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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 persons¹ are not included in progress reports, however, their sections will be included in the Record of Consultation and Engagement for the draft and final EA / IS. **Section 1.5** includes details about the neighbouring Indigenous communities.

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

1.2 About the Progress Report

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

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

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

1.3 Approach

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

Planned Activities for Indigenous communities:

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

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

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

Targeted Input (request information to determine and identify):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.4 Project Notifications and Information Releases

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

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

Print Advertisements:

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

Online Advertisements

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

Radio Advertisements

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

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

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

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

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

1.5 Summary of Indigenous Community and Organization Consultation

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

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

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

Tribal Council Affiliation	Community or Organization
Matawa First Nations Management (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Marten Falls First Nation (Proponent and potentially affected Indigenous community) ■ Aroland First Nation ■ Constance Lake First Nation ■ Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope) ■ Ginoogaming First Nation ■ Neskantaga First Nation ■ Nibinamik First Nation ■ Webequie First Nation
Matawa First Nation and the Union of Ontario Indians (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Long Lake #58 First Nation**
Mushkegowuk Council (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Attawapiskat First Nation ■ Fort Albany First Nation ■ Kashechewan First Nation
Shibogama First Nations Council (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Kasabonika Lake First Nation* ■ Kingfisher Lake First Nation* ■ Wapekeka First Nation* ■ Wawakapewin First Nation** ■ Wunnumin Lake First Nation
Independent First Nations Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation
Independent First Nations (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mishkeegogamang First Nation*** ■ Weenusk First Nation
Nokiiwin Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation (AZA)*
Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), Region 2**
Independent Métis Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Red Sky Métis Independent Nation (RSMIN)* *

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

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

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

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

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kingfisher Lake First Nation; Long Lake #58 First Nation; Neskantaga First Nation; Nibinamik First Nation; Webequie First Nation; RSMIN; AZA; and Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation. |
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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>Specific Feedback Provided on Environmental Existing Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Specific feedback was provided on the bird field program, including birds observed and comments on their habitats ■ Specific feedback was provided on the wolverine field program ■ Confidential information regarding the Albany River was provided and is considered as IK ■ Caribou were identified in the District of Kenora ■ Request to participate in field studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Birds and comments on their habitats were noted for the bird field program. ■ One site of the wolverine hair snag was changed based on feedback provided ■ The EA has been informed by confidential information regarding the Albany River and details are being kept confidential ■ The general identification of caribou location(s) has been noted ■ Members of Aroland First Nation were invited to participate in the Groundwater and Geochemistry field program, including a flyover and planning for subsequent drilling program (outside of this reporting time period); any feedback provided during the flyover will be considered as part of the EA
<p>Concerns Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It was noted that a spawning area could be relocated if it would be disrupted by the Project ■ Concern was expressed for watersheds ■ Concern was expressed regarding caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights ■ Concern was expressed related to salting on the road and impacts to nearby rivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Relocating spawning areas has not yet been determined due to insufficient details provided. On-going follow-up is taking place to receive additional information to help identify the spawning area ■ More specific details are required related to concerns for watersheds. As part of the alternative selection, effects to Natural Environment will be taken into consideration. ■ More specific details are required related to concerns for caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights. ■ The concern regarding salting and nearby rivers has been noted and maintenance of the Community Access Road, including usage of salt, will be one of the indicators for the evaluation
<p>Interests Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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
<p>Route Alignment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Concerns related to the route alignment closer to MFFN have been noted and will be considered as part of the EA. As part of the EA, the evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Community Access Road, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefits to the community. Safety will be considered as part of the technical considerations and issues such as water level and erosion will also be considered as part of technical considerations and examined under Natural Environment.

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA Has Been or May Be Informed
<p>Cumulative Effects, Road Projects and Regional Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<p>Impacts from COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some communities expressed inability to effectively engage with their community members due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<p>Timeline Extensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some communities requested extended Project timelines, both on the provincial and federal processes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<p>Request for Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While participant funding is issued by the province and not the MFFN CAR Project Team, requests were shared with the province to respond to. Additional funding for Indigenous communities include participation in the IK Program and Community Coordinator Program. The MFFN CAR Project Team has followed up with Indigenous communities via phone and email throughout this milestone regarding funding opportunities.

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

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

2. Consultation Snapshot

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

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

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

Project Phase: NoC of EA			
Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Circulated Field Study Notices & Discussion Guides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Winter Field Program Notice and Discussion Guide (December 10, 2021) – Furbearer Ground Track Survey Update (January 19, 2022) – Bird Aerial Surveys Update (February 4, 2022) – Wolverine Den Surveys Notice (February 14, 2022) – Wolverine Hair Snag Program and Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Update (March 3, 2022) – Wolverine Den Survey Update (March 9, 2022) – Early Spring Notice (March 29, 2022) – Terrain and Soils Notice (May 11, 2022) – Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Notice (May 30, 2022) – Vegetation Field Notice (June 10, 2022) 	✓	✓	✓
■ Matawa Messenger newsletter feature (June 2022)	✓	✓	✓
Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program			
■ Circulated an update on the MFFN CAR IK Program which included an updated schedule and timeline for Indigenous communities to share IK (January 21 to 24, 2022)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the IK Program (and Community Co-ordinator Program) (April 21, 2022)	✓		
Community Co-ordinator Program			
■ Distribution of letter introducing the Community Co-ordinator Program to 13 neighbouring Indigenous communities including job posting (March 17, 2022)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the Community Co-ordinator Program (and the IK Program) (April 21, 2022)	✓		
■ Ongoing outreach to 13 Indigenous communities to address questions and discuss details of the Community Co-ordinator Program (April – May, 2022)	✓		

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

3.1 Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities

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

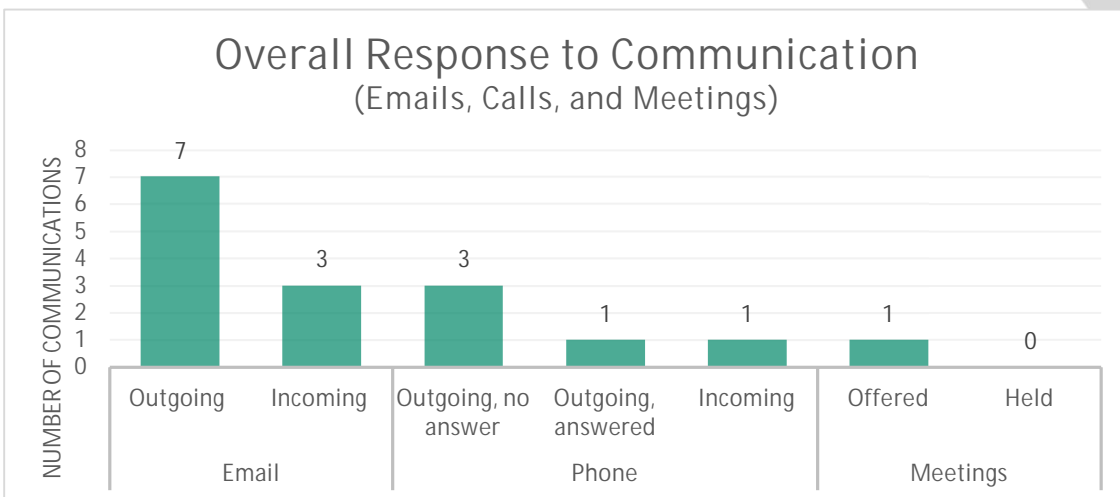
The **Level of Engagement Effort and Response** bar graph reflects the efforts taken by the MFFN CAR Project Team to engage Indigenous communities and the level of response received. Communications channels considered include **email correspondence** (outgoing & incoming), **phone correspondence** (outgoing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

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

3.2.3 Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)

Community Profile	
Location:	200 South Syndicate Avenue, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1C9
Tribal Council:	Grand Council
Treaty:	Treaty #9
Project Team Lead:	Stephanie Burnham, Jodi Miles and Jessica Wakefield

Communication Distribution



Summary of Participation During Reporting Period	
Date of Last Outgoing Communication from MFFN CAR Project Team (Email or Phone)	June 20, 2022
Date of Last Incoming Communication from Community (Email or Phone)	April 12, 2022
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

Summary of Participation During Reporting Period

Participating in Community Coordinator Program: Not Offered	N/A
Commented during The ToR	Commented on Draft ToR: No
	Commented on Final ToR: No

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

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Oct 29, 2021	EA NoC distributed via email.
Nov 02, 2021	EA NoC distributed via mail (hard copy).
Nov 03, 2021	October 2021 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Nov 30, 2021	November 2021 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Dec 10, 2021	Winter Field Programs Discussion Guide and Notice distributed via email.
Dec 15, 2021	December 2021 MFFN CAR E-Blast & 2021 Highlights Letter distributed via email.
Dec 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 10 – Apr 12, 2022	Phone calls and emails about consulting with trappers within Nishnawbe-Aski Nation.
Mar 15, 2022	February / March 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Mar 28, 2022	Follow up call and email to confirm receipt of the February / March E-Blast including the Bird and Spring Discussion Guides and Project update video.
Mar 29, 2022	Early Spring Field Notice and Winter program updates distributed via email.
Apr 29, 2022	April 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
May 11, 2022	Terrain and Soils Field Notice distributed via email.
May 27, 2022	May 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
May 30, 2022	Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Field Notice distributed via email.
Jun 10, 2022	Vegetation Field Notice distributed via email.
Jun 13, 2022	Notice for PIC #3 distributed via email.
Jun 20, 2022	Email 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 – Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)					
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue—Contact Information for Trappers: Nishnawbe-Aski Nation does not have a complete list of trappers for the MFFN CAR study area as of March 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone Email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status: Complete On March 11, 2022, the MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested that Nishnawbe-Aski Nation send trappers information on the Project and field studies to provide awareness of the Project, and to let trappers know the Project is seeking their input. On March 22, 2022, Joe Wheesk, Claims & Licensing Coordinator for Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, explained that Nishnawbe-Aski Nation does not have a complete list of trappers, and that they get their trapper contact information from MNDMNR. The MFFN CAR Project Team made the decision to pursue engagement with trappers without assistance from Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

Consultation and Engagement Log– Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)							
Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Incoming	Outgoing	Contact Name	Contact Title	Project Team	Summary
Oct 29, 2021	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alvin Fiddler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former Grand Chief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team issued the NoC for the provincial EA to Nishnawbe-Aski Council on October 29, 2021. The email included the English NoC as an attachment and noted that the NoC is available in English, French, Ojibway, Oji-Cree and Cree on the MFFN CAR Project website.
Nov 02, 2021	Mail		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alvin Fiddler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former Grand Chief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team mailed the NoC for the provincial EA to Nishnawbe-Aski Council and included the English Ojibway, Oji-Cree and Cree versions.
Nov 03, 2021	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alvin Fiddler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former Grand Chief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the October E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Council. The E-Blast included updates about the provincial and federal assessment processes, the experience of a MFFN field support staff during the Vegetation Field Program, recently completed and upcoming field

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Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Incoming	Outgoing	Contact Name	Contact Title	Project Team	Summary
							studies, the new Ungulates educational video, and a profile of a MFFN CAR Project Team member.
Nov 30, 2021	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Alvin Fiddler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Former Grand Chief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the November E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Council. The E-Blast included updates about the provincial and processes, recently completed and upcoming field studies, the new Valued Components video, and a profile of a MFFN CAR Project Team member.
Dec 10, 2021	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Winter Field Program Discussion Guide and Field Notice to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9). The documents highlighted upcoming work related to the furbearer ground track surveys, winter ungulate aerial surveys and wolverine hair snag surveys with approximate start dates. The Discussion Guide included key questions relating to the upcoming winter field study programs and requested input.
Dec 15, 2021	Email and Letter		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the December E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9). A letter was also attached detailing upcoming outreach in the new year, opportunities to meet and gather feedback. The E-Blast included key highlights from 2021, upcoming winter field study programs and their approximate timelines, and a message from a MFFN CAR Project Team member.
Dec 16, 2021	Phone		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant left a voicemail for Priscilla Jones, Executive Assistant to Grand Chief Derek Fox, to confirm if Grand Chief Fox received the letter, E-Blast, Winter Program Discussion Guides, Field Program Notices and if there were any questions that a meeting can be set up with the Project Team in the New Year.
Jan 19, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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.

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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"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant distributed an IK Program Timeline and Update letter to Nishnawbe-Aski Council via email. The letter provided information on key IK Program and ATRI dates and deadlines.
Jan 31, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the January E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast included an overview of recently completed and upcoming field studies, upcoming outreach to help inform the Project's land use assessment, updates on the schedule for the IK Program, a feature on two new educational videos (furbearers and greenhouse gases and air quality), and opportunities to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team virtually.
Feb 04, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team followed up from the Winter Field Notice with confirmed dates for the winter ungulate aerial field program taking place from February 7 to 14, 2022. A field notice with more information was attached.
Feb 14, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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.

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Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Incoming	Outgoing	Contact Name	Contact Title	Project Team	Summary
Mar 01, 2022	Phone		X	■ Priscilla Jones	■ Executive Assistant	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Priscilla Jones, Executive Assistant to Grand Chief Derek Fox of Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, to introduce herself, provide updated contact information, and to notify Nishnawbe-Aski Nation that they will be receiving further communications about ongoing Field Study Programs and the IK Program. The call was not answered and there was no ability to leave a voicemail.
Mar 01, 2022	Email		X	■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones	■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Priscilla Jones, Executive Assistant to Grand Chief of Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, to introduce herself, provide updated contact information, and to notify Nishnawbe-Aski Nation that they will be receiving further communications about ongoing Field Study Programs and the IK Program.
Mar 03, 2022	Email		X	■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones	■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed an update for the wolverine hair snag program confirming crews will be making the monthly trip to re-bait hair snag traps from March 6 – 16, 2022. In an effort to avoid programs during the traditional goose hunt, it was noted that around 30 bird autonomous recording units would be placed in the study area during this time. A Discussion Guide will be provided shortly with questions asking for input on future locations of the units. The Winter Field Notice was attached, and a link to the wolverine video was included.
Mar 09, 2022	Email		X	■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones	■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed an update confirming the Wolverine Den Surveys, in advance of the Groundwater and Geochemistry program, will take place from March 11 - 15, 2022. The Groundwater and Geochemistry program is anticipated to start shortly after the wolverine den surveys. It was also noted field crews are awaiting appropriate weather to conduct the last round of furbearer surveys, with a modified methodology, and dates will be provided once confirmed. The Wolverine Den Survey Field Notice, Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Notice and Winter Field Notice were attached, and links to the wolverine, furbearer and groundwater videos were included.

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Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Incoming	Outgoing	Contact Name	Contact Title	Project Team	Summary
Mar 10, 2022	Phone		X	■ Joe Wheesk	■ Claims and Licensing Coordinator	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Joe Wheesk, Claims & Licensing Coordinator for Nishnawbe-Aski Nation in order to discuss attaining contact information for trappers within Nishnawbe-Aski Nation territory. The call was not answered and the MFFN CAR Project Consultant left a voicemail. Joe Wheesk later returned this phone call and left a message for the MFFN CAR Project Consultant asking them to call him back.
Mar 11, 2022	Phone		X	■ Joe Wheesk	■ Claims and Licensing Coordinator	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Joe Wheesk, Claims & Licensing Coordinator for Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to discuss attaining contact information for trappers within Nishnawbe-Aski Nation territory. Joe Wheesk explained that he is unable to share trapper contact information with the MFFN CAR Project Team as they are protected under a privacy agreement. He suggested that we contact MNR to request trapper contact information, and also requested that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant send more information about the MFFN CAR Project.
Mar 11, 2022	Email		X	■ Joe Wheesk	■ Claims and Licensing Coordinator	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Joe Wheesk, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Claims & Licensing Coordinator, following up about the information exchanged in their phone call and sending additional information about the Project, including the MFFN CAR General Information Fact Sheet and a link to the Project website. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also inquired about whether Nishnawbe-Aski Nation would be able to relay a message from the Project Team to the trappers, in lieu of providing their contact information. They also inquired about whether Nishnawbe-Aski Nation would be able to look over the MFFN CAR Project Team's list of contacts and confirm which of them had correct contact information.

Consultation and Engagement Log– Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)							
Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Incoming	Outgoing	Contact Name	Contact Title	Project Team	Summary
Mar 15, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the combined February / March E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast included a Project update video, Bird and Spring Programs Discussion Guides and an overview of recently completed and upcoming field studies and their approximate timelines. A link to the website with more detailed information was provided.
Mar 16, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Joe Wheesk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Claims and Licensing Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Joe Wheesk, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Claims & Licensing Coordinator, following up about their request for Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to relay a message to the trappers in their area from the MFFN CAR Project. They also requested that Nishnawbe-Aski Nation review the MFFN CAR Project Team's trapper contact list and confirm which ones Nishnawbe-Aski Nation has the same contact information for.
Mar 22, 2022	Email	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Joe Wheesk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Claims and Licensing Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Joe Wheesk, Claims & Licensing Coordinator for Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, which explained that Nishnawbe-Aski Nation does not have a complete list of trappers, and that they get their trapper contact information from MNDMNRF. He recommended that MFFN reach out to the Peterborough office of the MNDMNRF to request trapper information.
Mar 28, 2022	Phone		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. There was no answer and no ability to leave a voicemail
Mar 28, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Priscilla Jones, Executive Assistant to the Grand Chief of Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, to follow-up on phone call regarding the February / March E-Blast, including the Project update video, and Bird and Spring Discussion Guides distributed to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation.

Consultation and Engagement Log– Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)							
Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Incoming	Outgoing	Contact Name	Contact Title	Project Team	Summary
Mar 29, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed an update on the last round of winter furbearer surveys scheduled for April 1-5, 2022 during which, remaining wolverine denning surveys will be completed in advance of the Groundwater and Geochemistry program. The email included an Early Spring Field Notice, providing advanced notice of upcoming field programs taking place between March - May, 2022 and includes links to the Bird Discussion Guide and Spring Programs Discussion Guide. The Winter Field Notice, Wolverine Den Survey Field Notice and Early Spring Field Notice were attached, and a links to the Project website and furbearer video were included.
Apr 07, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Joe Wheesk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Claims and Licensing Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Joe Wheesk, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Claims & Licensing Coordinator, thanking him for her response regarding the attainment of trapper contact information.
Apr 08, 2022	Email	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Joe Wheesk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Claims and Licensing Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Joe Wheesk, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Claims & Licensing Coordinator, which said he could relay information to MFFN trappers and help forward information to the trappers on the MFFN CAR Project Team's trapper list.
Apr 08, 2022	Email	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Joe Wheesk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Claims and Licensing Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Joe Wheesk, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Claims & Licensing Coordinator, which provided information about how to contact at MNDMNR for trapper information.
Apr 12, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Joe Wheesk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Claims and Licensing Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email Joe Wheesk, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Claims & Licensing Coordinator asking him to clarify whether his list of contact information for trappers was different or more up to date than the NRF contact list.
Apr 29, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the April E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (NAN). 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.

Consultation and Engagement Log– Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)							
Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Incoming	Outgoing	Contact Name	Contact Title	Project Team	Summary
May 11, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Physiography, Terrain & Soils Field Notice and an update for May field programs to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The Physiography, Terrain and Soils field study will be starting at the end of May. The Wolverine Hair Snag Survey / Bird Autonomous Recording Units / Remote Camera Check and Caribou Mortality Investigation will be ongoing until May 16, 2022. The Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys will be conducted May 12 - 16, 2022. Questions, comments or feedback were requested about the programs
May 27, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the May E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast included field study updates, an overview of upcoming field studies, an update on the IK Program submission deadline and upcoming opportunities to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team in-person at the EA / IS Introduction PIC #3 in June 2022.
May 30, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Field Notice to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The Surface Water Fish and Fish Habitat field study will be starting mid to late June. Questions, comments or feedback were requested about the programs via the Discussion Guide, and a link to a video was also provided.
Jun 06, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an introduction email to Priscilla Jones and Grand Chief Derek Fox, and to remind the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to reach out if there are questions and/or if there are additional contacts that would like to receive information on the Project.
Jun 10, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Vegetation Field Notice to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation noting that the program is starting mid-July. Questions, comments or feedback were requested about the programs via the Discussion Guide, and a link to a video was also provided. Dates for several other upcoming field programs were also confirmed.

Consultation and Engagement Log– Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)							
Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Incoming	Outgoing	Contact Name	Contact Title	Project Team	Summary
Jun 13, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent out a notice for PIC #3 for the EA / IS Introduction on June 27, 2022 in Thunder Bay and June 29, 2022 in Geraldton for an opportunity to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team and share feedback, ideas and values related to the Project. Indigenous community members were invited to join early for the first hour of each meeting and the public can join afterwards. A formal notice was attached, along with a link to the website with the notice translated in French, Ojibway, Cree and Oji-Cree.
Jun 20, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up to invite the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to PIC #3.
Jun 24, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the June E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast included details to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team in-person at PIC #3 in Thunder Bay on June 27 and Geraldton on June 29 as well as field study updates, an overview of upcoming field studies and an update on the IK Program submission deadline.
Jun 30, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox ■ Priscilla Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Grand Chief ■ Executive Assistant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to thank those who joined PIC #3 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton. A link to all PIC #3 materials on the website was shared, as well as an online feedback form with a deadline of July 13, 2022.

B26. Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

B26.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence

B26.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence



B26.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence





Miles, Jodi [redacted]

New Primary Contact Information for MFFN CAR

Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 5:15 PM

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Bcc: [redacted]

Hello Priscilla,

My name is Jodi Miles and I am contacting you regarding the Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project. I would like to introduce myself and let you know that I am your primary contact for the MFFN CAR Project.

At this time the MFFN CAR Project is currently in the environmental assessment (EA) phase and we are working to collect important baseline information as part of our Field Study Programs and our Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program. You will see us send notifications and information about these programs as well as monthly updates from the MFFN CAR Project webmail [redacted]

Should you have questions or would like to meet with us please do not hesitate to let me know and I would be happy to follow up with you or coordinate a time to meet. You can reach me at [redacted] or [redacted]

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, comments or feedback for us!

Sincerely,

Jodi Miles



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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Trapper Information Follow-Up

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>
To: Joe Wheesk <[redacted]>
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 3:12 PM

Hi Joe

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today about attaining more information about trappers in your area. It was a pleasure to meet you and to learn more about NAN's role in trapper licensing and managing trapper information. Some main takeaways from our talk are:

- NAN is unable to provide us with any contact information for trappers, due to their agreement with MNR and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- There is an opportunity for First Nations to request the contact information for trappers for a single trapline from MNR
- It is unclear if this request needs to be made to the Geraldton District Office or MNR's head office in Peterborough. You are in the process of figuring out how these requests work, and will let me know once MNR responds to you.
- I said I would provide you with some more information about the project (I've attached a general information fact sheet, and more information can be found on the project website [here](#). Additionally, more information about the furbearer study plan can be found [here](#))

I relayed this information to the other people on my team, and they were wondering if it would be possible for you (or anyone else from NAN) to forward the trappers some information from us to make them aware of what we are doing with our field studies, and to let them know that we are seeking their input. You wouldn't need to CC us in the email or provide us with their information, but the idea would be for NAN to relay information about the project, including our team's contact information, and then trappers could reach out to us if they are interested. If you think this could be a possibility, we could draft an email and send it your way to look over. Let me know what you think!

Also, if you had any questions or would like to know more about the project, I would be more than happy to set up a meeting with you and my other team members, just let me know!

Thank you again,

Jodi

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION

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General Fact Sheet

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) has started a provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and federal Impact Assessment (IA) for the proposed Community Access Road

MFFN is a remote First Nation community in northern Ontario, located at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki rivers. MFFN has a winter access road but it isn't reliable and makes transportation of goods and people difficult. A multi-purpose all season road access connecting MFFN to the existing provincial highway network is needed to improve the well-being of the community and builds on decades of previous planning work.

Imagining Community Access

The Community Access Road is currently at the conceptual stage—planning is ongoing. The proposed access road will be multipurpose in use to support both community needs and current and future industry. The access road is anticipated to include the following features:

- Between 190 km to 230 km of an all season, two-lane gravel road;
- Bridges for river and stream crossings;
- Culverts—engineered ditches—for water flow connections and to balance water levels;
- Areas to obtain construction materials like quarries, borrow areas and aggregate sources; and
- Temporary construction access roads, work areas and camps.

Visioning Together

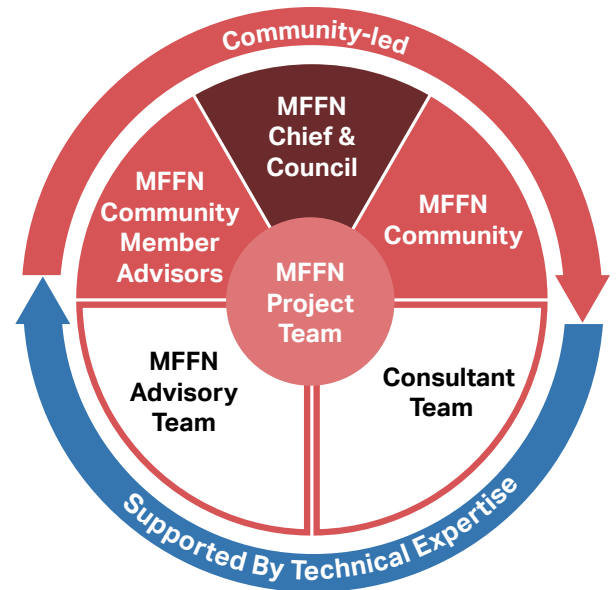
Planning for this Project is **community-led**; meaning MFFN community membership will help develop solutions and advance decisions on the Community Access-Road. MFFN—as the Proponent of the Project—has formed a Project Team that includes MFFN community members and acts with guidance, direction and input from the MFFN Chief and Council, MFFN Community Member Advisors and MFFN community membership.

A first step in planning the proposed Community Access Road is to complete a provincial (Ontario) EA and federal IA.

About the Provincial EA

The Terms of Reference (ToR) is a roadmap for planning and decision-making and was submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for a decision on whether MFFN can proceed with the next phase of the provincial EA process. The ToR outlines how the EA will be prepared, including what studies will be conducted, the process to identify and assess effects of the proposed access road and how people will be consulted. The Draft ToR was available for review and comment for 63 days, and feedback was received from Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons. This feedback allowed MFFN to gain a better understanding of concerns and interests in the potential benefits and effects of the Community Access Road. **The ToR has been shaped to reflect input provided. The ToR can be found on our website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/tor).** **Read through the ToR and let us know what you think. We welcome your input!**

The provincial EA will determine the preferred route and identify how the proposed Community Access Road may affect the social, cultural, economic, built and natural environments. To identify the route the road will follow and to understand how best to avoid and / or minimize Project effects, data is collected, studies are conducted and people are consulted with. **Your input is important!**



About the Federal IA

On November 29, 2019, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) announced that the Community Access Road will require a federal IA. Draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and related Plans were released for public review and comment until January 28, 2020 and the Agency finalized these documents in keeping with the federal *Impact Assessment Act* process. All finalized documents are available on the Agency's website (<https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80184>). On February 24, 2020 the Notice of Commencement to start the IA was announced by the Agency.

Both the provincial EA and federal IA will be coordinated together.

Where Will the Community Access Road be Built?

A key step in the ToR process was to identify the alternative routes for the proposed Community Access Road to be studied further in the EA. Alternative routes were identified by MFFN using information gathered through studies, consultation and comments received on the Draft ToR. MFFN made a community decision to continue to assess and evaluate Alternative 1 and Alternative 4 in the EA. A newly identified Ogoki River crossing option for Alternative 4 has also been added in response to new information. The new Ogoki River crossing is routed further west at a location that would provide a shorter bridge crossing and may result in fewer effects to the environment, and savings in schedule and budget. Both alternative routes start at Painter Lake Road and run north before turning eastward toward the MFFN community; roughly following the west / north side of the Albany River.

Get Involved

The MFFN Project Team welcomes your feedback. Please contact us at any time with questions or comments, or to schedule a meeting.

We want to hear what you have to say.

Lawrence Baxter

Senior Community Member Advisor
Marten Falls First Nation

Tel: 1-800-764-9114

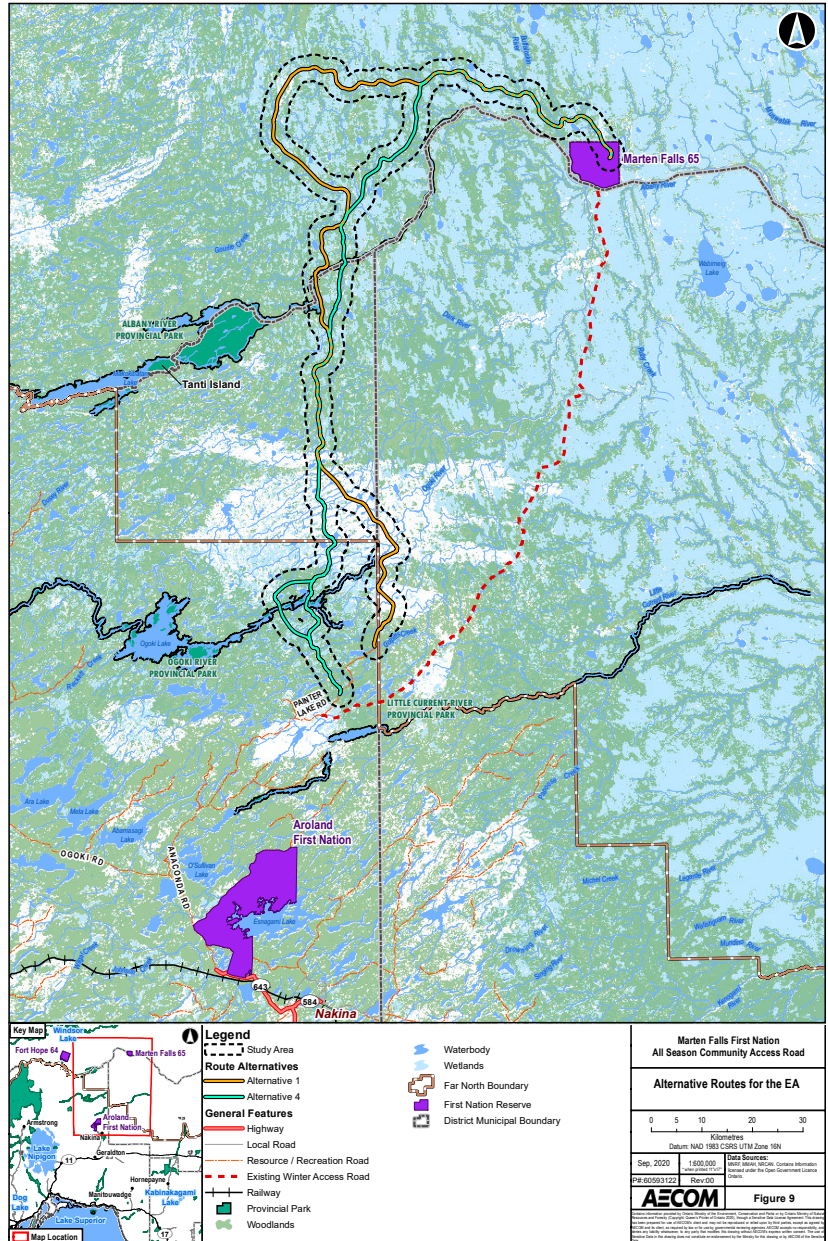
Email: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

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Web: www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca

A critical component of the EA and IA is the integration of Indigenous Knowledge (IK) into planning and design. The collection and use of IK is sensitive and will be guided by the Indigenous communities who participate. If your community has IK related to the Project area or if you would like more information on the IK program, please contact a member of the MFFN Project Team.





Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

Trapper Information Follow-Up

Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>
To: Joe Wheesk <[REDACTED]>
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 10:46 AM

Hi Joe,

I hope all is well. I wanted to follow up to ask you what you thought about my team's suggestion for relaying information to the trappers, as per my last email. Since the trappers' contact information is confidential, we wanted to know if NAN might be able to forward some of our information about the MFFN CAR project to the trappers, since we are unable to contact them ourselves. This would include an overview of the project and associated field programs, as well as a request for interviews. We would attach our contact information to this letter so the trappers could reach out to us if they were interested in participating. Do you think this would be a possibility?

One of my team members also suggested another option: he was wondering if we could forward you our list of trapper contacts and have you confirm which ones we have the same contact info for. We're not sure if this would be possible given NAN's agreement with MNR, but let us know what you think!

Thank you again for taking the time to talk with me last week, it was greatly appreciated!

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Follow up on MFFN CAR update phone call

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>
To: Priscilla Jones <[redacted]>
Cc: Grand Chief Derek Fox <[redacted]>
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Mon, Mar 28, 2022 at 5:47 PM

Dear Priscilla and Grand Chief Fox,

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

- **Monthly Project Update Emails** (e-Blasts, sent March 15, 2022)
 - There is a new Project Update Video and did you see the Survey? Completing a survey by March 31, 2022 enters you into an opportunity to win one of five \$50 gift cards.
- **Bird and Spring Discussion Guides**
 - Please let us know if you or your advisors would like to provide any input or if there are questions regarding the Bird and Spring Discussion Guide questions.

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

Sincerely,

Jodi Miles
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi [REDACTED]

Trapper Information Follow-Up

Miles, Jodi [REDACTED]
To: Joe Wheesk [REDACTED]

Thu, Apr 7, 2022 at 1:53 PM

Hi Joe,

Thank you so much for this information. I relayed it to my team and they are currently figuring out how they would like to consult with trappers in the area. I may reach out again if we have any other questions for you.

Thank you again!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Trapper Information Follow-Up

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>
To: Joe Wheesk <[redacted]>

Tue, Apr 12, 2022 at 9:48 AM

Hi Joe,




I asked my team about this again and they said they are close to sending out a package of letters to the NRF to distribute to the trappers on the project team's behalf. Just to be clear, my team intends to engage with the trappers associated with all of the traplines that could be potentially affected by the project, not just the trappers who are part of Marten Falls (I've been told that it would be about 15 different traplines). I know you said you get your contact information from NRF, so my team is wondering if your list of contact info would be any different/more accurate than what NRF has? If it's the same information, we wouldn't need to bother relaying the same information twice (for official reasons, we need to get NRF to send the letters out as a minimum anyway). But if your list is different, it could be helpful. Let me know!

Jodi

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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Project Indigenous Coordinator Lead for Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

1 message

Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

Mon, Jun 6, 2022 at 11:17 AM

To: [redacted]
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Good Morning,

My name is Jessica Wakefield and I will be replacing Jodi Miles as the Indigenous Community Lead for Nishnawbe-Aski Nation on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns related to the MFFN CAR Project, please reach out and I will do my best to get you the answers. If you would like to meet with members of the Project Team to discuss any of these issues, I would be happy to arrange a meeting. As well, if there are any contacts from Nishnawbe-Aski Nation that you would like me to add to receive information about the Project, please let me know.

The MFFN CAR Project information is as follows:
Website: <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/the-project/>
Email Address: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca
Phone Number: 1-800-764-9114

My email is [redacted]

I am looking forward to working with the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation.

Thank you,

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Jessica Wakefield, MES
SOAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
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Jessica Wakefield <[REDACTED]>

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

1 message

Jessica Wakefield <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 11:13 AM

Good afternoon,

I'm following up on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road's third Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Project on June 27th and June 29th. I hope Nishnawbe-Aski Nation 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,

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Jessica Wakefield, MES
SOAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
[REDACTED]

B26.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence





Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Trapper Information Follow-Up

Joe Wheesk <[redacted]>
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>

Mon, Mar 21, 2022 at 10:43 AM

Good morning Jodi, and thank you for the information!

My apologies for the delay in responding. I spoke to the Peterborough office of the MNDMNR, and they advised that the First Nation (Chief and Council) put in a request to release trapper information to the Peterborough Office. Please note that if and when the request is granted, MNDMNR will **only** release the trapline number and the trapper names under those lines that are being requested. No other contact information (phone numbers, addresses, birthdates, etc) will be provided. I also attached a trapline map of the Nipigon District of the MNDMNR. Based on the information you've provided, it looks like there will likely be more than one First Nation being impacted by the project. Some traplines will likely overlap with other First Nation trappers. Unfortunately, the digital map doesn't identify FN communities, but mentions the main lakes.

I do not have a complete list of trappers from each trapline, and some contact information is dated. I usually get that information from MNDMNR, but I can see what I can do to assist.

I hope the information provided is a start, but if you have any more questions, please email or call me on my cell at [redacted] as we are still working from home.

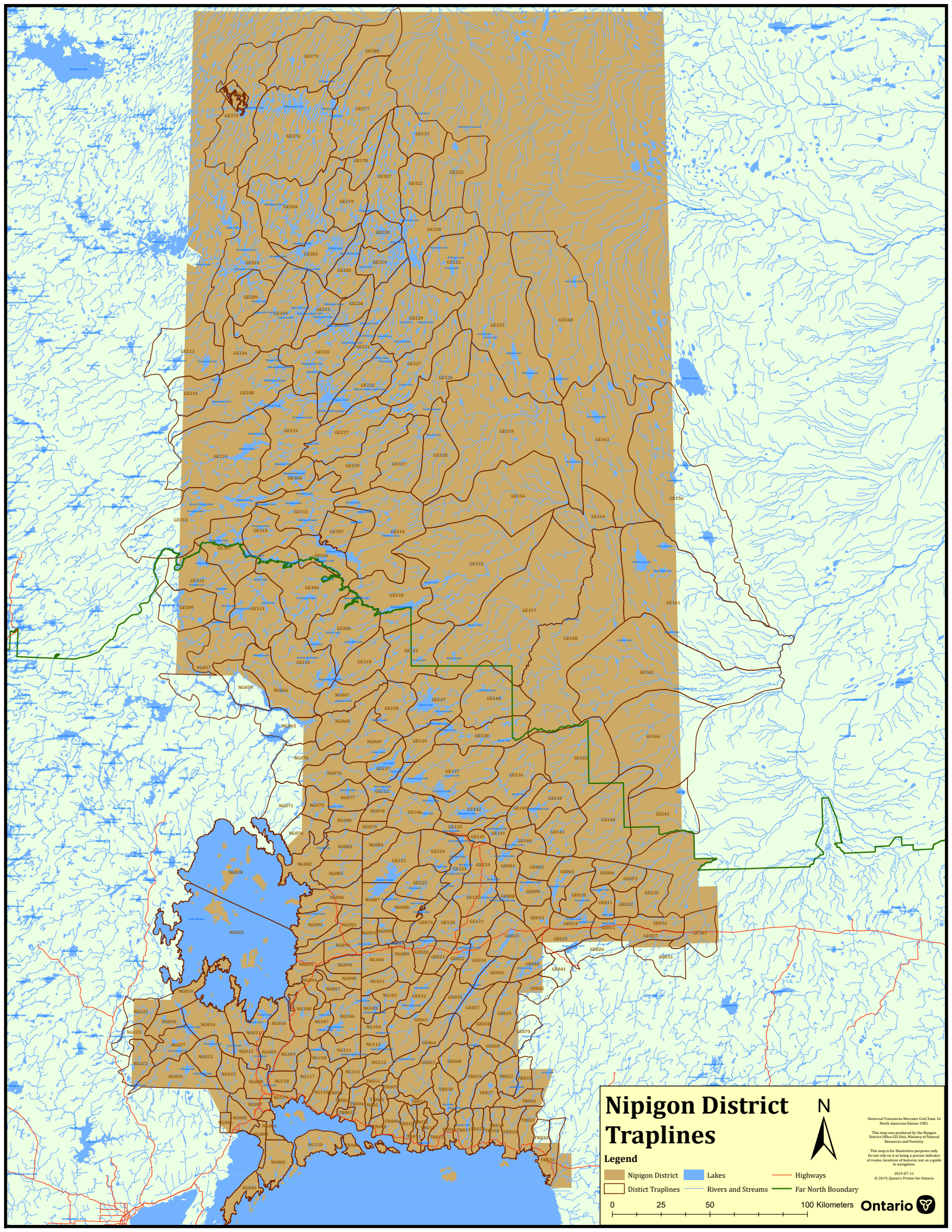


Joe Wheesk

Claims & Licensing Coordinator
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Nipigon District Traplines



Legend

- Nipigon District
- Lakes
- Rivers and Streams
- Highways
- District Traplines
- Far North Boundary

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Universal Transverse Mercator Grid Zone 16
 North American Datum 1983
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Miles, Jodi [REDACTED]

Trapper Information Follow-Up

Joe Wheesk [REDACTED]
To: "Miles, Jodi" [REDACTED]

Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 12:14 PM

Good morning Jodi!

My apologies for missing this. Yes, I can forward the information you've provide to the Marten Falls trappers. Furthermore, if you could provide me with the list that you have, I can see what I can do to forward that information to them.

Joe





Miles, Jodi [REDACTED]

Trapper Information Follow-Up

Joe Wheesk [REDACTED]
To: "Miles, Jodi" [REDACTED]

Fri, Apr 8, 2022 at 11:40 AM

Good morning Jodi and yes, no problem in assisting!

When requesting trapper information to the MNDMNRF, please attention it to:

Beth Brownson
Supervisor, Incentives and Agreements Unit
Program Services Section, Integration Branch
MNDMNRF
[300 Water Street](#)
5th Floor South Tower
Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

Once the request has been received, she will direct it to the appropriate person/district.

If you have any further questions, you have my contact information.

Happy Friday!

Joe

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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 persons¹ are not included in progress reports, however, their sections will be included in the Record of Consultation and Engagement for the draft and final EA / IS. **Section 1.5** includes details about the neighbouring Indigenous communities.

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

1.2 About the Progress Report

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

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

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

1.3 Approach

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Raising Awareness**

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

1.4 Project Notifications and Information Releases

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

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

■ **Print Advertisements:**

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

■ **Online Advertisements**

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

■ **Radio Advertisements**

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

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

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

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

1.5 Summary of Indigenous Community and Organization Consultation

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

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

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

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

Notes: + Indicates Indigenous communities or organizations who are participating in the Indigenous Knowledge Program.

* Indicates Indigenous communities or organization that have been invited to participate in the Community Coordinator Program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA has been or may be Informed
<p>Concerns Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It was noted that a spawning area could be relocated if it would be disrupted by the Project ■ Concern was expressed for watersheds ■ Concern was expressed regarding caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights ■ Concern was expressed related to salting on the road and impacts to nearby rivers ■ Alternative 1 of Segment FG was identified as a sensitive and a very precious area. ■ It was noted that the Projet should not impede fish passage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Relocating spawning areas has not yet been determined due to insufficient details provided. On-going follow-up is taking place to receive additional information to help identify the spawning area. ■ More specific details are required related to concerns for watersheds. As part of the alternative selection, effects to Natural Environment will be taken into consideration. ■ More specific details are required related to concerns for caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights. ■ The concern regarding salting and nearby rivers has been noted and maintenance of the Community Access Road, including usage of salt, will be one of the indicators for the evaluation. ■ Comment on Alternative 1 of Segment FG was noted and will be considered in the route selection. ■ Comment on fish passage will be considered when developing mitigation measures.
<p>Interests Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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.
<p>Route Alignment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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.
<p>Cumulative Effects, Road Projects and Regional Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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.
<p>Impacts from COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Some communities expressed inability to effectively engage with their community members due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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.
<p>Timeline Extensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Some communities requested extended Project timelines, for both the provincial and federal processes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ On November 4, 2022, a request for an IS extension was submitted, and was granted on January 13, 2023. On November 25, 2022, the MFFN CAR Project Team advised

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA has been or may be Informed
	communities of the IS Extension Request. Communities were advised of the IS timeline extension approval on January 13, 2023 by IAAC.
<p>Request for Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ While participant funding is issued by the Province and not the MFFN CAR Project Team, requests were shared with the province to respond to. ■ Additional funding for Indigenous communities include participation in the IK Program and Community Coordinator Program. The MFFN CAR Project Team has followed up with Indigenous communities via phone and email throughout this milestone regarding funding opportunities.

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

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

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

2. Consultation Snapshot

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

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

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

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

Project Phases: NoC of EA and Effects Assessment			
Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
■ Presented to the Mushkegowuk Council AGM (in-person, November 24, 2021)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022). <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).	✓		
Other Notices / Newsletters			
■ 2021 Highlights Letter distributed to Indigenous communities via email (December 15, 2021)	✓		
■ Phone calls to Indigenous communities to follow-up on the December E-Blast, Winter Discussion Guide and field notice (December 16 to 17, 2021).	✓		
■ Circulated Monthly Project Update Email Blast (referred to as E-Blast) – October 2021 (November 3, 2021) – November 2021 (November 30 201) – December 2021 (December 15, 2021) – January 2022 (January 31, 2022) – February / March 2022 (March 15, 2022) – April 2022 (April 29, 2022) – May 2022 (May 27, 2022) – June 2022 (June 24, 2022) – July 2022 (July 26, 2022) – August 2022 (August 19, 2022) – September 2022 (September 29, 2022) – October 2022 (November 2, 2022) – November 2022 (November 25, 2022) – December 2022 (December 20, 2022) – January 2023 (January 30, 2023) – February 2023 (February 28, 2023) – March 2023 (April 4, 2023) – April 2023 (April 28, 2023)	✓	✓	✓

Project Phases: NoC of EA and Effects Assessment

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

Project Phases: NoC of EA and Effects Assessment

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

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

3.1 Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities

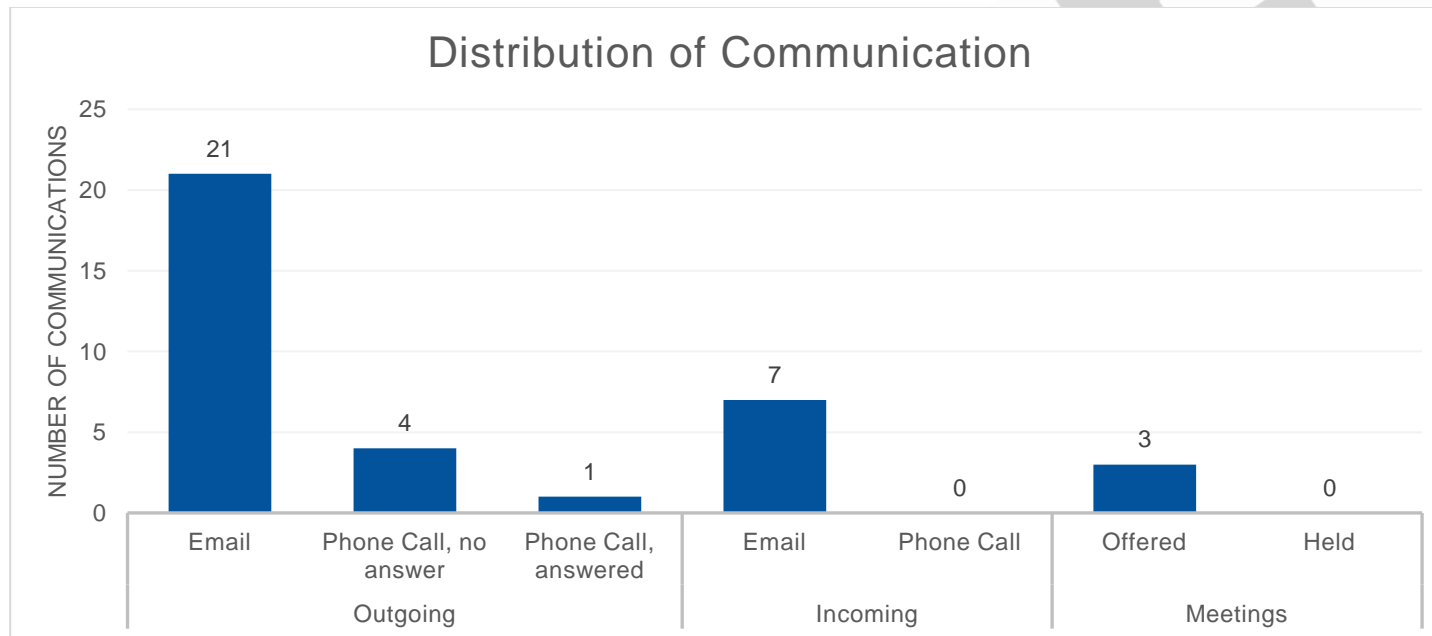
To summarize overall engagement with each Indigenous community, the following analytics were performed:

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.

3.2.3 Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)

Community Profile	
Location:	200 South Syndicate Avenue, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1C9
Tribal Council:	Grand Council
Treaty:	9
Project Team Lead:	Kyla Zielbauer



Summary of Participation During Reporting Period	
Date of Last Outgoing Communication from MFFN CAR Project Team or Consultant (Email or Phone)	<i>March 29, 2023 (Email)</i>
Date of Last Incoming Communication from Community (Email or Phone)	<i>January 24, 2023</i>
Participating in IK Program:	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: <i>Not offered</i>
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: <i>Not offered</i>
	IK information provided: <i>No</i>
Participating in Community Coordinator Program	<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 – 28, 2022	Phone call and email made to request participation in Engagement Questionnaire.
Jul 29, 2022	Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Notice distributed via email.
Aug 19, 2022	August 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Aug 25, 2022	An IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles were 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 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 20, 2022	December 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Jan 06, 2023	Phone call follow-up to Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report.
Jan 10, 2023	Reminder for the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Webinar distributed via email.
Jan 17, 2023	Reminder for the Vegetation and Physiography Webinar distributed via email.
Jan 23, 2023	Email follow-up to Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report. Reminder for the ATRI Forum 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 02, 2023	Email follow-up to Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report.
Feb 03, 2023	Archaeology Assessment Reports for Stage 1 and Stage 2 distributed via email.
Feb 15, 2023	Follow-up on ungulate aerial survey notice distributed via email.
Feb 21, 2023	Reminder for the Socio-Economic Studies Part I Webinar distributed via email.
Feb 28, 2023	February 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Mar 09, 2023	Field Programs updates distributed via email.
Mar 14, 2023	Reminder for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Webinar distributed via email.
Mar 21, 2023	Reminder for the Birds Webinar distributed via email.
Mar 22, 2023	Sent an email regarding the IK Program timeline. An update letter was attached with more information.
Mar 28, 2023	Reminder for the Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats Webinar distributed via email.
Apr 04, 2023	March 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
Apr 21, 2023	Spring 2023 Field Notice distributed via email.
Apr 28, 2023	April 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.

Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)

Topic / Issue Raised	Specific Issue / Comment Raised	Communication Channel	Response / Action	Addressed in the EA / IA
Consultation Methods	■ No issues during July 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023 reporting period.	■ N/A	■ N/A	■ Opportunities to provide feedback will continue throughout the EA / IA.

Consultation and Engagement Log - Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
July 14, 2022	Email		X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to thank those who attended PIC #3 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton. A reminder with the link to all PIC #3 materials on the website was also shared again, including a note that the deadline to provide feedback was extended to July 22, 2022. A link to the feedback form was shared.
July 26, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the July E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast thanked those who attended PIC #3 in Thunder Bay on June 27 and Geraldton on June 29 as well as included a link to the PIC materials on the website. Field study updates, an overview of upcoming field studies, and an update on the IK Program submission deadline were also included along with a note that the IK Program will continue even though the deadline has passed.
July 27, 2022	Phone		x	■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Nishnawbe-Aski Nation requesting participation in the Engagement Questionnaire to understand the topics of most interest to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (e.g., valued components) and gather input on the best ways to keep Nishnawbe-Aski Nation informed on Project updates and activities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant contacted reception and asked to speak to Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, but Priscilla was unavailable.
July 28, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow-up email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation requesting participation in the Engagement Questionnaire to understand the topics of most interest to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (e.g., valued components) and gather input on the best ways to keep Nishnawbe-Aski Nation informed on Project updates and activities. A link to the questionnaire form was provided with a request for completion by August 12, 2022.

Consultation and Engagement Log - Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)						
Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
July 29, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program Notice to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation noting that the program is starting in September. The notice was attached to the email. Questions, comments or feedback were requested through the Discussion Guide, and a link to a video was also provided.
August 19, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the August E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast included information and a link to Lakehead University's Indigenous Access Programs. Field study updates for the Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Program and a caribou mortality investigation were provided along with dates for the following upcoming programs: Surface Water and Fish and Fish Habitat, Groundwater and Geochemistry, Fall Aerial Waterfowl Migration, Physiography and Terrains, Ungulates Remote Camera Check and Caribou Mortality Investigation. It was noted that updates were made to the ATRI study areas and a link to more information was provided. The IK Program is still including communities who would like to participate and listed contacts and a link to more information.
August 25, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed an IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation via email. The memo provided information on updates to the ATRI Study Areas. The MFFN CAR Project Team also provided information on the IK Program schedule. The updated GIS shapefiles were not included in the included in the email due to a "custom mail flow rule" set by Nishnawbe-Aske Nation. A follow-up email was sent with the Google Earth File and suggested that alternative options could be explored to deliver the GIS shapefiles if wanted.
September 14, 2022	Email	x		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, thanking the consultant for the previous email and asking whether hardcopies of the ATRI Study Areas information could be sent.

Consultation and Engagement Log - Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)						
Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
September 14, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief), ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to key contacts at Nishnawbe Aski Nation to inquire if they had received the ATRI Study Area email sent on August 25, 2022 as there had been previous issues sending the files due to a custom mail flow rule. The consultant noted that if they wish to receive the GIS shapefiles associated with the ATRI Study Areas for the MFFN CAR Project, they would be sent should an alternative option be given. The consultant also noted that sending the information through the mail on a USB was a possibility.
September 15, 2022	Email	x		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, thanking the MFFN CAR Project Consultant for the quick response and assistance. Priscilla asked that the package be sent to her and provided an address.
September 15, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, thanking Priscilla for the response and letting her know that the MFFN CAR Project Consultant was able to send a USB key containing the information through mail, and asked for the address. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that any other information about the MFFN CAR Project could be provided.
September 16, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a field programs update to Nishnawbe Aski Nation. The email noted that there may be an increase in helicopters in the area and field crews accessing sites. The following programs will be completed this fall: Aerial Waterfowl Migration Survey (September 27 – 29, 2022), Physiography and Terrain Surveys (September 26 – October 8, 2022), Groundwater and Geochemistry Program (ongoing until November 10, 2022), Ungulates Remote Camera Check (October 21 – 28, 2022) and Caribou Mortality Investigation (if needed). Links were provided to field notices for Groundwater and Geochemistry, Physiography and Terrain, and Aerial Waterfowl Migration. Field programs will continue in 2023, with more updates to follow. Links were provided for Discussion Guides where knowledge can be shared in relation to the field programs.

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September 19, 2022	Email		x	■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, providing a tracking number for the package sent through Purolator. The consultant noted that tracking number indicated the package was delivered on Friday September 16, 2022 to reception. The consultant asked Priscilla to confirm that the package was received and that she was able to access the files on the USB when she had time. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that she was available to provide information and discuss any questions, concerns or comments related to the MFFN CAR Project.
September 27, 2022	Email		x	■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow-up email to Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, inquiring if Priscilla had received the package with the ATRI materials and asked if Priscilla could confirm she was able to access the files on the USB key.
September 27, 2022	Email	x		■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, letting the consultant know that Priscilla received the package but had been travelling recently. Priscilla noted she would go into the office the next day and update the MFFN CAR Project Consultant.
September 29, 2022	Email		x	■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the September E-Blast to Nishnawbe Aski Nation. The E-Blast included an announcement that the Project received the Core Values Award for Visual Engagement from the International Association for Public Participation. Chief Bruce Achneepineskum and a Project Team Consultant were present to receive the award and a link to a video was provided. The E-Blast included an update on the Youth Engagement Program and the importance of participation of youth in decisions that will affect them in the future. An update was also provided for the Groundwater Clearing and Drilling program and the Waterfowl Aerial Surveys. Dates were provided for the following upcoming programs: Groundwater and Geochemistry Program, Aerial Waterfowl Migration Survey, Physiography and Terrain Surveys, Ungulates Remote Camera Check and Caribou Mortality Investigation if needed. The Indigenous Blooming Program was included with details on the mentorship opportunity and a link to more information and the application.

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October 05, 2022	Email		x	■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, thanking Priscilla for her response and update about traveling. The consultant inquired if Priscilla had a chance to review the files that were sent in the package on Thursday September 16, 2022 so that Priscilla may confirm the files are accessible from the USB key.
October 19, 2022	Email		x	■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, inquiring if Priscilla had a chance to review the ATRI materials on the USB key previously provided through a delivered package.
October 19, 2022	Email	x		■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, letting the consultant know that Priscilla was unable to open the files on the USB key and asked which program could be used to do so. Priscilla also noted that she had shared the information with Deputy Grand Chief Linklater, who holds the portfolio for this information, and mentioned that Priscilla thought Deputy Grand Chief Linklater would have been in touch with the consultant.
October 26, 2022	Email		x	■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, letting Priscilla know that the files are to be imported and used in a GIS program, and that the MFFN CAR Project has been sending files in this format, as some Indigenous communities have these programs or work with consultants who do. The consultant inquired as to whether Priscilla knew someone who might have a GIS program, and noted to include Deputy Grand Chief Linklater in the email conversation if necessary.
November 02, 2022	Email		x	■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the October E-Blast to Nishnawbe Aski Nation. The E-Blast included an introduction to the new MFFN Community Coordinator and upcoming engagement opportunities including PIC #4 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton. A webinar series on valued components was also included, along with a note about the Project's plans to submit a 3.5 year extension request for the IS to the Agency. It was mentioned that the Agency will be notifying Indigenous

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						communities and the public about the request and will provide an opportunity to review and comment. Field study updates were also mentioned, including the Groundwater and Geochemistry Monitoring Testing and Sampling Program being extended to December 2022 and being the last running field study in 2022. The Furbearer Aerial / Ground Track Surveys will occur between January to February 2023, the Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys will be set up before February 15, 2023 and consist of six day trips every month to re-bait the stations through May 2023, and the Ungulate Aerial Winter Surveys will occur in January or February 2023 for two weeks. Links were provided for the field study notices and discussion guides. A new video was released about Cumulative Effects and the link was included. There was also an offer to meet to discuss any questions or comments.
November 10, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a notice to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation for the webinar series on valued components, including how they are being studied, early findings and the relevance to the Project. The first webinar is on November 15, 2022 from 4-5 pm EST on Animals and Wildlife. A link to register and submit questions was included. It was also noted that a recording will be available online after the webinar. A poster with details for the first two webinars was attached.
November 15, 2022	Phone		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project. The call was not answered and a voicemail was left indicating the reason for the call and that a follow up email would be sent.
November 17, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, as a follow up to a phone call made November 15, 2022. The email provided updates on the MFFN CAR Project and followed up on the ATRI shapefiles update from October 2022. The Consultant provided KMZ files of the ATRI study areas. The email provided details about the upcoming PIC #4 in Thunder Bay on December 7 and Geraldton on December 8, the new webinar series about Valued Components, the request for an IS extension from IAAC and notification of upcoming ATRI workshops.

