunity to learn more about where we are at in the Community Access Road Project, what's happened since the last PIC and what's coming up. There will also be time to meet Project Team members to discuss the Community Access Road and share your feedback, ideas and values.

When and Where:

Monday, June 27, 2022  
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre  
Room: Regency A  
555 Arthur Street West  
Thunder Bay, Ontario  
5:00 p.m.\* – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29, 2022  
Geraldton Community Centre  
200 Wardrope Avenue  
Geraldton, Ontario  
4:00 p.m.\* – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
James Meyer  
On behalf of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team



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# Progress Report 2: Effects Assessment Methods Milestone

*November 2023*



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## Acronyms

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

# 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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

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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

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](http://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](http://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

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](http://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
<b>Matawa First Nations Management</b> (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Marten Falls First Nation</b> (Proponent and potentially affected Indigenous community)* +</li> <li>■ Aroland First Nation* +</li> <li>■ Constance Lake First Nation* +</li> <li>■ Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope)* +</li> <li>■ Ginoogaming First Nation* +</li> <li>■ Neskantaga First Nation* +</li> <li>■ Nibinamik First Nation* +</li> <li>■ Webequie First Nation* +</li> </ul>
<b>Matawa First Nation and the Union of Ontario Indians</b> (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Long Lake #58 First Nation* +</li> </ul>
<b>Mushkegowuk Council</b> (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Attawapiskat First Nation* +</li> <li>■ Fort Albany First Nation* +</li> <li>■ Kashechewan First Nation*</li> </ul>

Tribal Council Affiliation	Community or Organization
<b>Shibogama First Nations Council</b> (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Kasabonika Lake First Nation* +</li> <li>■ Kingfisher Lake First Nation</li> <li>■ Wapekeka First Nation</li> <li>■ Wawakapewin First Nation</li> <li>■ Wunnumin Lake First Nation</li> </ul>
<b>Independent First Nations Alliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation</li> </ul>
<b>Independent First Nations</b> (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Mishkeegogamang First Nation</li> <li>■ Weenusk First Nation +</li> </ul>
<b>Nokiiwin Tribal Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Animiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation (AZA)</li> </ul>
<b>Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), Region 2</li> </ul>
<b>Independent Métis Nation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Red Sky Métis Independent Nation (RSMIN)</li> </ul>

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.

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-specific 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;

- 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
<p><b>Specific Feedback Provided on Environmental Existing Conditions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Specific feedback was provided on the bird field program, including birds observed and comments on their habitats.</li> <li>■ Specific feedback was provided on the wolverine field program.</li> <li>■ Confidential information regarding the Albany River was provided and is considered as IK.</li> <li>■ Caribou were identified in the District of Kenora (between points I and H of the MFFN CAR route).</li> <li>■ Request to participate in field studies.</li> <li>■ Feedback on footprint was provided, specifically on aggregates.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Birds and comments on their habitats were noted for the bird field program.</li> <li>■ One site of the wolverine hair snag was changed based on feedback provided.</li> <li>■ The EA has been informed by confidential information regarding the Albany River and details are being kept confidential.</li> <li>■ The general identification of caribou location(s) has been noted.</li> <li>■ 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.</li> <li>■ Footprint comments were recorded to be considered in the route selection.</li> </ul>

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA has been or may be Informed
<p><b>Concerns Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ It was noted that a spawning area could be relocated if it would be disrupted by the Project</li> <li>■ Concern was expressed for watersheds</li> <li>■ Concern was expressed regarding caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights</li> <li>■ Concern was expressed related to salting on the road and impacts to nearby rivers</li> <li>■ Alternative 1 of Segment FG was identified as a sensitive and a very precious area.</li> <li>■ It was noted that the Projet should not impede fish passage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> <li>■ 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.</li> <li>■ More specific details are required related to concerns for caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights.</li> <li>■ 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.</li> <li>■ Comment on Alternative 1 of Segment FG was noted and will be considered in the route selection.</li> <li>■ Comment on fish passage will be considered when developing mitigation measures.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Interests Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Route Alignment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cumulative Effects, Road Projects and Regional Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Impacts from COVID-19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Some communities expressed inability to effectively engage with their community members due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Timeline Extensions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Some communities requested extended Project timelines, for both the provincial and federal processes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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</li> </ul>

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. Communities were advised of the IS timeline extension approval on January 13, 2023 by IAAC.
<p><b>Request for Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ While participant funding is issued by the Province and not the MFFN CAR Project Team, requests were shared with the province to respond to.</li> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>

**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.

## 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
<b>NoC</b>			
■ Distribution of EA NoC (October 29, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
■ NoC Advertisement (October 29 to November 12, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
<b>Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE)</b>			
■ Draft Interim RoCE distributed to Indigenous communities for review (December 6, 2022).	✓		
■ Email follow-up distributed in January 2023.	✓		
<b>Milestone Progress Report #1</b>			
■ Draft Progress Report distributed to Indigenous communities for review (December 6, 2022)	✓		
■ Email follow-up distributed in January 2023.	✓		
<b>Archaeology Assessment Reports for Stage 1 and Stage 2</b>			
■ Archaeology Assessment Reports for Stage 1 and Stage 2 distributed (February 3, 2023)	✓		
<b>Public Information Centre #3 (PIC #3)</b>			
■ PIC #3 Notice distributed (June 13, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #3 in Thunder Bay (June 27, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #3 in Geraldton (June 29, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
<b>Public Information Centre #4 (PIC #4)</b>			
■ PIC #4 Notice distributed (November 22, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #4 in Thunder Bay (December 7, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
■ PIC #4 in Geraldton (December 8, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
<b>Individual Project Meetings</b>			
■ Follow-up letters, emails, and phone calls to Indigenous communities regarding the Project.	✓		
■ Hosted in-person and virtual meetings with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– MFFN community (in-person November 16 to 17, 2021)</li> <li>– MFFN community (virtual February 2, 2022)</li> <li>– MFFN community (in-person June 28, 2022; PIC #3 materials)</li> <li>– MFFN community (in-person November 2, 2022; PIC #4 materials)</li> <li>– MFFN community (in-person December 6, 2022; PIC #4 materials)</li> </ul>	✓		

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). <i>Note: Also captured under the IK Program section below</i>	✓		
■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation (April 21, 2022). <i>Note: Also captured under the IK Program and Community Coordinator section below</i>	✓		
■ 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).	✓		
<b>Other Notices / Newsletters</b>			
■ 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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Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Circulated Field Study Notices &amp; Discussion Guides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Winter Field Program Notice and Discussion Guide (December 10, 2021)</li> <li>– Furbearer Ground Track Survey Update (January 19, 2022)</li> <li>– Bird Aerial Surveys Update (February 4, 2022)</li> <li>– Wolverine Den Surveys Notice (February 14, 2022)</li> <li>– Wolverine Hair Snag Program and Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Update (March 3, 2022)</li> <li>– Wolverine Den Survey Update (March 9, 2022)</li> <li>– Early Spring Notice (March 29, 2022)</li> <li>– Terrain and Soils Notice (May 11, 2022)</li> <li>– Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Notice (May 30, 2022)</li> <li>– Vegetation Field Notice (June 10, 2022)</li> <li>– Groundwater and Geochemistry (July 29, 2022)</li> <li>– Fall Field Programs Update (September 16, 2022)</li> <li>– Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice (December 1, 2022)</li> <li>– Field Programs updates (March 9, 2023)</li> <li>– Spring 2023 Field Notice (April 21, 2023)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matawa Messenger newsletter feature (June 2022)</li> <li>■ Follow-up to furbearer winter tracking field program notice (January 27, 2023)</li> <li>■ Follow-up on ungulate aerial survey notice (February 15, 2023)</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Webinar Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Animals and Wildlife (Ungulates and Furbearers) (November 15, 2022)</li> <li>– Surface Water, Fish &amp; Fish Habitat (November 29, 2022)</li> <li>– Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (January 10, 2023)</li> <li>– Vegetation and Physiography (January 17, 2023)</li> <li>– Peatlands (January 31, 2023)</li> <li>– Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change (February 14, 2023)</li> <li>– Socio-Economic Studies Part I (February 21, 2023)</li> <li>– Socio-Economic Studies Part II (February 28, 2023)</li> <li>– Groundwater and Geochemistry (March 14, 2023)</li> <li>– Birds (March 21, 2023)</li> <li>– Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats (March 28, 2023)</li> <li>– ATRI (April 4, 2023)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<b>Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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)</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022)</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the IK Program (and Community Coordinator Program) (April 21, 2022)</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles were distributed via email. (August 2022)</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Distributed a Save the Date for the upcoming ATRI Forum and Cultural Heritage Workshop via email (December 20, 2022)</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Invitation to ATRI Forum distributed (January 13, 2023, and February 1, 2023)</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ ATRI Forum and Cultural Heritage Workshop in Thunder Bay (February 8 – 9, 2023)</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ IK Program timeline and update letter (March 22, 2023)</li> </ul>	✓		

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	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
<b>Community Coordinator Program</b>			
■ 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)	✓		
<b>Planned Future MFFN CAR Consultation and Engagement Activities</b>			
■ 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	✓	✓	✓

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

### 3.1 Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities

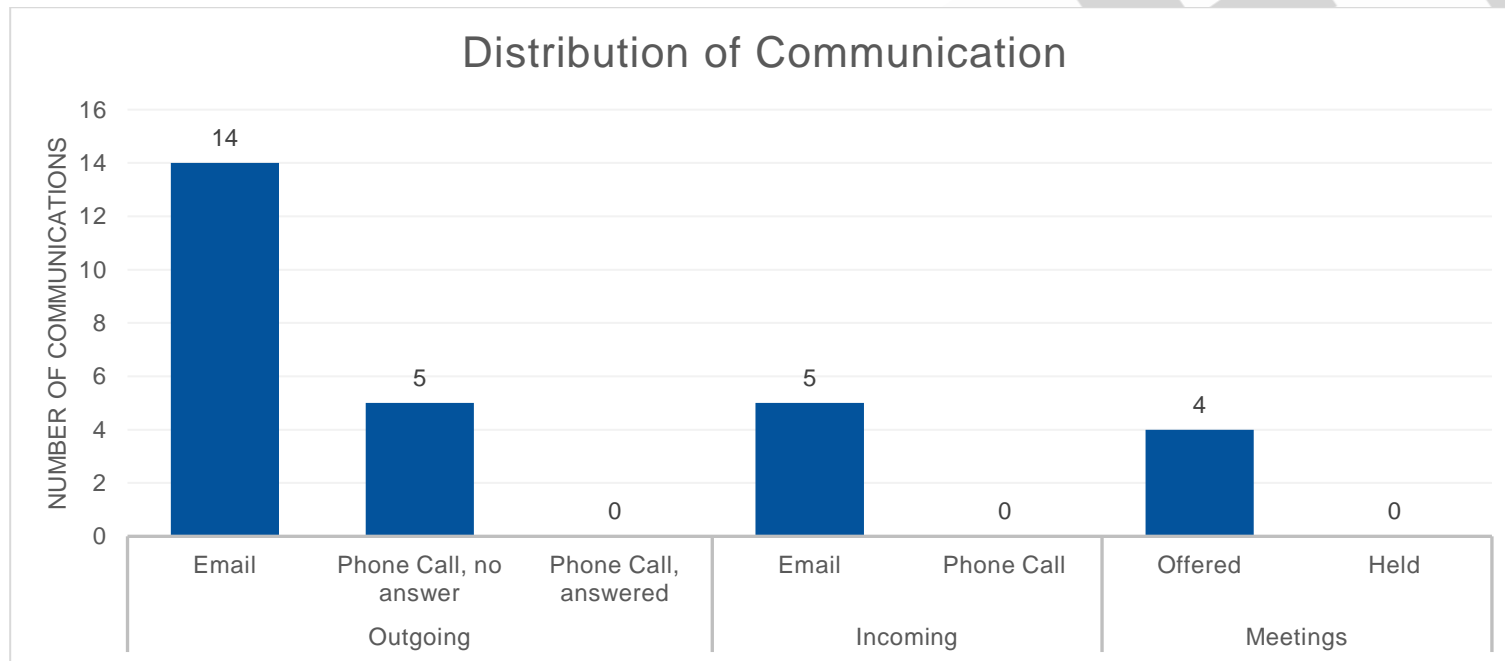
To summarize overall engagement with each Indigenous community, the following analytics were performed:

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.

### 3.3.1 Independent First Nations Alliance

Community Profile	
<b>Location:</b>	P.O. Box 5010, 98 King Street, Sioux Lookout, ON P8T 1K6 1151 Barton Street, Unit 203, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5N3
<b>Indigenous Communities:</b>	Pikangikum First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, Lac Seul First Nation, Muskrat Dam First Nation, Whitesand First Nation
<b>Project Team Lead:</b>	Kathryn Ross



Summary of Participation During Reporting Period	
<b>Date of Last Outgoing Communication from MFFN CAR Project Team or Consultant (Email or Phone)</b>	May 29, 2023 (Email)
<b>Date of Last Incoming Communication from Community (Email or Phone)</b>	February 23, 2023 (Email)
<b>Participating in IK Program:</b>	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: Offered
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: Not Offered

### Summary of Participation During Reporting Period

	<i>IK information provided: No</i>
<b>Participating in Community Coordinator Program</b>	<i>Not Offered</i>

### Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During the Reporting Period

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Jul 14, 2022	The feedback form deadline for PIC #3 was extended and the PIC #3 materials were reshared.
Jul 26, 2022	July 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Jul 27, 2022	Phone call and email made to request participation in Engagement Questionnaire.
Jul 29, 2022	Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Notice distributed via email.
Aug 18, 2022	An IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles were distributed via email.
Aug 19, 2022	August 2022 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.
Nov 02, 2022	October 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Nov 10, 2022	Webinar Series notice distributed via email.
Nov 22, 2022	Notice for PIC #4 distributed via email.
Nov 25, 2022	Follow up phone call and email to discuss Project updates.
Nov 25, 2022	November 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Dec 01, 2022	Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice distributed via email.
Dec 06, 2022	Draft Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report distributed via email for review.
Dec 07, 2022	Reminder for PIC #4 distributed via email.
Dec 14, 2022	PIC #4 materials and online feedback form distributed via email.
Dec 20, 2022	December 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Jan 10, 2023	Reminder for the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Webinar distributed via email.
Jan 13, 2023	Email follow-up to Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report.
Jan 13, 2023	Independent First Nations Alliance confirmed that the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Reports are being reviewed.
Jan 13, 2023	Phone call follow-up to Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report.
Jan 17, 2023	Reminder for the Vegetation and Physiography Webinar distributed via email.
Jan 27, 2023	Follow-up to furbearer winter tracking field program notice distributed via email.
Jan 30, 2023	January 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Feb 03, 2023	Archaeology Assessment Reports for Stage 1 and Stage 2 distributed via email.
Feb 06, 2023	Independent First Nations Alliance confirmed that the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Reports were reviewed and no comments / edits were made.
Feb 15, 2023	Follow-up on ungulate aerial survey notice distributed via email.
Feb 21, 2023	Reminder for the Socio-Economic Studies Part I Webinar distributed via email.
Feb 28, 2023	February 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Mar 09, 2023	Field Programs updates distributed via email.
Mar 14, 2023	Reminder for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Webinar distributed via email.

### Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During the Reporting Period

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Mar 21, 2023	Reminder for the Birds Webinar distributed via email.
Mar 22, 2023	Sent an email regarding the IK Program timeline. An update letter was attached with more information.
Mar 24, 2023	Thank you email distributed to registrants for the Birds webinar.
Mar 28, 2023	Reminder for the Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats Webinar distributed via email.
Mar 31, 2023	Email follow up for feedback on Archaeology Reports.
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 26, 2023	Phone call to discuss IK Program updates.
May 29, 2023	Email sent to provide IK Program updates.

### Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Independent First Nations Alliance

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue / Comment Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IA
Consultation Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues during July 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023 reporting period.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA.</li> </ul>

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Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
July 14, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>

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July 26, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the July E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
July 27, 2022	Phone		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> </ul>	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Kristen Cawley requesting participation in the Engagement Questionnaire to understand the topics of most interest to the Independent First Nations Alliance (e.g., valued components) and gather input on the best ways to keep the Independent First Nations Alliance informed on Project updates and activities. Reception answered and noted that Kristen Cawley still works fully remotely and that email is the best method of contact.</li> </ul>
July 27, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow-up email to Independent First Nations Alliance requesting participation in the Engagement Questionnaire to understand the topics of most interest to Independent First Nations Alliance (e.g., valued components) and gather input on the best ways to keep Independent First Nations Alliance informed on Project updates and activities. A link to the questionnaire form was provided with a request for completion by August 12, 2022.</li> </ul>
July 29, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program Notice to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>

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August 18, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor</li> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant distributed an IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles to the Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
August 19, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the August E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
September 09, 2022	Phone		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Kristin Cawley to provide an introduction as the new MFFN CAR Project Consultant, to provide an overview of recent Project updates to the ATRI study area and IK Program schedule, and to follow up on recent Project distributions including the August 2022 E-Blast, upcoming fall 2022 field programs and the July 2022 Engagement Questionnaire. There was no answer and a voicemail was left requesting a call back.</li> </ul>
September 09, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed in follow up to a phone call made to Kristin Cawley to provide an introduction as the new MFFN CAR Project Consultant, to provide an overview of recent Project updates to the ATRI study area and IK Program schedule, and to follow up on recent Project distributions including the August 2022 E-Blast, upcoming fall 2022 field programs and the July 2022 Engagement Questionnaire. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked if Independent First Nations Alliance is interested in setting up a meeting or if have any comments or questions about the Project.</li> </ul>

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September 16, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a field programs update to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
September 29, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the September E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. The E-Blast included an announcement that the Project received the Core Values Award for Visual Engagement from the International Association for Public Participation. Chief Bruce Achneepineskum and a Project Team Consultant were present to receive the award and a link to a video was provided. The E-Blast included an update on the Youth Engagement Program and the importance of participation of youth in decisions that will affect them in the future. An update was also provided for the Groundwater Clearing and Drilling program and the Waterfowl Aerial Surveys. Dates were provided for the following upcoming programs: Groundwater and Geochemistry Program, Aerial Waterfowl Migration Survey, Physiography and Terrain Surveys, Ungulates Remote Camera Check and Caribou Mortality Investigation if needed. The Indigenous Blooming Program was included with details on the mentorship opportunity and a link to more information and the application.</li> </ul>

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November 02, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the October E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. The E-Blast included an introduction to the new MFFN Community Coordinator and upcoming engagement opportunities including PIC #4 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton. A webinar series on valued components was also included, along with a note about the Project's plans to submit a 3.5 year extension request for the IS to the Agency. It was mentioned that the Agency will be notifying Indigenous communities and the public about the request and will provide an opportunity to review and comment. Field study updates were also mentioned, including the Groundwater and Geochemistry Monitoring Testing and Sampling Program being extended to December 2022 and being the last running field study in 2022. The Furbearer Aerial / Ground Track Surveys will occur between January to February 2023, the Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys will be set up before February 15, 2023 and consist of six day trips every month to re-bait the stations through May 2023, and the Ungulate Aerial Winter Surveys will occur in January or February 2023 for two weeks. Links were provided for the field study notices and discussion guides. A new video was released about Cumulative Effects and the link was included. There was also an offer to meet to discuss any questions or comments</li> </ul>
November 10, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a notice to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
November 22, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed an invitation for PIC #4 to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>

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November 25, 2022	Phone		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called the Independent First Nations Alliance to provide details on the PIC #4, Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat webinar, Cumulative Effects video, Impact Statement extension request and the upcoming ATRI workshops. There was no answer and a voicemail was left with reception. A follow up email was sent after the call.</li> </ul>
November 25, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow up email to the Independent First Nations Alliance providing details on the PIC #4, Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat webinar, Cumulative Effects video, Impact Statement extension request and the upcoming ATRI workshops.</li> </ul>
November 25, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the November E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. The E-Blast included an invitation to PIC #4 in Thunder Bay on December 7 and Geraldton on December 8. A link was provided for the recording from the webinar on November 15 and registration for the next webinar on November 29 on Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat. It was noted that the Groundwater and Geochemistry Monitoring Testing and Sampling Program has been extended until December 2022. Upcoming field studies include the Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Program between January and February 2023, Ungulate Aerial Winter Surveys in January and February 2023, Furbearer Ground Tracking in February and March 2023 and the Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys from February to May 2023. The E-Blast noted that a timeline extension request for the IS was submitted and the Agency will be notifying Indigenous communities and the public about the request and provide an opportunity to review and comment.</li> </ul>
December 01, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice to the Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>

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December 06, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the draft Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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. Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
December 07, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for PIC #4 to Independent First Nations Alliance noting that PIC #4 will be in Thunder Bay on December 7, 2022 and Geraldton on December 8, 2022 as an open house format and will share information including updates since the ToR, the EA processes, the Project's approach to consultation and engagement and preliminary results from field studies. It was noted that PIC #4 will be an opportunity to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team and share feedback, ideas and values related to the MFFN Community Access Road, and that the first hour is reserved for Indigenous community members, who are welcome to stay for the remainder of the evening with the public. A formal notice with details for both meetings were attached, along with a link to the website with the notice translated in French, Ojibway, Cree and Oji-Cree.</li> </ul>
December 14, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>

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December 20, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Environmental Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Housing &amp; Special Projects Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the December E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
January 10, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Webinar to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
January 13, 2023	Phone		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called the Independent First Nations Alliance Environmental Services Advisor Kristin Cawley to follow up on the status of the Interim RoCE and the Milestone #1 Progress Report. There was no answer and a voicemail was left with reception.</li> </ul>
January 13, 2023	Email	x		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Independent First Nations Alliance Environmental Services Advisor Kristin Cawley that noted that Environmental Advisor Andrew Pedersen will be the new primary contact for future CAR communications and that Independent First Nations Alliance is reviewing the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report and will provide any questions or comments they may have.</li> </ul>
January 13, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow up email to the Independent First Nations Alliance Environmental Services Advisor Kristin Cawley to follow up on the status of the Interim RoCE and the Milestone #1 Progress Report. It was noted that the deadline for comment on the reports was January 31, 2023, and that a meeting can be planned.</li> </ul>

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January 16, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant responded to Kristin Cawley and Andrew Pedersen noting that Andrew Pedersen will receive all CAR-related communications moving forward.</li> </ul>
January 17, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Vegetation &amp; Physiography Webinar to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
January 17, 2023	Email	x		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Independent First Nations Alliance Environmental Advisor Andrew Pedersen responded to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant noting their interest in the Project and confirming that they would be receiving CAR-related communications moving forward.</li> </ul>
January 27, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
January 30, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the January E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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</li> </ul>

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						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 02, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow up email to the Independent First Nations Alliance Housing and Special Projects Manager Jonathan Gregg thanking them for the update on the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report review status.</li> </ul>
February 02, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow up email to the Independent First Nations Alliance Environmental Advisor Andrew Pedersen asking when the Independent First Nations Alliance will be providing comments on the Interim RoCE or the Milestone #1 Progress Report and if additional time is needed.</li> </ul>
February 02, 2023	Email	x		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received a response from Independent First Nations Alliance Housing and Special Projects Manager Jonathan Gregg noting that Andrew Pedersen is currently away and will review the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report the following week.</li> </ul>

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February 03, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Reports to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
February 06, 2023	Email	x		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received a response from Independent First Nations Alliance Environmental Advisor Andrew Pedersen noting that Independent First Nations Alliance does not have any comments on the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report at this time.</li> </ul>
February 08, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow up email to the Independent First Nations Alliance Environmental Advisor Andrew Pedersen's email noting they do not have any comments on the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked them for reviewing their sections of the reports and let them know they can reach out if they have any questions in the future. It was also noted that Andrew Pedersen has been added to the CAR communication distribution list.</li> </ul>

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February 15, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
February 21, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Socio-Economic Studies Part I Webinar to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
February 23, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow up email to the Independent First Nations Alliance Environmental Advisor Andrew Pedersen with contact information for the new MFFN CAR Project Consultant who will be the primary contact for the community.</li> </ul>
February 23, 2023	Email	x		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from the Independent First Nations Alliance Environmental Advisor Andrew Pedersen acknowledging new contact information.</li> </ul>

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February 28, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the February E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
March 09, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
March 14, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Webinar to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>

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March 21, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Birds Webinar to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
March 22, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant distributed an IK Program Timeline and Update letter to Independent First Nations Alliance 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).</li> </ul>
March 24, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor</li> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a thank you email to registrants and attendees for the webinar on Birds. A link to the recording of the webinar was included, as well as an offer to further discuss these topics with the MFFN CAR Project Team. The next webinar on Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats was noted, along with a link to register.</li> </ul>
March 28, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats Webinar to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>

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March 31, 2023	Email - outgoing		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Independent First Nations Alliance to follow up on the Archaeology Report deadline for feedback of March 31 with the offer to extend the review period if more time is required or to schedule a meeting.</li> </ul>
April 04, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the March E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
April 21, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Spring 2023 Field Notice to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
April 28, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the April E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>

### Consultation and Engagement Log - Independent First Nations Alliance

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
May 26, 2023	Phone		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Independent First Nation Alliance, in order to discuss the June 30 milestone regarding the IK Program. The phone went directly to voicemail, where the MFFN CAR Project Consultant left their contact information for the Independent First Nation Alliance contact to return the call.</li> </ul>
May 29, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed the Independent First Nations Alliance, providing an update regarding the IK Program upcoming milestone of June 30, 2023 and indicated that they can provide further information if Independent First Nations Alliance required.</li> </ul>

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## 4. References

AECOM, 2019:

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

AECOM, 2020:

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

Hatch, 2016:

Technical Review of Industrial Transportation Infrastructure Proposals.

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# B28. Independent First Nation Alliance

B28.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence

B28.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence



## B28.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence



From: Meyer, James  
Sent: July 27, 2022 2:22 PM  
To: mhoppe@ifna.ca; Kristin Cawley; jgregg@ifna.ca  
Cc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca  
Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Questionnaire

Hi folks,

Hope you are doing well. I just wanted to reach out as the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project Team prepared a short questionnaire to understand the topics of most interest to communities (e.g., wildlife, fish, water). We are also looking for input on the best ways to keep community's informed and gather your insights, feedback and perspectives throughout the Environmental Assessment and Impact Statement planning processes for the Community Access Road.

Please see the link to the questionnaire here: [Engagement Questionnaire](#). If you have an opportunity to fill out the questionnaire by August 12, 2022 that would be greatly appreciated!

I am available anytime over the phone if you have any questions or would like to setup a virtual meeting.

All the best,

James Meyer  
204-227-0451  
On behalf of the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project Team

From: Meyer, James  
Sent: September 9, 2022 3:51 PM  
To: Kristin Cawley  
Cc: mhoppe@ifna.ca; jgregg@ifna.ca  
Subject: Marten Falls Community Access Road Project

Good Afternoon Kristin,

I hope you are doing well, I am just following up on a phone call I attempted earlier today regarding a few updates that were sent out over the past month to see if you have any questions or comments:

The Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests study areas for the Community Access Road Project have recently been updated: [Updated ATRI Study Areas](#)

The Indigenous Knowledge Program schedule has been updated: [Indigenous Knowledge Program](#)

Our August 2022 E-Blast provided an update on upcoming field studies occurring Fall 2022 including the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program, Fall Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys,

Physiography and Terrain Program, potential Ungulates Remote Camera Check and a Caribou Mortality Investigation: [August 2022 E-blast](#)

Our July 2022 Engagement Questionnaire and is still available if you are interested in providing feedback or information on how best to engage with community representatives and members:

[Engagement Questionnaire](#)

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

Sincerely,  
James Meyer

On behalf of the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project Team

From: Meyer, James  
Sent: November 25, 2022 11:12 AM  
To: Kristin Cawley  
Cc: Mathew Hoppe; jgregg@ifna.ca; MFFN Community Access Road Project Team  
Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Update

Good morning Kristin,

Hope you are doing well! Please see some upcoming MFFN Community Access Road Project updates and activities:

**Public Information Centre #4**

Join us at PIC #4 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.

PIC #4 will be held in Thunder Bay on December 7 and Geraldton December 8. The notice for the Public Information Centre is available in English, Ojibway, Oji-Cree, Cree and French versions on our website. <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/#pic4> Please feel welcome to share this notice with others you think may be interested.

**Valued Components Webinars / Videos**

We are hosting our second Webinar on Tuesday November 29 at 4 p.m. EST on Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat. More info and registration can be viewed here:

<http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/>

We also shared our newest video on Cumulative Effects which can be viewed here: <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/cumulative-effects/>

**Impact Statement Extension**

The Community Access Road Project is subject to a federal Impact Assessment, which requires an Impact Statement within three years of the Notice of Commencement of the Impact Assessment.

The 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 the Independent First Nations Alliance about this extension request and will provide an opportunity to review the request and provide comments.

**Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Workshops**

There will be upcoming workshops on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests in early 2023 held in Thunder Bay, please stay tuned for more details.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or comments.

Have a great weekend,

James Meyer

On behalf of the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

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[james.meyer@aecom.com](mailto:james.meyer@aecom.com)

From: Meyer, James  
Sent: January 13, 2023 2:25 PM  
To: Kristin Cawley  
Cc: Mathew Hoppe; jgregg@ifna.ca; MFFN Community Access Road Project Team  
Subject: MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultation and Engagement Report

Good afternoon Kristin,

Happy new years! Hope you enjoyed the holidays.

I am following up on a phone call and voicemail I left this morning regarding the Independent First Nations Alliance Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement and the Milestone #1 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project that were distributed on December 6, 2022. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and timeline, please let me know and we can begin planning a date. If you could also please let me know if you have received the link to the reports that would be greatly appreciated! I have relinked them below for reference:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16zESCia6pgKK4moH\\_luz\\_0d5azV-1Sqj?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16zESCia6pgKK4moH_luz_0d5azV-1Sqj?usp=sharing)

We welcome any edits or comments to the Independent First Nations Alliance section by January 31, 2023, before the reports are finalized and shared publicly with the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement.

If you have any questions or comments about the Community Access Road please do not hesitate to give me a call at 431-278-3059 or reply to this email.

