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From: Meyer, James
Sent: November 4, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Rochelle Slipperjack
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] MFFN Community Access Road Update

Good Afternoon Rochelle,

Hope you and the community are doing well! Just reaching out to see if Chief and Council had an opportunity to review our letter we sent back in September? If you have any questions or concerns, or need clarity on any points please let me know!

Sincerely,

James Meyer

On behalf of the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

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Cc: Bob Baxter; Qasim Saddique; Lawrence Baxter; Meyer, James
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MFFN CAR IK Program Timeline Update
Attachments: Letter- 2022-01-17- IK Program Timeline Update - Eabametoong First Nation.pdf; FINAL Template - Indigenous Knowledge Program Funding Agreement.docx

Dear Chief Atlookan,

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

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

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

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

Thank you and have a great day,

Andrea



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Indigenous Knowledge Program Funding Agreement (the "Agreement")

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

BETWEEN:

INSERT NAME OF FIRST NATION

(Hereinafter called the "**Name of** First Nation"),

OF THE FIRST PART

- AND -

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

OF THE SECOND PART

- AND -

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

OF THE THIRD PART

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Marten Falls First Nation ("MFFN") is a remote First Nation community in northern Ontario located at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki rivers, approximately 430 km northeast of Thunder Bay.

AND WHEREAS the MFFN community is currently only accessible by air and a winter road. Given the unreliability of the winter road, MFFN is proposing an all-season community access road (the "Project") to connect MFFN to Ontario's provincial highway network (i.e., Highway 643) to the south via the existing Painter Lake Road.

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE I: SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

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

ARTICLE II: Project Team Responsibilities

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

ARTICLE III: FN RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

ARTICLE IV: Compensation

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE V: CONFIDENTIALITY, USE AND DISCLOSURE

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

ARTICLE VI: CONFIRMATION

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

ARTICLE VII: OTHER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Nation

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

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

Marten Falls First Nation Project Team

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

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

Dillon Consulting Limited

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

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January 17th, 2022

Chief Solomon Atlookan
Eabametoong First Nation
P.O. Box 298
Eabamet Lake, Ontario
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Re: Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline and Update

Dear Chief Solomon Atlookan:

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

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

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

Figure 1: Indigenous Knowledge Timeline (attached) illustrates the key steps in the Indigenous Knowledge Program and their anticipated completion dates. As noted above, the Project Team began communicating with Indigenous Communities in December 2019, and Project funding support for information and data gathering began in the summer of 2020 and is on-going. To more holistically integrate Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use into the assessment processes we have targeted a June 30, 2022 deadline for the completion of Project-Specific Indigenous Knowledge/Indigenous Land and Resource Use Studies. We ask that you please let us know if you intend to participate but do not think you can meet this timeline. Further, Figure 1 provides a timeline for ongoing engagement with your community to:

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





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

Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use is invaluable in that it helps us to better understand and appreciate the environment with respect to the identity, culture, and heritage of Indigenous Communities. We hope that the Indigenous Knowledge Program also helps to support your on-going efforts to document and record your oral knowledge for the benefit of your community and future generations. We look forward to finalizing the Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Agreement and Funding Agreement with you to support this important work. For any questions you may have regarding the Indigenous Knowledge Program, please contact Bob Baxter at 1-807-628-7553 or bbaxter48@gmail.com or Andrea Nokleby at 1-604-417-5332 or anokleby@dillon.ca.

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

Sincerely,

Qasim Saddique
Project Director

Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Member Advisor

Encl. Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline

CC:

- Rochelle Slipperjack, Executive Assistant, Eabametoong First Nation
- Fred Meeseetawageesic, Councillor, Eabametoong First Nation
- Donald Meeseetawageesic, Councillor, Eabametoong First Nation
- Charlie O'kees, Councillor, Eabametoong First Nation
- Josie Sugarhead, Councillor, Eabametoong First Nation
- Louie Sugarhead, Councillor, Eabametoong First Nation
- Peter Siebenmorgen, Consultant, Eabametoong Lake First Nation
- Bob Baxter, MFFN CAR Senior Community Member Advisor
- Andrea Nokleby, MFFN CAR Project Consultant





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Figure 1: Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline



From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Sent: March 16, 2022 2:32 PM
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[REDACTED]-Council dialogue regarding WSR, NLR & Extension of time limits under the Impact Assessment Act
Attachments: 2022-03-16-MFCAR-Response-to-EFN-Dec-23-Letter.pdf

Good afternoon Chief Atlookan,

Thank you for your letter correspondence. Please see the attached response from Chief Bruce Achneepineskum.