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November 22, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed an invitation for PIC #4 to Nishnawbe Aski Nation. The PIC will be in Thunder Bay on December 7 and Geraldton on December 8. The event will be in an open house format and include new updates, how feedback is being considered, route alternatives and early findings from field studies. PIC #4 will provide an opportunity to share feedback, ideas and values related to the CAR.
November 25, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the November E-Blast to Nishnawbe Aski Nation. The E-Blast included an invitation to PIC #4 in Thunder Bay on December 7 and Geraldton on December 8. A link was provided for the recording from the webinar on November 15 and registration for the next webinar on November 29 on Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat. It was noted that the Groundwater and Geochemistry Monitoring Testing and Sampling Program has been extended until December 2022. Upcoming field studies include the Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Program between January and February 2023, Ungulate Aerial Winter Surveys in January and February 2023, Furbearer Ground Tracking in February and March 2023 and the Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys from February to May 2023. The E-Blast noted that a timeline extension request for the IS was submitted and the Agency will be notifying Indigenous communities and the public about the request and provide an opportunity to review and comment.
November 28, 2022	Phone		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation. The call was answered and the MFFN CAR Project Consultant outlined MFFN CAR Project updates related to PIC #4 and the webinar series. Priscilla indicated that she was the correct person to receive project updates and that Priscilla shares MFFN CAR Project emails and information with others as necessary. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed Grand Chief Fox's email and that Priscilla had received the previously sent ATRI KMZ shapefiles. Priscilla indicated she did receive the files and sent them to someone who was able to access them. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted a follow up email would be sent summarizing the call and information.

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November 28, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones (Grand Chief) ■ Derek Fox (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation following up on a phone call made earlier that day, thanking Priscilla for speaking with them and for confirming Grand Chief Derek Fox's email. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that Priscilla had been sharing emails and information related to the MFFN CAR Project and was able to share the ATRI KMZ shapefiles previously provided with someone who was able to use them. The email provided details about the upcoming PIC #4 in Thunder Bay on December 7 and Geraldton on December 8 and provided a link to the notice for the PIC. An update on the Valued Components Webinar series was also provided, noting the next webinar about Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat on November 29 and provided a link to register for the webinar. A link to the previous webinar recording was also provided.
December 01, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a Winter / Spring 2023 Field Notice to Nishnawbe Aski Nation. The Notice includes anticipated timing for upcoming field programs including furbearer winter tracking surveys, winter ungulate aerial surveys, wolverine hair snag surveys, bird Autonomous Recording Unit Program, Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation Program and Groundwater and Geochemistry Program. An update will be provided when exact dates are confirmed. Links to videos on ungulates, furbearers, groundwater and more were included.
December 06, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the draft Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report to Nishnawbe Aski Nation for review. The Interim RoCE covers August 1, 2020 to October 28, 2021 and the Milestone #1 Progress Report covers October 29, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Nishnawbe Aski Nation was asked to make any edits or comments to their community-specific section by January 31, 2023. The reports will then be finalized and shared publicly with the draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team offered to answer any questions or schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and timeline. A response was requested that the email was received and the documents could be viewed / downloaded successfully.

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December 07, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Nishnawbe Aski Nation to thank those who attended PIC #4 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton. A link to all PIC #4 materials on the website was shared, as well as an online feedback form with a deadline of December 23, 2022.
December 07, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for PIC #4 to NAN noting that PIC #4 will be in Thunder Bay on December 7, 2022 and Geraldton on December 8, 2022 as an open house format and will share information including updates since the ToR, the EA processes, the Project's approach to consultation and engagement and preliminary results from field studies. It was noted that PIC #4 will be an opportunity to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team and share feedback, ideas and values related to the MFFN Community Access Road, and that the first hour is reserved for Indigenous community members, who are welcome to stay for the remainder of the evening with the public. A formal notice with details for both meetings were attached, along with a link to the website with the notice translated in French, Ojibway, Cree and Oji-Cree.
December 15, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Grand Chief Derek Fox, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, following up on the drafted Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Report sent to Nishnawbe Aski Nation. A response was requested that the email was received and the documents could be viewed / downloaded successfully. It was noted that the December 6, 2022 email included a link to the documents, which was provided again. Nishnawbe Aski Nation was asked to make any edits or comments to their community-specific section by January 31, 2023. The reports will then be finalized and shared publicly with the draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant offered to answer any questions or schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and timeline.
December 20, 2022	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Graham (Executive Assistant) ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the December E-Blast to Nishnawbe Aski Nation. The E-Blast included a message from Chief Bruce Achneepineskum. Also included were highlights from 2022, including: virtual meetings held, updates to the Proposed ATRI Study Areas, the timeline extension request for the IS, valued component webinars,

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						Community Coordinators, Field Studies, and valued component videos. Upcoming winter field studies were listed with exact dates to be provided once confirmed.
January 06, 2023	Phone		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, to follow up on the December 6, 2022 email about the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Reports, and to confirm Grand Chief Derek Fox had received the email and was able to open the documents. The call was not answered and the MFFN CAR Project Consultant left a voicemail noting the reason for the call and mentioned the deadline to send feedback was January 31, 2023. A meeting was offered and the MFFN CAR Project Consultant left a phone number and email should there be any questions or concerns.
January 10, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derek Fox (Grand Chief) Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Webinar to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. A link to register and the opportunity to provide questions was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email. It was noted that an upcoming webinar will take place on January 17 on Vegetation and Physiography and a link to register was provided.
January 17, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derek Fox (Grand Chief) Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Vegetation & Physiography Webinar to Nishnawbe Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9). A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email. It was noted that an upcoming webinar will take place on January 31 on Peatlands and a link to register was provided.
January 23, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derek Fox (Grand Chief) Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Grand Chief Derek Fox, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, with two reminders on behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team. The first reminder was about the upcoming ATRI Forum to be held in Thunder Bay on February 8 and 9, 2023. The Save the Date invitation was attached provided more information on the Forum. The second reminder was regarding the deadline for the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 reports. Feedback was requested by January 31, 2023.

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January 24, 2023	Email	x		■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, who provided the names of the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation representatives who should receive updates and information related to ATRI.
January 24, 2023	Email		x	■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, thanking Priscilla for her feedback on who should receive which correspondence from the MFFN CAR Project. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked for clarification on who should receive the ATRI information and asked for the contact information of those people.
January 24, 2023	Email	x		■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, who confirmed Grand Chief Derek Fox and Priscilla did not require any update emails or reminders related to ATRI. The contact information was confirmed for the representatives from Nishnawbe-Aski Nation who should receive that information.
January 24, 2023	Email		x	■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, who asked Priscilla to confirm contact information for Nishnawbe-Aski Nation representatives.
January 24, 2023	Email	x		■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, who confirmed the contact information provided by the MFFN CAR Project Consultant was correct.
January 27, 2023	Email		x	■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a follow up to the Winter Field Notice issued in December 2022. It was noted that field crews are set to begin the furbearer winter tracking field program on January 29, 2023. Field crews will be out for five days, however the program may be extended in the event of weather delays. Links to the field notice, video on furbearers and webinar recording on animals and wildlife (including furbearers) were included.

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January 30, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the January E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9). The E-Blast included an overview of the Archaeological Assessment Report to be shared with Indigenous communities, Provincial Territorial Organizations and Tribal Councils in early February. MFFN Field Support Staff participated in Wilderness Survival Training and will accompany MFFN CAR Project Consultants on upcoming field studies. The PIC #4 feedback deadline was extended to February 10, 2023, links to the engagement materials and to submit feedback were included. The ATRI Forum in Thunder Bay on February 8 and 9, 2023 was noted and contact information was included. The E-Blast noted the Timeline Extension for the IS was approved and the submission date has been shifted to July 24, 2026. Winter field study updates on furbearer winter tracking surveys, the Autonomous Recording Units Program and Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys were included.
January 31, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, to clarify that the previous email was sent in error and that the ATRI Forum emails and the funding to attend the forum were intended specifically for Indigenous Communities (First Nation and Métis).
February 02, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Grand Chief Derek Fox to follow up on the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Reports and provided a link to the reports. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if Nishnawbe Aski Nation planned on providing comments on the reports and to let the MFFN CAR Project Consultant know if they required additional time, as the feedback deadline was January 31, 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that if there was no correspondence received from Nishnawbe Aski Nation, the report would be finalized but that they would reach out again the week of February 13, 2023.
February 02, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Grand Chief Derek Fox to follow up on the Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Progress Reports and provided the correct link to the reports, as an incorrect link was sent in the previous email.

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February 03, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Reports to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report documents the potential for archaeological sites in the proposed area of impact. This includes a review of mapping, previous archaeological reports, a visual inspection and any information collected from Indigenous communities. The report also evaluates potential effects of the CAR on cultural heritage and will be used to support recommendations regarding cultural heritage values or interests and impact management strategies. The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Report looks at two specific areas identified in the Stage 1 report. The fieldwork involved physical testing of two locations next to the Albany and Ogoki Rivers and was completed in the fall of 2019. Further Stage 2 assessments will be completed once the preferred route is selected. Another report will be prepared and circulated for Indigenous community review once the field work is completed. Feedback and comments on both Stage 1 and 2 reports was requested by March 31, 2023. An offer was made to set up a meeting and discuss the reports. A link to the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage webinar was included.
February 15, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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.

Consultation and Engagement Log - Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)						
Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
February 21, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Socio-Economic Studies Part I Webinar to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email. It was noted that an upcoming webinar will take place on February 28 on Socio-Economic Studies Part II and a link to register was provided.
February 28, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the February E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast noted the webinar on Socio-Economic Studies Part II taking place that day with a link to register, the full schedule and recordings. An IK Program timeline update was noted with a June 30, 2023 schedule. The E-Blast also included a note on the ATRI Forum and thanked those who were able to attend. Winter field study updates on furbearer winter tracking surveys and wolverine hair snag surveys were included. Upcoming studies on Groundwater and Geochemistry, Collared Caribou Mortality Investigations and Ungulate Remote Camera Programs will occur between March and May 2023. Links to field program notices, videos and discussion guides were included. The E-Blast also noted the importance of traditional snowshoes used during field studies.
March 09, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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.

Consultation and Engagement Log - Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)						
Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
March 14, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Webinar to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email. A link was also provided for the schedule and registration for the remaining webinars.
March 21, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Birds Webinar to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email. A link was also provided for the schedule and registration for the remaining webinars.
March 22, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant distributed an IK Program Timeline and Update letter to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation via email where the key Project schedule updates was highlighted, including upcoming draft existing conditions reporting that will start in the Summer 2023 and the route selection which will begin in September 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant advised the importance of receiving IK and information on ILRU by June 30, 2023. It was also advised that the MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to support communities in sharing IK beyond this date and to incorporate this information in subsequent steps of the assessment process (e.g., updates to the existing conditions, effects assessment, impact management and project design).
March 28, 2023	Phone		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Priscilla Jones to follow up on the Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology Report deadline. The call was not answered. The voicemail prompt did not indicate the mailbox belonged to Priscilla, so the MFFN CAR Project Consultant did not leave a voicemail.
March 28, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects and Bats Webinar to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email. A link was also provided for the schedule and registration for the remaining webinars.

Consultation and Engagement Log - Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)						
Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
March 29, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Priscilla Jones, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, to follow up on a phone call about the Stage 1 and 2 Archeology Report deadline. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked for confirmation that the phone number on file was Priscilla's direct line. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided information on the Archeology Reports, noting feedback was requested by March 31 and inquired if Nishnawbe Aski Nation had feedback or comments on the reports. A meeting or phone call to discuss the reports or the MFFN CAR Project was offered.
April 04, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the March E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast provided an introduction to the MFFN Community Coordinator. Details were shared on the Wolverine Denning Program and field study updates were provided for the Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys, the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program, the Collared Caribou Mortality Investigations, the Ungulate Remote Camera Program, the Vegetation and Peatlands Aerial and Ground Surveys and Cultural Heritage Program. A link was provided for past webinar recordings as well as a link to register for the ATRI webinar.
April 21, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Spring 2023 Field Notice to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. Anticipated timing for upcoming field studies was provided. The 2023 Field Notice was attached, along with a link to the website and the March E-Blast, where field studies were previously referenced. A link was also provided to webinars to learn more about Vegetation, Peatlands, Cultural Heritage, Wildlife, Groundwater and Socio-Economic studies.
April 28, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Derek Fox (Grand Chief) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the April E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast provided an update from the MFFN Community Coordinator, information for the IK Program and Spring Field Studies along with a link to the Field Notice.

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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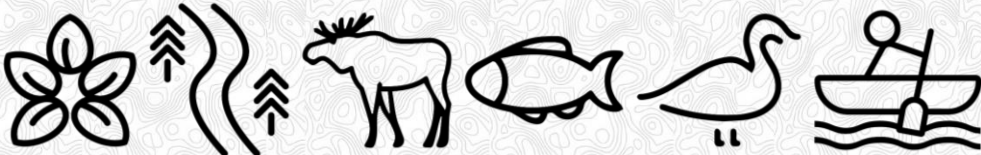
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B26.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence



B26.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence





Jessica Wakefield <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Engagement Questionnaire

1 message

Jessica Wakefield <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Jul 28, 2022 at 9:58 AM

To: [REDACTED]
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Hello,

I hope this email finds you well.

I reached out yesterday to understand the topics of most interest to the Nishnawbe Aski Nation (e.g., wildlife, fish, water) for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project. We were also interested in learning the best ways to keep the Nishnawbe Aski Nation informed and gather your insights, feedback and perspectives throughout the Environmental Assessment and Impact Statement planning processes for the Community Access Road. The Marten Falls Community Access Road Project Team has prepared a short questionnaire to learn more about these areas of interest and the best ways to keep Nishnawbe Aski Nation informed.

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

Thank you so much for your time.

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Jessica Wakefield, MES
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Jessica Wakefield <[REDACTED]>

IK Program - ATRI Study Area Update

1 message

Jessica Wakefield <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Aug 25, 2022 at 10:20 AM

To: [REDACTED]
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Good Morning,

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

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

Please note a second email will be sent with the revised GIS Shapefiles for your reference.

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

Thank you and have a good day.

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MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

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

August 2022

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

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

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

What is a Study Area?

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

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

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

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





Revised ATRI Study Areas

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

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

Proposed Study Area	Original Geographic Extent	Revised Geographic Extent Based on the PDA
Project Development Area	Not previously defined.	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100m road right-of-way (ROW) centered on the latest Route Alternative(s)• 10m ROW along potential access roads to the aggregate sites centred on the routes• Potential aggregate sites mapped to their full extent• Temporary construction camps
Local Study Area	5 km of the centreline of the Route Alternatives and 5 km buffer around other project components (e.g., aggregate sources) and temporary infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, staging areas and stockpile areas).	5 km buffer from the Route Alternatives PDA boundary, and 5km buffer around the other project components and temporary infrastructure PDA Boundary (e.g., aggregates sources, access roads, construction camps, staging areas, and stockpile areas).





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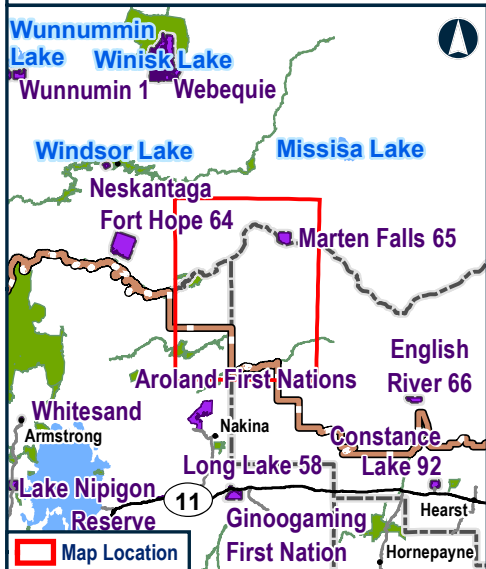
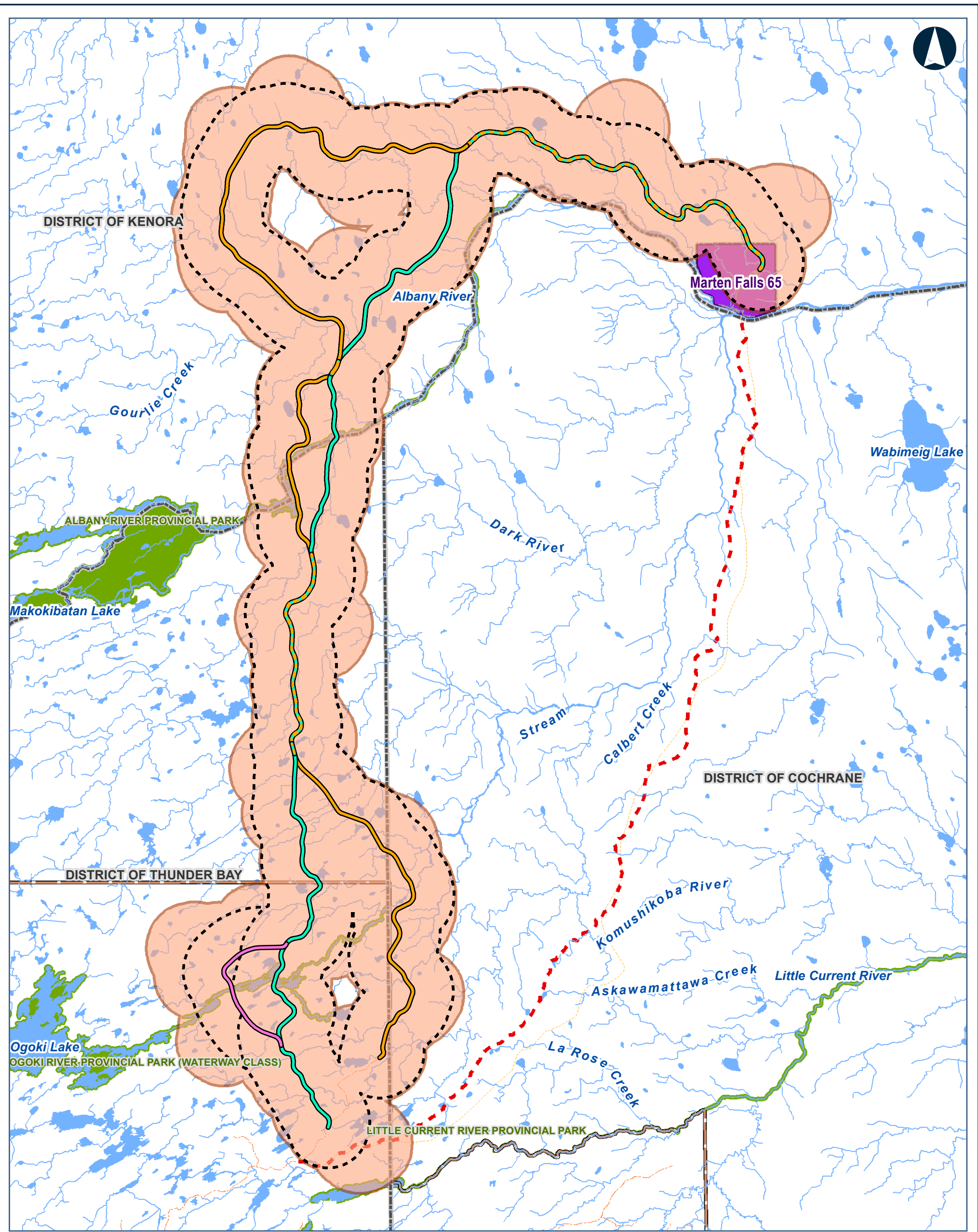
Your Knowledge is Important to Us!

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

We hope you and your community are safe and well.

- Encl. Figure 1: Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Revised Local Study Area
- Figure 2: Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Regional Study Area
- Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interest Study Area Shapefiles





Legend

ATRI Local Study Area (Revised)	Local Road	Far North Boundary
ATRI Local Study Area (August 2020)	Winter Road	District Municipal Boundary
Route Label	Resource / Recreation Road	Waterbody
Alternative 1	Service Road	Provincial Park
Alternative 4	Rapid Transit	
Alternative 4 West	Alleyway	
Alternative 1 and Alternative 4	Existing Winter Access Road	
General Features	Railway	
Highway	Watercourse	
Major Road	First Nation Reserve	

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

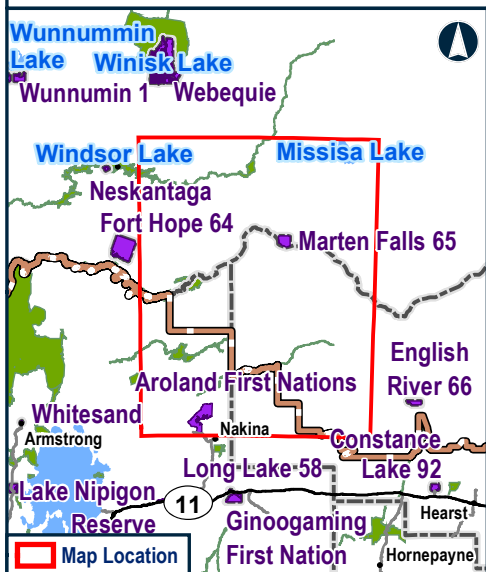
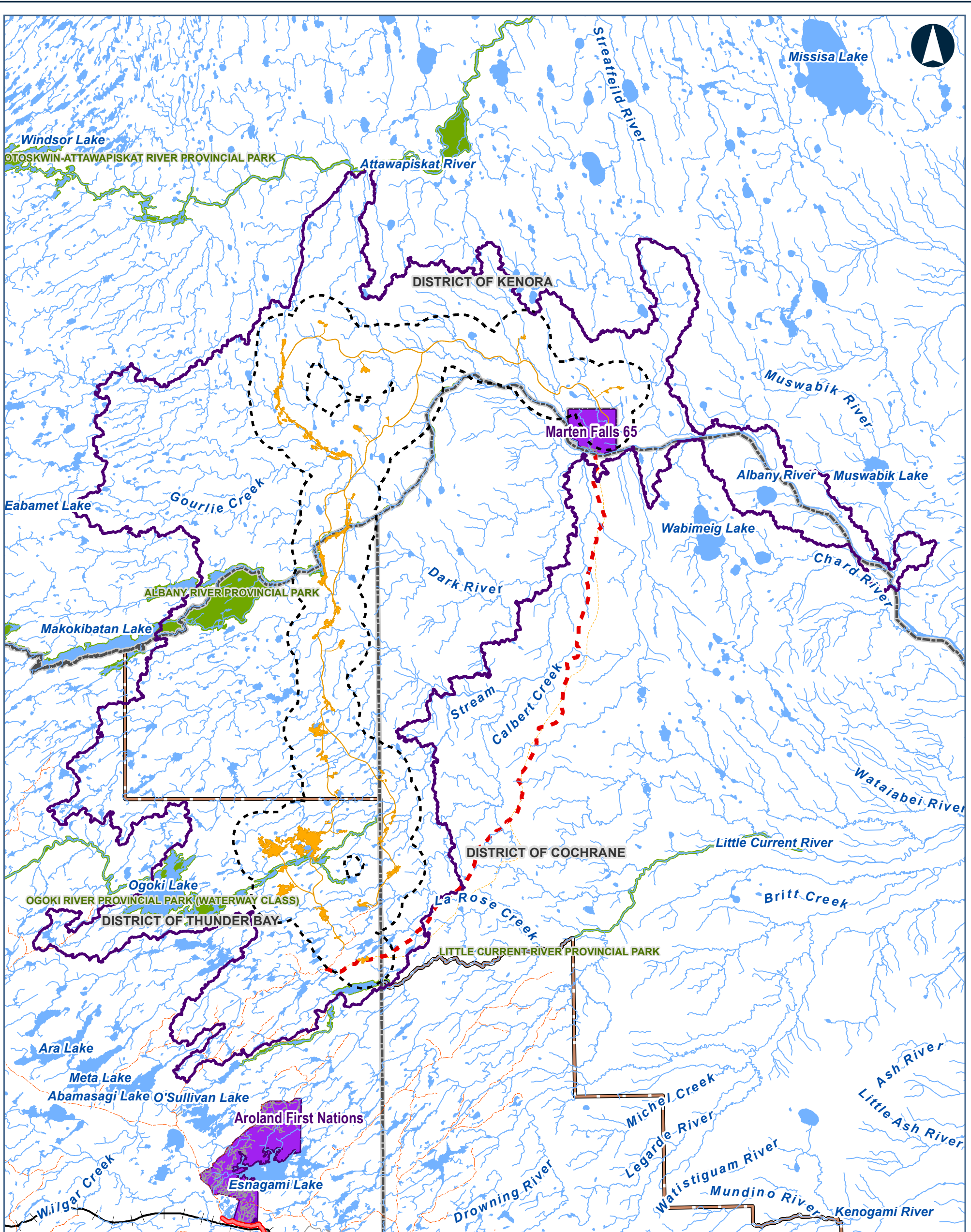
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Legend

Project Development Area	Existing Winter Access Road	Provincial Park
Local Study Area	Rapid Transit	
Regional Study Area	Alleyway	
General Features	Railway	
Highway	Watercourse	
Major Road	First Nation Reserve	
Local Road	Far North Boundary	
Winter Road	District Municipal Boundary	
Resource / Recreation Road	Waterbody	
Service Road		

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Study Areas for the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Discipline

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Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

IK Program - ATRI Study area Update

1 message

Jessica Wakefield <[redacted]>

Thu, Aug 25, 2022 at 1:44 PM

To: [redacted]

Good afternoon,

I am following up on my previous email regarding the ATRI Study update. The GIS shapefile package cannot be delivered due to a custom mail flow rule. I have attached the Google Earth file to this email. If it is successfully delivered and you wish to also receive the GIS shapefiles, we can look for alternative options to get those delivered as well.

Thank you for your continued patience on this.

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Jessica Wakefield, MES
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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

IK Program - ATRI Study Area Follow-up

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

14 September 2022 at 09:29

Good Morning,

I am reaching out to inquire if you received the ATRI Study Area email sent on August 25, 2022. I understand there were some issues sending the GIS shapefiles due to a custom mail flow rule.

If you wish to receive the GIS shapefiles associated with the ATRI Study Areas for the MFFN CAR Project, please let me know an alternative option and I would be happy to send those to you. I am able to send them through mail/USB key if you would like.

Thank you,
Kyla Zielbauer
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

IK Program - ATRI Study Area Follow-up

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

15 September 2022 at 09:38

To: Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>

Cc: [REDACTED], Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

Good Morning Ms. Jones,

Thank you for your response!

I am able to send you a USB key that contains the GIS shapefiles through mail, if that works best? Would you be able to provide me with the address of where to send the package to?

Thank you for your help with this. If there is any other information I can provide related to the MFFN CAR Project, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

IK Program - ATRI Study Area Follow-up

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

19 September 2022 at 09:53

To: Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

Good Morning Ms. Jones,

The tracking number for the package (Purolator) is: [REDACTED]. From my understanding, it looks like the package was delivered on Friday and is with reception.

When you have time, if you could please confirm that you received the package and that you are able to access the files in the USB, that would be great!

As I mentioned before, please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or comments related to the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project and I will be happy to coordinate the information.

Thank you and have a great week,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project

[Quoted text hidden]



Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

IK Program - ATRI Study Area Follow-up

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

27 September 2022 at 12:34

To: Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

Good Afternoon Ms. Jones,

I wanted to check in with you to find out if you received the package containing the ATRI information for the MFFN CAR Project?
I also wanted to confirm that you are able to access the files on the USB key.

Thank you for help,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

IK Program - ATRI Study Area Follow-up

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

5 October 2022 at 09:18

To: Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

Hello Ms. Jones,

Thank you for your response and update about traveling.

Have you had a chance to review the files? I want to ensure you have everything you need.

As always, if you have any questions or need more information about anything related to the MFFN CAR Project, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Kyla Zielbauer
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

IK Program - ATRI Study Area Follow-up

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>
To: Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

19 October 2022 at 11:15

Good Morning Ms. Jones,

I wanted to follow-up and see if you've had a chance to review the ATRI Study Area files on the USB key?

Have a great day,
Kyla Zielbauer
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
[Quoted text hidden]



Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

IK Program - ATRI Study Area Follow-up

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>
To: Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

26 October 2022 at 08:49

Good Morning Ms. Jones,

Sorry for the delayed response.

The files are to be imported and used in a GIS program such as ArcGIS. The MFFN CAR Project has been sending files in this format as some communities have access to these GIS programs or are working with consultants who do. Do you know if someone would have access to a program like that?

If you'd like to include Deputy Grand Chief Linklater in this conversation, please feel free to add her to this email thread.

Hopefully we can get this sorted out soon!

Sincerely,

Kyla Zielbauer
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

[Quoted text hidden]

IK Program - ATRI Study Area Follow-up

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>
To: Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

17 November 2022 at 16:00

Good Afternoon Ms. Jones,

I wanted to follow up on a call made November 15th, where I attempted to leave a voicemail for you through the main phone line.

Attached to this email, you will find KMZ files for the ATRI study areas. I am hoping you will be able to access these files more easily.

I'd also like to highlight some information and updates about the project:

Public Information Centre # 4

Public Information Centre (PIC) #4 will be held in Geraldton and Thunder Bay in early December. Dates and more formal notice will be shared soon. Please join us for updates and information on our upcoming Effects Assessment Methods Milestone, including Field studies from the past year and the draft methods on how the route alternatives will be assessed and recommended.

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

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

Impact Statement Extension

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

Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests

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

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

Thank you,
Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MFFN CAR - Public Information Centre #4 and Webinar Series

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>
To: dfox@nan.ca, Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

28 November 2022 at 17:47

Hello Ms. Jones,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today and helping to confirm Grand Chief Fox's email. It's great to hear that you are passing along the emails and information from the MFFN CAR Project - it is greatly appreciated. As well, I am glad that you were able to pass along the ATRI Study Area KMZ files to someone that is able to access them.

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

Public Information Centre #4

The MFFN CAR Project Team is hosting its fourth Public Information Centre (PIC) on December 7th in Thunder Bay and December 8th in Geraldton. A Notice for the PIC is available at the link below, in English, Ojibway, Oji-Cree, Cree and French versions. Please feel welcome to share this notice with others you think may be interested.

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

Wednesday, December 7, 2022
Best Western Plus Nor'Wester Hotel & Conference Centre
2nd Floor (Room: Pointe Du Meuron)
2080 Hwy 61
Thunder Bay, Ontario
5:00* – 8:00 p.m.

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

Valued Components Webinars/Videos

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

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

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

15 December 2022 at 11:49

To: [redacted]

Cc: Priscilla Jones <[redacted]>

Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Good Morning Grand Chief Fox,

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

As noted in the email sent on December 6, 2022, the following link includes the documents for Nishnawbe Aski Nation, to view or download:

We welcome any edits or comments to your community specific sections by **January 31, 2023**, before the reports are finalized and shared publicly with the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement.