Have a great weekend,

James Meyer

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

From: Meyer, James  
Sent: January 16, 2023 3:32 PM  
To: Kristin Cawley; Andrew Pedersen  
Cc: Mathew Hoppe; Jonathan Gregg; MFFN Community Access Road Project Team  
Subject: RE: MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultation and Engagement Report

Hi Kristin,

Thank you for letting us know! Nice to meet you Andrew, I will make sure all communications get to you moving forward. Please let me know if you have any questions about the Project!

We look forward to receiving your feedback and comments on the reports.

Best,  
James Meyer  
On behalf of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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From: Meyer, James  
Sent: February 2, 2023 11:35 AM  
To: Andrew Pedersen  
Cc: Mathew Hoppe; Jonathan Gregg; MFFN Community Access Road Project Team; Kristin Cawley  
Subject: RE: MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultation and Engagement Report

Good morning Andrew,

Hope you are doing well! I'm following up on the two Consultation and Engagement Reports linked below for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. Do you happen to have an approximate timeline of when your review of the reports would be completed? No worries if you require additional time, just let me know.

Thank you,  
James Meyer  
On behalf of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

From: Meyer, James  
Sent: February 2, 2023 12:03 PM  
To: Jonathan Gregg; Andrew Pedersen  
Cc: Mathew Hoppe; MFFN Community Access Road Project Team; Kristin Cawley  
Subject: RE: MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultation and Engagement Report

Hi Jonathan,

Thank you for letting me know! Please feel free to reach out if you have any further questions.

Best,  
James Meyer  
On behalf of the Marten Falls First Nation Project Team

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From: Meyer, James  
Sent: February 8, 2023 11:06 AM  
To: Andrew Pedersen  
Subject: RE: MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultation and Engagement Report

Hey Andrew,

Thanks for letting us know! We appreciate you taking the time to go through the documentation. Feel free to reach out if you have any further questions.

Side note: we have added you to our Project distribution list so you will begin receiving updates and notifications moving forward.

Have a great week,

James Meyer  
On behalf of the Marten Fall First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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From: Meyer, James <[James.Meyer@aecom.com](mailto:James.Meyer@aecom.com)>

Sent: February 23, 2023 3:45 PM

To: Andrew Pedersen <[apedersen@ifna.ca](mailto:apedersen@ifna.ca)>

Cc: Kristin Cawley <[kcawley@ifna.ca](mailto:kcawley@ifna.ca)>; Jonathan Gregg <[jgregg@ifna.ca](mailto:jgregg@ifna.ca)>; Mathew Hoppe <[mhoppe@ifna.ca](mailto:mhoppe@ifna.ca)>; MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca](mailto:info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca)>; Ross, Kathryn <[kathryn.ross@aecom.com](mailto:kathryn.ross@aecom.com)>

Subject: MFFN Community Access Road Project Primary Contact Change

Good afternoon Andrew,

Hope you are doing well and staying warm! Just wanted to let you know that moving forward my colleague Kathryn Ross (cc'd here) will be the primary contact for the Independent First Nations Alliance to communicate with on the MFFN Community Access Road Project as I will be moving to a new role. I wish you all the best for 2023 and beyond!

Take care,  
James Meyer

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

From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>  
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 12:38 PM  
To: Niki.Angelis@aecom.com; qsaddique@suslop.com; jennifer@jbruinassociates.com;  
bbaxter48@gmail.com; lawrencebax@gmail.com; fergus.nicoll@wsp.com  
Subject: Webinar on Birds – Thank You for Joining

Thank you for registering and / or attending the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Webinar Series on Birds. In the webinar we discussed why this topic is important to the planning of the access road and provided an overview of related studies. The recording of this webinar, and others, can be viewed [here](#).

If you are interested in Birds and would like to discuss this topic in more detail, we would love to speak with you!

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

We look forward to connecting with you!

Sincerely,  
Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

P.S. Our next webinar is March 28 at 4 p.m. EST on Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats. Register [here](#).

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From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>  
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 10:31 AM  
To: mhoppe@ifna.ca; kcawley@ifna.ca; apedersen@ifna.ca; jgregg@ifna.ca  
Subject: Fwd: Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Reports for Review

Good morning,

We are reaching out to see if Independent First Nations Alliance has any comments on the Marten Falls First Nations Community Access Road Archaeology reports that were distributed February 3, 2023. Link to the reports: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1\\_8lWWg\\_4-ZNINraqIRQygSVkvwYeoCmO?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_8lWWg_4-ZNINraqIRQygSVkvwYeoCmO?usp=sharing)

Please let us know if you have any comments, questions, would like to meet with our archaeology team or need additional time to review the reports.

Best,

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

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**From:** Poulakas, Demetri  
**Sent:** May 29, 2023 1:19 PM  
**To:** mhoppe@ifna.ca; kcawley@ifna.ca; apedersen@ifna.ca; jgregg@ifna.ca  
**Cc:** Ross, Kathryn; info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca  
**Subject:** Community Access Road Follow-up

Good Afternoon Andrew,

I hope this email finds you well. I attempted to call on Friday, however, was unable to reach you.

I am emailing on behalf of the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) Project Team regarding the Indigenous Knowledge Program and to remind you of the following key milestones:

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

In order to meet the study schedule, it is critical that IK and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use be shared with the MFFN CAR Project Team by June 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,

**Demetri Poulakas**  
Senior Indigenous Engagement Specialist, Communication and Community Engagement  
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## B28.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence



From: Kristin Cawley <kcawley@ifna.ca>  
Sent: January 13, 2023 2:35 PM  
To: Meyer, James; Andrew Pedersen  
Cc: Mathew Hoppe; Jonathan Gregg; MFFN Community Access Road Project Team  
Subject: RE: MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultation and Engagement Report

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Good afternoon James,

Moving forward communications for this project will go through Andrew Pedersen our environmental advisor for IFNA. I have copied him in this email.

Andrew and I will review the reports and provide you with any questions or comments we may have.

Thank you,  
Kristin Cawley  
Water and Wastewater Hub Supervisor  
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Tel: (807) 626-7735 | Mobile: (807) 632-2446 | Fax: (807) 626-7738  
[kcawley@ifna.ca](mailto:kcawley@ifna.ca) | [www.ifna.ca](http://www.ifna.ca)

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From: Andrew Pedersen <apedersen@ifna.ca>  
Sent: January 17, 2023 7:56 AM  
To: Meyer, James; Kristin Cawley  
Cc: Mathew Hoppe; Jonathan Gregg; MFFN Community Access Road Project Team  
Subject: RE: MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultation and Engagement Report

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Ok great nice to meet you, happy to be apart of this project.  
Andrew

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From: Jonathan Gregg <jgregg@ifna.ca>  
Sent: February 2, 2023 11:42 AM  
To: Meyer, James; Andrew Pedersen  
Cc: Mathew Hoppe; MFFN Community Access Road Project Team; Kristin Cawley  
Subject: RE: MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultation and Engagement Report

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Good Afternoon,

Andrew has been on vacation the pass week and half, he's in office today or tomorrow

He will need a few more days and submitted comments Thursday next week.

Thank You,

Jonathan Gregg, BCO  
Technical Services Manager, IFNA

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From: Andrew Pedersen <apedersen@ifna.ca>  
Sent: February 6, 2023 2:28 PM  
To: Meyer, James  
Subject: RE: MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultation and Engagement Report

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Hello James,  
I have reviewed both reports and do not have any comments at this time. Everything looked good to me. Thanks  
Andrew

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From: Andrew Pedersen <apedersen@ifna.ca>  
Sent: February 23, 2023 2:52 PM  
To: Meyer, James  
Cc: Kristin Cawley; Jonathan Gregg; Mathew Hoppe; MFFN Community Access Road Project Team; Ross, Kathryn  
Subject: RE: MFFN Community Access Road Project Primary Contact Change

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Ok great, thank you James for the update!  
Andrew

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FINAL

# 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<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>2</sup>:**

- 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

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> to October 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 in an 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<sup>3</sup> 30 Marten Falls First Nation community members attended the community member meetings. At these meetings, attendees were encouraged to share their

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Final versions of sharing and funding agreements have been signed by Community Access Road team and are with Aroland First Nation for review</li> <li>■ Received Indigenous Knowledge Report from the Community</li> </ul>
2.	■ Attawapiskat First Nation	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Offered</li> <li>■ Has not responded to offer</li> </ul>	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Indicated they do not want to participate in the Indigenous Knowledge Program</li> </ul>
3.	■ Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Offered</li> <li>■ Has not responded to offer</li> </ul>	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Updated version of sharing agreement is with the community for review</li> <li>■ The funding agreement is with the Community Access Road team to sign</li> </ul>
4.	■ Constance Lake First Nation	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Offered</li> <li>■ Community Co-ordinated funding agreement with the community for review</li> </ul>	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The sharing agreement is with the community to sign</li> <li>■ The updated funding agreement is with the community for review</li> </ul>
5.	■ Eabametoong First Nation	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Offered</li> <li>■ Has not responded to offer</li> </ul>	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review</li> </ul>
6.	■ Fort Albany First Nation	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Offered</li> <li>■ Acknowledged offer</li> </ul>	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The final versions of the sharing and funding agreements have been signed by the Community Access Road team and the community</li> <li>■ Received Indigenous Knowledge Report from the Community</li> </ul>
7.	■ Ginoogaming First Nation	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Offered</li> <li>■ Have expressed interest in program; actively recruiting.</li> </ul>	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The sharing agreement is with the community for review and sign-off</li> <li>■ The final version of the funding agreement has been signed by the Community Access Road team and the community</li> </ul>
8.	■ Kasabonika Lake First Nation	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Offered</li> <li>■ Has not responded to offer</li> </ul>	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review</li> </ul>

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;
- Nokiwin 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
<p><b>Specific Feedback Provided on Environmental Existing Conditions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Specific feedback was provided on the bird field program, including birds observed and comments on their habitats.</li> <li>■ Specific feedback was provided on the wolverine field program.</li> <li>■ Confidential information regarding the Albany River was provided and is considered as IK.</li> <li>■ Caribou were identified in the District of Kenora.</li> <li>■ Request to participate in field studies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Birds and comments on their habitats were noted for the bird field program.</li> <li>■ One site of the wolverine hair snag was changed based on feedback provided.</li> <li>■ The EA has been informed by confidential information regarding the Albany River and details are being kept confidential.</li> <li>■ The general identification of caribou location(s) has been noted.</li> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Concerns Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ It was noted that a spawning area could be relocated if it would be disrupted by the Project</li> <li>■ Concern was expressed for watersheds</li> <li>■ Concern was expressed regarding caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights</li> <li>■ Concern was expressed related to salting on the road and impacts to nearby rivers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> <li>■ 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.</li> <li>■ More specific details are required related to concerns for caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights.</li> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Interests Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA has been or may be Informed
<p><b>Route Alignment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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)</li> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> <li>■ 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,</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cumulative Effects, Road Projects and Regional Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Impacts from COVID-19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Some communities expressed inability to effectively engage with their community members due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA has been or may be Informed
<p><b>Timeline Extensions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some communities requested extended Project timelines, for both the provincial and federal processes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Request for Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While participant funding is issued by the Province and not the MFFN CAR Project Team, requests were shared with the province to respond to.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Revision to ATRI Study Areas for the Impact Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>

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**

<b>Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment and Identification of Preferred Alternatives</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Audience</b>		
	<i>Indigenous Communities</i>	<i>Interested Persons</i>	<i>Agencies &amp; Government Bodies</i>
<b>NoC</b>			
■ Distribution of EA NoC (October 29, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
■ NoC Advertisement (October 29 to November 12, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
<b>Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE)</b>			
■ Draft Interim RoCE distributed to Indigenous communities for review (December 6, 2022).	✓		
■ Email follow-up distributed in January 2023.	✓		
<b>Milestone Progress Report #1</b>			
■ Draft Progress Report distributed to Indigenous communities for review (December 6, 2022)	✓		
■ Email follow-up distributed in January 2023.	✓		
<b>Milestone Progress Report #2</b>			
■ 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)	✓		
<b>Public Information Centres (PIC)</b>			
■ 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
<b>Individual Project Meetings</b>			
■ 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)	✓	✓	

<b>Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment and Identification of Preferred Alternatives</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Audience</b>		
	<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<b>Interested Persons</b>	<b>Agencies &amp; Government Bodies</b>
■ 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).	✓		

<b>Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment and Identification of Preferred Alternatives</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Audience</b>		
	<i>Indigenous Communities</i>	<i>Interested Persons</i>	<i>Agencies &amp; Government Bodies</i>
<b>Other Notices / Newsletters</b>			
■ 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– October 2021 (November 3, 2021)</li> <li>– November 2021 (November 30 2021)</li> <li>– December 2021 (December 15, 2021)</li> <li>– January 2022 (January 31, 2022)</li> <li>– February / March 2022 (March 15, 2022)</li> <li>– April 2022 (April 29, 2022)</li> <li>– May 2022 (May 27, 2022)</li> <li>– June 2022 (June 24, 2022)</li> <li>– July 2022 (July 26, 2022)</li> <li>– August 2022 (August 19, 2022)</li> <li>– September 2022 (September 29, 2022)</li> <li>– October 2022 (November 2, 2022)</li> <li>– November 2022 (November 25, 2022)</li> <li>– December 2022 (December 20, 2022)</li> <li>– January 2023 (January 30, 2023)</li> <li>– February 2023 (February 28, 2023)</li> <li>– March 2023 (April 4, 2023)</li> <li>– April 2023 (April 28, 2023)</li> <li>– May 2023 (June 7, 2023)</li> <li>– June 2023 (June 28, 2023)</li> <li>– July 2023 (August 2, 2023)</li> <li>– August 2023 (September 1, 2023)</li> <li>– September 2023 (September 28, 2023)</li> <li>– October 2023 (November 2, 2023)</li> <li>– 2023 Year In Review (December 12, 2023)</li> <li>– January 2024 (January 31, 2024)</li> <li>– February 2024 (March 1, 2024)</li> <li>– March 2024 (April 3, 2024)</li> <li>– April 2024 (April 30, 2024)</li> <li>– May 2024 (May 30, 2024)</li> <li>– June 2024 (July 9, 2024)</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
■ Circulated Field Study Notices & Discussion Guides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Winter Field Program Notice and Discussion Guide (December 10, 2021)</li> <li>– Furbearer Ground Track Survey Update (January 19, 2022)</li> <li>– Bird Aerial Surveys Update (February 4, 2022)</li> <li>– Wolverine Den Surveys Notice (February 14, 2022)</li> <li>– Wolverine Hair Snag Program and Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Update (March 3, 2022)</li> <li>– Wolverine Den Survey Update (March 9, 2022)</li> <li>– Early Spring Notice (March 29, 2022)</li> <li>– Terrain and Soils Notice (May 11, 2022)</li> <li>– Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Notice (May 30, 2022)</li> <li>– Vegetation Field Notice (June 10, 2022)</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment and Identification of Preferred Alternatives			
Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Groundwater and Geochemistry (July 29, 2022)</li> <li>– Fall Field Programs Update (September 16, 2022)</li> <li>– Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice (December 1, 2022)</li> <li>– Field Programs updates (March 9, 2023)</li> <li>– Spring 2023 Field Notice (April 21, 2023)</li> <li>– Summer 2023 Field Notice (July 12, 2023)</li> <li>– Fall 2023 Field Notice (September 15, 2023)</li> <li>– Winter 2024 Field Notice (January 18, 2024)</li> <li>– Spring 2024 Field Notice (April 17, 2024)</li> <li>– Spring Groundwater Program Update (May 23, 2024)</li> <li>– Summer 2024 Field Notice (July 16, 2024)</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matawa Messenger newsletter feature (June 2022)</li> <li>■ Follow-up to furbearer winter tracking field program notice (January 27, 2023)</li> <li>■ Follow-up on ungulate aerial survey notice (February 15, 2023)</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Webinar Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Animals and Wildlife (Ungulates and Furbearers) (November 15, 2022)</li> <li>– Surface Water, Fish &amp; Fish Habitat (November 29, 2022)</li> <li>– Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (January 10, 2023)</li> <li>– Vegetation and Physiography (January 17, 2023)</li> <li>– Peatlands (January 31, 2023)</li> <li>– Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change (February 14, 2023)</li> <li>– Socio-Economic Studies Part I (February 21, 2023)</li> <li>– Socio-Economic Studies Part II (February 28, 2023)</li> <li>– Groundwater and Geochemistry (March 14, 2023)</li> <li>– Birds (March 21, 2023)</li> <li>– Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats (March 28, 2023)</li> <li>– ATRI (April 4, 2023)</li> <li>– Route Selection Milestone (November 16, 2023)</li> <li>– Climate Change Webinar (February 8, 2024)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report (June 3, 2024)</li> </ul>	✓		
<b>Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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)</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022)</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the IK Program (and Community Co-ordinator Program) (April 21, 2022)</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles were distributed via email. (August 2022)</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Distributed a Save the Date for the upcoming ATRI Forum and Cultural Heritage Workshop via email (December 20, 2022)</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Invitation to ATRI Forum distributed (January 13, 2023, and February 1, 2023)</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ ATRI Forum and Cultural Heritage Workshop in Thunder Bay (February 8 – 9, 2023)</li> </ul>	✓		