We look forward to your response and would like to meet with you to discuss the co-development of a custom consultation process for your community.

Thank you,
Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
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On 2022-01-14 16:35, Rochelle Slipperjack wrote:

Please find attached the following letters from Chief Atlookan regarding the Road Projects and Assessment processes you are leading under Provincial and Federal Legislation. These letters should have been distributed prior Christmas break, but with our intermittent email connection and other COVID-19 Emergency issues, it seems as though the emails either didn't go through or were missed somehow. Please disregard if you have already received these.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please send all responses to the Chief's attention via email



March 16, 2022

Eabametoong First Nation
P.O. Box 298
Eabamet Lake, Ontario
POT 1L0

Dear Chief Solomon Atlookan and Eabametoong Council,

Thank you for your letter correspondence, dated December 23, 2021, and for sharing your concerns and perspectives with us. First off, my regrets for not responding sooner. We too are busy dealing with COVID-related struggles, community loss, and socio-economic needs like clean drinking water and school capital issues, or lack thereof. We are very sorry to hear of the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on your community and we are grateful you have reached out. We appreciate how difficult things can be and understand the struggle as we face many of the same issues as Eabametoong First Nation, including housing. We remain committed to working with you to find the best approach to engage and consult with you on our projects.

We would very much like the opportunity to meet with Eabametoong First Nation leadership to renew and strengthen our relationship. I would like to be clear, however, that the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) and the Northern Road Link (NRL) are separate and distinct projects. The MFFN CAR Project is led by MFFN as the proponent while the NRL is a Joint Co-Proponency Project led by MFFN and Webequie First Nation. These projects are also at different stages of their respective *Environmental Assessment* (EA) and *Impact Assessment* (IA) processes. The MFFN CAR Project commenced the EA Phase of the Project on October 29, 2021. The NRL is currently at the beginning of the Terms of Reference for the EA stage (i.e., the phase in which the framework for the EA phase is set). We have forwarded your letter to the NRL Project Team and Webequie First Nation, and anticipate you'll receive a joint response from MFFN and Webequie First Nation leadership regarding that project.

We would very much like to work with you and your community to co-develop a custom approach to engagement and consultation on the MFFN CAR Project. While some of our engagements and consultations are considered standard and accepted approaches to meet regulatory requirements, we are very open and supportive of finding preferred ways to engage with your community. We would very much like to receive your community's continued feedback as our discussions progress. In addition, we are supportive of your preference for an in-person meeting and will accommodate this preference once deemed safe by public health and your community. In the meantime, we feel it is important for leadership and Project Team meetings to happen soon via teleconference; this will ensure your community has access to the available funding resources to support engagement and consultation in our Project.



As recommended in your letter (sent September 9, 2021 by Rochelle Slipperjack) and our email response on September 20, 2021, we are committed to organizing a meeting between MFFN and Eabametoong First Nation to discuss the development of a Project-specific protocol to guide the way we will engage your community going forward. We suggest an initial teleconference meeting with leadership during the week of April 4, 2022, followed by a meeting with the MFFN CAR Project Team the following week (i.e., week of April 11, 2022.)

With regard to your comments about the Impact Assessment process, we anticipate that an extension to the timelines will be required for the MFFN Community Access Road. We are currently discussing the need and process with the Agency, and our expectation is that we will meet your request for a 6-month extension. Once our discussions with the Agency conclude, we will provide an update on the revised timeline for the Impact Assessment.

With regards to my comments last January regarding consultation associated with the Far North Act, I stand by my words and stand by the Chiefs as a collective. I believe MFFN and those First Nations more directly impacted by the Ring of Fire and Land Resources and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights issues need the appropriate time and resources concerning COVID. MFFN will be here regardless of any political party's timeline and we will always support in principle the Matawa Chiefs on shared issues of jurisdiction acknowledgement and the promise of Treaty 9 sharing the land and its benefits. We hope to reach an agreement together with the Matawa Chiefs on our shared positions on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. MFFN holds the belief that the Declaration of Unity and the Judicial Review with Cliffs Resources led to the Regional Framework Agreement (RFA) which MFFN was a part of. It was also acknowledged that MFFN had a Memorandum of Understanding table on resource development with Ontario which could not be superseded by the RFA. It must be stated that MFFN was always open to staying at the table, if one was provided, and to reaching an agreement as was the case with the Statement of Commitments, which was a lot of positive work by the collective will of our communities, yet we did not agree to that either as First Nations working together affiliated by the Tribal Council.