Please let me know if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the reports or any other matters related to the MFFN CAR Project.

Sincerely,

Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Please note: I will be out of office from December 23, 2022 to January 3, 2023 inclusive. Dillon offices will be closed December 26, 2022 to January 2, 2023.

MFFN CAR Project Reminders - ATRI Forum and Feedback Deadline

Zielbauer, Kyla [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED], Priscilla Jones [REDACTED]
Cc: Andrea Nokleby [REDACTED]
Bcc: [REDACTED]

23 January 2023 at 15:27

Good Afternoon,

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

ATRI Forum

The Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Forum for the MFFN CAR Project is being held in Thunder Bay on **February 8th and 9th, 2023**. The Province is funding up to 2-3 participants from each community to attend in person. Funding includes travel, accommodation and meals. The poster for the event is attached.

Please contact the Province of Ontario ([REDACTED]) or Andrea Nokleby ([REDACTED]) should you have any further questions about the event or funding to attend.

Report Feedback Deadline

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

Warm regards,
Kyla

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Kyla Zielbauer
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 **MFFN CAR - ATRI Forum Invitation.pdf**
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ABORIGINAL AND TREATY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

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

SAVE THE DATE

2-DAY

ABORIGINAL AND TREATY RIGHTS
AND INTERESTS FORUM

HOSTED BY
THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO



Thunder Bay

Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur St W

February 8 & 9

Travel day: February 7th



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

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



Develop a shared understanding of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights within each Project area(s)



Identify community-specific contexts and values associated with Aboriginal and Treaty Rights in the Project area(s)



Share information about the Projects



Discuss the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Assessment Processes

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

A formal invitation with additional details will follow in
January 2023

For further information please contact:

The Province of Ontario:

CAR: Andrea Nokleby:

WSR: Mark Knell:

NRL: Mishal Naseer:



MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD



Ontario

MFFN CAR Project Reminders - ATRI Forum and Feedback Deadline

Zielbauer, Kyla [REDACTED]

24 January 2023 at 11:04

To: Priscilla Jones [REDACTED]

Cc: Andrea Nokleby [REDACTED]

Good Morning Ms. Jones,

Thank you for this feedback!

Just to clarify, future updates about ATRI should only be sent to Jennifer Constant, Luke Hunter and Andrew Solomon? Can you confirm which method of communication is preferred (phone or email) and provide their contact information? All other updates can continue to be sent to both yourself and Grand Chief Fox?

Thank you,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MFFN CAR Project Reminders - ATRI Forum and Feedback Deadline

Zielbauer, Kyla [REDACTED]

24 January 2023 at 11:20

To: Priscilla Jones [REDACTED]

Cc: Andrea Nokleby [REDACTED]

Hi Ms. Jones,

Thanks for confirming that. Can you also review the following:

Jennifer Constant, [REDACTED]

Luke Hunter, [REDACTED]

Andrew Solomon, [REDACTED]

I will update our contacts accordingly.

Thank you!

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MFFN CAR Project Reminders - ATRI Forum and Feedback Deadline

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>
To: Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]

31 January 2023 at 11:41

Hello Ms. Jones,

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team, I wanted to send a follow up to clarify an error in my previous email.

It was our intention to send invitations directly to Indigenous communities (First Nations and Métis) for the ATRI Forum in Thunder Bay. Funding to attend the Forum is specifically available to those communities.

Please accept my sincere apologies for providing this misinformation and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>

2 February 2023 at 12:18

Greetings Grand Chief Fox,

I'm following up on the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement and Milestone #1 Reports linked below for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. Will Nishnawbe Aski Nation be providing comments on your section of the reports? The deadline was January 31, 2023 but please let me know if you plan on commenting and require additional time. If I don't hear from you, we will be moving forward and finalizing the sections for the public versions. I'll reach out again the week of February 13th.

[REDACTED]

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project

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

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>

2 February 2023 at 12:23

My sincere apologies, please disregard the link in the previous email as I provided the wrong link to the documents. The correct link is below.

[REDACTED]

Thank you!

Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
[Quoted text hidden]



MFFN CAR Archeology Reports

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>
To: Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED]

29 March 2023 at 09:33

Greetings Ms. Jones,

I hope you are enjoying these first few days of spring.

I phoned you yesterday to follow up on the MFFN CAR Project Archeology Reports but was unable to reach you. I was unsure if I should leave a voicemail as the message was automated and did not mention your name. Could you please confirm that [REDACTED] is your direct line?

The MFFN CAR Project sent out two Archeology Reports on February 3:

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

Does Nishnawbe Aski Nation have any feedback or comments on the reports? Feedback was requested by March 31, however, please let me know if more time is required.

As always, please let me know if you would like to discuss anything related to the MFFN CAR Project. An in-person or virtual meeting is always an option, or you can reach me at the contact information below.

Have a great day,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Vacation Alert: April 5 - 9 inclusive

B26.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence



IK Program - ATRI Study Area Follow-up

Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>
To: "Zielbauer, Kyla" <[REDACTED]>

14 September 2022 at 10:33

Hello Kyla,

Thanks for you email. Are you able to mail out hardcopies to us?

Thanks!



Priscilla Jones
Executive Assistant to the Grand Chief
[REDACTED]

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Office [REDACTED]
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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

IK Program - ATRI Study Area Follow-up

Priscilla Jones <[redacted]>
To: "Zielbauer, Kyla" <[redacted]>
Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>

15 September 2022 at 09:52

Good Morning Kayla,

I appreciate you getting back to me so quickly. You may send the package to our administrative office at the following address, care of myself:

Nishnawbe Aski Nation

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Your assistance is very appreciated and I hope you have a fabulous day!

Warm regards,



Priscilla Jones
Executive Assistant to the Grand Chief

[redacted]

Nishnawbe Aski Nation

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

IK Program - ATRI Study Area Follow-up

Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>
To: "Zielbauer, Kyla" <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

27 September 2022 at 12:39

Hi Kyla,

Yes we did receive the package but we've been traveling and I haven't been into the office since! I'll go in tomorrow and see if I can access the files and update you right away.

Thanks!
Priscilla



Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

IK Program - ATRI Study Area Follow-up

Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>
To: "Zielbauer, Kyla" <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

19 October 2022 at 12:42

Hi Kyla,

I actually haven't been able to open the files, do you happen to know which app can handle that? Also I have forwarded this information to the EA for Deputy Grand Chief Linklater who holds the portfolio for this information. My apologies as I thought she would have been in touch with you by now to let you know!

[Quoted text hidden]

MFFN CAR Project Reminders - ATRI Forum and Feedback Deadline

Priscilla Jones [REDACTED]

24 January 2023 at 10:53

To: "Zielbauer, Kyla" [REDACTED]

Cc: Andrea Nokleby [REDACTED]

Good Morning Kyla,

Thank you for your email. For future can you send these emails to Jennifer Constant, Luke Hunter, and Andrew Solomon here at NAN. They are the responsible people that hold these files. You may leave me on if you wish but Grand Chief Fox doesn't need them going forward.

Thanks so much for your co-operation.

Best regards



Priscilla Jones

Executive Assistant to the Grand Chief
[REDACTED]

Nishnawbe Aski Nation

Office [REDACTED] Fax [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

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MFFN CAR Project Reminders - ATRI Forum and Feedback Deadline

Priscilla Jones [REDACTED]

24 January 2023 at 11:07

To: "Zielbauer, Kyla" [REDACTED]

Cc: Andrea Nokleby [REDACTED]

Hi there,

No myself and Grand Chief Fox don't require these emails, they may go to the 3 employees I named below.

Thanks so much!

[Quoted text hidden]

MFFN CAR Project Reminders - ATRI Forum and Feedback Deadline

Priscilla Jones [REDACTED]

24 January 2023 at 11:54

To: "Zielbauer, Kyla" [REDACTED]

Cc: Andrea Nokleby [REDACTED]

My apologies for not providing that info to you, but yes it all looks correct. I'm currently travelling to reading and responding to my emails quickly!

Thanks so much for all your help.

Priscilla

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Progress Report 3: Identification of the Preferred Alternatives Milestone

November 2024



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B5. Eabametoong First Nation

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- B27. Union of Ontario Indians**
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- B32. Shibogama First Nations Council**
 - B32.1 Outgoing Community-Specific Correspondence

Appendix C. Summary Notes

C.1 PIC #5 Summary Report

Acronyms

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

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

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

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

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

Each progress report is required to:

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

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

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

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

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

This progress report provides a detailed account of all engagement and communication between the MFFN CAR Project Team and Indigenous communities from June 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024 as part of the Identification of the Preferred Alternatives milestone. Note that government agencies and interested persons¹ 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 communities²:**

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

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

2. *For additional information on dates please see table 2-1 below.*

- Host additional PICs and ATRI Forums (in-person / or virtual)
 - Support organization of the Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo
 - Host virtual webinar(s)
 - Develop plain language Project updates (translated, as required)
 - Host Key informant interviews
 - Produce Website update(s)
 - Circulate Newsletter and email update(s)
 - Post Social media update(s)
 - Follow-up communication to confirm information was received and the material(s) provided were understood
 - Inform on Field Studies and associated program
- **Targeted Input (request information to determine and identify):**
- Seek feedback on the technically preferred route recommendation
 - Engage regarding Indigenous community values and topics of interest
 - Engage regarding potential effects and impact management measures to be considered
 - Engage regarding impacts of Project on Aboriginal or Treaty Rights, socio-community and economic impacts and potential impact management measures to avoid, mitigate and off-set the impact(s)
 - Seek feedback on Reports including Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions Report and Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report
 - Seek feedback on cumulative effects
 - Seek feedback on GBA+ from relevant subgroups including elders and youths meetings
 - Seek confirmation whether input and feedback provided during the previous milestone was captured appropriately

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

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

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

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

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

PIC #5 was held 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 approximately³ 30 Marten Falls First Nation community members attended the community member meetings. At these meetings, attendees were encouraged to share their

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Raising Awareness**

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

1.3 Project Notifications and Information Releases

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

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

■ Print Advertisements:

- The Chronicle Journal: October 23, 2023
- Geraldton Times Star: October 18, 2023
- Thunder Bay Source: October 19, 2023

■ Online Advertisements

- MFFN All Season Community Access Road Project Website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices): October 10, 2023
- MFFN CAR Facebook page: October 11 and 23, 2023
- MFFN Greenstone Facebook Private page: October 26, 2023
- MFFN members only Facebook page: October 20, 2023
- Northern Ontario Business: October 11 – 26, 2023
- NWO NewsWatch: October 13, 2023
- SN NewsWatch: October 13, 2023
- Thunder Bay News Watch: October 11, 2023
- Wawatay News: October 16 – 26, 2023

■ Radio Advertisements

- Wawatay Radio: three times per day on October 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 2023 (in English)
- CFNO Radio: 30 second ad from October 16 – 25, 2023

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

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

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

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

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

1.4 Summary of Indigenous Community and Organization Consultation

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

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

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

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

No.	Community	Offered Participation in Community Co-ordinator Program	Status of Uptake in Community Co-ordinator Program	Offered Funding for Indigenous Knowledge Program	Status of Funding Offer for Indigenous Knowledge Program
1.	■ Aroland First Nation	■ Yes	■ Aroland First Nation is reviewing applicants for the position	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Final versions of sharing and funding agreements have been signed by Community Access Road team and are with Aroland First Nation for review ■ Received Indigenous Knowledge Report from the Community
2.	■ Attawapiskat First Nation	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Offered ■ Has not responded to offer 	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Indicated they do not want to participate in the Indigenous Knowledge Program
3.	■ Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Offered ■ Has not responded to offer 	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Updated version of sharing agreement is with the community for review ■ The funding agreement is with the Community Access Road team to sign
4.	■ Constance Lake First Nation	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Offered ■ Community Co-ordinated funding agreement with the community for review 	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The sharing agreement is with the community to sign ■ The updated funding agreement is with the community for review
5.	■ Eabametoong First Nation	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Offered ■ Has not responded to offer 	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review
6.	■ Fort Albany First Nation	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Offered ■ Acknowledged offer 	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The final versions of the sharing and funding agreements have been signed by the Community Access Road team and the community ■ Received Indigenous Knowledge Report from the Community
7.	■ Ginoogaming First Nation	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Offered ■ Have expressed interest in program; actively recruiting. 	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The sharing agreement is with the community for review and sign-off ■ The final version of the funding agreement has been signed by the Community Access Road team and the community
8.	■ Kasabonika Lake First Nation	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Offered ■ Has not responded to offer 	■ Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Updated versions of the sharing and funding agreements are with the community for review

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

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

- Marten Falls First Nation*;
- Aroland First Nation*;
- Attawapiskat First Nation*;
- Constance Lake First Nation;
- Chiefs of Ontario;
- Fort Albany First Nation;
- Ginoogaming First Nation*;
- Kashechewan First Nation;
- Long Lake #58 First Nation*;
- Métis Nation of Ontario;
- Mushkegowuk Council;
- Nibinamik First Nation*;
- Nishnawbe Aski Nation;
- 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>Specific Feedback Provided on Environmental Existing Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Specific feedback was provided on the bird field program, including birds observed and comments on their habitats. ■ Specific feedback was provided on the wolverine field program. ■ Confidential information regarding the Albany River was provided and is considered as IK. ■ Caribou were identified in the District of Kenora. ■ Request to participate in field studies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Birds and comments on their habitats were noted for the bird field program. ■ One site of the wolverine hair snag was changed based on feedback provided. ■ The EA has been informed by confidential information regarding the Albany River and details are being kept confidential. ■ The general identification of caribou location(s) has been noted. ■ Members of Aroland First Nation were invited to participate in the Groundwater and Geochemistry field program, including a flyover and planning for subsequent drilling program (outside of this reporting time period); any feedback provided during the flyover will be considered as part of the EA.
<p>Concerns Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It was noted that a spawning area could be relocated if it would be disrupted by the Project ■ Concern was expressed for watersheds ■ Concern was expressed regarding caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights ■ Concern was expressed related to salting on the road and impacts to nearby rivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Relocating spawning areas has not yet been determined due to insufficient details provided. Ongoing follow-up is taking place to receive additional information to help identify the spawning area. ■ More specific details are required related to concerns for watersheds. As part of the alternative selection, effects to Natural Environment will be taken into consideration. ■ More specific details are required related to concerns for caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights. ■ The concern regarding salting and nearby rivers has been noted and maintenance of the Community Access Road, including usage of salt, will be one of the indicators for the evaluation.
<p>Interests Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Interest in topics has been noted for each community. The MFFN CAR Project Team continues to distribute Discussion Guides related to field studies, educational videos and webinars on valued components. Information on field studies is shared in the monthly Project updates and in seasonal Field Notices (sent via email and posted on the project website). Early observations and methods for field studies completed to-date have been provided at PIC #3, PIC #4 and PIC #5 as information has become available. Meetings will continue to be offered based on specific topics of interest to solicit additional feedback and issues.

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA has been or may be Informed
<p>Route Alignment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A variety of comments were provided on the route alignment near MFFN, including: river and ice levels can be high near MFFN and there are locations where the bank is eroding and could affect the road; intense rain could damage the road and impact streams due to erosion; safety concerns were raised regarding truck activities (including dust, noise, low visibility and speeding) north of the airport and children who play in the same area; and concerns regarding how the Community Access Road may interfere with MFFN community activities (e.g., gathering firewood, social events) ■ Feedback was obtained through community meetings and PIC #5 contributing to the final route selection. During October 2023, two in-community meetings and PIC #5 were held to receive feedback on the preliminary technically preferred route recommendation. Many comments were received regarding the proposed route for Segment 2 (Alternative 1: Albany Crossing). Community input did not align with the technically preferred segment proposed by the Project Team. Community members indicated that they did not want the route running along the Albany River and cited a range of concerns including short term and longer-term impacts on the river, wildlife and vegetation and enjoyment of the river. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Concerns related to the route alignment closer to MFFN have been noted and will continue to be considered as part of the EA. As part of the EA, the evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Community Access Road, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefits to the community. Safety is a crucial consideration when evaluating the route and is featured in every study within the EA and starts with the road design. Design of the CAR includes consideration for drainage, visibility, speeding, ice and riverbank stability. The Air and noise reports consider and include mitigations where impacts from noise and dust may be a concern. The water reports consider potential effects due to erosion, and the climate change report considers concerns related to extreme weather events such as intense rainfall. ■ Based on community members' feedback, the preliminary technically preferred route recommendation was refined to reflect the feedback heard during the October 2023 meetings. The final route recommendation was altered to reflect the community's preference to have Alternative 4 be the preferred alternative for Segment 2 (Albany Crossing). Receiving Indigenous Knowledge for the area between late 2023 and mid 2024 further confirmed that Alternative 4 for Segment 2 was the decision supported by Marten Falls First Nation Chief and Council and community members. The Band Council Resolution for the final route recommendation was sent to MFFN Chief and Council on July 31, 2024,
<p>Cumulative Effects, Road Projects and Regional Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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.
<p>Impacts from COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Some communities expressed inability to effectively engage with their community members due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team worked with each Indigenous community's preference in how they would like to be consulted and engaged, whether virtually or in-person and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic or other crises. Custom consultation plans and protocols were also offered and will be followed up on with communities who expressed interest.

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities	How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA has been or may be Informed
<p>Timeline Extensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some communities requested extended Project timelines, for both the provincial and federal processes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
<p>Request for Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While participant funding is issued by the Province and not the MFFN CAR Project Team, requests were shared with the province to respond to. Additional funding for Indigenous communities include participation in the IK Program and Community Co-ordinator Program. Additionally there is funding associated with participation in field monitoring program(s) for Marten Falls First Nation and in some instances, Aroland First Nation. The MFFN CAR Project Team has followed up with Indigenous communities via phone and email throughout this milestone regarding funding opportunities.
<p>Revision to ATRI Study Areas for the Impact Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ATRI environmental discipline made changes to the ATRI study area for the Impact Assessment which included an increase to the local study area from a 5 km buffer to a 10 km buffer and changed the Regional Study Area to increase in size of more than double the area.

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

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

2. Consultation Snapshot

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment and Identification of Preferred Alternatives			
Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
Other Notices / Newsletters			
■ 2021 Highlights Letter distributed to Indigenous communities via email (December 15, 2021)	✓		
■ Phone calls to Indigenous communities to follow-up on the December E-Blast, Winter Discussion Guide and field notice (December 16 to 17, 2021).	✓		
■ Circulated Monthly Project Update Email Blast (referred to as E-Blast) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – October 2021 (November 3, 2021) – November 2021 (November 30 2021) – December 2021 (December 15, 2021) – January 2022 (January 31, 2022) – February / March 2022 (March 15, 2022) – April 2022 (April 29, 2022) – May 2022 (May 27, 2022) – June 2022 (June 24, 2022) – July 2022 (July 26, 2022) – August 2022 (August 19, 2022) – September 2022 (September 29, 2022) – October 2022 (November 2, 2022) – November 2022 (November 25, 2022) – December 2022 (December 20, 2022) – January 2023 (January 30, 2023) – February 2023 (February 28, 2023) – March 2023 (April 4, 2023) – April 2023 (April 28, 2023) – May 2023 (June 7, 2023) – June 2023 (June 28, 2023) – July 2023 (August 2, 2023) – August 2023 (September 1, 2023) – September 2023 (September 28, 2023) – October 2023 (November 2, 2023) – 2023 Year In Review (December 12, 2023) – January 2024 (January 31, 2024) – February 2024 (March 1, 2024) – March 2024 (April 3, 2024) – April 2024 (April 30, 2024) – May 2024 (May 30, 2024) – June 2024 (July 9, 2024) 	✓	✓	✓
■ Circulated Field Study Notices & Discussion Guides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Winter Field Program Notice and Discussion Guide (December 10, 2021) – Furbearer Ground Track Survey Update (January 19, 2022) – Bird Aerial Surveys Update (February 4, 2022) – Wolverine Den Surveys Notice (February 14, 2022) – Wolverine Hair Snag Program and Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Update (March 3, 2022) – Wolverine Den Survey Update (March 9, 2022) – Early Spring Notice (March 29, 2022) – Terrain and Soils Notice (May 11, 2022) – Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Notice (May 30, 2022) – Vegetation Field Notice (June 10, 2022) 	✓	✓	✓

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

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment and Identification of Preferred Alternatives			
Activity	Audience		
	<i>Indigenous Communities</i>	<i>Interested Persons</i>	<i>Agencies & 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)	✓		
Community Co-ordinator Program			
■ Distribution of letter introducing the Community Co-ordinator Program to 13 neighbouring Indigenous communities including job posting (March 17, 2022)	✓		
■ Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the Community Co-ordinator Program (and the IK Program) (April 21, 2022)	✓		

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

3.1 Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities

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

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

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

4. References

AECOM, 2019:

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

AECOM, 2020:

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

Hatch, 2016:

Technical Review of Industrial Transportation Infrastructure Proposals.



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25. Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

25.1 Community Profile

Location: 200 South Syndicate Avenue, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1C9
Tribal Council: Grand Council
Treaty: 9
Project Team Lead: Kyla Zielbauer

Figure 25-1: Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Distribution of Communication

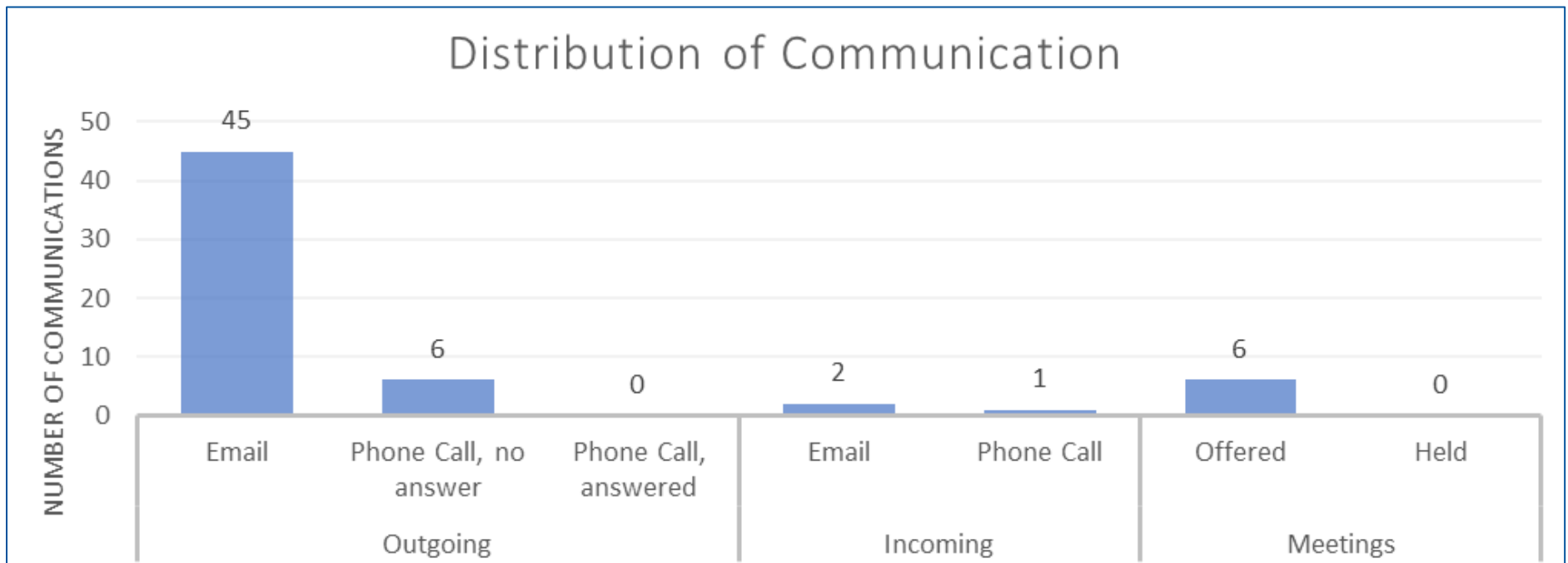


Table 25-1: Summary of Participation During Milestone 3 Reporting Period

Summary of Participation During Reporting Period	
Date of Last Outgoing Communication from MFFN CAR Project Team (Email or Phone):	July 31, 2024 (email)
Date of Last Incoming Communication from Community (Email or Phone):	July 26, 2023 (email)
Participating in IK Program:	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: Not offered
	Status of IK Funding Agreement: Not offered
	IK information provided: No
Participating in Community Coordinator Program:	Not offered

Table 25-2: Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During EA / IA

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
July 05 to 08, 2023	Follow up on the IK Milestone deadline, Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology Reports and Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Reports.
June 07, 2023	May 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
June 22, 2023	Sent follow up email on the IK Program milestone and timeline.
June 28, 2023	June 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
July 13, 2023	Summer 2023 Field Notice distributed via email.
August 02, 2023	July 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
September 01, 2023	August 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
September 15, 2023	Fall 2023 Field Notice distributed via email.
September 28, 2023	September 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
October 05, 2023	Email to provide Project updates including PIC #5 and the Climate Change Workshop.
October 10, 2023	PIC #5 invitation distributed via email.
November 02, 2023	October 2023 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email.
November 09, 2023	Project update distributed via phone call and email.
November 09, 2023	Reminder for Route Selection Milestone Webinar distributed via email.
November 10, 2023	IK update distributed via email
November 16, 2023	Reminder for Route Selection Milestone Webinar distributed via email.

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
November 27 and 29, 2023	Milestone #2 Progress Report distributed via email.
December 8 and 13, 2023	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the Milestone #2 Report and the webinar series.
December 12, 2023	2023 Year In Review E-Blast.
January 10, 2024	Reminder sent via email regarding Milestone #2 Progress Report.
January 16, 2024	Invitation for Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road Webinar distributed via email
January 18, 2024	Winter 2024 Field Studies distributed via email.
January 24, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates, including, the Milestone #2 report and the webinar series.
January 31, 2024	January 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
February 08, 2024	Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Reminder distributed via email.
February 13, 2024	Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Follow-Up distributed via email.
February 23, 2024	Email outreach about Project updates including the Milestone #2 Progress Report and the webinar series. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the deadline to provide feedback on the Milestone #2 Report had passed, requested confirmation of whether feedback would be provided and that the final version of the report would be finalized soon.
March 01, 2024	February 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
March 20 - 21, 2024	Email and phone outreach about Project updates including the Milestone #2 Progress Report, the Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Survey, the Route Selection Video and new social media platforms for the Project.
April 03, 2024	March 2024 e-blast distributed via email.
April 17, 2024	Spring 2024 Field Notice and Caribou Collaring Update distributed via email.
April 25 and 26, 2024	Phone and email outreach about Project updates including the Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Survey. A link to the Project website was provided.
April 30, 2024	April 2024 e-blast distributed via email.
May 23, 2024	Spring 2024 Groundwater Program Update distributed via email.
May 30, 2024	May 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
June 03, 2024	Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report link distributed via email.
July 09, 2024	June 2024 E-Blast distributed via email.
July 16, 2024	Summer 2024 Field Notice distributed via email.
July 31, 2024	Email reminder sent regarding the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report, noting feedback was requested by August 2, 2024.

Table 25-3: Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

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

Table 25-4: Consultation and Engagement Log – Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
June 05, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Constant (Policy Advisor) Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Priscilla Jones, to inquire if Nishnawbe-Aski Nation had any questions, comments or concerns regarding the MFFN CAR Project and if they wanted to provide updated contact information. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted the IK Information and Land and Resource Use information was requested by June 30, 2023, as this information would be used in MFFN CAR Project's upcoming existing conditions reporting and route selection. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant mentioned that although Nishnawbe-Aski Nation may not have information to provide, the First Nation communities they represent may have interest in providing information and that the IK Sharing and Funding Agreements were still available to the communities. A link to April project updates was provided and noted May updates would be sent shortly. A meeting was offered.

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June 06, 2023	Phone		x	■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Priscilla Jones. The call was not answered and the MFFN CAR Project Consultant left a message noting the call was a follow up to an email sent the previous day and inquired if Nishnawbe-Aski Nation had any questions, comments or concerns regarding the MFFN CAR Project, specifically related to the IK Program milestone of June 30, 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted they were available by email or phone and provided their contact information.
June 07, 2023	Email		x	■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the May E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast provided updates on the Cultural Heritage Program, IK Program and spring field studies. An information sheet for the Cultural Heritage Report was attached.
June 08, 2023	Phone	x		■ Jeffrey Werner (Policy Analyst)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received a phone call from Jeffrey Werner. Jeffrey told the MFFN CAR Project Consultant that Priscilla Jones no longer worked for NishnawbeAski Nation and that he would receive correspondence for the MFFN CAR Project in the interim but to still cc Priscilla's email in the meantime. Jeffrey inquired as to the reason for the July 5 email. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated that the purpose of the email was to provide updates regarding the MFFN CAR Project, to inquire if NishnawbeAski Nation would be providing any IK or LRU information before the June 30, 2023 milestone and follow up on the status of the Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology and Interim

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						RoCE Reports. Jeffrey inquired about how Nishnawbe-Aski Nation had been scoped into the project and the MFFN CAR Project Consultant described that many of Nishnawbe-Aski Nation's membership First Nation communities were also being engaged on the Project. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that Nishnawbe-Aski Nation may not have specific IK or LRU information to provide but that they could keep that in mind or potentially remind their membership communities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted they would send a follow up email.
June 08, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jeffrey Werner (Policy Advisor) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Jeffrey Werner to thank Jeffrey for contact updates and noted that Jeffrey would be included in correspondence moving forward. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted their role in the Project as well as Nishnawbe-Aski Nation's role, and provided a link to the Project website for more information. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if there were any questions regarding the project, June 30 IK Milestone, Interim RoCE and Milestone #1 Reports and Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeology reports. Contact information was provided for follow up questions or comments.