<b>Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment and Identification of Preferred Alternatives</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Audience</b>		
	<i>Indigenous Communities</i>	<i>Interested Persons</i>	<i>Agencies &amp; Government Bodies</i>
■ 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)	✓		
<b>Community Co-ordinator Program</b>			
■ 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.

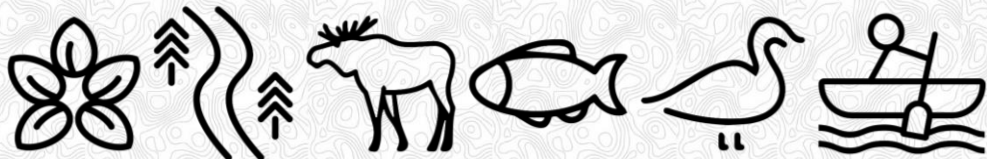
Hatch, 2016:

Technical Review of Industrial Transportation Infrastructure Proposals.



# MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

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## 27. Independent First Nations Alliance

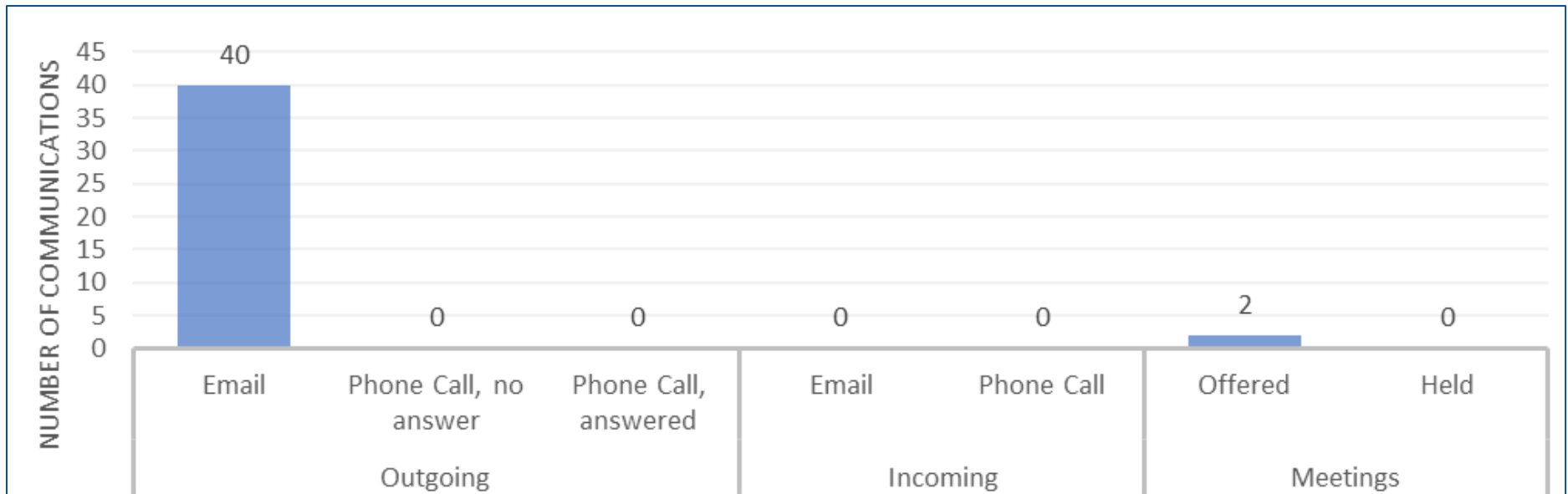
### 27.1 Community Profile

**Location:** P.O. Box 5010, 98 King Street, Sioux Lookout, ON P8T 1K6  
 1151 Barton Street, Unit 203, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5N3

**Indigenous Communities:** Pikangikum First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, Lac Seul First Nation, Muskrat Dam First Nation, Whitesand First Nation

**Project Team Lead:** Gabbie Ratajczak

**Figure 27-1: Independent First Nations Alliance Distribution of Communication**



**Table 27-1: Summary of Participation During Milestone 3 Reporting Period**

<b>Summary of Participation During Reporting Period</b>	
<b>Date of Last Outgoing Communication from MFFN CAR Project Team (Email or Phone):</b>	July 30, 2024
<b>Date of Last Incoming Communication from Community (Email or Phone):</b>	N/A
<b>Participating in IK Program:</b>	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: N/A
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: N/A
	IK information provided: N/A
<b>Participating in Community Coordinator Program:</b>	N/A

**Table 27-2: Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During EA / IA**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Consultation and Engagement Activity</b>
<b>June 07, 2023</b>	May 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
<b>June 22, 2023</b>	Sent follow up email on the IK Program milestone and timeline.
<b>June 28, 2023</b>	June 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
<b>July 13, 2023</b>	Summer 2023 Field Notice distributed via email.
<b>August 02, 2023</b>	July 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
<b>September 01, 2023</b>	August 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
<b>September 15, 2023</b>	Fall 2023 Field Notice distributed via email.
<b>September 28, 2023</b>	September 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
<b>October 06, 2023</b>	Project update regarding PIC #5, ATRI Forum, the Climate Change Workshop and the IK Program.
<b>October 10, 2023</b>	PIC #5 invitation distributed via email.
<b>November 2, 2023</b>	October 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
<b>November 9, 2023</b>	Reminder for Route Selection Milestone Webinar distributed via email.
<b>November 11, 2023</b>	IK update distributed via email.
<b>November 16, 2023</b>	Reminder for Route Selection Milestone Webinar distributed via email.
<b>November 27 &amp; 29, 2023</b>	Milestone #2 Progress Report distributed via email.
<b>December 7, 2023</b>	Socio-economic Assessment Interest letter sent via email.

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
<b>December 11, 2023</b>	Email outreach about Project updates including the Milestone #2 Report, the Socio-economic interest letter, the webinar series and the IK Program.
<b>December 12, 2023</b>	2023 Year In Review E-Blast.
<b>January 16, 2024</b>	Invitation for Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road Webinar distributed via email.
<b>January 18, 2024</b>	Winter 2024 Field Notice distributed via email.
<b>January 30, 2024</b>	Email outreach regarding Project updates including the webinar series, IK Program and Milestone #2 Progress Report.
<b>January 31, 2024</b>	January 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
<b>February 08, 2024</b>	Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Reminder distributed via email.
<b>February 13, 2024</b>	Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Follow-Up distributed via email.
<b>February 20, 2024</b>	Email outreach about Project updates including the Project webinar series, and the IK Program.
<b>March 01, 2024</b>	February 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
<b>March 19, 2024</b>	Email outreach sharing updates for the month of March 2024 and ways to get involved in the MFFN CAR Project.
<b>April 03, 2024</b>	March 2024 e-blast distributed via email.
<b>April 17, 2024</b>	Spring 2024 Field Notice and Caribou Collaring Update distributed via email.
<b>April 25, 2024</b>	Email outreach regarding Project updates including the Climate Change webinar survey and IK Program.
<b>April 30, 2024</b>	April 2024 e-blast distributed via email.
<b>May 23, 2024</b>	Spring 2024 Groundwater Program Update distributed via email.
<b>May 30, 2024</b>	May 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
<b>June 03, 2024</b>	Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report link distributed via email.
<b>June 28, 2024</b>	June 2024 updates including, Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and the Indigenous Knowledge Program.
<b>July 09, 2024</b>	June 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
<b>July 16, 2024</b>	Summer 2024 Field Notice distributed via email.
<b>July 30, 2024</b>	Email outreach regarding a new primary contact and Project updates including the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and IK Program.

**Table 27-3: Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Independent First Nations Alliance**

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue / Comment Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues during June 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024, reporting period.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA.</li> </ul>

**Table 27-4: Consultation and Engagement Log – Independent First Nations Alliance**

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
June 07, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the May E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
June 22, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a follow up email to Independent First Nations Alliance, 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</li> </ul>

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
						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 Independent First Nations Alliance may have.
<b>June 28, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the June E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. The E-Blast included a brief description on the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Program and a link to 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.</li> </ul>

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<b>July 13, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Summer 2023 Field Notice to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
<b>August 02, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the July E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. The E-Blast provided updates on the Cultural Heritage Program that took place in Marten Falls First Nation in July 2023. 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.</li> </ul>

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<b>September 01, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the August E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. The E-Blast provided field study updates, including the Vegetation Field Program from August 3 to 6, 2023, Summer Groundwater and Geochemistry Program from August 7 to 18, 2023, 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.</li> </ul>
<b>September 15, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Fall 2023 Field Notice to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>

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<b>September 28, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the September E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. The E-Blast provided updates on the Fall Groundwater and Geochemistry Program from September 18 to 25, 2023, 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.</li> </ul>
<b>October 06, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Independent First Nations Alliance, providing a list of the upcoming activities regarding the CAR, including PIC #5, ATRI Forum and the Climate Change Workshop. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided an update regarding the IK Program.</li> </ul>
<b>October 10, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed an invitation for PIC #5 to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>

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<b>November 02, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the October E-Blast to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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 to 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.</li> </ul>
<b>November 09, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Route Selection Milestone Webinar to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>

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<b>November 10, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder to Independent First Nations Alliance requesting the communities provide IK to MFFN CAR Project Team by December 11, 2023, to be incorporated into the draft EA / IS. 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 Independent First Nations Alliance for questions or discussion on IK Program.</li> </ul>
<b>November 16, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Route Selection Milestone Webinar to Independent First Nations Alliance. 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.</li> </ul>
<b>November 27, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the Milestone #2 Progress Report to Independent First Nations Alliance for review. The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023. Independent First Nations Alliance 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</li> </ul>

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						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.
<b>November 29, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
<b>December 07, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> <li>■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor</li> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent Independent First Nations Alliance 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 asked if the community had any interest, concerns or input related to potential socio-economic impacts as a result of the Project. The letter also included an attachment of a list of possible social and economic effects of the Project that are to be assessed. Contact information was provided to Independent First Nations Alliance if they would like to provide input.</li> </ul>
<b>December 11, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Independent First Nation Alliance providing an update regarding the MFFN CAR, including the Route Selection Webinar, Milestone #2 Progress Report, the upcoming webinar series, the Socio-Economic interest letter and the IK Program.</li> </ul>

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<b>December 12, 2023</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Independent First Nations Alliance a 2023 Year in Review where there was a holiday greeting, and some 2023 highlights were listed. These highlights included PIC #5, Preliminary Technically Preferred Route Recommendation, Aboriginal and / or Treaty Right and Interests Forum, the Community Access Road Webinar Series, Field Studies and Valued Component Videos. The MFFN CAR Project Team shared 2023 field study summaries and upcoming winter field studies.</li> </ul>
<b>January 12, 2024</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance introducing the new Indigenous Consultation lead. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also followed up on the Milestone #2 Progress Report which covered engagement that occurred between July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023. It was noted in the email that edits and comments to the Milestone #2 Progress Report are welcomed by February 15, 2024.</li> </ul>
<b>January 16, 2024</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Independent First Nations Alliance an invitation 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.</li> </ul>

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January 18, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Independent First Nations Alliance the Winter 2024 Field Notice. 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.</li> </ul>
January 30, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance providing them with updates, deadlines for feedback, and opportunities to engage with the MFFN CAR Project including; the webinar series, IK Program and the Milestone #2 Progress Report.</li> </ul>
January 31, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Independent First Nations Alliance the January E-Blast. 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 &amp; Upcoming Webinars, and Winter Field Studies. Links to the Project website and Facebook page, along with contact information was provided.</li> </ul>
February 08, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>

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February 13, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
February 20, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance, providing them with updates and opportunities to engage on the MFFN CAR Project including; the Webinar Series and the IK Program.</li> </ul>
March 01, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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 were provided.</li> </ul>
March 19, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance providing updates and opportunities to engage in the MFFN CAR Project, including the IK Program, updated route selection video, and the new social media platforms.</li> </ul>

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April 03, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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 were provided.</li> </ul>
April 17, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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 were provided.</li> </ul>
April 25, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance to provide an update and opportunities to engage in the MFFN CAR Project including the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey and IK Program.</li> </ul>

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<b>April 30, 2024</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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 Marten Falls First Nation's future access to clean electricity. Links to the Project website and social media pages, along with the Project Team's contact information.</li> </ul>
<b>May 23, 2024</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance with the 2024 Spring Groundwater Program Update. The update provided the dates, June 2-9, 2024, that field crews are scheduled to carry out groundwater sampling and a notice was provided regarding the increase in traffic and noise within the study area during this time. Links to the field notice and MFFN CAR's website were included.</li> </ul>
<b>May 30, 2024</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>

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<b>June 03, 2024</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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 Independent First Nations Alliance to setup a meeting with the Project Team to review the reports and have their questions answered.</li> </ul>
<b>June 28, 2024</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance with June 2024 updates including, the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and the Indigenous Knowledge Program. The Project Consultant requested feedback and comments on the Archaeological Assessment Report by August 2, 2024.</li> </ul>
<b>July 09, 2024</b>	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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 &amp; 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.</li> </ul>

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
July 16, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
July 30, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance to introduce the new Indigenous Consultation lead. Updates for July 2024 were provided including, the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, and the Indigenous Knowledge Program. The Project Consultant requested feedback and comments on the Archaeological Assessment Report by August 2, 2024.</li> </ul>

# B28. Independent First Nation Alliance

## B28.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence



## B28.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>  
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 1:04 PM  
Subject: IK Program Key Milestone Date Reminder

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I hope this email finds you well. We wanted to follow up with you on our previous emails regarding 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.