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June 22, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jeffrey Werner (Policy Advisor) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent a follow up email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, highlighting key IK Program dates including upcoming preliminary draft existing conditions reporting that will start in the Summer 2023 and the evaluation of the alternative route selection which will begin in September 2023 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2023. The MFFN CAR Project Team advised on the importance of receiving IK and information on ILRU by June 30, 2023. It was also advised that the MFFN CAR Project Team will continue to support communities in sharing IK beyond this date and to incorporate this information into subsequent steps of the assessment process (e.g., updates to the existing conditions, effects assessment, impact management and Project design). The MFFN CAR Project Team also offered to organize a meeting to discuss the IK Program and project schedule, and to answer any questions Nishnawbe-Aski Nation may have.
June 28, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jeffrey Werner (Policy Advisor) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the June E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast included a brief description on the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Program and a link a new video for the program. It was noted that members of the MFFN CAR Project Team were in-community for National Indigenous People's Day for a community meeting and celebrations. An update was provided on the Existing Conditions Report and IK project milestone, including a June 30, 2023 milestone to provide IK to be included in the report. The E-Blast included a link to the Spring Field Notice and an update on upcoming field studies including the

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						Groundwater and Geochemistry Program, Socio-Economic and Human Health, Cultural Heritage, Vegetation Field Program and Groundwater Well Sampling. Completed field studies were also noted and included Vegetation and Peatlands Aerial and Ground Surveys, Wolverine Hair Snag Decommissioning and Ungulate Remote Camera Retrieval. Links for related field program notices, videos and Discussion Guides were included.
July 13, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jeffrey Werner (Policy Advisor) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Summer 2023 Field Notice to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. It was noted that the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program and Vegetation Program will take place in August and exact dates will be provided when determined. The Field Notice was attached and on the website with more information. Links were provided for webinar recordings and videos on the Vegetation and Groundwater and Geochemistry programs.
July 25, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jeffrey Werner (Policy Advisor) ■ Priscilla Jones (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Jeffrey Werner to inquire if Nishnawbe-Aski Nation had any questions or comments regarding the MFFN CAR Project and asked about new contact information.
July 26, 2023	Email	x		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jeffrey Werner (Policy Analyst) ■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) ■ Melinda Meeikis (Chief Administrative Officer) ■ Charlene Yerxa (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Jeffrey Werner, who requested that Wendy Caruk be sent future correspondence and noted he was on contact until the end of August.

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July 26, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jeffrey Werner (Policy Analyst) ■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) ■ Melinda Meeikis (Chief Administrative Officer) ■ Charlene Yerxa (Executive Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Jeffrey Werner and Wendy Caruk. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant thanked Jeffrey for the updated contact information and noted he would remain on the contact list until the end of August. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant introduced themselves to Wendy, provided contact information and noted that she would be added to the Project contact list.
July 26, 2023	Email	x		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jeffrey Werner (Policy Analyst) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Jeffrey Werner, who requested that he and Priscilla Jones be removed from the Project contact list and that future correspondence be undertaken with Wendy Caruk.
August 02, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the July E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast provided updates on the Cultural Heritage Program that took place in Marten Falls First Nation in July. New valued components videos on Peatlands and Birds were released on the website with links included. Field study updates were provided, including a link to the latest summer 2023 Field Notice and mention of the Vegetation Field Program taking place August 2 to 6, 2023 and the Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program taking place August 7 to 21, 2023. Links were included to field program notices, videos and discussion guides.

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September 01, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the August E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast provided field study updates, including the Vegetation Field Program from August 3 to 6, Summer Groundwater and Geochemistry Program from August 7 to 18 and the upcoming Fall Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program in late September. Final results from these programs will be available once all data is collected and analyzed and shared during the Draft Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment Phase in 2024. Links to field program notices, videos and Discussion Guides were included. New videos on the Social-Community Studies and Human Health and Community Safety were noted and links were provided. The E-Blast noted upcoming opportunities to connect in-person this Fall with more information to come.
September 15, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Fall 2023 Field Notice to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The Field Notice was attached to the email and noted dates and information for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program and the Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation. A link to the Field Notice on the website was included as well as links to the webinar recordings and videos for more information.

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September 28, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the September E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast provided updates on the Fall Groundwater and Geochemistry Program from September 18 to 25 and the Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation Program on September 26. For more information on field studies, links were provided to field program notices, valued component videos and webinars. The E-Blast noted the dates for PIC #5 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton and that planning for the ATRI Forum #2 is underway. Links were included to the newly released Physiography, Terrain and Soils and Wildlife: Reptiles, Amphibians, Pollinating Insects and Bats videos.
October 05, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Wendy Caruk to provide updates on the Project, including upcoming events. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided preliminary details regarding the upcoming PIC #5, ATRI Forum #2 and Climate Change Workshop and noted that specific dates and formal notices would be shared soon. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if there were any other contacts who would be sent correspondence related to the Project and if Wendy would like to discuss the updates over the phone, and requested Wendy send her phone number if so.

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October 10, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed an invitation for PIC #5 to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The PIC will be in Thunder Bay on October 25, 2023, and Geraldton on October 26, 2023. The event will be an open house format and include new updates, how feedback is being considered, and information on the Existing Conditions Report and Route Selection Milestone. PIC #5 will provide an opportunity to share feedback, ideas, and values related to the Community Access Road. Food, refreshments, and door prizes will be provided at both meetings.
November 02, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the October E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast provided an overview of PIC #5 that was held in Thunder Bay, Geraldton, and MFFN. Information on the upcoming Webinar Series, including Route Selection on November 16, 2023, the Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation Program scheduled for spring 2024, an article with Chief Bruce Achneepineskum addressing the Community Access Road, and the notification that invitations were sent out for the ATRI Forum #2 from November 21-23, 2023, was also included. A registration link was provided for the Route Selection Webinar, along with links to PIC #5 materials and feedback form, existing conditions reports, field program notices, valued component videos, past webinars, and Chief Bruce Achneepineskum's full article.

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November 09, 2023	Phone		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Wendy Caruk to provide an update on the Project and upcoming activities including the Route Selection Webinar, ATRI Forum #2 and the Climate Change Workshop. The call was not answered and a voicemail was left noting the reason for the call. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted they would send a follow up email with details and provided a phone number.
November 09, 2023	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Route Selection Milestone Webinar to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. The MFFN CAR Project Team shared upcoming webinar topics that included Engineering and Construction, Cumulative Effects and Climate Change. A link to the MFFN CAR website was provided.
November 09, 2023	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Wendy Caruk to provide an update on the Project and upcoming activities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided an invitation to the upcoming Route Selection Webinar and an update on the upcoming Climate Change Workshop. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked Wendy if there were any updates for contacts at Nishnawbe-Aski Nation and provided their phone number.

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November 10, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder to Indigenous Communities requesting the Communities provide IK to MFFN CAR Project Team by December 11, 2023, to be incorporated into the draft EA / IA. The MFFN CAR Project Team noted the final submission date for the EA / IS to IAAC would be in July 2025. The MFFN CAR Project team explained that IK submitted after December 11, 2023, and / or after the draft EA / IS is submitted would be woven into subsequent stages of the assessment processes and road design. Contact information, including email addresses and phone numbers, was provided to Indigenous Communities for questions or discussion on IK Program.
November 16, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a reminder for the Route Selection Milestone Webinar to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email.
November 27, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the Milestone #2 Progress Report to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation for review. The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023. Nishnawbe-Aski Nation was asked to make any edits or comments to their community-specific section by February 15, 2024. The report will then be finalized and shared publicly with the draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Team offered to answer any questions or schedule a meeting to

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						discuss the reports and timeline. A response was requested that the email was received and the documents could be viewed / downloaded successfully.
November 27, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team re-sent the link to the Milestone #2 Progress Report to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, as the incorrect link had previously been sent and apologized for the error.
November 29, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email noting that due to technical issues, the Milestone #2 Progress Report was updated. The link provided on November 27, 2023, remains valid. If the report had already been downloaded, it was requested that the updated version is re-downloaded.
December 08, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Wendy Caruk to provide an update regarding the CAR, including the Milestone #2 Progress Report, the Route Selection Webinar, and the upcoming webinar series. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted they would follow up on the Project updates with a phone call the following week.
December 12, 2023	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Year in Review E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's 2023 project highlights which included: Public Information Center #5, Preliminary Technically Preferred Route Recommendation, Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forums, Community Access Road Webinar Series, field studies, and valued component videos. Information on

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						the 2023 Field Study summaries included: Birds, wildlife, ungulates, groundwater and geochemistry, and vegetation and peatlands, and details on upcoming winter 2024 field studies were also included.
December 13, 2023	Phone		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Wendy Caruk to provide an update regarding the CAR, including the Milestone #2 Progress Report, the Route Selection Webinar, and the upcoming webinar series. The call was not answered, a voicemail was left noting the reason for the call. A phone number was left should there be any questions.
January 10, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Nishnawbe-Aski Nation in order to follow up on the Milestone #2 Progress Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant requested feedback for the Milestone #2 Progress Report by February 15, 2024, noted a meeting to discuss the report was possible and mentioned they would follow up by phone the next week.
January 16, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed an invitation for the Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road Webinar on Thursday, February 8, 2024, to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
January 18, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Winter 2024 Field Notice to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The Field Notice was attached to the email and noted dates and information for the Caribou Collaring / Mortality Investigation. A link to the Field Notice on the MFFN CAR Project website was included as well as links to the webinar recordings and videos for more information.
January 24, 2024	Phone		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Wendy Caruk to provide updates regarding the CAR, including the upcoming webinars for the Project and the Milestone #2 Progress Report. The call was not answered and a voicemail was left noting the reason for the call, that a follow-up email would be sent and a phone number was provided.
January 24, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Wendy Caruk to provide updates regarding the CAR, including the upcoming webinars for the Project and the Milestone #2 Progress Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired if Nishnawbe-Aski Nation would be providing feedback on the Milestone #2 Progress Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a phone number for any questions or concerns.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
January 24, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) ■ Krystyn Ordyniec (Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Staff Member) ■ Meagan Beardy (Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Staff Member) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant forwarded the Project Updates email sent to Wendy Caruk to Krystyn Ordyniec and Meagan Beardy, as directed by an out of office notification for Wendy. The updates included the upcoming webinars for the Project and the Milestone #2 Progress Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that their understanding was that Wendy was responsible for the MFFN CAR portfolio, but asked that the information be shared as needed and mentioned they could be contact for any questions.
January 31, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the January E-Blast to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's current and upcoming activities including: A New Year Greeting from Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, the Climate Change Adaptation & Upcoming Webinars, and Winter Field Studies. Links to the Project website and Facebook page, along with contact information was provided.
February 08, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Nishnawbe-Aski Nation a reminder for the Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road Webinar on Thursday, February 8, 2024. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
February 13, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Nishnawbe-Aski Nation a thank you for attending the Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road Webinar. Links to view the webinar online and to the Climate Change survey were included.
February 23, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Project webinar series and Milestone #2 Progress Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a link to a recording of the Climate Change Adaptation webinar and a link to a survey to share how Climate Change has/is affecting the communities, and mentioned that the Engineering and Cumulative Effects webinars would be held in Q1 2024 with formal notices shared soon. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted the deadlines had passed to provide comments on the Milestone #2 Report, requested confirmation of whether feedback would be provided and noted the public versions of the reports would be finalized soon.
March 01, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation detailing the February E-Blast. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's current and upcoming activities including: Updated Route Video, Climate Change Adaptation Webinar and Survey, and Spring Field Studies. Links to the Project website and social media pages, along with contact information was provided.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
March 20, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide an updated regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Milestone #2 Progress Report, noting that deadline to provide feedback on the report was March 30, 2024, and inquired if they should expect to receive comments. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a link to the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey to share how Climate Change has/is affecting their membership communities, and also provided a link to an updated Route Selection Video. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant invited Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to follow two new social media platforms in order to stay up to date on the Project and included links to both.
March 21, 2024	Phone		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including updates on the Milestone #2 Progress Report, the Climate Change Adaptation webinar and the updated Route Selection Video. The call was not answered and a voicemail was left noting the reason for the call.
April 03, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation detailing the March E-Blast. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including: the Employment Readiness Project Meeting, infrastructure and exploration agreements signed by Marten Falls First Nation and Spring Field Studies. Links to the Project website and social media pages, along with contact information was provided.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
April 17, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation providing the Spring 2024 Field Notice and Caribou Collaring Update. The email included information on the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program to occur late May to June, 2024, and the field notice was attached. The MFFN CAR Project Team also included an update on the Caribou Collaring Program, and stated that the atigwag / caribou collar retrieval could not be carried out as planned between April 8-12, 2024 due to poor weather conditions, and will occur from April 19 to April 23, 2024. Links to the field notice, webinar recordings, videos and contact information for the Project Team was provided.
April 25, 2024	Phone		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide an updated regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including a reminder to complete the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant left a voicemail noting the reason for the call and mentioned a follow up email would be provided.
April 26, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to follow up on a phone call made the previous day and to provide an update regarding the MFFN CAR Project, including a reminder to complete the Climate Change Adaptation webinar survey and provided a link to the survey to share how Climate Change has/is affecting the community. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a link to the Project website for further information.

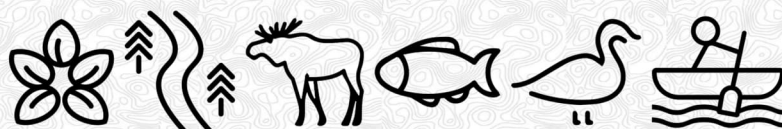
Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
April 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the April E-Blast. The April E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including, an update on Spring Field Studies and news articles featuring, "Bridges to the North" a documentary film by an Anishinaabe filmmaker, and another on MFFN's future access to clean electricity. Links to the Project website and social media pages, along with the Project Team's contact information.
May 23, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the 2024 Spring Groundwater Program Update. The update provided the dates, June 2-9, 2024, that field crews are scheduled to carry out groundwater sampling and a notice was provided regarding the increase in traffic and noise within the study area during this time. Links to the field notice and MFFN CAR's website were included.
May 30, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the May 2024 E-Blast. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including, an update on Spring Field Studies, news articles featuring new economic and employment opportunities for Indigenous communities, and a description of the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment Process. Links to the E-Blast and MFFN CAR's website were included.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
June 03, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with a link to the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report examined archaeological and land use history to assess potential sites in additional areas needed for aggregate impacts. The Report considers recent mapping, previous reports, and input from Indigenous communities, focusing on the CAR's impact on cultural heritage. The MFFN CAR Project Team encouraged Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to setup a meeting with the Project Team to review the reports and have their questions answered.
July 09, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the June 2024 E-Blast. The E-Blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including, National Indigenous History Month, a summary of the Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo, and an update and description of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment. Links to the E-Blast and MFFN CAR's website were included.
July 16, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the Summer 2024 Field Notice. The email included information on the Geotechnical Investigation occurring between July 19 and 21, 2024, and the continuation of the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program in late July / August 2024. The Summer 2024 Field Notice was attached. Links to the field notice, webinar recordings, videos, and contact information for the Project Team were provided.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
July 31, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Nishnawbe-Aski Nation noting that the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was sent out to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation on June 3, 2024 and feedback and comments on the report are asked to be submitted by August 2, 2024. A link to the report was provided and it was encouraged, by the MFFN CAR Project Consultant, to set up a meeting with the Project team to review these reports.

B25. Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

B25.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence



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

5 June 2023 at 12:51

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>
To: Priscilla Jones <[redacted]>
Cc: [redacted], Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>

Good Afternoon Ms. Jones,

I hope that you are well and enjoying the warmer weather!

I'm emailing you to check in with Nishnawbe Aski Nation and inquire if there were any comments, questions or concerns regarding the MFFN CAR Project?

It is my understanding that the position of Grand Chief remains vacant. Are there any contact updates you would like to provide at this time?

I also wanted to provide a reminder that the MFFN CAR Indigenous Knowledge Program has previously requested that any community Indigenous Knowledge and information on Land and Resource Use be shared with the MFFN CAR Project Team by **June 30, 2023**. This information will be used in the existing conditions report and will be considered in the route selection, which is set to begin this September.

Although Nishnawbe Aski Nation may not have specific community Indigenous Knowledge or Land and Resource Use information to provide, we wanted to provide you with that update should any of the First Nation communities that you represent have any interest in providing information. The MFFN CAR Project Indigenous Knowledge Sharing and Funding agreements are still available and we would be happy to meet with any of the communities interested in providing information.

As always, if you would like to know what is going on with the MFFN CAR Project, we send out regular updates through email. At the link below, you will find April updates and May updates will be sent shortly.

<https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/2023/04/26/april-2023/>

I will phone you tomorrow to discuss these items and look forward to speaking with you. Please let me know if you would like to meet to discuss anything related to the MFFN CAR Project and I will set up a meeting at your convenience.

Thank you,
Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>
To: [redacted], Priscilla Jones <[redacted]>
Cc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

8 June 2023 at 16:20

Good Afternoon Mr. Werner,

Thank you for the phone call earlier today. I appreciate the update you've provided and I will ensure that you are included in correspondence moving forward.

As I had mentioned on the phone, I work for Dillon Consulting but I am a Indigenous Community Consultation Lead on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project, where Marten Falls First Nation is the proponent. More information on the Project can be found at this link: <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/>

Nishnawbe Aski Nation has been identified as a Political Territorial Organization to engage and consult with as part of the MFFN CAR Project Environmental Assessment. My email to Priscilla Jones on June 5th was part of regular outreach to Nishnawbe Aski Nation. As part of this outreach, I wanted to follow up and inquire if Nishnawbe Aski Nation had any questions, comments or concerns regarding any information related to the MFFN CAR Project, including information recently shared through Project communications or the June 30 milestone for Indigenous Knowledge information submission to the Project. I had previously tried to inquire if Nishnawbe Aski Nation intended on providing feedback on our Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement Reports, as well as our Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology Reports, but did not receive any feedback.

If you would like to discuss the items mentioned above or anything else related to the Project, please contact me at the information below.

Warm Regards,
Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

25 July 2023 at 17:20

To [REDACTED], Priscilla Jones <[REDACTED]>

Hello Mr. Werner,

I wanted to reach out to inquire if Nishnawbe Aski Nation has any questions or comments regarding the MFFN CAR Project?

I also wanted to ask if you have any updated contact information for Nishnawbe Aski Nation, as Priscilla Jones and Derek Fox were our previous contacts.

Thank you,

Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

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

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

26 July 2023 at 11:25

To: Jeffrey Werner <[REDACTED]>, Wendy Caruk <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Melinda Meekis <[REDACTED]>, Charlene Yerxa <[REDACTED]>

Hi Mr. Werner,

Thank you for the update. I will keep you on our contact list until the end of August unless you indicate otherwise.

It's nice to meet you Ms. Caruk. I will add you to our contact list!

If you have any comments or questions regarding the MFFN CAR Project, please reach out any time. I am available by email at [REDACTED] or by phone at [REDACTED].

Warm Regards,

Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project - Project Updates

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

5 October 2023 at 15:20

To: Wendy Caruk <[REDACTED]>

Cc: "McEwen, Kate" <[REDACTED]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[REDACTED]>

Good Afternoon Wendy,

I hope you are doing well and have something special planned for Thanksgiving weekend.

As directed by Jeffrey Werner, I am emailing you today to provide some updates for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project and to specifically highlight upcoming events for the Project. Specific dates and formal notices will be shared soon.

PIC #5

Public Information Centre (PIC) #5 is being held in Thunder Bay and Geraldton from October 23 - 27, 2023.

Please join us for updates and information on:

- Recap on what we heard at the ATRI Forum in February 2023 and plans for the next forum
- Update on existing conditions results for completed studies
- How Indigenous Knowledge (IK) is used and how it informs the process
- How route alternatives will be assessed and recommended, and the preferred route
- Cumulative Effects Assessment and why it is important
- Next steps and future opportunities to get involved.

ATRI Forum #2

Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) is being held in Thunder Bay in November. Cumulative effects will also be presented.

Climate Change Workshop

A climate change workshop will be held in early 2024 with interested Indigenous communities.

Recognizing there have been some changes to staff at Nishnawbe Aski Nation, is there anyone else who should be sent correspondence related to the MFFN CAR Project? You are my only contact at Nishnawbe Aski Nation at the moment.

Would you like me to phone you next week to discuss the topics above or anything related to the Project? If that sounds agreeable, please provide your phone number and availability.

Have a great long weekend,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



Out of Office: October 6 and 9.

Upcoming Out of Office: October 23 - 27



Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project - Project Updates

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

9 November 2023 at 16:06

To: Wendy Caruk <[redacted]>

Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, "McEwen, Kate"

<[redacted]>, Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Greetings Wendy,

I phoned the office earlier this afternoon and left a message on your voicemail. I was reaching out to you today to provide some updates for the MFFN CAR Project and to specifically highlight upcoming events.

Route Selection Webinar

You are invited to join us for a new webinar series on the Community Access Road. The first webinar will be on Route Selection. Details are as follows:

Date: **Thursday November 16, 2023**

Time: **4:00 pm EST**

Please register [HERE](#) to receive the webinar link.

Climate Change Workshop

A workshop is to be held in early 2024 with interested Indigenous communities. Dates and more formal notice will be shared soon.

If you could please let me know if there have been any changes to contacts who should be cc'd on correspondence from the Project, that would be appreciated.

Please let me know if you need any clarification or more information on any of the topics above. I am available by phone at [redacted].

Thanks very much,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Milestone 2 Progress Report

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

27 November 2023 at 12:20

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Wendy Caruk,

We hope this email finds you well.

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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Email us: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca



Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Milestone 2 Progress Report

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

27 November 2023 at 16:37

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Good afternoon Wendy,

Please disregard the original link provided.

The correct link is [REDACTED]

Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

Visit our website: <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/>

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Call us: 1 800-764-9114

Email us: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca



Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Milestone 2 Progress Report

MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

29 November 2023 at 11:38

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

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

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

8 December 2023 at 15:29

To: Wendy Caruk <[REDACTED]>

Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, Lucia Jara Moreno <[REDACTED]>, "Poulakas, Demetri" <[REDACTED]>

Good Afternoon Wendy,

I hope you are well.

I am reaching out to you today to provide some updates on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project, as well as highlight some recent key events and information shared with your community.

Milestone #2 Progress Report

- An updated link to your community-specific Milestone #2 Progress Report was shared with you on November 29, 2023, and covers all consultation with Neskantaga First Nation from July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023.
- We welcome any edits or comments on your community-specific sections by **February 15, 2024**, before the reports are finalized and shared publicly with the draft EA 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.

Route Selection Webinar and Webinar Series

- The webinar on Route Selection took place on Thursday November 16, 2023. A recording of the webinar can be accessed at this link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/mffn-webinars>
- Webinars regarding Climate Change and Engineering and Cumulative Effects will be held in early 2024 with Interested Indigenous Communities. Dates and a formal notice will be shared soon.

More information is available at the Project website: <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the information above or anything else related to the MFFN CAR Project. I will phone you next week to follow up on this information. If we do not hear from you before the holidays, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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Vacation Alert: December 16 - January 7



Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

10 January 2024 at 16:34

To: Wendy Caruk <[redacted]>

Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, "Poulakas, Demetri" <[redacted]>

Hello Wendy,

I hope you had a great holiday!

I'm sending you a quick email to follow up on the Milestone #2 Progress Report.

Milestone #2 Progress Report

On November 27, 2023, we sent the Milestone #2 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR Project), with an updated link to Nishnawbe Aski Nation's community-specific report 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 by **February 15, 2024**.

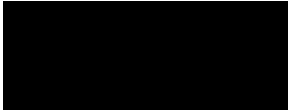
If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and/or timelines, please let me know. I will follow up next week with a phone call to discuss the report as any Project updates.

Thank you,
Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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MFFN CAR Project Updates

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

24 January 2024 at 15:53

To: Wendy Caruk <[REDACTED]>

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Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[REDACTED]>, "Poulakas, Demetri" <[REDACTED]>

Good Afternoon Wendy,

As I mentioned in a voicemail earlier today, I am emailing today to follow up on a few key items for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project.

Milestone #2 Progress Report

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

The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers the 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 by **February 15, 2024**.

Please let me know if we can expect any feedback from Nishnawbe Aski Nation on the report.

Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road Webinar

The Community Access Road webinar series is back. Our next webinar is on **Climate Change Adaptation and the Community Access Road**. The Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency Study looks at the future climate to ensure the Community Access Road is prepared for and can withstand the future climate. We are also eager to hear about changes you have observed or experienced on the land over time.

The webinar will take place **Thursday, February 8, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.**

You can register for the webinar at this link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ze04DSZmSqSZS8c5kI9vRQ

If there is someone else at Nishnawbe Aski Nation who may be interested in this topic, please forward this information to them or let me know and I can reach out to them.

As always, please feel free to contact me at this email or at [REDACTED] if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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Good Afternoon Krystyn and Meagan,

I received Wendy Caruk's out of office notification which listed you both. I am forwarding you the email I sent to Wendy, which provided updates on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project, as seen below.

I believe Wendy is responsible for this portfolio, however, please share this information with others as needed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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Good Morning Wendy,

I am reaching out to you today to provide some updates on the MFFN CAR Project and to follow up on the Milestone #2 Progress Report.

MFFN CAR Webinars

The Climate Change Adaptation and the CAR webinar was held virtually on February 8, 2024. For those who were unable to attend or would like to view the webinar again, a recording is available at <https://vimeo.com/showcase/mffn-webinars>

Nishnawbe Aski Nation's feedback, experience and insights are important to us. To share how Climate Change has/is affecting your communities, please see the survey at the following link [\[redacted\]](#). The survey will take about 5 minutes to complete.

Upcoming webinars include discussions on Engineering and Cumulative Effects. Dates and more formal notices will be shared soon.

Milestone #2 Progress Report

On November 27, 2023, we sent the Milestone #2 Progress Report to Nishnawbe Aski Nation, with an updated link sent on November 29, 2023. The Report covers engagement that occurred on the MFFN CAR Project between July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023.

The deadline to provide feedback was February 15, 2024, and although we have followed up to confirm receipt of the report and whether additional time was needed to review the report, we did not hear back from you.

Please let us know as soon as possible if Nishnawbe Aski Nation would like to provide comments on the report. We will be moving forward with finalizing the public version of the report soon.

Thank you,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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Good Afternoon Wendy,

I am reaching out to share some updates on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project and inquire about the status of the Milestone #2 Report.

Climate Change Survey

Following the Climate Change Adaptation webinar held on February 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project released a survey on climate change. Nishnawbe Aski Nation First Nation members' feedback, experience and insights are important to us. Please find a link to a survey below where they can share how Climate Change has/is affecting their communities: [redacted]

Updated Route Selection Video

As work on the CAR progresses, we continue to use community feedback to revise the route for the road. An updated technically preferred route recommendation* has been identified. Please find a video with updated information 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 MFFN CAR Project.

Milestone #2 Progress Report

A link to Nishnawbe Aski Nation's specific sections of the Milestone #2 Progress Report were shared with you on November 29, 2023, and covers all consultation from July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023. Although we previously asked for any edits or comments on your community-specific sections by February 15, 2024, we are able to accept feedback **by March 30, 2024**, before the reports are finalized and shared publicly with the draft EA / IS.

Please let us know if we can expect any feedback on the Milestone #2 Progress Report.

Thank you,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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Greetings Wendy,

I left you a voicemail yesterday afternoon. I am reaching out to provide a reminder about the climate change survey for the MFFN CAR Project.

Climate Change Survey

Following the Climate Change Adaptation webinar held on February 8, 2024, the MFFN CAR Project released a survey on climate change. The feedback, experience and insights of Nishnawbe Aski Nation's member First Nations are important to us. Please find a link to a survey below where they can share how Climate Change has/is affecting your member First Nations communities: [REDACTED]

Project Website

As always, more information on the Project is available on the website: www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Please reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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To: Wendy Caruk <[redacted]>
Cc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

31 July 2024 at 15:13

Good Afternoon Wendy,

Below are some updates regarding the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project.

MFFN CAR 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: [redacted]

Nishnawbe Aski Nation's feedback and comments on the report is requested by **August 2, 2024**. Please let me know if you are interested in providing feedback and comments on the report and whether you would like us to set up a meeting with our team.

Have a great day,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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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 prepared¹. All RoCEs are part of Appendix X of the Final EA / IS.

Figure 1-1 illustrates the four milestone reports and their respective date ranges; each of Milestones #1 through #3 Progress Reports have been previously released to individual Indigenous communities for review and comment. While a separate Milestone #4 Progress Report was not mandated, its inclusion reflects MFFN's commitment to transparency and meaningful consultation and engagement.

1. A Cumulative Effects Consultation Report was an additional requirement as part of the Terms of Reference approval.

Figure 1-1: The Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities



The reporting time period of Milestone #4 Progress Report begins on August 1, 2024, the day after the third milestone (Identification of Preferred Alternatives) concluded, and ends September 5, 2025.

This report documents all communications, consultation, and engagement activities during this time period, including efforts related to the preparation and release of the Draft EA / IS in support of the Final EA / IS submission.

The September 5, 2025, end date for this reporting period marked the conclusion of the Draft EA / IS review phase and accommodated extension requests from Indigenous communities and government agencies for submitting formal comments on the Draft EA / IS; the original submission date of June 23, 2025, provided Indigenous communities four months to provide feedback and with the extension a total of six and a half months was provided.

Outreach conducted after September 5, 2025, is reflected in Section 11 “We Listened” of the Final EA / IS, and feedback provided after this date may also appear in Appendix C, Feedback and Response Log, of the Final EA / IS. Accepting feedback on the Draft EA / IS up to September 5, 2025, accommodated extension requests and helped ensure that the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team had sufficient time to review, analyze, and respond to comments received on the Draft EA / IS. This approach allowed feedback to be thoughtfully and accurately documented and incorporated, where appropriate, into the Final EA / IS.

While the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team worked to include as much feedback as possible received after September 5, 2025, into the Final EA / IS, incorporation depended on when comments were received and the complexity of the issues raised. Indigenous communities have an opportunity to comment on the Final EA / IS and raise any outstanding or additional feedback at that time.

1.1.1 Major Consultation and Engagement Initiatives and Feedback

The reporting period for Milestone #4 Progress Report encompassed a broad range of communication, consultation, and engagement initiatives to provide Indigenous communities with meaningful opportunities to participate in the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment (Assessment Process), including but not limited to:

- **Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program:** Continued implementation of the IK Program supported the collection and integration of traditional land use and cultural information into the assessment. Several communities provided IK information during this period, which informed Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) and valued component studies.
- **Draft EA / IS:** Released the Draft EA / IS for early review by Indigenous communities on February 19, 2026, including plain language summaries in multiple languages and an Assessment Summary Package. Meetings, webinars, and Public Information Centre (PIC) #6 were also hosted to support understanding and encourage feedback during the Indigenous review period. More details on the Draft EA / IS are provided in **Section 1.1.2**.
- **Community Well-Being Report:** This report, focusing on socio-economic conditions, health, and cultural considerations, was advanced and shared with communities for review and feedback on April 10, 2025.
- **ATRI Work:** Community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Reports (ATRI: Draft IA Report) were distributed to communities between June 10 to July 11, 2025, for comment, reflecting both publicly available information and ATRI / IK provided to date by Indigenous communities.

- **Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo:** Hosted in Thunder Bay and Timmins in February 2025, this forum brought together Indigenous communities, provincial representatives, and project teams for the Community Access Road, Webequie Supply Road, and Northern Road Link. This event featured project overviews, panel discussions, and breakout sessions in an expo-style format to encourage dialogue on cumulative effects, ATRI considerations, and community priorities. Private breakout sessions were offered to Indigenous communities to discuss project-specific concerns and provide feedback.
- **Funding Programs:** The Community Capacity Funding Program was introduced in November 2024, to replace the Community Coordinator Program, offering flexible funding to support communities in reviewing the Draft EA / IS and participating in consultation and engagement activities.
- **PIC #6:** Held in Thunder Bay and Geraldton in May 2025, PIC #6 provided updates on the Assessment Process, Cumulative Effects Assessment, and community well-being findings.
- **Webinars and Multimedia:** A series of webinars and videos were delivered on topics such as cumulative effects, valued components, and socio-economic considerations. These were complemented by plain language summaries, translated materials, and monthly E-blasts to make technical information accessible.
- **Band Council Resolution:** MFFN members contributed IK, land and resource use information, and feedback on existing conditions and areas of concern. Community members participated in the evaluation of route alternatives, supported the development of preliminary route recommendations, and reviewed the technically Preferred Route. This engagement culminated in a Band Council Resolution supporting the Preferred Route in August 2024. These activities were supported by ongoing outreach through social media, targeted communications, and both virtual and in-person meetings, helping ensure consultation and engagement remained inclusive and responsive throughout the milestone.

Feedback heard through this reporting period includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- Community well-being;
- Cumulative effects;
- Access and safety;
- Consultation and engagement;
- Socio-economic opportunities;

- Construction activities and long-term operation and maintenance of the Community Access Road;
- Cultural heritage;
- Indigenous Knowledge; and
- Climate change.

1.1.2 Importance of the Draft EA / IS

As further described in **Section 1.2**, this milestone is voluntary—MFFN chose to release a Draft EA / IS even though this is not a regulatory requirement. Doing so, however, provided Indigenous communities, interested persons, and government agencies early access to Community Access Road information and findings, and created meaningful opportunities for feedback prior to the submission of the Final EA / IS.

This proactive step allowed for a more collaborative process. Without the release of the Draft EA / IS, the first and only opportunity to review and comment would have occurred after submission of the Final EA / IS to federal and provincial agencies. By contrast, the Draft EA / IS review period resulted in over 1000 comments from Indigenous communities. These comments informed the preparation of the Final EA / IS and allowed the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to incorporate input where possible in the Final EA / IS.

This Milestone #4 Progress Report demonstrates how consultation and engagement efforts were tailored to provide opportunities for Indigenous communities to participate in the review of the Draft EA / IS prior to the review deadline.

Consultation and engagement activities undertaken during this reporting period are included, as well as comments and feedback received up to the end of the Draft EA / IS review period. **This report does not include formal comments submitted by Indigenous communities on the Draft EA / IS or the responses to those comments. This information is available in the Feedback and Response Log, available in Appendix C of the Final EA / IS.** This log includes feedback received from Indigenous communities; the corresponding responses; and resulting changes to the Final EA / IS, where applicable. If specific topics were raised, section references of the Final EA / IS are also provided to direct readers to more detailed information.

1.2 Federal and Provincial Requirements

There are both federal and provincial requirements that set the framework for the Assessment Process. These are summarized below and were used to inform the Consultation and Engagement Plan developed during the Terms of Reference to guide communications, engagement, and consultation related to the Community Access Road.

1.2.1 Federal Requirements

Federal requirements for engagement, specific to Indigenous communities, on the Community Access Road can be found in the following federal documents:

- Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, 2020a); and
- Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan for the Community Access Road (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, 2021).

In addition, the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines require Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA Plus) to be applied to impact assessments in Canada. Section 11 of the Final EA / IS provides information on how GBA Plus has been applied to the Community Access Road.

1.2.2 Provincial Requirements

The Marten Falls-Ontario Memorandum of Understanding on Shared Consultation Responsibilities (AECOM, 2020) was signed in January 2020 between MFFN and the Province of Ontario. The Memorandum outlines shared responsibilities regarding the procedural aspects of Ontario's duty to consult in the context of the provincial Environmental Assessment for the proposed Community Access Road, for potentially impacted and interested Indigenous communities. Roles and responsibilities governed by the Memorandum include consultation planning and notification, delivery of the planned activities, issues resolution and follow-up, and record keeping for consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities.

A Terms of Reference (ToR) is the first step in the provincial EA process and is a roadmap for planning and decision-making. It outlines how an EA should be prepared, including the studies to be conducted, the process for identifying and assessing the effects of a proposed project, and how people should be consulted.

The ToR for the MFFN Community Access Road was approved with amendments on October 8, 2021, and the Notice of Commencement (NoC) of the provincial EA for the Community Access Road was posted on October 29, 2021. As part of the ToR – Notice of Approval, Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) included an amendment requiring three additional consultation and engagement reports with Indigenous communities (for example, Milestone Progress Reports) at key EA milestones. Visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/marten-falls-community-access-road-project> to read the details on the Notice of Approval.

As required by the MECP, progress reports were developed to reflect consultation and engagement activities associated with each of the following EA milestones, with intent to support Indigenous communities in providing meaningful input during the development of the EA:

- **Milestone #1:** NoC of Provincial EA (referred to as NoC of EA) – sent to Indigenous communities December 6, 2022. The reporting period covered October 29, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and focused on the introduction of the Community Access Road.
- **Milestone #2:** Effects Assessment Methods – sent to Indigenous communities November 27 and 29, 2023. The reporting period covered July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023, and focused on the development of the Effects Assessment methodology, including review by regulators and presentation of the Effects Assessment methodology at PICs.
- **Milestone #3:** Identification of Preferred Alternatives – sent to Indigenous communities November 28 and 29, 2024. The reporting period covered June 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024, and focused on the development of: valued component metrics tables and evaluation of information; development of a preliminary preferred alternative; validation of information with MFFN Chief and Council and community members; and confirmation of the Preferred Route through submission of the final route recommendation memo to Chief and Council, resulting in a Band Council Resolution for the Preferred Route.

Each progress report was required to:

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

Each report met the requirements noted above and community-specific sections were distributed to each individual Indigenous community for review and comment. Each progress report was also shared with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Provincial requirements were inclusive of all federal requirements, and both were met during the Assessment Process. Additional requirements outlined in the Marten Falls-Ontario Memorandum of Understanding on Shared Consultation Responsibilities were also met.

1.3 Indigenous Communities Identified for Consultation and Engagement

MFFN has consulted and engaged with Indigenous communities identified by the MECP and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) based on the level of interest expressed by each community.

In total, there are 31 Indigenous communities, Tribal Councils, and Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations being consulted and engaged on the Community Access Road (23 Indigenous communities and 8 Tribal Councils, and Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations).

From August 1, 2024, to September 5, 2025, the Community Access Road received communication from 19 of the 31 being engaged, listed below. Additionally, 12 Indigenous communities, Tribal Councils, and / or Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations who met with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team during this reporting period are indicated with an asterisk (*):

- MFFN*;
- Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek*;
- Aroland First Nation*;
- Attawapiskat First Nation*;
- Constance Lake First Nation*;
- Chiefs of Ontario;
- Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope);
- Fort Albany First Nation*;
- Ginoogaming First Nation*;
- Kasabonika Lake First Nation;
- Kashechewan First Nation*;
- Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation;
- Long Lake #58 First Nation*;
- Matawa First Nations Management*;
- Métis Nation of Ontario;
- Mushkegowuk Council*;
- Nibinamik First Nation*;
- Red Sky Métis Independent Nation*; and
- Weenusk First Nation.

The following 12 of 31 did not communicate with MFFN from August 1, 2024, to September 5, 2025. MFFN continued to offer to meet and shared updates on an ongoing basis (e.g., monthly E-blasts, notifications, field notices). The 12 Indigenous communities, Tribal Councils, and / or Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations include:

- Independent First Nations Alliance;
- Kingfisher Lake First Nation;
- Mishkeegogamang First Nation;
- Neskantaga First Nation;
- Nishnawbe Aski Nation;
- Nokiiwin Tribal Council;
- Shibogama First Nations Council;
- Union of Ontario Indians;
- Wapekeka First Nation;
- Wawakapewin First Nation;
- Webequie First Nation; and
- Wunnumin Lake First Nation.

The term “neighbouring” is used to identify any Indigenous community being consulted and engaged with respect to the Community Access Road; the term is not in reference to proximity. MFFN is regarded as both the Proponent and the most potentially impacted community; and participates in consultation and engagement activities for neighbouring Indigenous communities.

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

- Expressed interest (to-date) in the Community Access Road, including applying to Ministry of Energy and Mines, and the Agency for capacity funding, and / or participation in the IK Program, the Community Coordinator Program, and the Community Capacity Funding Program;
- ATRI, including any rights that neighbouring Indigenous communities have identified that may be adversely affected by the Community Access Road;
- Geographical distance or proximity to the study area;
- Located downstream of the Community Access Road, with the potential to experience effects to watercourses due to the Community Access Road;
- Traditional and / or current land use within the study area or of lands potentially affected by the Community Access Road;
- Potential for effects on the environmental and community well-being (social, economics, and human health conditions) of neighbouring Indigenous communities; and
- Provided comments during the Assessment Process.

Throughout the Assessment Process, the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team adjusted their approach to engaging each individual Indigenous 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 Program². Section 11 of the Final EA / IS provides more information on the IK Program and the Community Capacity Funding Program. The status of participation for both these programs can be found in **Table 1-1**.

2. To better serve the interest of Indigenous communities in reviewing the Draft EA / IS, the Community Coordinator Program was replaced with the Community Capacity Funding Program in November 2024.

Additionally, MFFN and Aroland First Nation members were also offered employment opportunities as Field Study Support Staff to assist with field programs and were provided funding for goods and services associated with in-person meetings, such as transportation, catering, and meeting set-up.

Table 1-1: Status of Neighbouring Indigenous Communities' Participation in the Community Capacity Funding Program and Funding Offer for the IK Program

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

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

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

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

1.4 Summary of Input and Information Received

Throughout this reporting period, issues, comments, and interests were provided by Indigenous communities.

An issue is defined as feedback provided that has the potential to influence the Assessment Process.

A comment or interest is defined as a question, statement, data, and / or information that does not have the potential to influence the Assessment Process.

Feedback is documented in the consultation and engagement log within each community-specific section, however, only issues are elaborated on in the community-specific Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action tables. All comments and interests are available in Appendix X of the Final EA / IS.

Section 2 includes a summary of key consultation and engagement activities and a more detailed summary of issues received through consultation and engagement activities.

Section 3 provides a detailed record of the consultation and engagement efforts with each of the 31 Indigenous communities and organizations, including all communications received between August 1, 2024, and September 5, 2025. The community-specific sections also include discussion of how input provided (e.g., issues) by the Indigenous communities has informed or been considered in the Assessment Process, as well as Final EA / IS section references for more information on select topics.

2. Consultation and Engagement

2.1 Approach and Consultation and Engagement Activities

As outlined in the Consultation and Engagement Plan to support the Assessment Process, this Milestone #4 Progress Report reporting period focused on the following activities and requests for targeted input.

Activities for Indigenous communities:

- Held Indigenous leadership and community discussions / meetings, considering applicable and relevant subgroups (e.g., women, youth, and Elders), in-person and virtual;
- Circulated Community Access Road updates, including 12 E-blasts;
- Sent emails and made phone calls to confirm interest in being consulted on the Community Access Road (for communities that had not yet expressed interest);
- Developed plain language updates (translated, as required);
- Maintained a website to share the latest updates and information on the Community Access Road;
- Distributed field notices and updates regarding specific programs;
- Circulated email updates;
- Posted social media updates;
- Conducted follow-up communications to confirm information was received and the material(s) provided were understood;
- Encouraged participation in Community Access Road programs including the IK Program and Community Capacity Funding Program;
- Circulated Notice of Release of the Draft EA / IS (translations available);
- Distributed Notice of PIC #6;
- Held PIC #6 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, along with two in-community MFFN meetings, two in-community Aroland meetings, and online version of PIC #6;
- Circulated materials to support the review of the Draft EA / IS, including an Assessment Summary Package and plain language summaries;
- Circulated information on the Community Capacity Funding Program to 15 communities to support the review of the Draft EA / IS;
- Distributed 11 plain language summaries in five languages (English, French, Ojibway, Cree, and Oji-Cree);

- Posted three videos on What We've Heard, Draft EA / IS Update, and Understanding Cumulative Effects;
- Distributed community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports;
- Held six meetings with MFFN Chief and Council and broader community;
- Held eight meetings with Indigenous communities;
- Distributed notices for the online webinar series, including Community Well-Being, Ungulates, Fish and Fish Habitat, and Land and Resource Use;
- Hosted an online webinar series on Community Well-Being, Ungulates, Fish and Fish Habitat, and Land and Resource Use;
- Held the second Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo;
- Shared multimedia-based communications related to the Draft EA / IS such as videos, live webinars, and web updates; and
- Sent an introductory letter and Frequently Asked Questions about the Draft EA / IS.

Requested information to determine and identify the following targeted input:

- The navigability of the Preferred Route;
- Indigenous community's values and topics of interest;
- Potential effects and mitigation measures to be considered, monitored and adapted to;
- Impacts of the Community Access Road on ATRI, socio-community, and economic impacts, and potential impact management measures to avoid, mitigate, and off-set the impact(s);
- Validation of reports including Milestone #3 Progress Report and ATRI: Draft IA Report;
- Cumulative effects assessment results and the Project Inclusions List;
- GBA;
- Confirmation on whether input and feedback provided during the previous milestone was captured appropriately;
- Confirmation of how Indigenous communities would like to receive the Draft EA / IS, language preferences for translations, study areas of interest, and their interest in scheduling a meeting with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team; and

- The Draft EA / IS conclusions, including technical reports and the Record of Consultation and Engagement for Interested Persons, and whether input and feedback provided during the previous milestone was captured appropriately.

The documents associated with the activities and targeted input for Indigenous communities can be found in **Appendix A**.

The following further describes the above activities and requests for targeted input that took place during this reporting period.

2.1.1 Draft EA / IS

The early release of the Draft EA / IS started on February 18, 2025, for an Indigenous community review period of 120 days. The public and regulator review period started on April 22, 2025, for a 60-day review period. The comment period for Indigenous communities, the public, and regulators was intended to conclude on June 23, 2025³, 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.

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"/>
Request for Regulators	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surface Water (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"/>
Ungulates	<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"/>
Vegetation	<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"/>
Visual Aesthetics	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife	<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"/>

2.1.2 PIC #6

PIC #6 was held on May 26, 2025, in Thunder Bay and on May 29, 2025, in the Municipality of Greenstone (Geraldton). PIC #6 was held in an open house format and featured a series of display boards, large maps, and hand outs. PIC #6 provided an update on the Community Access Road, including: the Assessment Process; the Cumulative Effects Assessment, the Project Inclusions List, and results; how the road will affect community well-being for MFFN and nearby communities; land and resource use; and information on the Country Foods sampling program. The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team, including MFFN Senior Community Member Advisors, and Consultants, were available to guide attendees through the display boards and answer questions. Attendees were encouraged to review the display boards and provide comments and feedback through discussions.

The following printed and online materials were available for attendees:

- Paper copy of the open house boards;
- Frequently Asked Questions – Draft EA / IS;
- Draft EA / IS Executive Summary (English, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Ojibway);
- 11 plain language summaries (English, Oji-Cree, and Ojibway)⁴;
- Maps of: Preferred Route, tourism outfitter locations, Project Inclusions List (cumulative effects), and trapline areas;
- Cumulative Effects Inclusions List information sheet;
- Community Well-Being – Economics Information Sheet; and
- Socio-Community Effects and Mitigations Information Sheet.

Approximately 27 individuals attended PIC #6 (11 attendees in Thunder Bay on May 26, 2025, and 16 attendees in Geraldton on May 29, 2025). Attendees included Indigenous community members, federal and provincial agencies, members of the public / local residents, and environmental group and industry representatives.

A shuttle service was offered for nearby Long Lake #58 First Nation and Ginoogaming First Nation members to attend PIC #6. Shuttle services were declined, however, a group of Elders from Long Lake #58 First Nation attended PIC #6 in Geraldton.

In consideration of the type of feedback provided at PIC #6, insights provided were considered an interest or comment; no issues were raised at PIC #6. Key feedback themes reflected a range of interests and comments, highlighting the importance of

4. Due to the size and complexity of the documents, along with limited resources available across Canada to complete the translations in Cree, these documents were not available at the time of this meeting.

safety, environmental stewardship, and ongoing consultation and engagement. The following high-level interests / comments were provided at PIC #6 and community meetings:

- Questions regarding land access, such as for hunting and trapping;
- Adding visuals and known landmarks on maps;
- Engineering and design, including construction camps, water crossings, and road design;
- Community benefits received from the road;
- Access and safety of the road, including ownership and restrictions on use;
- Training programs and job opportunities during and post-construction;
- Interest in the Food Sampling Program;
- Community well-being, safety, including mental health, drugs, and alcohol;
- Cumulative effects and the Project Inclusion List;
- Consultation and engagement methods, including meeting outreach, Community Access Road timelines, map locations, and differentiations between other road projects in the area;
- Cultural heritage information including burial grounds (note: these areas were already known by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team); and
- In-Community Forestry Road upgrades.

A detailed description of PIC #6, including the materials presented, comments, questions, and responses (via summary report) is available in **Appendix A**.

2.1.3 Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo

A second Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo was held in Thunder Bay on February 19 and 20, 2025, and in Timmins on February 25 and 26, 2025, with the province offering to fund up to three representatives from each Indigenous community to attend the event in person. The forum was hosted by Indigenous & Community Engagement (ICE), with the support of the Community Access Road, Webequie Supply Road (WSR), and Northern Road Link (NRL). The purpose of this forum was to advance conversations from the last forum that took place in June 2024, with an emphasis on the release of the Draft EA / IS, and to provide a space where participants could engage and learn more about the three unique road projects, ask questions, and share feedback.

The first day of the February 2025 Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo provided project overviews, panel discussions, individual community breakout sessions, and an expo style forum where participants could visit various booths hosted by Project Team

members for all three road projects. The Community Access Road Booth emphasized the: Draft EA / IS, Cumulative Effects Assessment methodology, and the proposed Project Inclusions List; consultation and engagement efforts to date; and project effects and mitigations. The second day of the forum included panel discussions on ATRI and additional breakout sessions. Private breakout sessions with each road project were available for Indigenous communities. The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team held seven breakout sessions with ten communities (grouping of each breakout session is as follows):

- Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek;
- Aroland First Nation;
- Attawapiskat First Nation;
- Constance Lake First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, and Long Lake #58 First Nation;
- Kashechewan First Nation and Mushkegowuk Council;
- Nibinamik First Nation, and;
- Red Sky Métis Independent Nation.

Comments received during the private breakout sessions include but are not limited to the following key themes:

- **Construction:** Construction and accident prevention methods and such as spill control and dust abatement;
- **Consultation methods:** Consultation and engagement during the Draft EA / IS review period and document translation availability;
- **Employment and economy:** Capacity building benefits from the Community Access Road;
- **Socio-community:** Growth and development resulting from the Community Access Road;
- **Post construction:** Operations and maintenance activities during and post-construction, including traffic estimates and access;
- **Climate change:** Concerns and actions taken in consideration of the Community Access Road;
- **Cumulative effects:** Impacts in relation to other road projects and caribou; and
- **General project:** Road construction timelines.

Meeting notes from breakout sessions are included in each communities' specific appendix, and feedback is documented in their community-specific chapter of the Milestone #4 Progress Report (for issues) or the Comments and Interests List in the

Final RoCE for Indigenous Communities (for comments and interests). Confidential meeting notes and feedback are not included.

2.1.4 Community Meetings

Twenty-seven community meetings occurred during the reporting period. These meetings are summarized below, in addition to the Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo breakout sessions, which are listed above. Additional details may be found in individual community chapters.

MFFN

Two meetings with MFFN were scheduled in October 2024. A meeting occurred in Thunder Bay, Ontario, on October 15, 2024. A second meeting was planned in Marten Falls for October 17, 2024, but due to unforeseen circumstances in the Community, the meeting was cancelled.

A total of approximately⁵ 16 MFFN community members attended the community member meeting. At these meetings, attendees were encouraged to share their feedback, concerns, and pose questions verbally or by completing the available feedback form. Questions were answered by MFFN Senior Community Member Advisors and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team members and Consultants. The MFFN community meetings focused on new information on the Draft EA / IS review process, construction, socio-community studies, potential effects and mitigation measures, offsetting activities, cumulative effects, and climate change challenges.

MFFN community members feedback centered around:

- Learning more about topics relating to socio-community, including housing, human health, and safety;
- Providing climate change observations within the Community;
- Water crossings; and
- Employment opportunities during construction.

Meetings with MFFN community members also occurred on February 12 and 19, 2025, in Marten Falls and Thunder Bay, respectively. A total of approximately 25 community members attended the community meetings. The intent of these meetings was to deliver a printed copy of the Draft EA / IS and to discuss what was included in the report

5. Sign-in at these events was voluntary, therefore numbers have been approximated.

and the review timeline. In addition to the full Draft EA / IS, Assessment Summary Packages were shared with community members.

Feedback centred around:

- Road construction, design, and the preferred route;
- Construction schedules; and
- Consultation and engagement methods during the Draft EA / IS review period.

Meetings with MFFN community members also occurred on May 27 and 28, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Marten Falls, respectively. A total of approximately 68 MFFN community members attended the community member meetings. At these meetings, attendees were encouraged to share their feedback and concerns, and to pose questions either verbally or in writing using the available feedback forms. Questions were answered by MFFN Senior Community Member Advisors and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team members and Consultants. The MFFN community meetings focused on the Draft EA / IS and how to provide feedback, the road and community well-being, and cumulative effects and final projects / activities considered.

Feedback centred around:

- Community well-being, including expressed excitement about the Country Foods Program;
- Concern regarding the road increasing access to drugs and alcohol; and
- Recommendations regarding different ways to provide notice about the community meetings in the future.

Additional opportunities to provide feedback were presented through the Country Foods Program and Story Beads Exercise. The Community Well-Being Team conducted a Country Foods Program where community members provided samples of foods to assess existing contaminant levels in traditional food species commonly harvested and consumed within the Community. The Story Beads Exercise was intended to create space for intergenerational dialogue and shared storytelling using beadwork as a metaphor. MFFN members shared stories and their hopes and concerns around the Community Access Road, including increased access to food and reduced cost of living, and their concerns about outsider access and substance abuse.

Figure 2-1: Photos from the Country Foods Program and Story Beads Exercise in MFFN



MFFN held a general meeting on July 4, 2025, in Thunder Bay, and invited a member of the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to present on the Community Access Road. The presentation outlined the Assessment Process, the EA / IS schedule, feedback received during the Draft EA / IS, consultation and engagement activities that occurred during the Draft EA / IS review period, and an update on the Country Foods Program.

Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team met in-person and online with Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek on August 28, 2024, to discuss the IK Program, along with the IK Funding Agreement. Four people attended the meeting, including representatives from Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek and MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Consultants. An overview of the IK Program and its deliverables was given, followed by a question and answer period.

Comments and questions received included, but were not limited to:

- If feedback on the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report was still being accepted;
- How study areas were assessed; and
- How information on traditional territory would be used for Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek's area of interest.

Follow-up discussions included ATRI report feedback, information on study areas, clarification on traditional territory, and areas of interest. Representatives of Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek requested a Community Access Road schedule and consultation and engagement milestones to be distributed following the meeting, and indicated they would confirm if information on their traditional territory could be shared with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team.

Aroland First Nation

Meetings with Aroland First Nation occurred on May 28 and 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Aroland, respectively. Approximately 12 individuals attended the community meeting in Thunder Bay on May 28, 2025, and approximately 23 individuals attended the meeting in Aroland First Nation on May 29, 2025. Due to a miscommunication regarding the date and time of the Aroland First Nation members only meeting, members of Aroland First Nation also attended the MFFN members meeting on May 27, 2025. Approximately 22 Aroland First Nation members attended the meeting on May 27, 2025.

At these meetings, attendees were encouraged to share their feedback, concerns, and pose questions verbally or in writing using the available feedback form. Questions were answered by MFFN Senior Community Member Advisors and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Consultants. The MFFN community meetings discussed the Draft EA / IS and how to provide feedback, community well-being studies, cumulative effects, and the Project Inclusions List.

Questions and comments centred around:

- Community well-being and health;
- Trapline use;
- Water crossings; and
- Potential effects of the road.

The Community Well-Being Team hosted a Story Beads Exercise at these meetings which intended to create space for intergenerational dialogue and shared storytelling using beadwork as a metaphor. Aroland members shared stories and their concerns about environmental impacts in relation to the Community Access Road, especially related to water, wildlife migration, and the Ring of Fire. Aroland First Nation members also expressed strong interest in the Community Access Road, highlighting its potential to improve access to food, goods, services, and employment opportunities.

In April of 2024, a task force was created between Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation to discuss various topics, including advancing discussions related

to the Community Access Road and other road projects, as well as collaboration between the nations. Several task force meetings have occurred between the two communities; however, they are not specific to the Community Access Road and fall outside of the scope of this Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Two task force meetings occurred within the reporting period, on August 8, 2024, and October 29, 2024.

Constance Lake First Nation

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team held a meeting in Constance Lake First Nation on February 22, 2025, to provide a general overview of the Community Access Road and present an update on the Draft EA / IS. Approximately ten people attended. The meeting format consisted of a sit-down dinner and presentation from the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team to share general information on the Community Access Road and the Draft EA / IS.

A variety of topics were discussed, which included:

- Mitigation measures and cumulative effects;
- Road ownership and access;
- Human health;
- ATRI; and
- Consultation and engagement methods.

Fort Albany First Nation

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team met virtually with Fort Albany First Nation on November 7, 2024, to discuss various Community Access Road updates and meaningful consultation and engagement. Five people attended this meeting, including representatives from Fort Albany First Nation and MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Consultants. During the meeting, discussions surrounded Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to the Community Access Road, consultation and engagement methods, and the release of the Draft EA / IS. Fort Albany also inquired about the comments they made on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment and the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. Updates were provided by the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team on the IK Program and the new Community Capacity Program.

A variety of topics were discussed, which included:

- Availability of the Draft EA / IS;
- Communications regarding the Draft EA / IS timeline;

- The Community Capacity Funding Agreement;
- A request from Fort Albany First Nation on the response to comments on the Archaeological Assessment Report and the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report; and
- Fort Albany First Nation's Milestone #1 Progress Report comments, following the meeting.

A virtual meeting between the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Fort Albany First Nation also occurred on June 3, 2025, to discuss the ongoing review of the Draft EA / IS. 15 people attended this meeting, including representatives from Fort Albany First Nation and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Consultants. During the meeting, discussions surrounded identifying gaps noted by Fort Albany First Nation in the Draft EA / IS. Specific topics of discussion included:

- Bill 5;
- Future development in the Project area;
- Free, Prior, and Informed Consent;
- Mitigations of psycho-social impacts, including but not limited to gendered violence and impacts to youth;
- Protection and plans for access and stewardship for harvesting areas, sacred areas, and burial sites;
- The importance of the Albany River and water assessments;
- Moose movement and habitat disruption;
- Regional impacts and other development as a result of the Community Access Road; and
- Anticipated timelines for the release of the ATRI: Draft IA Report.

Representatives from Fort Albany First Nation requested that the ATRI: Draft IA Report be distributed to the community. They also asked that the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team provide written responses to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Draft EA / IS, once submitted. Additionally, Fort Albany First Nation indicated that they would request an in-community meeting with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team after the community has completed its review of the Draft EA / IS.

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team requested Fort Albany First Nation's final IK Report and preferred payment method for the distribution of IK Program funding (note, IK funding has since been provided).

Ginoogaming First Nation

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team met with Ginoogaming First Nation on August 1, 2024, to discuss the work being done by the MFFN Community Access Road Archaeology Team. Nine people attended this meeting, including representatives from Ginoogaming First Nation and MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Consultants. The meeting was held virtually and discussed the Elder's Committee, as well as involvement of Indigenous perspectives (e.g., Indigenous archaeologists on archaeology work). The MFFN Community Access Road Archaeology Team provided an overview of their work and answered questions.