The evaluation of the alternative routes to select a preferred route is to be completed by the end of this year (2023).

In order to meet the study schedule, it is critical that IK and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use be shared with the MFFN CAR Project Team by June 30 2023, 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 to meet to discuss further please do not hesitate to respond to this email.

Thank you and have a great day.

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MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

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Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MFFNCommunityAccessRoadProject/>

Call us: 1 800-764-9114

Email us: [info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca](mailto:info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca)

From: Poulakas, Demetri  
Sent: October 6, 2023 9:53 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Update

Good Morning,

I hope this email finds you well and have something special planned for Thanksgiving weekend.

I am emailing you to provide some updates regarding the MFFN Community Access Road Project and to highlight upcoming events for the Project. Specific dates and formal notices will be shared soon.

#### Public Information Centre #5

PIC #5 will be held in Thunder Bay and Geraldton from October 23 - 26.

Join us for updates and information on:

- Update on what we heard at the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) forum in February 2023 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;
- Existing conditions results for completed studies;
- 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.

#### Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Forum

There will be upcoming Forum on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests November 21-23 (Thunder Bay), where cumulative effects will also be presented.

#### Climate Change Workshop

Workshop to be held in early 2024 with interested Indigenous Communities.

In addition, I wanted to follow up regarding the IK program. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in the program or if you have any questions.

Thank you and have a great long weekend,

**Demetri Poulakas**  
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

Senior Indigenous Engagement Specialist, Communication and Community Engagement

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From: Poulakas, Demetri  
Sent: December 7, 2023 2:45 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Trimble, Ingrid; Haalboom, Bethany; Fiske, Avril; McKinnon, Don; Qasim Saddique; Jennifer Bruin; lawrencebax  
Subject: MFFN CAR Socio-Economic Interests Letter  
Attachments: Independant First Nations Socio-econ IC Interest check letter - Dec 7.pdf

Dear Matthew Hoppe

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 your community 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

**Demetri Poulakas**  
Senior Indigenous Engagement Specialist, Communication and Community Engagement

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7 December 2023

Independent First Nations Alliance



*Sent Via Email*

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

Dear Matthew Hoppe

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 Demetri Poulakas 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



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.



From: Poulakas, Demetri  
Sent: December 11, 2023 1:19 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Update

Dear Matthew Hoppe,

I hope this email finds you well. I would like to provide you with an update of the upcoming activities that will be occurring regarding the Community Access Road.

- Route Selection Webinar
  - The webinar on Route Selection took place Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. EST.
  - Recording of the Webinar can be accessed [HERE](#).
  
- Milestone #2 Progress Report
  - An updated link to your Milestone #2 Progress Report was shared with you on 29 November, 2023.
  - The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers all consultation with the Independent First Nations Alliance from July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023.
  - We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section by February 15, 2024, before the reports are finalized and shared publicly with the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement.
  - If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and timeline, please let me know, or reply to the email you received on 29 November, 2023.
  
- Socio-Economic Interest Letter
  - We recently sent you a letter requesting if your community has any interests or concerns regarding possible social-community and/or economic impacts as a result of the MFFN CAR Project. Can you please confirm receipt of this letter?
  - Should your community have socio-economic interests or concerns related to the MFFN CAR Project we would like to hear from you by December 30, 2023.
  
- Webinar Series
  - Webinars regarding Climate Change, Engineering and Cumulative Effects will be held in Q1 2024 with interested Indigenous Communities. Dates and a more formal notice will be shared soon.
  
- IK Program
  - The December 11, 2023 request for submission date of Indigenous Knowledge is approaching! It is important that this information is received so that it can be included in the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you have any questions about this program, or feel welcome to reach out directly to Bob Baxter at [REDACTED] or Andrea Nokleby at [REDACTED]

thank you and I wish you all happy holidays!

**Demetri Poulakas**  
Senior Indigenous Engagement Specialist, Communication and Community Engagement

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From: Cugnet, Jaimie <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, 12 January 2024 01:50  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Poulakas, Demetri  
Subject: Milestone #2 Progress Report Follow up

Dear Matthew Hoppe,

I hope this email finds you well.

My name is Jaimie Cugnet, and I will be replacing Demetri Poulakas as the Indigenous Consultation lead for Independent First Nations Alliance regarding the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project.

On November 27, 2023, we sent you the Milestone #2 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project, with an updated link to your report provided on November 29, 2023, for your review.

The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers engagement that occurred for the MFFN CAR Project between July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023.

We welcome any edits or comments to the Report you received by February 15, 2024.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the report and timeline, please let me know. Please confirm that you were able to view/download the documents successfully.

Sincerely,

**Jaimie Cugnet**

Communication & Community Engagement Specialist, Environment  
[REDACTED]

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From: Cugnet, Jaimie <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, 30 January 2024 04:12  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: MFFN CAR - January Update

Good evening Matthew Hoppe,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am reaching out to provide some general updates on the Community Access Road and opportunities to engage with the project.

- Webinar Series
  - Join us for the Climate Change Webinar on Thursday, February 8 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Please register at the link [HERE](#) for the webinar, which can also be found in your invite on Tuesday, February 16, and respond to this email with any questions you would like answered.
  - Webinars regarding Engineering and Construction and Cumulative Effects will be held in Q1 2024 with interested Indigenous Communities. Dates and a formal invitation will be shared soon.
- IK Program
  - We are continuing to gather Indigenous Knowledge (IK) from Communities, and I am here as a support should you decide to participate in this program.
  - It is important that this information is received so that it can be included in the *draft* Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you have any questions about this program, or feel welcome to reach out directly to Bob Baxter at [REDACTED] or Andrea Nokleby at [REDACTED].
- Milestone #2 Progress Report
  - An updated link to your Milestone #2 Progress Report can be found [HERE](#), and was shared with you on November 23, 2023.
  - The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers all consultation with Independent First Nations Alliance from July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023.
  - We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section by February 15, 2024, before the reports are finalized and shared publicly with the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement.
  - If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and timeline, please let me know, or reply to the email you received on November 29, 2023.

As always, thank you for your time, and please feel welcome to contact me if you have any questions about the items in the email or about the Community Access Road in general.

Warm regards,

**Jaimie Cugnet**

Communication & Community Engagement Specialist, Environment  
[REDACTED]

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From: Cugnet, Jaimie <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2024 23:40  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - February Update

Dear Matthew Hoppe,

I hope this email finds you well. I would like to provide you with an update of the upcoming activities that will be occurring regarding the Community Access Road.

Webinar Series:

Thank you to everyone who attended the Climate Change Adaption and the Community Access Road Webinar on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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](#).

Your feedback, experience and insights are important to us. Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey linked below and share how Climate Change has / is affecting you and your Community: [REDACTED]

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

IK Program:

While the request for submission date has passed, we are still welcoming IK from the Independent First Nations Alliance to be included in the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you have any questions about this program, or feel welcome to reach out directly to Bob Baxter at [REDACTED] or Andrea Nokleby at [REDACTED]

As always, I would also be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

**Jaimie Cugnet**

Communication & Community Engagement Specialist, Environment  
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From: Cugnet, Jaimie <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Tuesday, 19 March 2024 23:29  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - March Update

Dear Matthew Hoppe,

I hope this finds you well.

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

#### IK Program

While the request for submission date has passed, we are still welcoming IK from the Independent First Nations Alliance to be included in the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you have any questions about this program, or feel welcome to reach out directly to MFFN Councillor and Senior Community Member Advisor, Bob Baxter, at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or Andrea Nokleby at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

#### 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.

As always, I would also be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

**Jaimie Cugnet**

Communication & Community Engagement Specialist, Environment  
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From: Cugnet, Jaimie  
Sent: April 25, 2024 4:19 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - April Update

Dear Matthew Hoppe,

I hope this finds you well.

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

Climate Change Webinar:

Following the Climate Change Adaptation Webinar, we released a survey on climate change. Your feedback, experience and insights are important to us. Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey linked below and share how Climate Change has / is affecting you and your Community: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

IK Program

While the request for submission date has passed, we are still welcoming IK from the Independence First Nations Alliance to be included in the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you have any questions about this program, or feel welcome to reach out directly to MFFN Councillor and Senior Community Member Advisor, Bob Baxter, at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or Andrea Nokleby at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

As always, I would also be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

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From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, 28 June 2024 18:12  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - June Update

Dear Matthew Hoppe,

I hope this finds you well.

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

#### Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report documents the archaeological and land use history, to determine whether there is potential for archaeological sites in the additional areas required for aggregate impacts. It incorporates a review of recent mapping, previous archaeological reports, and incorporation of any information collected from Indigenous communities.

The Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report was sent out to communities on June 3, 2024. The reports are available for download here: [Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment\\_May 2024 – Google Drive](#)

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 Program

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As always, I would also be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

**Jaimie Cugnet**

Communication & Community Engagement Specialist, Environment  
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From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, 30 July 2024 16:01  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Ratajczak, Gabbie  
Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - July Update

Dear Matthew,

I hope this finds you well.

I pleased to introduce you to Gabbie Ratajczak (cc'd here), who will be replacing me as the Indigenous Consultation lead for the Independent First Nations Alliance regarding the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project.

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

#### Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

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If you have any questions, please reach out to Gabbie, and she will be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

**Jaimie Cugnet**

Communication & Community Engagement Specialist, Environment  
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# Progress Report 4: Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Milestone

*January 2026*



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## Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
ATRI	Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests
ATRI: Draft IA Report	Community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Report
ATRI: Final IA Report	Community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Final Impact Assessment Report
EA / IS	Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement
E-blast	Electronic newsletter
GBA Plus	Gender Based Analysis Plus
IK	Indigenous Knowledge
MECP	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
MFFN	Marten Falls First Nation
NoC	Notice of Commencement
NRL	Northern Road Link
PIC	Public Information Centre
RoCE	Record of Consultation and Engagement
The Agency	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
The Assessment Process	The Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment
ToR	Terms of Reference
WSR	Webequie Supply Road

# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Overview

This Milestone #4 Progress Report is the last of four consultation and engagement reports that collectively make up the Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE) for Indigenous Communities, as part of the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road's Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS).

A RoCE for Interested Persons and a RoCE for Government Agencies are also included in the Final EA / IS. Additionally, a Cumulative Effects Consultation Report has also been prepared<sup>1</sup>. 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.

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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 community 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<sup>2</sup>. 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**.

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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding provided</li> <li>• Aroland First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aroland First Nation was reviewing applicants for the position</li> <li>• The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding Provided</li> <li>• Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community</li> </ul>
2	Attawapiskat First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity Funding information sent to community</li> <li>• No response received</li> <li>• Attawapiskat First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offered</li> <li>• No response received</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indicated they do not want to participate in the Indigenous Knowledge Program</li> </ul>
3	Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding provided</li> <li>• Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offered</li> <li>• No response received</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding provided</li> <li>• Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community</li> </ul>
4	Constance Lake First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding provided</li> <li>• Constance Lake First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offered</li> <li>• Expressed interest; noted difficulty finding resource to fill role</li> <li>• The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sharing Agreement is with the community for signing</li> <li>• The updated funding agreement is with the community for review</li> <li>• Constance Lake First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Capacity Funding information sent to community</li> <li>Community acknowledged receipt of information and expressed interest. Follow-ups have been sent; no further response received regarding the program during the Assessment Process</li> <li>Eabametoong First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, after the review period ended</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered</li> <li>No response received</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review</li> <li>Eabamatoong First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge</li> </ul>
6	Fort Albany First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding provided</li> <li>Fort Albany First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered</li> <li>Acknowledged offer</li> <li>The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding provided</li> <li>Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community</li> </ul>
7	Ginoogaming First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding provided</li> <li>Ginoogaming First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered</li> <li>Have expressed interest in program; actively recruiting.</li> <li>The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding provided</li> <li>Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Capacity Funding information sent to community</li> <li>No response received</li> <li>Kasabonika Lake First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered</li> <li>No response received</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review</li> <li>Kasabonika Lake First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge</li> </ul>
9	Kashechewan First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding provided</li> <li>Kashechewan First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered</li> <li>Acknowledged offer</li> <li>The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding provided</li> <li>Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community</li> </ul>
10	Long Lake #58 First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Capacity Funding information sent to community</li> <li>Community acknowledged receipt of information and expressed interest; Community Capacity Funding Agreement has been sent to the community.</li> <li>Long Lake #58 First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered</li> <li>Acknowledged offer</li> <li>The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial versions of sharing and funding agreements sent to the community</li> <li>Long Lake #58 First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge</li> </ul>
11	Marten Falls First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding provided</li> <li>Marten Falls First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One previous Community Coordinator hired (living in Marten Falls); one current Community Coordinator (living outside of Marten Falls)</li> <li>Funding provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding provided</li> <li>Received Indigenous Knowledge from the Community</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Capacity Funding information sent to community</li> <li>No response received</li> <li>Neskantaga First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered</li> <li>No response received</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review</li> <li>Neskantaga First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge</li> </ul>
13	Nibinamik First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding provided</li> <li>Nibinamik First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered</li> <li>No response received</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial versions of the sharing and funding agreements sent to the community</li> <li>Nibinamik First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge</li> </ul>
14	Webequie First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Capacity Funding information sent to community</li> <li>No response received</li> <li>Webequie First Nation did not provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered</li> <li>No response received</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review</li> <li>Webequie First Nation did not provide Indigenous Knowledge</li> </ul>
15	Weenusk First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding provided</li> <li>Weenusk First Nation provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered</li> <li>Acknowledged offer</li> <li>The Community Coordinator Program was amended to the Community Capacity Funding Program in advance of an applicant being selected by the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The final versions of the sharing and funding agreements have been signed by the Project Team and the community</li> <li>Once banking information is shared by Weenusk First Nation, funding for Indigenous Knowledge will be provided to Weenusk First Nation</li> <li>Received Indigenous Knowledge from the community</li> </ul>

## 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<sup>3</sup>, 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, Animiigoo 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, Nookiwini 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access and Security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accidents and Malfunctions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acoustic Environment (Noise and Vibration)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Atmospheric Environment (Air Quality)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Climate Change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Well-being (Economics, Human Health, Social, Community)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Construction (Camps, Aggregate, Waste Management, Decommissioning Abandonment, Construction Monitoring)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consultation Methods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Country / Traditional Foods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural Heritage and Resources (Archaeology)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cumulative Effects	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Draft EA / IS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Economy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education, Training and Employment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engineering and Design (including Bridges and Culverts)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Federal Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Topic	Animbigoo- Zaag'igan Anis hinaabek	Attawapiskat First Nation	Aroland First Nation	Constance Lake First Nation	Fort Albany First Nation	Ginoogaming First Nation	Kashechewan First Nation	Mushkegowuk Tribal Council	Nibinamik First Nation	Weenusk First Nation
Fish and Fish Habitat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Future Indigenous Involvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GBA Plus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Groundwater (Quality and Quantity)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Land and Resource Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operations and Maintenance (including Post-Construction Monitoring)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Peatlands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Physiography, Terrain and Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Route Alternatives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provincial Process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## 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)<sup>4</sup>;
- 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

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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<sup>5</sup> 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

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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-Being 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**

<b>Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Audience</b>		
	<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<b>Interested Persons</b>	<b>Agencies &amp; Government Bodies</b>
<b>NoC</b>			
• Distribution of EA NoC (October 29, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
• NoC Advertisement (October 29 to November 12, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
<b>Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE)</b>			
• Draft Interim RoCE distributed to Indigenous communities for review (December 6, 2022).	✓		
• Email follow-up distributed in January 2023.	✓		
<b>Milestone #1 Progress Report</b>			
• Draft Progress Report distributed to Indigenous communities for review (December 6, 2022).	✓		
• Email follow-up distributed in January 2023.	✓		
<b>Milestone #2 Progress Report</b>			
• 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).	✓		
<b>Milestone #3 Progress Report</b>			
• Draft Progress Report distributed to Indigenous communities for review (November 28 and 29, 2024).*	✓		
• Email follow up distributed in December 2024 and January 2025.*	✓		
<b>Draft EA / IS</b>			
• 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).*	✓	✓	✓

<b>Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS</b>			
Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
• Draft EA / IS reminder to provide feedback email notification (June 19, 2025).*	✓	✓	✓
<b>Public Information Centres (PIC)</b>			
• 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)*	✓	✓	✓
<b>Provincially-Supported Forums</b>			
• 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).*	✓		✓
<b>Individual Project Meetings</b>			
• 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).	✓		

<b>Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Audience</b>		
	<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<b>Interested Persons</b>	<b>Agencies &amp; Government Bodies</b>
• 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).	✓		

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Audience</b>		
	<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<b>Interested Persons</b>	<b>Agencies &amp; Government Bodies</b>
• 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).*	✓		

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<b>Activity</b>	<b>Audience</b>		
	<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<b>Interested Persons</b>	<b>Agencies &amp; Government Bodies</b>
• 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 Animiigoo 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).*	✓		
<b>Field Program Involvement</b>			
• 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).	✓		
<b>Other Notices / Newsletters</b>			
• 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circulated Monthly Community Access Road Update Email Blast (referred to as E-blast)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- October 2021 (November 3, 2021)</li> <li>- November 2021 (November 30, 2021)</li> <li>- December 2021 (December 15, 2021)</li> <li>- January 2022 (January 31, 2022)</li> <li>- February / March 2022 (March 15, 2022)</li> <li>- April 2022 (April 29, 2022)</li> <li>- May 2022 (May 27, 2022)</li> <li>- June 2022 (June 24, 2022)</li> <li>- July 2022 (July 26, 2022)</li> <li>- August 2022 (August 19, 2022)</li> <li>- September 2022 (September 29, 2022)</li> <li>- October 2022 (November 2, 2022)</li> <li>- November 2022 (November 25, 2022)</li> <li>- December 2022 (December 20, 2022)</li> <li>- January 2023 (January 30, 2023)</li> <li>- February 2023 (February 28, 2023)</li> <li>- March 2023 (April 4, 2023)</li> <li>- April 2023 (April 28, 2023)</li> <li>- May 2023 (June 7, 2023)</li> <li>- June 2023 (June 28, 2023)</li> <li>- July 2023 (August 2, 2023)</li> <li>- August 2023 (September 1, 2023)</li> <li>- September 2023 (September 28, 2023)</li> <li>- October 2023 (November 2, 2023)</li> <li>- 2023 Year In Review (December 12, 2023)</li> <li>- January 2024 (January 31, 2024)</li> <li>- February 2024 (March 1, 2024)</li> <li>- March 2024 (April 3, 2024)</li> <li>- April 2024 (April 30, 2024)</li> <li>- May 2024 (May 30, 2024)</li> <li>- June 2024 (July 9, 2024)</li> <li>- July 2024 (August 1, 2024)*</li> <li>- August 2024 (September 4, 2024)*</li> <li>- September 2024 (October 3, 2024)*</li> <li>- October 2024 (November 5, 2024)*</li> <li>- 2024 Year In Review (December 18, 2024)*</li> <li>- January 2025 (February 10, 2025)*</li> <li>- February 2025 (March 4, 2025)*</li> <li>- March 2025 (April 3, 2025)*</li> <li>- April 2025 (May 8, 2025)*</li> <li>- May 2025 (June 11, 2025)*</li> <li>- June 2025 (July 15, 2025)*</li> <li>- July 2025 (August 7, 2025)*</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circulated Field Study Notices and Discussion Guides:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Winter Field Program Notice and Discussion Guide (December 10, 2021)</li> <li>- Furbearer Ground Track Survey Update (January 19, 2022)</li> <li>- Bird Aerial Surveys Update (February 4, 2022)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓

<b>Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS</b>			
Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wolverine Den Surveys Notice (February 14, 2022)</li> <li>- Wolverine Hair Snag Program and Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Update (March 3, 2022)</li> <li>- Wolverine Den Survey Update (March 9, 2022)</li> <li>- Early Spring Notice (March 29, 2022)</li> <li>- Terrain and Soils Notice (May 11, 2022)</li> <li>- Surface Water, Fish, and Fish Habitat Notice (May 30, 2022)</li> <li>- Vegetation Field Notice (June 10, 2022)</li> <li>- Groundwater and Geochemistry (July 29, 2022)</li> <li>- Fall Field Programs Update (September 16, 2022)</li> <li>- Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice (December 1, 2022)</li> <li>- Field Programs updates (March 9, 2023)</li> <li>- Spring 2023 Field Notice (April 21, 2023)</li> <li>- Summer 2023 Field Notice (July 12, 2023)</li> <li>- Fall 2023 Field Notice (September 15, 2023)</li> <li>- Winter 2024 Field Notice (January 18, 2024)</li> <li>- Spring 2024 Field Notice (April 17, 2024)</li> <li>- Spring Groundwater Program Update (May 24, 2024)</li> <li>- Summer 2024 Field Notice (July 16, 2024)</li> <li>- Fall 2024 Field Notice (September 18, 2024)*</li> <li>- Winter 2025 Field Notice (January 15, 2025)*</li> <li>- Summer / Fall 2025 Field Notice (July 17, 2025)*</li> <li>- Field Notice Update to Stage 2 Archaeology Assessment (July 31, 2025)</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matawa Messenger newsletter feature (June 2022)</li> </ul>	✓	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Animals and Wildlife (Ungulates and Furbearers) (November 15, 2022)</li> <li>- Surface Water, Fish, and Fish Habitat (November 29, 2022)</li> <li>- Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (January 10, 2023)</li> <li>- Vegetation and Physiography (January 17, 2023)</li> <li>- Peatlands (January 31, 2023)</li> <li>- Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases, and Climate Change (February 14, 2023)</li> <li>- Socio-Economic Studies Part I (February 21, 2023)</li> <li>- Socio-Economic Studies Part II (February 28, 2023)</li> <li>- Groundwater and Geochemistry (March 14, 2023)</li> <li>- Birds (March 21, 2023)</li> <li>- Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects, and Bats (March 28, 2023)</li> <li>- ATRI (April 4, 2023)</li> <li>- Route Selection Milestone (November 16, 2023)</li> <li>- Climate Change Webinar (February 8, 2024)</li> <li>- Building the Community Access Road (November 26, 2024)*</li> <li>- Community Well-Being (May 6, 2025)*</li> <li>- Ungulates (May 15, 2025)*</li> <li>- Fish and Fish Habitat (May 22, 2025)*</li> <li>- Land and Resource Use (June 5, 2025)*</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement questionnaire sent to Indigenous communities (July 27 to 29, 2022)</li> </ul>	✓		

<b>Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Audience</b>		
	<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<b>Interested Persons</b>	<b>Agencies &amp; Government Bodies</b>
• 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*	✓		
<b>Archaeological Assessment Reports</b>			
• 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)	✓		
<b>Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program</b>			
• 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)*	✓		
<b>Community Coordinator Program</b>			
• 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).	✓		
<b>Community Capacity Funding Program</b>			
• Information on the Community Capacity Funding Program sent to 15 Indigenous communities via email (October 30 to November 13, 2024).*	✓		
<b>Activities after September 5, 2025, to February 13, 2026</b>			

<b>Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS</b>			
Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribution of monthly E-Blasts:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September 2025 E-Blast (October 17, 2025)*</li> <li>2025 Year End Message (December 18, 2025)*</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribution of Field Notices and updates:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groundwater Well Decommissioning Update (September 16, 2025)*</li> <li>Fall Field Programs Update (September 23, 2025)*</li> <li>Geotechnical Investigation Update (November 10, 2025)*</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribution of community-specific Milestone #4 Progress Reports to Indigenous communities for review and validation (January 16, 2026)*</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribution of Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report (January 16, 2026)*</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hybrid meetings with MFFN community members in advance of PIC #7 (August 3 and August 4, 2026)</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virtual meeting session for Aroland First Nation community members (August 4, 2026)</li> </ul>	✓	✓	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Information Centre #7*                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribution of notice (January 27, 2026)*</li> <li>MFFN hybrid meetings (February 3 and 4, 2026)*</li> <li>Aroland virtual meeting (February 4, 2026)*</li> <li>Virtual public session (February 4, 2026)*</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing planning for distribution of Final EA / IS*</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing planning for distribution of community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Final Impact Assessment Reports (ATRI: Final IA Reports)*</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing conversations with 13 Indigenous communities regarding the IK Program and Community Capacity Funding, as needed*</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing follow-up to set-up meetings with Indigenous communities and ask about ATRI*</li> </ul>	✓		
<b>Planned Future MFFN Community Access Road Consultation and Engagement Activities</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing outreach to Indigenous communities to engage on the Community Access Road*</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing outreach to Indigenous communities to address questions and discuss details of the Capacity Funding Program*</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribution of Notice of Submission*</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted outreach to Indigenous communities regarding the Final EA / IS release*</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Release of Final EA / IS*</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Release of community-specific ATRI: Final IA Reports*</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Release of Country Foods and Water Use Assessment Report to MFFN and Aroland First Nation*</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Release of Draft Cultural Heritage Reports*</li> </ul>	✓		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support government agency regulators in responding to comments on the Final EA / IS*</li> </ul>			✓

## 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 **Level of Consultation and Engagement Effort and Response** bar graphs in each community-specific chapter reflect the efforts taken by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to engage Indigenous communities and the level of response received. Communications channels considered include **email correspondence** (outgoing and incoming), **phone correspondence** (outgoing and incoming) and **meetings offered in comparison to meetings scheduled**, by any means of communication.

- **Email Correspondence** reflects all emails sent between the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Indigenous communities:
  - **Outgoing Email Correspondence** reflects all personalized emails sent from the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to a specific Indigenous community and mass communications sent to all communities by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team; and
  - **Incoming Email Correspondence** includes emails received from an Indigenous community directly to MFFN Community Access Road Project Team; emails that only confirm receipt of an outgoing email or emails where the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team are copied but not directly mentioned are not included.
- **Phone Correspondence** reflects all call attempts between the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and an Indigenous community:
  - **Outgoing Phone Calls** reflect all phone calls made by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to an Indigenous community. Answered Phone Calls includes those calls that were answered immediately by the intended recipient or were returned at a later time when the contact was available; and

- **Incoming Phone Calls** reflect instances where Indigenous communities contacted MFFN Community Access Road Project Team without a previous outgoing phone call.
- **Mail Correspondence** reflects all physical mail exchange between the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and an Indigenous community:
  - **Outgoing Mail** reflect all instances of mail distributed by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to an Indigenous community; and
  - **Incoming Mail** reflect all instances of mail received by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team from an Indigenous community.
- **Meetings Offered vs. Held** reflects the efforts taken by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to schedule a meeting in comparison to the number of meetings achieved between the Indigenous community and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team.

## 4. References

AECOM Canada ULC., 2019. Draft Terms of Reference Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road – Environmental Assessment.

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

Hatch, 2016. Technical Review of Industrial Transportation Infrastructure Proposals.

# Appendix A

## Notices and Other Information Releases

Appendix A is available online at <https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/progress-reports/>.



# Appendix B

## Community-Specific Correspondence

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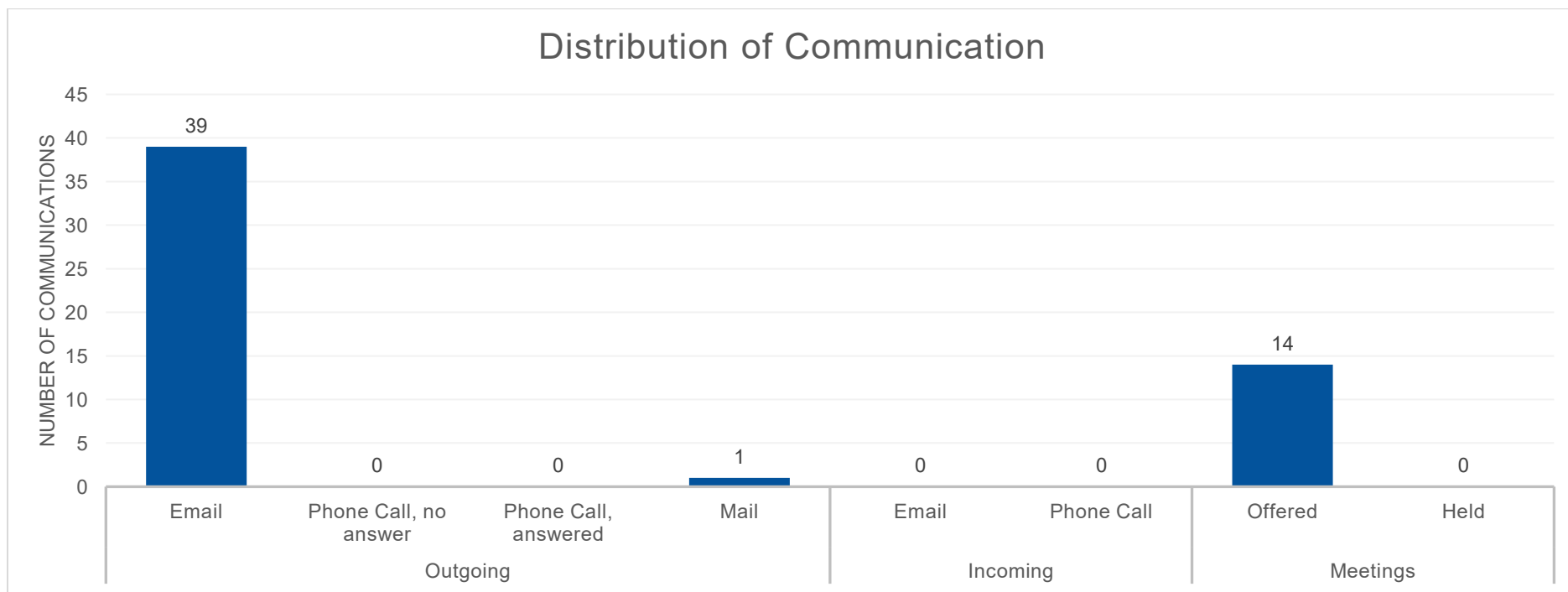