Following the meeting, Ginoogaming First Nation was provided an Executive Indigenous Summary of the Archaeology Assessment Report and information about findings in the study area of the Community Access Road. Two additional meetings were requested within the reporting period; one with Ginoogaming First Nation representatives and one Nation-to-Nation meeting between Ginoogaming First Nation and MFFN. Both meetings did not happen due to unforeseen circumstances. Two attempts to reschedule the meeting with Ginoogaming First Nation representatives were made during the reporting period, however, the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team did not receive a response regarding the meeting. The MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultant directed Ginoogaming First Nation to reach out directly to MFFN regarding a Nation-to-Nation meeting.

Long Lake #58 First Nation

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team met virtually with Long Lake #58 First Nation on February 6, 2025, to discuss the IK Program. Nine people attended the meeting, including representatives from Long Lake #58 First Nation and MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Consultants. Discussions surrounded the desire to participate in the IK Program, materials shared, collection efforts including the timeline, and the revised ATRI study areas for the assessment. Representatives from Long Lake #58 First Nation requested that the:

- Long Lake #58 First Nation Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report be re-sent; and
- Revised figure of the Local and Regional Study Areas will be used for the ATRI Impact Assessment.

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team also committed to follow-up with Long Lake #58 First Nation Chief and Council on the status of the IK Sharing Agreement and Funding Agreement.

Matawa First Nations Management

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team met with Matawa First Nations Management virtually on May 9, 2025. Ten people attended this meeting, including representatives of Matawa First Nations Management and MFFN Community Access Road Project Team and Consultants. The meeting included a presentation followed by a question and answer period. Discussions surrounded the Community Well-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

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
NoC			
• Distribution of EA NoC (October 29, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
• NoC Advertisement (October 29 to November 12, 2021).	✓	✓	✓
Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE)			
• Draft Interim RoCE distributed to Indigenous communities for review (December 6, 2022).	✓		
• Email follow-up distributed in January 2023.	✓		
Milestone #1 Progress Report			
• Draft Progress Report distributed to Indigenous communities for review (December 6, 2022).	✓		
• Email follow-up distributed in January 2023.	✓		
Milestone #2 Progress Report			
• Draft Progress Report distributed to Indigenous communities for review (November 27, 2023).	✓		
• Email follow-up to request re-download of Draft Progress Report (November 29, 2023).	✓		
Milestone #3 Progress Report			
• Draft Progress Report distributed to Indigenous communities for review (November 28 and 29, 2024).*	✓		
• Email follow up distributed in December 2024 and January 2025.*	✓		
Draft EA / IS			
• Draft EA / IS online Indigenous community release (February 18, 2025).*	✓		
• Draft EA / IS online Indigenous community release email notification (February 19, 2025).*	✓		
• The Assessment Summary for the Draft EA / IS was distributed to Indigenous communities via Canada Post registered mail (February 19, 2025).*	✓		
• Community Well-Being Report online Indigenous community release and email notification (April 10, 2025).*	✓		
• Notice of publication of the Draft EA / IS (April 22, 2025).*	✓	✓	✓
• Draft EA / IS online, Indigenous community, public and government agencies release and email notification (April 22, 2025).*	✓	✓	✓
• The Assessment Summary for the Draft EA / IS was made available online and at designated library locations (announcement made April 22, 2025).*	✓	✓	✓

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
• Draft EA / IS reminder to provide feedback email notification (June 19, 2025).*	✓	✓	✓
Public Information Centres (PIC)			
• PIC #3 Notice distributed (June 13, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #3 in Thunder Bay (June 27, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #3 in Geraldton (June 29, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #4 Notice distributed (November 22, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #4 in Thunder Bay (December 7, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #4 in Geraldton (December 8, 2022)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #5 Notice distributed (October 10, 2023)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #5 in Thunder Bay (October 25, 2023)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #5 in Geraldton (October 26, 2023)	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #6 Notice distributed (April 21, 2025)*	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #6 in Thunder Bay (May 26, 2025)*	✓	✓	✓
• PIC #6 in Geraldton (May 29, 2025)*	✓	✓	✓
Provincially-Supported Forums			
• Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #1 in Thunder Bay (February 8 to 9, 2023).	✓		✓
• Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum #2 in Thunder Bay (November 21 to 23, 2023).	✓		✓
• Three-Road Project Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay (June 11 to June 13, 2024).	✓		✓
• Three-Road Project Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay (February 19 to February 20, 2025).*	✓		✓
• Three-Road Project Gathering and Expo in Timmins (February 25 to February 26, 2025).*	✓		✓
Individual Project Meetings			
• In-person meeting with MFFN to provide an update on the Community Access Road and the approval of the ToR (November 16 to 17, 2021).	✓		
• Presented to the Mushkegowuk Council AGM (in-person, November 24, 2021).	✓		
• A teleconference meeting with MFFN to discuss the Assessment Process (February 2, 2022).	✓		
• Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022). Note: Also captured under the IK Program section below	✓		
• Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation (April 21, 2022). Note: Also captured under the IK Program and Community Coordinator section below	✓		
• Teleconference presentation to Mushkegowuk Tribal Council's Terrestrial Working Group (May 18, 2022).	✓	✓	
• Teleconference with Marten Falls First Nation Senior Community Member Advisor to discuss and collect feedback on the upcoming Bird Field Program (May 31, 2022).	✓		

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
• In-person meeting with MFFN community members in advance of PIC #3 (June 28, 2022).	✓	✓	
• Virtual meeting with Ginoogaming First Nation to discuss the Indigenous Knowledge Program and the Community Coordinator Program (July 5, 2022).	✓		
• In-person meeting regarding Community Coordinator and IK Programs with Long Lake # 58 (August 9, 2022).	✓		
• In-person meeting with MFFN community members in advance of PIC #4 (November 2, 2022).	✓	✓	
• In-person meeting with MFFN community members in advance of PIC #4 (December 6, 2022).	✓	✓	
• In-person Council-to-Council meeting with Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation in Thunder Bay. Meeting minutes were not taken (January 26, 2023).	✓		
• A teleconference meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation to discuss the Community Coordinator Program and IK Program. (February 13, 2023).	✓		
• Virtual meeting with Ginoogaming First Nation to discuss the Indigenous Knowledge Program and the Community Coordinator Program (March 27, 2023).	✓		
• A virtual meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation, Constance Lake First Nation and Ginoogaming First Nation to discuss the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage reports (April 21, 2023).	✓		
• Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario to discuss Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Program (April 27, 2023).	✓		
• In-person Nation-to-Nation meeting with Eabametoong First Nation to provide an overview of the MFFN Community Access Road (May 10, 2023)	✓		
• A virtual meeting with MFFN was held regarding the engineering, construction and the route selection process for the Community Access Road (May 15, 2023).	✓		
• A virtual meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation's legal counsel to discuss the IK Sharing Agreement (May 17, 2023).	✓		
• A virtual meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation was held to provide a Community Access Road overview (August 29, 2023).	✓		
• In-person meeting with MFFN community members in advance of PIC #5 (October 23, 2023).	✓	✓	
• In-person meeting with MFFN community members in advance of PIC #5 (October 24, 2023).	✓	✓	
• In-person meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation Elders to discuss general updates for the Community Access Road (October 26, 2023).	✓		
• A virtual meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation was held as a follow up to discuss the Community Coordinator and IK Program meeting (November 10, 2023).	✓		
• A virtual meeting held with Attawapiskat First Nation representatives to discuss the Community Access Road and Caribou Study Plan (December 4, 2023).	✓		
• In-person meeting with Nibinamik First Nation to provide a Community Access Road update (January 16, 2024).	✓		

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
• A virtual meeting with Red Sky Métis Independent Nation to review the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report (March 19, 2024).	✓		
• In-person Nation-to-Nation meeting with Aroland First Nation to build on and improve the relationship between the two nations and to provide both Nations the opportunity to discuss any concerns or issues, including the previously drafted Communication Protocol Agreement (April 19, 2024).	✓		
• In-person taskforce meeting between MFFN and Aroland First Nation (May 7, 2024).	✓		
• In-person taskforce meeting between MFFN and Aroland First Nation (May 28, 2024).	✓		
• In-person Chief and Council meeting with MFFN to provide a Community Access Road update (May 29, 2024).	✓		
• Virtual meeting with Attawapiskat First Nation to discuss the Spring Groundwater Program (May 31, 2024).	✓		
• In-person taskforce meeting between Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation (June 5, 2024).	✓		
• A virtual meeting with Weenusk First Nation to provide a Community Access Road update and discuss the IK Program and socio-economic programs (June 5, 2024).	✓		
• In-person meetings with Aroland First Nation community members to obtain feedback on the final route recommendation, existing conditions and cumulative effects, including inclusions list (June 19 to 20, 2024).	✓		
• In-person meeting with Long Lake #58 First Nation Elders and community members to present the preliminary technically preferred routes (June 20, 2024).	✓		
• Virtual meeting with Ginoogaming First Nation to discuss the Archaeology Assessment Report, Community Coordinator Program and upcoming engagement opportunities (July 10, 2024).	✓		
• In-person taskforce meeting between Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation (July 11, 2024).	✓		
• In-person meetings with Aroland First Nation community members to obtain feedback on the final route recommendation including Segment 1, Dusey Lake, Segment 2, Segment 3, cumulative effects, evaluation approach and inclusions list, and engineering considerations and existing conditions (valued component studies) (July 15 to 16, 2024).	✓		
• In-person meetings with MFFN community members to confirm selection of the final route selection, cumulative effects, evaluation approach and inclusions list, engineering considerations and existing conditions (valued component studies) (July 17 to 18, 2024).	✓		
• A virtual meeting held with Attawapiskat First Nation to discuss the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report (July 23, 2024).	✓		
• A virtual meeting held with Ginoogaming First Nation to discuss the Stage 1 Archaeological Report (August 1, 2024).*	✓		
• In-person taskforce meeting between Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation (August 8, 2024).	✓		
• A virtual meeting held with Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek to discuss the IK Program (August 28, 2024).*	✓		

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
• In-person meetings with MFFN community members to discuss final route selection, the Draft EA / IS, construction and design details, potential effects and mitigations, socio-economics, climate change adaptation, and offsetting (October 15, 2024).*	✓		
• In-person taskforce meeting between Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation (October 29, 2024).*	✓		
• A virtual meeting held with Fort Albany First Nation to discuss Community Access Road updates and meaningful consultation and engagement (November 7, 2024).*	✓		
• A virtual meeting held with Long Lake #58 First Nation to discuss the IK Program and the community's IK collection study (February 6, 2025).*	✓		
• In-person meetings with MFFN community members to present the Draft EA / IS and discuss the Draft EA / IS content (February 12 and 19, 2025).*	✓		
• In-person meetings at the Three Road Project Gathering and Expo with representatives from 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).*	✓		
Field Program Involvement			
• Helicopter flyover to visually inspect three potential groundwater sites with Aroland First Nation (August 17 and 18, 2022).	✓		
• Well drilling activities monitored by Aroland First Nation representatives (November 25 to December 3, 2022).	✓		
• Helicopter flyover to inform the Geotechnical Program with Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation (July 19 and 20, 2024).	✓		
Other Notices / Newsletters			
• 2021 Highlights Letter distributed to Indigenous communities via email (December 15, 2021)	✓		
• Phone calls to Indigenous communities to follow-up on the December E-blast, Winter Discussion Guide and field notice (December 16 to 17, 2021)	✓		

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

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

Project Phases: NoC of EA, Effects Assessment, Identification of Preferred Alternatives, and Draft EA / IS			
Activity	Audience		
	Indigenous Communities	Interested Persons	Agencies & Government Bodies
• Follow-up to furbearer winter tracking field program notice (January 27, 2023)	✓		
• Follow-up on ungulate aerial survey notice (February 15, 2023)	✓		
• Monthly emails and phone calls to Indigenous communities regarding the Community Access Road*	✓		
Archaeological Assessment Reports			
• Stage 1 and 2 Archaeology Assessment Reports distributed via email to Indigenous communities (February 3, 2023)	✓		
• Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report distributed via email to Indigenous communities (June 3, 2024)	✓		
Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program			
• Circulated an update on the MFFN Community Access Road IK Program which included an updated schedule and timeline for Indigenous communities to share IK (January 21 to 24, 2022)	✓		
• Teleconference with Métis Nation of Ontario to discuss the IK Program (February 4, 2022)	✓		
• Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the IK Program (and Community Coordinator Program) (April 21, 2022)	✓		
• IK Program Update on the Proposed ATRI Study Areas Memo and ATRI Shapefiles were distributed via email. (August 2022)	✓		
• Distributed a Save the Date for the upcoming ATRI Forum and Cultural Heritage Workshop via email (December 20, 2022)	✓		
• Invitation to ATRI Forum distributed (January 13, 2023, and February 1, 2023)	✓		
• ATRI Forum and Cultural Heritage Workshop in Thunder Bay (February 8 to 9, 2023)	✓		
• IK Program timeline and update letter (March 22, 2023)	✓		
• IK Program timeline and update letter (June 22, 2023)	✓		
• IK Program timeline and update letter (October 5, 2023)	✓		
• IK Program timeline and update letter (November 10, 2023)	✓		
• ATRI Forum in Thunder Bay (November 21 to 23, 2023)	✓		
• Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report distributed via email to Indigenous communities (November 28, 2023)	✓		
• Distribution of community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Reports (June 10 to July 11, 2025)*	✓		
Community Coordinator Program			
• Distribution of letter introducing the Community Coordinator Program to 13 neighbouring Indigenous communities including job posting (March 17, 2022).	✓		
• Teleconference with Constance Lake First Nation to discuss the Community Coordinator Program (and the Indigenous Knowledge Program) (April 21, 2022).	✓		
Community Capacity Funding Program			
• Information on the Community Capacity Funding Program sent to 15 Indigenous communities via email (October 30 to November 13, 2024).*	✓		
Activities after September 5, 2025, to February 13, 2026			

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

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

3.1 Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities

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

The **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.

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Appendix A

Notices and Other Information Releases

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



Appendix B

Community-Specific Correspondence

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD



25. Nishnawbe-Aski Nation (Grand Council Treaty #9)

Table 25-1: Community Profile

Key Identifiers	Details
Location:	200 South Syndicate Avenue, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1C9
Tribal Council:	Grand Council
Treaty:	9
Project Team Lead:	Nolan Lachance

Figure 25-1: Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Distribution of Communication

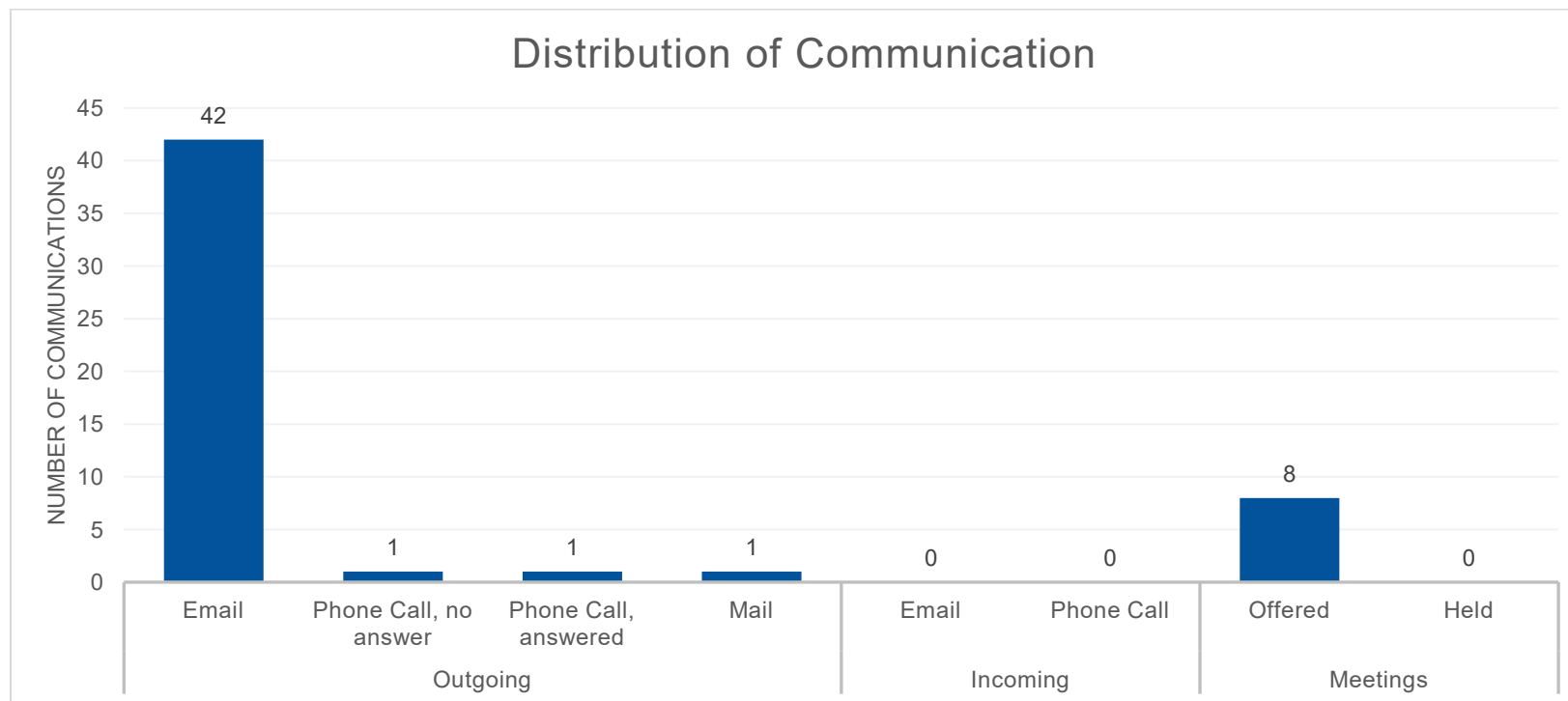


Table 25-2: Summary of Participation During Milestone 4

Activity	Status
Date of last outgoing communication from MFFN CAR Project Team (email or phone):	August 22, 2025 (Email)
Date of last incoming communication from community (email or phone):	N/A
Participating in Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program:	Status of IK Sharing Agreement: N/A Status of IK Funding Agreement: N/A IK information provided: N/A
Participating in Community Coordinator Program / Community Capacity Funding Program:	N/A
Provided comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Statement (IS):	No
Provided comments on the community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI): Draft Impact Assessment (IA) Report:	No
Provided comments on the Community Well-Being Report:	No
Provided comments on the milestone progress reports:	No

Table 25-3: Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During Milestone 4

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
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) shared via email regarding the circulation of the Draft EA / IS. A link to a questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process was also included.
Oct 1 - 29, 2024	Outreach regarding Project updates including the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, Draft EA / IS Report questionnaire, the IK Program via phone and email.
Oct 03, 2024	September 2024 E-blast distributed via email.
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 16 - 18, 2024	Outreach regarding year-end updates including key milestones and meetings from 2024 and information on activities scheduled for 2025 via phone and email. Correspondence included a reminder about the Draft EA / IS survey, the request for feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report, and an inquiry about updates to key contact information.
Dec 18, 2024	2024 Year in Review E-blast distributed via email.
Jan 15, 2025	2025 Winter Field Notice distributed via email.
Jan 21, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates, including the release of the Draft EA / IS distributed via email. Correspondence included the request for feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report and offered a meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS.
Feb 10, 2025	January 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Feb 13, 2025	Notification of upcoming Draft EA / IS early release to Indigenous communities distributed via email.
Feb 19, 2025	Notification of availability of Draft EA / IS on website distributed via email.

Date	Consultation and Engagement Activity
Feb 19, 2025	Assessment Summary: Draft EA / IS hard copy shipped to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation.
Feb 20, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates, including the release of the Draft EA / IS and the passing of the deadline for Milestone #3 Progress Report comments distributed via email. A meeting was offered.
Mar 04, 2025	February 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Mar 26, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates, including the upcoming webinar series and the ongoing review period for the Draft EA / IS 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 30, 2025	Draft EA / IS webinar series reminder distributed via email.
Apr 28, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates, including the upcoming webinar series, the ongoing review period for the Draft EA / IS, Community Well-being report, and PIC #6 distributed via email.
May 06, 2025	Notification for Community Well-Being webinar distributed via email.
May 08, 2025	April 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
May 20, 2025	Notification for Fish and Fish Habitat webinar distributed via email.
May 22, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates, including the upcoming webinar series, the ongoing review period for the Draft EA / IS, and PIC #6 distributed via email.
May 26, 2025	Notification for Public Information Centre #6 distributed via email.
Jun 05, 2025	Notification for People: Land and Resource Use webinar distributed via email.
Jun 11, 2025	May 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Jun 26, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates, including the conclusion of the Draft EA / IS review period, materials from PIC #6, and the upcoming distribution of the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities distributed via email.
Jul 15, 2025	June 2025 E-blast and Summer / Fall 2025 Field Notice distributed via email.
Jul 16, 2025	June 2025 E-blast and Summer / Fall 2025 Field Notice correction distributed via email.
Jul 29, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates including the upcoming distribution of the RoCE and ongoing field studies distributed via email.
Jul 31, 2025	Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment update distributed via email.
Aug 7, 2025	July 2025 E-blast distributed via email.
Aug 22, 2025	Outreach regarding Project updates including a new video about cumulative effects distributed via email.

Table 25-4: Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

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 25-5: Consultation and Engagement Log – Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
August 01, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the July 2024 E-blast. The E-blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including, summer field studies involving geotechnical investigations and the groundwater and geochemistry program, as well as in-community meetings with Aroland First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation. Links to the E-blast, MFFN CAR's website and the route selection update video were included.
September 04, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the August 2024 E-blast. The E-blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current and upcoming activities including the Draft EA / IS, the completion of Summer Field Programs, as well as information regarding the upcoming Fall Public Information Centres. Links to the E-blast, MFFN CAR's website and the recorded webinars for the completed Summer Field Programs were included.
September 18, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the 2024 Fall Groundwater and Geochemistry Program Update. The update provided the dates, September 28 - October 5, 2024, that field crews are scheduled to carry out groundwater sampling and a notice was provided regarding the increase in traffic and noise within the study area during this time. Links to the field notice and MFFN CAR's website were included.
September 25, 2024	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor) ■ Paul MacInnis (Ministry of Energy and Mines) ■ Sasha McLeod (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks) ■ Dorothy Moszynski (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide a letter with advance notice and an update on the Draft EA / IS Report for the MFFN CAR Project, as well as a Frequently Asked Questions document. The letter described the purpose of the Draft EA / IS Report, what information will be provided to the community for review and how the input received from Indigenous communities will be used to prepare the Final EA / IS Report. The letter requested a key contact for Nishnawbe-Aski Nation and noted the exact date of the release of the Draft EA / IS Report and the review period timelines (Indigenous community and public / agency) would be shared once confirmed. Finally, the letter outlined the various methods the Project Team would use to support Indigenous communities during their review and mentioned meetings to discuss the Draft EA / IS Report chapters and technical reports were encouraged.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
October 01, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide the sign up for the Project E-blast, and Project social media accounts. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant mentioned the deadline to submit comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was August 2, 2024, and mentioned since they had not heard from the community, the Project would move forward with finalizing the report.
October 03, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the September 2024 E-blast. The E-blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current, and upcoming activities, including the release of the Draft EA / IS to Indigenous Communities, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, information about Fall Field Programs, and the celebration of the Preferred Route. Links to the E-blast and MFFN CAR's website were included.
October 24, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide Project updates for October 2024. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reshared a link to a questionnaire, previously sent on September 24, 2024, to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review of the Draft EA / IS Report. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also followed up on the IK Program, noting that the program is ongoing and that the Project is still accepting community-specific IK studies should any of Nishnawbe-Aski Nation's member First Nations wish to submit a study or are interested in participating in the program. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted they would follow up with a phone call the following week.
October 29, 2024	Phone		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide Project updates for October 2024 and to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review of the Draft EA / IS Report. The call was not answered and there was no option to leave a voicemail.
November 05, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the October 2024 E-blast. The E-blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current, and upcoming activities, including a new What We Heard video, an update on the ATRI Study Areas, MFFN Community Meeting, and the date for the Upcoming Webinar: Building the Community Access Road. Links to the E-blast and MFFN CAR's website were included.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
November 20, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with an announcement for the Building the Community Access Road Webinar on Tuesday November 26, 2024. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email.
November 26, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with a reminder for the Building the Community Access Road Webinar on Tuesday November 26, 2024. A link to register and the opportunity to ask questions ahead of time was included. For those unable to attend, a recording will be available online and the link was included in the email.
November 29, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide the Milestone #3 Progress Report for the MFFN CAR Project. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a link to the report sections and noted edits or comments on the community-specific sections were due by February 14, 2025, to be incorporated into the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also reminded Wendy to fill out the questionnaire related to the Draft EA / IS review preferences and provided a link to the questionnaire. A meeting to discuss the reports was offered and confirmation the reports could be successfully downloaded was requested.
December 16, 2024	Email		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with year-end updates and upcoming 2025 activities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant reminded Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to complete a survey to identify a key contact for accessing the Draft EA / IS Report, scheduled for release in 2025, and included a survey link. Feedback was requested on Nishnawbe-Aski Nation's specific section of the Milestone #3 Progress Report, distributed November 29, 2024, by February 14, 2025. Feedback options included email, phone, or scheduling a meeting. The email outlined key milestones from 2024, including the Preferred Route selection for the road on August 26, 2024, confirmed by a Band Council Resolution from Marten Falls First Nation. The consultant noted participation in community meetings with Marten Falls First Nation in July and October 2024, Aroland First Nation in June and July 2024, and the Three-Road Projects Gathering and Expo in June 2024.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
December 18, 2024	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Environmental Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the 2024 Year In Review E-blast. The E-blast provided an overview of MFFN CAR's past, current, and upcoming activities, including a holiday message from Chief Bruce 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.
December 18, 2024	Phone		x	■ Wendy Caruk (Senior Portfolio Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant phoned Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with year-end updates and upcoming 2025 activities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant spoke to Wendy Caruk, who confirmed she had received the Project updates email on December 16, 2024, and requested a new contact, Meagan Beardy, be sent any future correspondence. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant acquired Meagan's email from Wendy and noted a follow up email would be sent.
December 18, 2024	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Environmental Advisor)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant emailed Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to forward year-end updates and upcoming 2025 activities and noted that Wendy Caruk had asked that future correspondence for the MFFN CAR Project be sent to Meagan. The MFFN CAR Project inquired if Meagan would like to be added to the Project contact list to receive updates and inquired if any other contact updates were required. The Project updates information sent to Wendy on December 16, 2024, was included for Meagan's reference.
January 15, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the 2025 Winter Field Notice. The Field Notice provided an update to the Atigwag / Caribou Collar Removal Program and highlighted that field work has been scheduled to manually remove atigwag / caribou GPS radio tracking collars between February 10 to 28, 2025. Links to the MFFN CAR's website, webinar recordings and videos were included.
January 21, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation providing updates on the MFFN CAR and upcoming activities, including preparations for the release of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant included a reminder that all information regarding the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account and requested that all questions or comments on the Draft EA / IS be directed to this address. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant encouraged Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to complete a survey to identify a key contact and preferences for accessing the Draft EA / IS document. A link to the survey was provided. The email

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
						clarified that if the survey is not completed, a link to the Draft EA / IS (~20,000 pages) hosted on a website will be sent by default. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant invited Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to book an in-person or virtual meeting to assist with the review of the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also referenced the distribution of the Milestone #3 Progress Report on November 29, 2024, and requested feedback on the community-specific section by February 14, 2025. It was noted that feedback could be submitted via email, telephone, or by scheduling a meeting.
February 10, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the January 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: The Draft EA / IS, 2025 Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo, a new video on understanding project effects and mitigation, a reminder for the Winter 2025 Field Notice and information on the Indigenous Knowledge Program. Links to the MFFN CAR website, understanding project effects and mitigation video and the field notice were included.
February 13, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide updates on the Draft EA / IS. The email noted that the Draft EA / IS would be available for review by Indigenous communities and groups on February 18, 2025, provided a link to the website where the Draft EA / IS is located and provided additional details. The email highlighted an Assessment Summary package to be mailed to Indigenous communities and groups and provided details of what was included in the package. The email provided a reminder that the Draft EA / IS public review period starts 60 days after the early release to Indigenous communities and groups, highlighting that Indigenous communities and groups have a total of 120 calendar days to provide their comments to the Project Team. It was noted that comments and feedback on the Draft EA / IS could be provided via the Project Website, email or letter until June 18, 2025. A link to the project website, email and mailing address were provided as well as the project phone number for any issues providing feedback. The email noted that four additional support documents would be released over the coming months, including the Milestone #3 Progress Report, Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement, community-specific ATRI: Draft IA Report and Community Well-being Technical Report. It was highlighted that any concerns raised by Indigenous communities and groups would be documented in the Final EA / IS Report.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
February 19, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation announcing that the Draft EA / IS and supporting documents are now available online. The MFFN CAR Project Team outlined the timeline for review of the Draft EA / IS and stated that the final date for comments and feedback is June 18, 2025. Methods of contact, including website, email, mailing address and phone number were provided to submit comments or feedback.
February 19, 2025	Mail - Outgoing		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team shipped the Assessment Summary: Draft EA / IS hard copy to the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation band office.
February 20, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project. The email noted that the Draft EA / IS was now available for review on the project website, provided the reminder that all questions and comments should be sent to a specific email address, and noted that an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS was available upon request. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided the reminder that feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report was due by February 14, 2025, and that any feedback received after that date would be incorporated in the forthcoming Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities. Additional information regarding the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities and other Milestone reports was provided.
February 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Meagan Beardy to inform her that they would be out of office from February 28 – March 9, 2025, returning March 10, 2025. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated that their colleague, Nolan Lachance, would be the main point of contact for project related inquiries during this time. Nolan was cc'd in the email. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that if Nishnawbe-Aski Nation would like to discuss anything related to the project before the end of the week, to please reach out.
March 04, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the February 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: The Draft EA / IS release to Indigenous communities, community meetings with Marten Falls First Nation, 2025 Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo and information on upcoming engagement activities including Public Information Centre #6 and webinars. Links to the MFFN CAR website were included.