## 27. Independent First Nations Alliance

**Table 27-1: Community Profile**

Key Identifiers	Details
<b>Location:</b>	P.O. Box 5010, 98 King Street, Sioux Lookout, ON P8T 1K6 1151 Barton Street, Unit 203, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5N3
<b>Indigenous Communities:</b>	Pikangikum First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, Lac Seul First Nation, Muskrat Dam First Nation, Whitesand First Nation
<b>Project Team Lead:</b>	Gabbie Ratajczak

**Figure 27-1: Independent First Nations Alliance Distribution of Communication**



**Table 27-2: Summary of Participation During Milestone 4 Reporting Period**

Activity	Status
Date of last outgoing communication from MFFN CAR Project Team (email or phone):	August 27, 2025 (Email)
Date of last incoming communication from community (email or phone):	N/A
Participating in Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program:	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: N/A
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: N/A
	IK information provided: N/A
Participating in Community Coordinator Program / Community Capacity Funding Program:	N/A
Provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Statement (IS):	No
Provided comments on the community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI): Draft Impact Assessment (IA) Report:	N/A
Provided comments on the Community Well-Being Report:	No
Provided comments on the milestone progress reports:	No

**Table 27-3: Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During Milestone 4**

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Aug 01, 2024	July 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
Sep 04, 2024	August 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
Sep 18, 2024	Fall 2024 Groundwater and Geochemistry Program Update distributed via email.
Sep 25, 2024	Letter and frequently asked questions (FAQ) regarding the circulation of the Draft EA / IS distributed via email.
Sep 27, 2024	Outreach regarding Project updates including the Indigenous Knowledge Program distributed via email. A meeting was offered.
Oct 03, 2024	September 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
Oct 30, 2024	Outreach regarding Project updates including the Indigenous Knowledge Program and a survey for the Draft EA / IS distributed via email. A meeting was offered.
Nov 05, 2024	October 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
Nov 20, 2024	Building the Community Access Road webinar announcement distributed via email.
Nov 26, 2024	Building the Community Access Road webinar reminder distributed via email.
Nov 29, 2024	Milestone #3 Progress Report distributed via email.
Dec 17, 2024	Outreach regarding Project updates including a year-end review, the Draft EA / IS and feedback for the Milestone #3 Progress Report distributed via email. 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 23, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates including the release of the Draft EA / IS and feedback for the Milestone #3 Progress Report distributed via email. 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. A meeting was offered.
Feb 19, 2025	Notification of availability of Draft EA / IS on website distributed via email.
Feb 19, 2025	Assessment Summary: Draft EA / IS hard copy shipped to Independent First Nations Alliance office.

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Feb 21, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates including the Draft EA / IS and feedback for the Milestone #3 Progress Report distributed via email. A meeting was offered.
Mar 04, 2025	February 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Mar 28, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates including information on the Draft EA / IS and upcoming webinars distributed via email. A meeting was offered.
Apr 03, 2025	March 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Apr 10, 2025	Community Well-Being report availability announcement distributed via email.
Apr 29, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates including release of the Community-Well Being report, the Draft EA / IS, PIC #6 and upcoming webinars distributed via email. 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 26, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates, including the Draft EA / IS, Public Information Centre #6 and upcoming webinars distributed via email. A meeting was offered.
May 26, 2025	Notification for Public Information Centre #6 distributed via email.
Jun 05, 2025	Reminder for People: Land and Resource Use webinar distributed via email.
Jun 11, 2025	May 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Jun 26, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates, including the Draft EA / IS, Public Information Centre #6 and the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities distributed via email. A meeting was offered.
Jul 15, 2025	June 2025 E-blast and Summer / Fall 2025 Filed Notice distributed via email.
Jul 16, 2025	June 2025 E-blast and Summer / Fall 2025 Field Notice correction distributed via email.
Jul 29, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates including field programs and the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities distributed via email.
Jul 31, 2025	Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment update distributed via email.
Aug 07, 2025	July 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Aug 27, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates including the new cumulative effects video distributed via email. A meeting was offered.

**Table 27-4: Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Independent First Nations Alliance**

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IS
N/A	No issues raised during August 1, 2024 – September 5, 2025, reporting period.	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Table 27-5: Consultation and Engagement Log – Independent First Nations Alliance**

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
August 01, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
September 04, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
September 18, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
September 25, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance with an attached letter and frequently asked questions (FAQ) regarding the circulation of the Draft EA / IS for the MFFN CAR for review and comment. Some topics that will be described in the Draft EA / IS were indicated, and a link to the questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process was shared. A meeting was offered.</li> </ul>

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
September 27, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance with upcoming activities related to the MFFN CAR including the Indigenous Knowledge Program. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided contact information in the event that Independent First Nations Alliance would like to provide Indigenous Knowledge. Links for the social media pages were shared. A meeting was offered.</li> </ul>
October 03, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
October 30, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to the Independent First Nations Alliance providing an update of upcoming activities regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including information to provide Indigenous Knowledge and a survey for the receipt of the Draft EA / IS. A meeting was offered.</li> </ul>
November 05, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
November 20, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
November 26, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
November 29, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance sharing an update regarding the review of Milestone #3 Progress Report with the review deadline date. Links to the report and the key contact questionnaire were shared. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant welcomed any questions or meetings to discuss the report and timelines. A meeting was offered.</li> </ul>
December 17, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance sharing updates of upcoming activities including the 2024 year end message, upcoming release of the Draft EA / IS and requested feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report. A meeting was offered.</li> </ul>
December 18, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nation Alliance with the 2024 Year In Review E-Blast. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current, and upcoming activities, including a holiday message from Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, a recap of the activities and events that occurred throughout 2024, the release of a new video on the Preferred Route selection, and an update on the Draft EA / IS. Links to the E-Blast and MFFN CAR's website were included.</li> </ul>
January 15, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nation Alliance 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.</li> </ul>

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January 23, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance sharing updates of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road. The updates included important information and reminders regarding the release of the Draft EA / IS and Milestone #3 Progress Report feedback. A meeting was offered.</li> </ul>
February 10, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
February 13, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pederson (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent Independent First Nations Alliance an email to announce that the Draft EA / IS is available for review as of February 18, 2025. The email reviewed the documents that would be made available alongside the Draft, and how comments can be submitted to the Project Team regarding the Community Access Road. It was noted that the review period ends June 18, 2025. A meeting was offered.</li> </ul>
February 19, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
February 19, 2025	Mail – Outgoing		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team shipped the Assessment Summary: Draft EA / IS hard copy to Independent First Nations Alliance office.</li> </ul>

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
February 21, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance providing an update about the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road. It was also indicated that a copy of the Draft EA / IS is available for review. The deadline to provide feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report was February 14, 2025. Feedback was requested by this date to allow for updates before the report made publicly available. Feedback received after the deadline would still be accepted for incorporation into the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities. A meeting was offered.</li> </ul>
March 04, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
March 28, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance regarding upcoming activities occurring for the Community Access Road. Updates included preparing for the release of the Draft EA / IS, informing Independent First Nations Alliance of the Draft EA / IS email address, encouraging Independent First Nations Alliance to book a meeting and providing information regarding upcoming webinars. A meeting was offered.</li> </ul>
April 03, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>

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April 10, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
April 29, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance regarding upcoming activities occurring for the Community Access Road. Updates included the commencement of the public review period, encouraging Indigenous communities and groups to book a meeting and the release of the Community Well-Being report for the Draft EA / IS. Information was also shared for Public Information Centre (PIC) #6 and upcoming webinars. A meeting was offered.</li> </ul>
April 30, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
May 06, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>

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May 08, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
May 20, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
May 26, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance regarding upcoming activities occurring for the Community Access Road. Updates included a reminder for the upcoming deadline to review the Draft EA / IS. Public Information Centre (PIC) #6 was hosted in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, with the first hour dedicated to Indigenous community members, and Independent First Nations Alliance was informed of the upcoming webinars. The PIC #6 poster was attached to the email. A meeting was offered.</li> </ul>
May 26, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>

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June 05, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance inviting recipients to register for the upcoming People: Land and Resource Use webinar on Thursday, June 5, 2025, from 4 to 5 p.m. EST. An invitation to reach out if Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
June 11, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
June 26, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance regarding upcoming activities occurring for the Community Access Road. Updates included the end of the review period for the Draft EA / IS, providing information on Public Information Centre #6 and the Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities. A meeting was offered.</li> </ul>
July 15, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
July 16, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	MFFN CAR Project Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
July 29, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance regarding upcoming activities occurring for the Community Access Road. The Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities will be released in Fall 2025, and updates were provided for the field programs continuing throughout the summer, including the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, Groundwater Well Decommissioning and Geotechnical Investigations.</li> </ul>
July 31, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
August 07, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance 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.</li> </ul>
August 27, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Matthew Hoppe (Chief Executive Officer)</li> <li>■ Kristin Cawley (Technical Services Advisor)</li> <li>■ Andrew Pedersen (Environmental Advisor)</li> <li>■ Jonathan Gregg (Technical Services Manager)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Independent First Nations Alliance with information on upcoming activities for the Community Access Road. A new video on cumulative effects was shared and a link to access the video was provided. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted their availability to respond to any questions. A meeting was offered.</li> </ul>

# **B27. Independent First Nations Alliance**

B27.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence

## **B27.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence**

From: Ratajczak, Gabbie <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, 25 September 2024 20:01  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: MFFN Community Access Road – About the Draft EA / IS  
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Dear Matthew Hoppe,

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:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/QLXhJdWg6y>

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,

**Gabbie Ratajczak**  
*she/her/hers*

Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator, Central Canada  
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September 25, 2024



**Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (EA / IS)**

Dear Mr. Matthew Hoppe,

This letter is to update you on the proposed Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road and the circulation of the **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (Draft EA / IS)** to Indigenous communities, the public and regulators for review and comment.

The Draft EA / IS, and supporting documents, will describe how the preferred route was determined and identify how the proposed Community Access Road may affect the social, cultural, economic and natural environment. Your input on the Draft EA / IS (e.g., on specific technical documents, proposed impact management and follow up measures, cumulative effects assessment, EA / IS conclusions, and on confirmation that input was captured appropriately) will help us prepare the Final EA / IS.

As we prepare to submit the Draft EA / IS, we want to ensure your community has easy access to the documents and has identified a key community contact to help guide the review process. We will be in touch in the Fall to discuss these matters with you.

### **Coming Soon for Your Review**

Your input to these important planning documents is invaluable, and we want to ensure you have advance notice of when the Draft EA / IS will be circulated and what will be included in it. Some Indigenous communities have indicated that they would like time to review documents in advance of public release, so we're providing Indigenous communities early access to the Draft EA / IS this winter with a minimum review period of 120 days (additional time will be provided if the review period overlaps with the year-end holidays). **We will be in touch with the exact date of the release of the Draft EA / IS as soon as it is confirmed.**

The Draft EA / IS will be circulated to the public and regulators 60-days following the Indigenous communities review period. Individual members of an Indigenous community are welcome to

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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.

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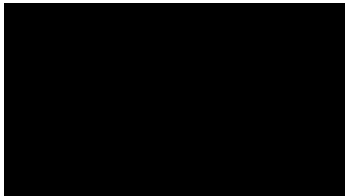




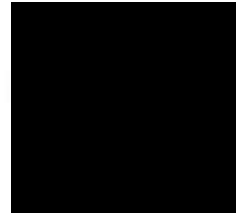
**Don't hesitate to be in touch! We're happy to support you through this review.**

We thank you for your continued participation and collaboration as we work towards building the Community Access Road.

Sincerely,



Qasim Saddique  
Project Director



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
- Kristin Cawley, Technical Services Advisor, Independent First Nations Alliance
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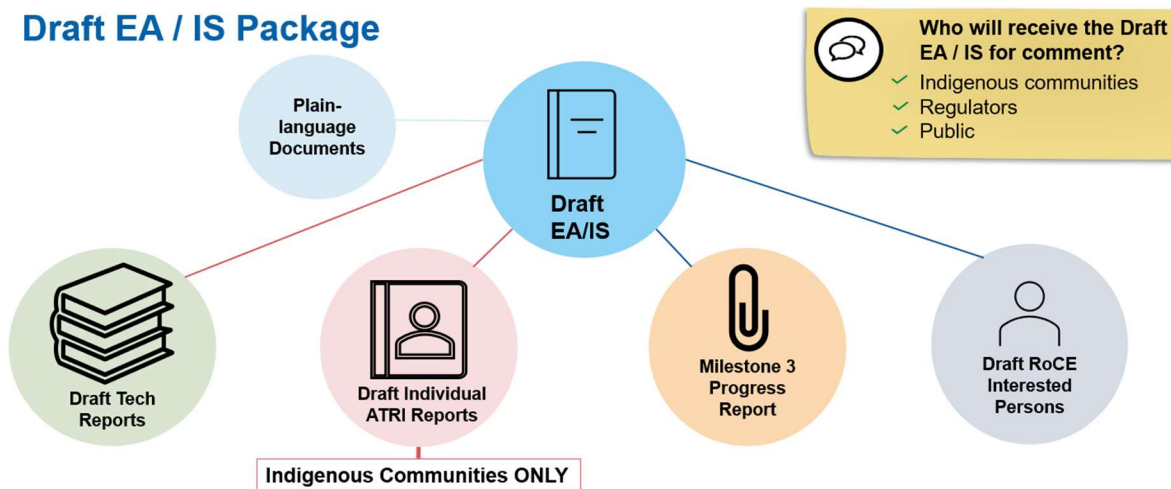
## Frequently Asked Questions – Draft EA / IS

*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.

### Draft EA / IS Package



### 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](mailto: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.



# Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road: Draft EA / IS Submission

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Reports, Individual ATRI Reports (by Community), Milestone 3 Progress Report, Record of Consultation and Engagement - Public (Approximately 20,000 pages)? \*

Enter your answer

5. Please choose the format(s) you would like to receive the Draft EA / IS. \*

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6. Plain Language Guides will be made available to Indigenous Communities. What traditional languages would you like these documents translated into? \*

Cree (Swampy)

Oji-Cree

Ojibwe

7. Which studies is your community most interested in? Please select as many as you like. \*

Noise and Vibrations

Groundwater and Geochemistry

Surface Water

Fish and Fish Habitat

- Physiography, Terrain and Soils
- Peatlands
- Vegetation
- Wildlife
- Birds
- Ungulates
- Air Quality and Green House Gas
- Land Use
- Human Health
- Social
- Economics
- Visual
- Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights Interests (ATRI) / Indigenous Knowledge

8. Would you like to organize a meeting(s) with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss receiving and reviewing the Draft EA / IS? \*

Yes

No

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From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, 27 September 2024 18:15  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Marten Falls Access Road (MFFN CAR) - September 2024 Update

Dear Matthew Hoppe,

I hope this finds you well.

As Jaimie Cugnet mentioned in her last email, I will now be your main point of contact for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project. I look forward to working with you!