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March 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Meagan Beardy to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including the Draft EA / IS and upcoming webinar. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Draft EA / IS was available for Indigenous community review and that all information related to the Draft EA / IS would come from a separate email account. They mentioned that all questions and comments should be sent to that email account and offered a meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that the MFFN CAR webinar series was continuing in April and May and upcoming webinar topics included project effects and proposed mitigation measures for Land, Water and People. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that a new contact should be added to all future correspondence and introduced the new contact.
April 03, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the March 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: The public release of the Draft EA / IS, the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada 2025 Convention and upcoming spring 2025 webinars. Links to the MFFN CAR webinar archive and website were included.
April 10, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation announcing that the Community Well-Being Report is now available online, and those who requested hard copies will receive them shortly after. The MFFN CAR Project Team outlined the timeline for review of the Draft EA / IS and stated that the final date for comments and feedback is June 23, 2025. Methods of contact, including website, email, mailing address and phone number were provided to submit comments or feedback.
April 28, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to introduce themselves as the new point of contact moving forward for the Project and expressed eagerness in providing support to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation in reviewing documents, highlighting a commitment to meaningful consultation throughout the duration of the Project. The MFFN CAR provided updates on the MFFN CAR Project including upcoming events and engagement opportunities and updates on the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Draft EA / IS was now available for public review and the Community Well-Being Report was released for Indigenous community and group review on April 16, 2025. They provided a reminder that the review process concludes on June 23, 2025,

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						noted how feedback can be submitted and offered a meeting to support the review. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant highlighted that PIC #6 would be happening on May 26, 2025, in Thunder Bay and May 29, 2025, in Geraldton, noting that the first hour of each PIC is dedicated to Indigenous community members and provided a link with more information. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided details on the upcoming webinar series which included webinars on ungulates, fish and fish habitat and land and resource use, mentioned the first webinar on Community Well-Being would be held on May 6, 2025, and provided a link to register.
April 30, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with a reminder for the new webinar series on the Draft EA / IS. The reminder provided information on upcoming webinars, including: Community Well-Being, Land: Ungulates (Moose and Caribou), Water: Fish and Fish Habitat and People: Land and Resource Use. Links to the MFFN CAR website and to register for the Community Well-Being webinar were included.
May 06, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with a reminder for the Community-Well Being webinar. The reminder provided the time and access to the virtual webinar, in addition to information on upcoming webinars, including: Land: Ungulates (Moose and Caribou), Water: Fish and Fish Habitat and People: Land and Resource Use. Links to the MFFN CAR website and to register for the Community Well-Being webinar were included.
May 08, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the April 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: The public release of the Draft EA / IS, a new video on the introduction to the Draft EA / IS, Valued Components: Impact of the Community Access Road on Ungulates webinar and other upcoming webinars and an invitation to Public Information Centre #6. Links to the MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS website, project website, introduction to the Draft EA / IS video, webinar registration portal and social media pages were included.
May 20, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation inviting recipients to register for the upcoming Fish and Fish Habitat webinar on Thursday May 22, 2025, from 4 to 5 p.m. EST. A reminder for the upcoming webinar on June 5, 2025, was also provided. Links to the registration page for the webinar and the location to view previous webinars were included.

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May 22, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including upcoming events, engagement opportunities, and updates on the Draft EA / IS. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a reminder on how to submit comments and feedback on the Draft EA / IS, and that the review process concludes on June 23, 2025. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided a reminder for PIC #6, happening May 26, 2025, in Thunder Bay, and May 29, 2025, in Geraldton, noting that the first hour of each PIC is dedicated to Indigenous community members and provided a link with more information. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant also provided details on upcoming webinars, providing a link to register for the fish and fish habitat webinar occurring on May 22, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. EST, and noting that the land and resource use webinar will occur on June 5, 2025. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant attached the PIC #6 meeting poster for review.
May 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation inviting recipients to attend the upcoming Public Information Centre #6 on May 26 and 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. An informational poster for the event and a poster for the release of the Draft EA / IS release to the public was attached, and the date, time and location of each event were included in the body of the email. A link to the event information page was included.
June 05, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation 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 Nishnawbe-Aski Nation is interested in a meeting to talk about any of the topics covered in the webinar series was also included. Links to the registration page for the webinar and the location to view previous webinars were included.
June 11, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the May 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: the upcoming conclusion of the Draft EA / IS review period on June 23, 2025, new webinar recordings and informative videos, public materials from Public Information Centre #6 held May 26 and 29, 2025, and National Indigenous History Month. Links to the MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS website, project website, webinar recordings, videos, Public Information Centre #6 materials and social media pages were included.

Communication Date	Method of Engagement	In	Out	Contact Name (Title)	Project Team	Summary
June 26, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project including updates on the Draft EA / IS and the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the review period for the Draft EA / IS had officially closed on June 23, 2025, and indicated that the report would help inform the Final EA / IS that will be submitted to the federal and provincial governments for review in mid to late 2026. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant provided a link to the PIC #6 consultation materials. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities will be released in Fall 2025.
July 15, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the June 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: the conclusion of the Draft EA / IS review period on June 23, 2025, and upcoming 2025 Field Studies. Links to the MFFN CAR Project website and social media pages were included.
July 16, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with corrections to the June 2025 E-blast email including, the correct link for the June E-blast and attaching the Summer 2025 Field Notice. Links to the MFFN CAR project website, June 2025 E-blast, Summer 2025 Field Notice and MFFN CAR social media pages were included.
July 29, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant	■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide July 2025 Project updates for MFFN CAR. The email noted that the Draft RoCE for Indigenous Communities is planned to be released in Fall of 2025, and methods of providing feedback on the RoCE will be released at that time. The summer 2025 field notice was provided noting that the three ongoing field programs include Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, groundwater well decommissioning, and geotechnical investigations.
July 31, 2025	Email		x	■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief)	■ MFFN CAR Project Team	■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with an update on Field Work regarding the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment. The email informed recipients that the field work will take place from August 7, 2025, to August 25, 2025 (pending weather and / or site conditions). Recipients were informed that those located within the study area may notice an increase in air traffic as field crews will be accessing sites by helicopter. Links to the Field Notice, MFFN CAR project website and social media pages were included.

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August 07, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation with the July 2025 E-blast. The E-blast provided an update on the Community Access Road including: the latest on the Draft EA / IS, Plain Language Summaries available in five languages, New Video: Understanding Cumulative Effects, a reminder of the Draft EA / IS Series and upcoming 2025 Field Work. Links to the MFFN CAR Project website, plain language summaries, technical reports, Cumulative Effects video, webinar recordings, Field Notice and social media pages were included.
August 22, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation to provide August 2025 Project updates for MFFN CAR. The email shared a link to an educational video about cumulative effects in relation to the MFFN CAR Project.
August 22, 2025	Email		x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Meagan Beardy (Executive Assistant to Grand Chief) ■ Kennedy Ling (Senior Advisor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant forwarded a previous email sent to Nishnawbe-Aski Nation upon receiving an initial out of office notice. The email shared a link to an educational video about cumulative effects in relation to the MFFN CAR Project.

B25. Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

B25.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN Community Access Road - About the Draft EA / IS

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]> 25 September 2024 at 15:29
 To: Wendy Caruk <[redacted]>
 Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, "MacInnis, Paul (MINES)" <[redacted]>, "Moszynski, Dorothy (MECP)" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>
 Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Dear Wendy Caruk,

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:

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,
Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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September 25, 2024

Nishnawbe Aski Nation
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Sent via email

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

Dear Wendy Caruk,

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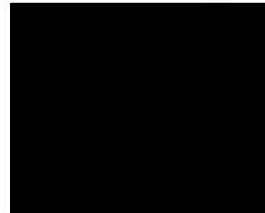
Don't hesitate to be in touch! We're happy to support you through this review.

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





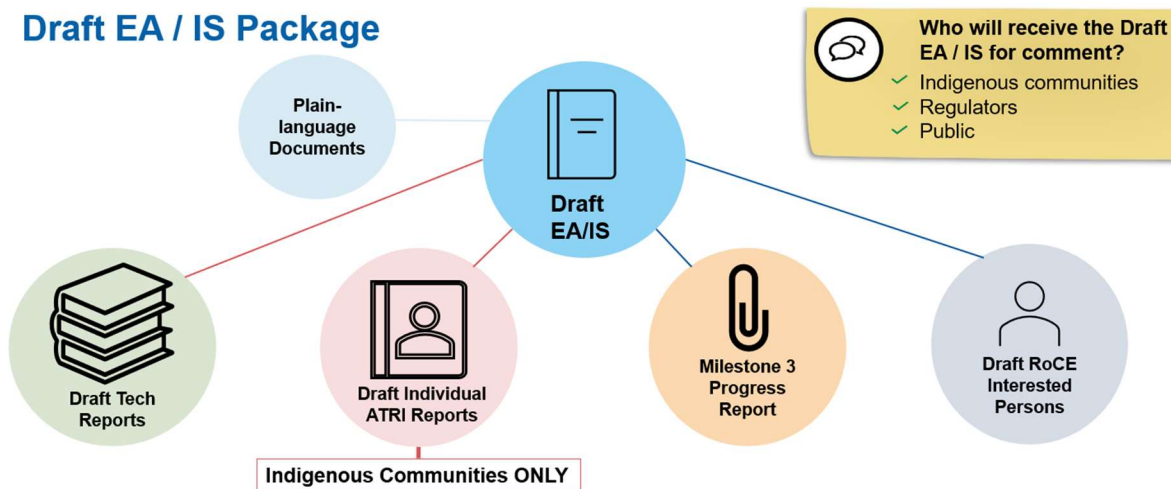
Frequently Asked Questions – Draft EA / IS

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.

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.





Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>
To: Wendy Caruk <[redacted]>
Cc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

1 October 2024 at 16:00

Good Afternoon Wendy,

I hope you are well! Please find some updates regarding the MFFN CAR Project below.

Stay Up to Date!

To stay updated on ongoing activities for the MFFN CAR, sign up for our newsletter here: [Contact Us - Marten Falls First Nation \(martenfallsaccessroad.ca\)](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

MFFN CAR Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was sent to Nishnawbe Aski Nation on June 3, 2024 and feedback was requested by August 2, 2024. We did not hear from you to indicate whether feedback and/or comments would be submitted. Since we did not hear back, we will be moving forward with finalizing the report.

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

Thank you,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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MFFN CAR Project Updates

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>
To: Wendy Caruk <[redacted]>
Cc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

24 October 2024 at 15:58

Hello Wendy,

Please find some updates on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project below:

MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS Report

On September 25, 2024, we sent you an email with a letter and FAQ in preparation for the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Statement (IS) Report. As we prepare to submit the Draft EA / IS, we want to ensure your community has easy access to the documents and has identified a key community contact to help guide the review process. Please fill out this questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process: [redacted]

MFFN CAR Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program

The IK Program is ongoing and the MFFN CAR Project is still accepting community-specific IK studies to be incorporated into the Final ATRI Assessment. Should any of Nishnawbe Aski Nation's member First Nation communities be interested in participating in the program, submitting an IK study or have any questions about the program, please reach out.

I will reach out to you via phone call next week should you have any questions.

Have a great day,
Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project



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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR - Milestone #3 Progress Report

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

29 November 2024 at 08:26

To: Wendy Caruk <[REDACTED]>

Cc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good Morning Wendy

I hope this email finds you well!

The Milestone #3 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road has been drafted and is ready for review. The following link includes the Report and associated appendices to view or download, for Nishnawbe Aski Nation. The Milestone #3 Progress Report covers June 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024.

[REDACTED]

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 done so, please fill out this questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process: [REDACTED]

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

Sincerely,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



Kyla Zielbauer (She/Her)
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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

16 December 2024 at 16:29

To: Wendy Caruk <[redacted]>

Cc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good Afternoon Wendy,

Please find updates and information for the MFFN CAR Project below.

Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Statement (IS)

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Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

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

Happy 2024 Year-end!

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

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

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I will follow up with a phone call later this week to discuss any of the above topics.

Sincerely,

Kyla

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>
To: [redacted]

18 December 2024 at 15:50

Good Afternoon Meagan,

I spoke with Wendy Caruk who let me know that you are the appropriate contact to receive updates regarding the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project moving forward. Please let me know if you'd like to be added to our list to receive project updates and if you have any other contact information updates for Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

Below is the project update information I previously shared with Wendy on December 16, 2024.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of this information further.

Thanks very much,
Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

21 January 2025 at 14:32

Good Afternoon Meagan,

Please find updates on the MFFN CAR Project below for your review.

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 any questions and comments on the Draft EA / IS are sent to this email address.

Draft EA / IS Survey

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 the questionnaire [REDACTED] to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process. 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.

Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

On November 29, 2024, we distributed your community-specific Milestone #3 Progress Report, which can be found at the following link: [REDACTED]. We welcome any edits or comments on 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 or concerns about the information provided above, please let me know.

Thank you,
Kyla
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



Kyla Zielbauer (She/Her)
Dillon Consulting Limited
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Out of Office: February 17, March 3 - 7

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

Upcoming Release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement - February 18, 2025

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement <[REDACTED]> 13 February 2025 at 17:01
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: "Zielbauer, Kyla" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Meagan Beardy,

We are pleased to announce that the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team will be making the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement available for review by Indigenous communities and groups on **February 18, 2025**, at [REDACTED]. The Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement is approximately 1,100 pages long, and provides background on Marten Falls First Nation, why they need the Community Access Road, and the studies and activities they have completed to support the proposed development of a road to their Community.

In addition, Indigenous communities and groups can expect to receive a plain language summary of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement and Technical Supporting Documents—the Assessment Summary—by registered mail over the coming days. This information package includes the following:

- Introduction to the Assessment Summary;
- Executive summary (of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement);
- Letter from Chief Achneepineskum;
- Introduction to the plain language summaries and technical discipline reports (Tech Talk); and
- [REDACTED], including explanations of key definitions and common elements across all summaries.

Included with the Assessment Summary, to support your review, is a USB containing all documents related to the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, including the plain language summaries described above. In addition, Indigenous communities who requested hard copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement will receive these the week of February 24, 2025; approximately 5-6 banker boxes of information will be delivered to the address provided.

As a reminder, the Indigenous communities and groups we are engaging have early access to the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement; the public review period starts 60-days after the early release to Indigenous communities / groups and ends the same day. This means that Indigenous communities and groups have 120 calendar days to review and provide their comments to the Project Team on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. The review periods for Indigenous communities and groups, the public and regulators ends June 18, 2025.

Comments and feedback on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement can be provided via the Project Website, email or by letter mail, **until June 18, 2025**, at the addresses provided below.

Website: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address:

AECOM Canada ULC.
C/O Joanne Wang



If you are not able to provide us with your feedback through any of these addresses, please contact us at [REDACTED]. We will find a way to support your submission through other means.

Four additional support documents for the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment process will be released over the coming months. These are:

- **Milestone 3 Progress Report**—This summary of consultation activities was issued for review by Indigenous communities in November 2024, in advance of the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. This progress report provides a detailed account of engagement and communication activities conducted from June 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024. A final version of the report will be made available once feedback has been reviewed and addressed; feedback has been requested by February 14, 2025.
- **Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities**—This Record of Consultation and Engagement will be available this summer in advance of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. The Indigenous communities and groups we are engaging will have the opportunity to review and comment on the report prior to the release of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Communities will be provided 90 days to review the Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities.
- **Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Reports (ATRI) Reports**—In the coming months, Indigenous communities will be provided with community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interest assessment results. In 2024, communities were provided with community-specific preliminary existing conditions ATRI reports for their review. Some feedback was received, and this information will be included, where applicable, in the soon-to-be released ATRI assessment results. This phased approach allows Indigenous communities time to consider their community-specific ATRI assessment in consideration of the information shared in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Communities will be provided 90 days to review their ATRI assessment results and provide comment.
- **Community Well-Being Technical Report**— Community Well-Being examines three interconnected disciplines: economics, socio-community, and human health and community safety. The Community Well-Being Technical Report will describe changes that might result from the proposed Community Access Road; recognizing both opportunities and challenges. This report will be available for Indigenous communities and groups in April ahead of the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement to the public and regulators. Communities will be provided 90 days to review the Community Well-Being Technical Report and provide comment. A plain language Community Well-Being summary has been prepared and included with the Assessment Summary. It is also available on the Draft Environmental / Impact Statement website.

Any concerns raised during the review period by Indigenous communities will be documented in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report.

We appreciate your time and effort to review the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, and associated documents, and look forward to receiving your input. We encourage you to book time to meet with the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team to explore your interests, questions and insights.

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Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement

Website:

Email:

Phone:



Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Project Updates

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

20 February 2025 at 15:59

To: [REDACTED]

Bcc: Nolan Lachance <[REDACTED]>

Good Afternoon Megan,

Updates on the MFFN CAR Project are provided 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 review by Indigenous communities and groups. All information pertaining to the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account [REDACTED]. Please ensure all questions and comments on the Draft EA / IS are sent 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. Please let us know if we should expect to receive any feedback from Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

Later this year, a Draft RoCE will be produced which will contain the Milestone #3 Report, as well as the other milestone reports, the Interim RoCE and engagement since August 2024. Indigenous communities will have an additional opportunity to provide feedback for the time period covered by the Milestone #3 Report during their review of the Draft RoCE.

Please reach out if there are any questions or concerns about the information above.

Kyla



Kyla Zielbauer (She/Her)
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Out of Office: March 3 - 7

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Lachance, Nolan <[redacted]>

Re: MFFN CAR Project Updates

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>
To: [redacted]
Cc: Nolan Lachance <[redacted]>

Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 3:01 PM

Good Afternoon Meagan,

I will be on vacation February 28 - March 9, returning on March 10. I have cc'd my colleague Nolan Lachance to this email. He will be your main point of contact for anything related to MFFN CAR during my absence.

If there's anything you'd like to discuss between now and Friday, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Kyla



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Out of Office: Feb 28 - March 9

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Lachance, Nolan <[redacted]>

Re: MFFN CAR Project Updates

Zielbauer, Kyla <[redacted]>
To: [redacted]
Cc: Nolan Lachance <[redacted]>

Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at 8:58 AM

Good morning Meagan,

Below are some updates on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project:

Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS)

The MFFN CAR 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 any questions, comments or feedback on the Draft EA / IS are sent to this email.

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 your 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 [redacted]

MFFN CAR - New Contact

I'm happy to let you know that Nolan Lachance, cc'd to this email, will be your new point of contact for the MFFN CAR Project. I will be supporting him during this transition and am always available at the contact information below.

Please reach out to Nolan at [redacted] if you would like to discuss any of these items further.

Sincerely,
Kyla



Kyla Zielbauer (She/Her)
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Lachance, Nolan <[REDACTED]>

April 2025 - MFFN CAR Project Updates

1 message

Lachance, Nolan <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Apr 28, 2025 at 3:18 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[REDACTED]>

Good afternoon Meagan,

Allow me to introduce myself - my name is Nolan Lachance and I will be your new point of contact moving forward for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project. I am eager to provide Nishnawbe Aski Nation with any support you may need in reviewing documents and facilitating meaningful consultation throughout the duration of the project.

Below are some updates on the MFFN CAR Project:

Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) Updates

The Draft EA / IS is now available for public review. Comments and feedback can be provided via the Project website, [REDACTED] or by letter mail.

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 your review.

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 the review process **concludes on June 23, 2025**.

Public Information Centre #6

We will be hosting our Public Information Centre (PIC) #6 on Monday May 26, 2025, and Thursday, May 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. The first hour of each PIC is dedicated to Indigenous community members. For more information visit <https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/> and keep an eye out for an email from info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca.

Upcoming Webinars

The Draft EA / IS webinar series will start in May. The first in this series is Community Well-Being, held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. EST. Register now by following this link: [REDACTED]

Keep an eye out for more information on the remaining webinars in the Draft EA / IS Series:

- **Land: Ungulates** - Thursday, May 8
- **Water: Fish and Fish Habitat** - Thursday May 22
- **People: Land and Resource Use** - Thursday, June 5

Please let me know if there is anything you would like to discuss further.

Best,
Nolan Lachance



Lachance, Nolan <[redacted]>

May 2025 - MFFN CAR Project Updates

Lachance, Nolan <[redacted]>
To: [redacted]
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Thu, May 22, 2025 at 1:56 PM

Good afternoon Meagan,

I hope all is well. Below are some updates on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project:

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

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

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Upcoming Webinars

Our next webinar in the Draft EA / IS webinar series is Water: Fish Habitat, to be held **Today** (Thursday May 22, 2025), at 4:00 p.m. EST. Register now by following this link: [redacted]

Keep an eye out for more information on the remaining webinars in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Series:

- **People: Land and Resource Use - Thursday, June 5, 2025**

As always, please reach out if you have any further questions or concerns.

Cheers,
Nolan Lachance

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Platinum member

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

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

Thunder Bay Monday, May 26, 2025

Location:

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

Time:

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

*Light refreshments will be served.

Geraldton Thursday, May 29, 2025

Location:

Geraldton Community Centre
200 Wardrope Avenue, Geraldton, Ontario

Time:

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

*Light refreshments will be served.

Learn about:

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

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

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

Contact Information

Website: <https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/>

Email: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Phone [REDACTED]



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



Lachance, Nolan <[redacted]>

June 2025 - MFFN CAR Project Updates

1 message

Lachance, Nolan <[redacted]>

Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 11:38 AM

To: [redacted]

Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Good morning Meagan,

I hope all is well. Below are some updates in relation to Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project:

Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement - Review Period Complete

The review period for the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) has officially closed on June 23, 2025. Input on the Draft EA / IS is important to us and will help inform the preparation of the Final EA / IS that will be submitted to the federal and provincial governments for review in mid to late 2026. If you have any 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 meeting in person. You may review the materials on our website: <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/#pic6>

Next Steps

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. Methods to provide feedback will be included.

As always, please reach out if you would like to further discuss any matters related to the Project.

Sincerely,
Nolan Lachance



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Inclusiveness: Enabling belonging to draw strength from our differences.





Lachance, Nolan <[redacted]>

July 2025 - MFFN CAR Project Updates

1 message

Lachance, Nolan <[redacted]>

Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 12:00 PM

To: [redacted]
Cc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>
Bcc: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Meagan,

I hope all is well. Below are some updates in relation to the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project:

Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities

The Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities will be released in Fall 2025. Keep an eye out for the report to be sent to your community! Ways to provide feedback will be included.

Ongoing Field Studies

Field programs will be continuing into the 2025 summer and fall seasons to support the Preliminary Design and future permitting for the MFFN CAR. The following three field programs are included in the Summer 2025 Field Notice: Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, Groundwater Well Decommissioning and Geotechnical Investigation.

For more information, read the full field notice here: <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2025-07-09-MFFN-Summer-2025-Field-Notice.pdf>

The field notice is additionally attached for your convenience.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project, please reach out.

Best,
Nolan Lachance



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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Field Notice

Summer / Fall 2025
Field Notice

Issued: July 2025

What's Happening?

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

The following three field programs are outlined in this notice:

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

Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment

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





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

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

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

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

The stages of an Archaeological Assessment in Ontario

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

If the team finds artifacts, we have a site!

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



Geotechnical Investigation

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

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

Groundwater Well Decommissioning

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

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

<https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/>

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





What to expect

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

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

Where?

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

Contact Information

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

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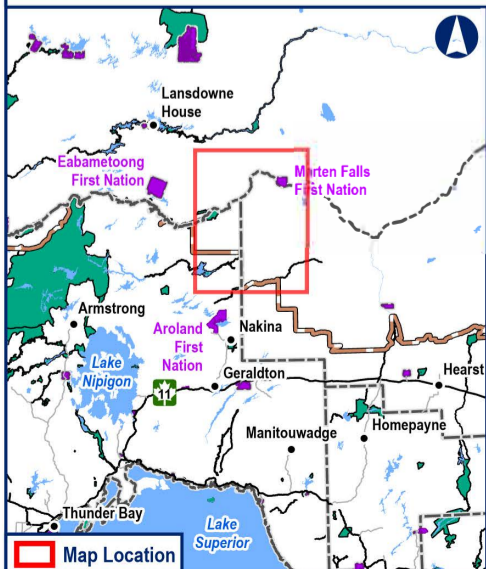
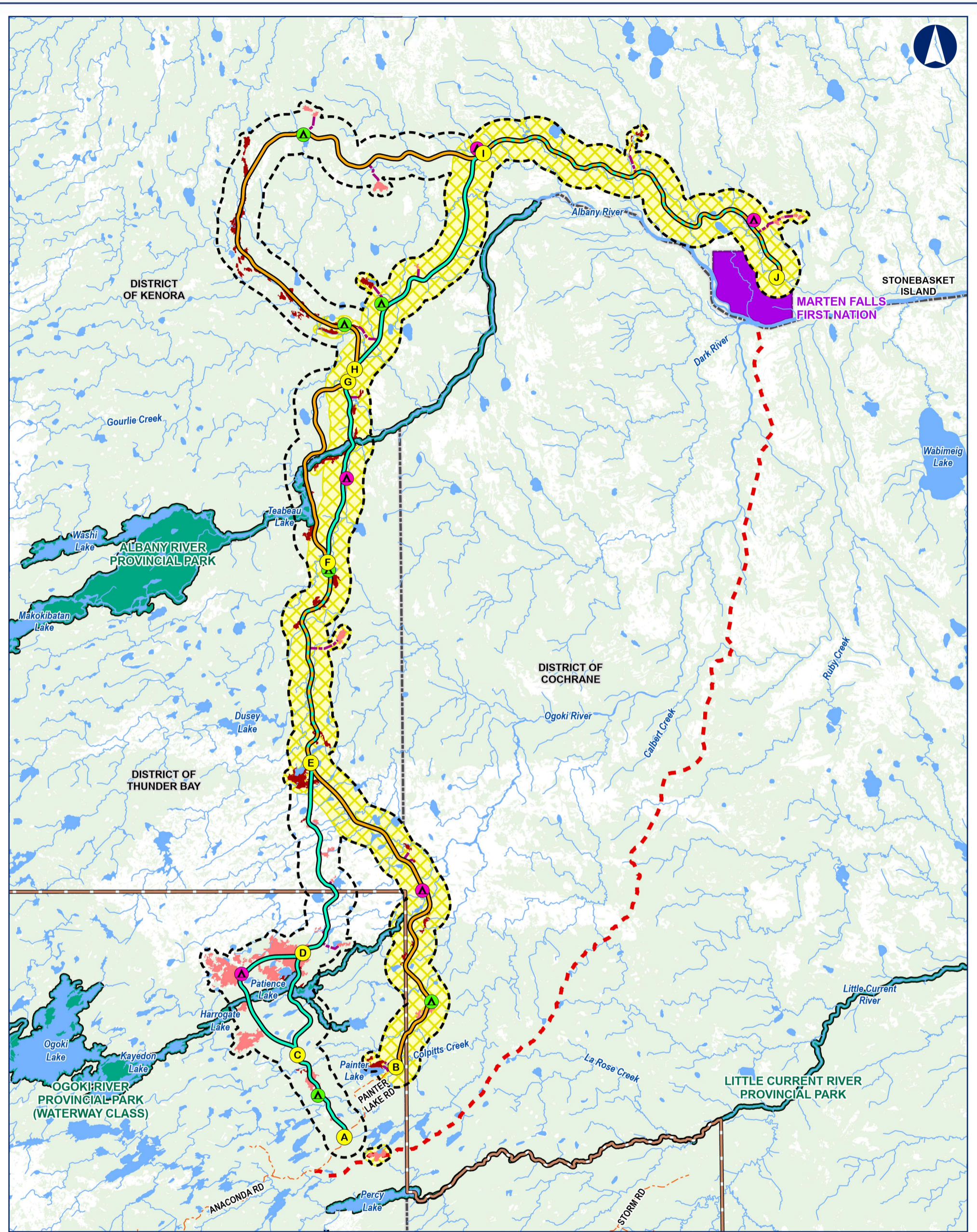
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Legend

- Segment Node**: Yellow circle with letter (A-J)
- Project Study Area**: Dashed black line
- Preferred Route**: Yellow hatched area
- Construction Disturbance Area**: Yellow hatched area
- Route Alternatives (100 m Right-of-Way)**:
 - Alternative 1: Solid orange line
 - Alternative 4: Solid green line
- Potential Camp Site**:
 - 50 Persons (108 m x 150 m): Green triangle
 - 200 Persons (108 m x 150 m): Purple circle
- Approximate Access Road to Potential Construction Camp (10 m Width)**: Dashed blue line
- Potential Aggregate Source**:
 - Bedrock: Red square
 - Sand and gravel: Dark red square
- Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site (10 m Width)**: Dashed pink line
- General Features**:
 - Resource / Recreation Road: Dashed orange line
 - MFFN Existing Winter Access Road: Dashed red line
 - Watercourse: Blue line
- Waterbody**: Blue area
- First Nation Reserve**: Purple area
- District Municipal Boundary**: Dashed black line
- Far North Boundary**: Solid brown line
- Provincial Park**: Green area

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August 2025- MFFN CAR Project Updates

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Fri, Aug 22, 2025 at 1:43 PM

To: [redacted]
Cc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>
Bcc: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Meagan,

I hope all is well. Below are some updates in relation to the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project:

New Video: Understanding Cumulative Effects

As part of the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment for the Community Access Road, we are looking closely at how different activities - past, present and future - may combine to affect the land, water, animals and people. This includes considering how the Community Access Road might interact with other projects happening in the same area or at the same time. By looking at the bigger picture, we aim to better understand the full impact of the Project on the environment and the Community.

To watch our latest video, click here: <https://vimeo.com/1096031872/90de3c9f05?fl=pl&fe=vl>

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss the Project, please reach out.

Best,
Nolan Lachance

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Good afternoon Kennedy,

Please find attached updates in relation to the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project in Meagan's absence.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Best,
Nolan Lachance
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