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

#### IK Program

While the request for submission date has passed, we are still welcoming IK from Independent First Nations Alliance to be included in the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you have any questions about this program, or feel welcome to reach out directly to MFFN Councillor and Senior Community Member Advisor, Bob Baxter, at [REDACTED] or Andrea Nokleby at [REDACTED]

#### Stay up to date with MFFN CAR Socials

We encourage you to stay updated with the latest news on the MFFN CAR. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#)!

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

**Gabbie Ratajczak**  
*she/her/hers*

Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator, Central Canada  
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**From:** Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 30 October 2024 15:39  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Marten Falls Access Road (MFFN CAR) - October 2024 Update

Dear Matthew Hoppe,

I hope this finds you well.

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

**Please fill out our 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 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:**

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**IK Program**

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If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

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**From:** Ratajczak, Gabbie  
**Sent:** November 29, 2024 10:14 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - Milestone #3 Progress Report

Dear Matthew Hoppe,

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 Independent First Nations Alliance: [REDACTED]

The Milestone #3 Progress Report covers June 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024.

We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section by **February 14, 2025**, before the reports are incorporated into the Draft Record of Consultation.

If you haven't already, please fill out this questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process: <https://forms.office.com/r/QLXhJdWg6y>.

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,  
  
Gabbie Ratajczak

**Gabbie Ratajczak**  
*she/her/hers*  
  
Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator, Central Canada  
[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - December 2024 Update

**Sent:** 2024-12-17, 2:16:34 PM

**From:** Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Bcc:** [REDACTED]

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Dear Matthew Hoppe,

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

- **Happy 2024 Year-end!**

As we approach the new year, we'd like to acknowledge the milestones achieved for the MFFN Community Access Road in 2024. In particular, we celebrated the selection of the final route for the Community Access Road. On August 26, 2024, Marten Falls First Nation Chief and Council signed a Band Council Resolution confirming the proposed final route.

We took part in multiple events this year, including hosting in-community meetings with Marten Falls First Nation in July and October and in-community meetings with Aroland First Nation in June and July. We also attended the Three-Road Projects Gathering and Expo in June. We extend a great thank you to everyone who attended and took part in these gatherings. Your collaboration has helped shape the future of the road.

Coming up in 2025, we are preparing for the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment. We look forward to receiving your insights on this document and are enthusiastic about what 2025 will hold for the Community Access Road.

*The Community Access Road is more than infrastructure; it's about securing a better future for our people... It is not just a path to progress; it is a testament to our resilience, our vision for the future and our commitment to the well-being of our people. – Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation*

- **Please fill out our 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 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:**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/QLXhJdWg6y>

- **Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback**

- On November 29, 2024, we distributed your community specific Milestone #3 Progress Report.
- We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section which you may provide through email, telephone or by scheduling a meeting. **Please provide your community's feedback by February 14, 2025.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

**Gabbie Ratajczak**

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**From:** Ratajczak, Gabbie  
**Sent:** January 23, 2025 3:30 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - January 2025 Update

Dear Matthew Hoppe,

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

### Prepare for the release of the 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:
  - **MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS Email**
    - All information pertaining to the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account [REDACTED]. **Please ensure you send your questions and comments on the Draft EA / IS to this email address.**
  - **Please fill out our survey!**
    - I noticed you have not filled out our survey regarding receiving the Draft EA / IS. We want to ensure Independent First Nations Alliance 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:**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/QLXhJdWg6y>
    - If you do not fill out the survey and identify a preferred method of receiving the document, we will send you a link to a website that hosts the Draft EA / IS document. Please note, the Draft EA/IS is expected to be ~20,000 pages.
  - **Book a meeting!**
    - We are here to assist you in the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please reach out if you would like to book an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. We understand the size of the document (~20,000 pages) can be overwhelming and are here to support you with review.

### Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

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**Subject:** Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - February 2025 Update

**Sent:** 2025/02/21, 17:35:06

**From:** Ratajczak, Gabbie<[REDACTED]>

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

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Dear Matthew Hoppe,

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

- **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) available for Indigenous Community review**
  - **MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS Email**
    - As you may already be aware, the Draft EA / IS is now available for Indigenous community review. All information pertaining to the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account [REDACTED]. **Please ensure you send your questions and comments on the Draft EA / IS to this email address.**
  - **Book a meeting!**
    - We are here to assist you in the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please reach out if you would like to book an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. We understand the size of the document (~20,000 pages) can be overwhelming and are here to support you with review.
- **Milestone #3 Progress Report**
  - The deadline to provide feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report was February 14, 2025. Feedback was requested by this date in order to make updates to the Report before it is made available to the public on the project website. We will still accept feedback after this date. Any feedback received after February 14, 2025, will be incorporated into the Draft RoCE.

Warm regards,

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**Subject:** Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - March 2025 Update

**Sent:** 3/28/2025, 8:17:53 AM

**From:** Ratajczak, Gabbie <[REDACTED]>

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

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Dear Matthew Hoppe,

I hope this finds you well.

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

- **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) available for Indigenous Community review**
  - **MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS Email**
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    - 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](mailto:info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca)!

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

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**From:** Ratajczak, Gabbie  
**Sent:** April 29, 2025 9:34 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - April 2025 Update

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Dear Matthew Hoppe,

I hope this finds you well.

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

- **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) Updates**
  - **Public Review Period Now Starting**
    - The Draft EA / IS is now available for public review. Comments and feedback can be provided via the Project website, email or by letter mail.
  - **Book a Meeting**
    - We are here to assist you in the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please reach out if you would like to book an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. We understand the size of the document (~20,000 pages) can be overwhelming and are here to support you with review.
  - **Community Well-Being Report**
    - On April 16, 2025, the Community Well-Being Report was released for review by Indigenous communities and groups.
    - We are halfway through the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please keep in mind that the review process **concludes on June 23, 2025**.
- **Public Information Centre #6**
  - We will be hosting our Public Information Centre (PIC) #6 on Monday, May 26, 2025, and Thursday, May 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. The first hour of each PIC is dedicated to Indigenous community members. For more information, visit [REDACTED] and keep an eye out for an email from [info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca](mailto: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: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_vpqexWmeRpalobu3qIkAsA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vpqexWmeRpalobu3qIkAsA)
  - 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

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

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**Subject:** Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - May 2025 Update  
**From:** Ratajczak, Gabbie  
**Sent:** May 26, 2025 2:28 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - May 2025 Update

Dear Matthew Hoppe,

I hope this finds you well.

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

**Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) - Reminder for Final Review**

- We are nearing the end of the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please submit your comments and feedback via the Project website, [REDACTED] email or by letter mail **by June 23, 2025.**

**Public Information Centre**

**#6**

- We will be hosting our Public Information Centre (PIC) #6 on Monday, May 26, 2025, and Thursday, May 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. The first hour of each PIC is dedicated to Indigenous community members. For more information, visit [REDACTED]

**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:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_NSkGYLThRLO\\_BdSeAqjXuw#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NSkGYLThRLO_BdSeAqjXuw#/registration)
- Keep an eye out for more information on the remaining webinars in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Series:
  - **People: Land and Resource Use** - Thursday, June 5

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #6: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT / IMPACT STATEMENT

Join the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team to discuss updates on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Review.

### Thunder Bay Monday, May 26, 2025

**Location:**

Superior Inn and Conference Centre  
555 Arthur St. W, Thunder Bay, Ontario

**Time:**

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Public Session.

\*Light refreshments will be served.

### Geraldton Thursday, May 29, 2025

**Location:**

Geraldton Community Centre  
200 Wardrope Avenue, Geraldton, Ontario

**Time:**

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Public Session

\*Light refreshments will be served.

**Learn about:**

- What is the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement?;
- Understanding identified project effects and proposed impact management measures;
- Update on socio-economic studies and the Community Well-Being Report;
- Cumulative effects; and
- Next steps and future opportunities to get involved.

\* The first hour is dedicated to Indigenous Community members only.

If you cannot make the in-person session, you can find the information posted on our website ([www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca](http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca)). Public Information Centres are wheelchair accessible; contact us if you require other accessibility accommodations.

## Contact Information

Website: [Redacted]

Email: [info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca](mailto:info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca)

Phone: [Redacted]



Scan the QR to learn more, and for other ways to Get Involved.

**Subject:** Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - June 2025 Update

**Sent:** 6/26/2025, 3:08:36 PM

**From:** Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Dear Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige,

I hope this finds you well.

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

- **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Review Period Complete!**
  - The review period for the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact statement officially closed on June 23, 2025. We sincerely value all the feedback provided. Input on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement is important to us and will help inform the preparation of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement that will be submitted to the federal and provincial governments for review in mid to late 2026.
  - If you have questions or if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss, please contact us.
- **Public Information Centre #6**
  - Public Information Centre #6 was held on May 26 and 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. Thank you to all those who were able to attend the meetings in person. You may review the materials on our website: [REDACTED]
- **Coming Up...**
  - The Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities will be released in Fall 2025. Keep an eye out for the report to be sent to your community! Ways to provide feedback will be included.

Warm regards,

**Gabbie Ratajczak**

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**Subject:** Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - July 2025 Update  
**Sent:** 7/29/2025, 1:43:12 PM  
**From:** Ratajczak, Gabbie<[REDACTED]>  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

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Dear Matthew Hoppe,

I hope this finds you well.

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

- **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: [REDACTED]

Warm regards,

**Gabbie Ratajczak**  
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Communications and Community Engagement Specialist, Environment Business Line

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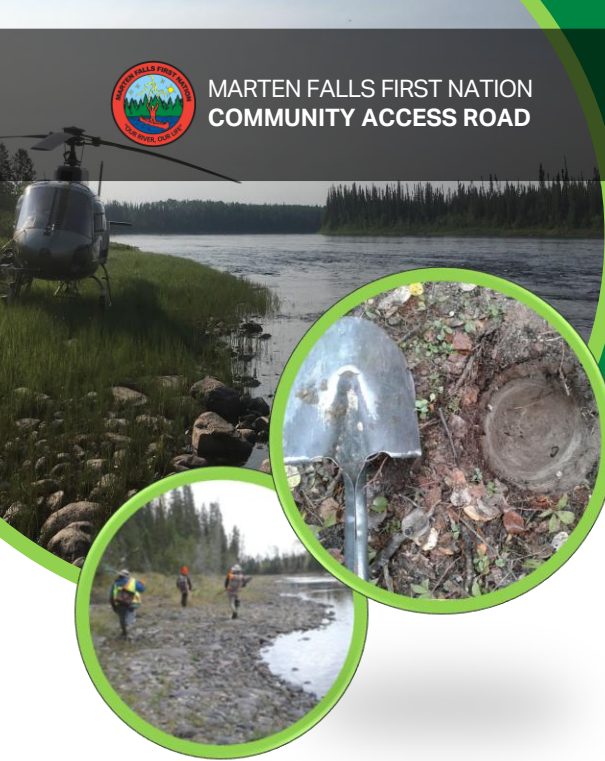


MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION  
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# Field Notice

## Summer / Fall 2025 Field Notice

*Issued: July 2025*



## What's Happening?

Field programs will be continuing into the 2025 summer and fall seasons to support the Preliminary Design and future permitting for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road.

**The following three field programs are outlined in this notice:**

- Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment
- Groundwater Well Decommissioning
- Geotechnical Investigation

## Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment

Archaeological assessments are crucial for determining the potential presence of archaeological sites and artifacts and are mandated through the Ontario Heritage Act. For the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road, background archaeological research (Stage 1) began in 2019 to look into archaeological potential for possible unknown sites, and some initial field surveys were conducted in 2019.





Now that the preferred route has now been chosen for the Community Access Road, archaeologists will conduct Stage 2 field surveys in the following locations in advance of geotechnical investigations:

- where the road is planned to cross waterbodies;
- at sites where bridges may be built; and
- at one potential aggregate location.

The investigations will focus on the area where geotechnical drilling will be required, and where helicopter landing sites may be created.

The archaeology team will complete the work **during the summer or fall season**. Dates have yet to be determined, though the work is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete. An update will be provided once dates are confirmed.

## The stages of an Archaeological Assessment in Ontario

- 1** **Stage 1 – Background Study:** A background study is first conducted to determine archaeological potential, which means areas where people liked to live.
- 2** **Stage 2 – Field Survey:** Archaeologists go out and look for sites that may be impacted by construction. In Northern Ontario, this is typically completed using a test pit survey. This means a team of archaeologists dig small holes in areas of high archaeological potential and sift the soil to search for artifacts.

**If the team finds artifacts, we have a site!**

- 3** **Stage 3 – Find Site Limits:** The next step is finding the site limits. When looking for site limits the team of archaeologists digs larger 1 m by 1 m excavation units and collect the artifacts. These units are dug every 5 m until we find the site edge.
- 4** **Stage 4 – Excavation or Avoidance:** In the final step, the site is either excavated or the development is moved to avoid and protect the site. Depending on the size and nature of the site, it might be easy to move the purposed impacts than remove the site. Some projects are easier to move around archaeological sites than others.



## Geotechnical Investigation

Field crews are proposing to conduct geotechnical investigations to support preliminary exploration of potential aggregate sites and water crossing locations along the route for the Community Access Road. Geotechnical investigations will focus on aggregate sites and water crossings to assess material quantity, quality, soil suitability and groundwater monitoring.

Advance notice was initially provided for the Geotechnical Investigation in the [Fall 2024 Field Notice](#), however, work was unable to commence at that time. Instead, it is expected that this work will be conducted **during the fall 2025 season**. An update will be provided once dates are confirmed.

## Groundwater Well Decommissioning

Field crews will be decommissioning selected monitoring wells this fall as part of the Groundwater and Geochemistry program. This program has been essential for checking the health of groundwater along the proposed route for the Community Access Road. The program has tested for things like minerals, dissolved metals (such as mercury), and volatile organic compounds. By understanding current groundwater conditions, we can better predict how the road might affect the natural environment.

The wells are being decommissioned are in a location that will not support future long term monitoring of the proposed roadway. Future wells within the final right of way may be installed in accordance with the mitigations outlined in Section 9.3.4 of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. The report is available here:

Since 2022, field crews have collected samples from the same monitoring wells each spring, summer, and fall to track seasonal changes. With the sampling now complete, field crews will proceed with decommissioning selected wells **during the fall season**. An update will be provided once dates are confirmed.



## What to expect

Field crews will be accessing sites across the study area by helicopter—you may see helicopters in the area. An update will be provided if the above schedule changes due to weather or other conditions.

To learn more about our studies, view our past [webinar recordings](#), [valued component videos](#), [Groundwater and Geochemistry Discussion Guide](#), and the [Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement](#) on our website.

## Where?

See the next page for a map of the study area.

## Contact Information

You are welcome to contact the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team at any time with questions or comments.

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Dear Matthew Hoppe,  
I hope this finds you well.

Please find an update of the upcoming activities occurring regarding the Community Access Road below:

- **New Video: Understanding Cumulative Effects**
  - As part of the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment for the Community Access Road, we are looking closely at how different activities—past, present and future—may combine to affect the land, water, animals and people. This includes considering how the Community Access Road might interact with other projects happening in the same area or at the same time. By looking at the bigger picture, we aim to better understand the full impact of the Project on the environment and the Community.
  - To watch our latest video, click here: [REDACTED]

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,  
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