MFFN is moving ahead in our planning and building of relationships with governments and businesses on resource development and environmental stewardship as best as possible given the current COVID climate, and the resources allocated to us by the governments. Much like other First Nations in our Tribal Council area are moving ahead with exploration companies, negotiating Impact Benefit Agreements and the actual turning of the shovel on these projects.

Though we have embarked on the path of working directly with the government on resource issues, we feel that it is also our right to own our autonomy as expressed in the Matawa Chiefs past declarations. In the Declaration of Unity, previous MFFN Chief Eli Moonias stated, "Our First Nations do not oppose responsible development, but as a people of the land we want to benefit from mining developments



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and negotiate meaningful employment and business opportunities for our communities, while ensuring the environment is not put at risk”.

With respect to the EA / IA for our Community Access Road, we are progressing very slowly, far more slowly than if the pandemic had not occurred. I'd like to emphasize that no significant decisions have been made as part of these assessments and that there is still much work and time for your community to be involved.

Again, we would very much like to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss the co-development of a custom consultation process for your community. Please let us know if you are able to meet with us in the coming weeks.

With Respect,

Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation

cc:

- Donald Meeseetawageesic, Councillor, Eabametoong First Nation
- Frederic Meeseetawageesic, Councillor, Eabametoong First Nation
- Charlie OKeese, Councillor, Eabametoong First Nation
- Louie Sugarhead, Councillor, Eabametoong First Nation
- Josie Sugarhead, Councillor, Eabametoong First Nation
- Rochelle Slipperjack, Eabametoong First Nation
- Michael Fox, NRL Project Team
- Hon. Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- Hon. Patty Hadju, Minister, Indigenous Services Canada
- Hon. Marc Miller, Minister, Crown Indigenous Relations Canada
- Eric Melillo, MP Kenora
- Hon. Greg Rickford, Ontario Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry
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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. Funding available for Community Coordinator Program
Attachments: 2022-03-21-MFFN Community Coordinator Job Posting.pdf; 2022-03-21-MFFN CAR Community Coordinator Program Letter to Eabametoong FN.pdf

Good afternoon Chief Atlookan,

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

The Community Coordinator Program will support Community Access Road Project activities, meetings and events; helping to make sure input is collected from the right people and shared back with the Project Team so as to be included in the Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment processes. The Community Coordinator will be hired part-time at \$25.00/hr for up to three years.

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

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

We believe this program will create more avenues for meaningful engagement and consultation with Eabametoong First Nation on the Community Access Road Project. We appreciate your input on this request and welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have on the proposed process. I hope to hear from you by April 4, 2022 and will follow-up next week to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
James Meyer

On behalf of the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

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Chief Solomon Atlookan
Eabametoong First Nation
P.O. Box 298, Eabamet Lake, ON P0T 1L0

Date: March 21, 2022

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

Dear Chief Atlookan,

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

The Community Coordinator Program will support Community Access Road Project activities, meetings and events; helping to make sure input is collected from the right people and shared back with the Project Team so as to be included in the EA processes. The position is \$25 an hour and is expected to be approximately 16 hours of work per week for up to three years. Please see the attached job description for a list of responsibilities.

Is Eabametoong First Nation interested in participating in the Community Coordinator Program? If so, we are looking for your input on who should be the Community Coordinator in your community. Do you have someone in mind that would fit the role of a Community Coordinator? If not, please let us know if we can support you by reaching out to your members to see if someone is interested. We hope to hear from you by **April 4, 2022**.

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





Sincerely,

Qasim Saddique
Project Director

Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Member Advisor

Encl. MFFN Community Access Road Community Coordinator Job Posting

CC:

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- James Meyer, Consultant, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team





MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

WE'RE HIRING!

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

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

If so, this could be the role for you!

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

Responsibilities

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

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

From: Meyer, James
Sent: March 30, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Solomon Atlookan
Cc: donald.meeseetawageesic@eabametoongfn.ca; Fred Meeseetawageesic; charlie.okeese@eabametoongfn.ca; josie.sugarhead@eabametoongfn.ca; Louie Sugarhead; Rochelle Slipperjack; Peter Siebenmorgen; info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca
Subject: MFFN CAR: March Distribution and Check-in

Good afternoon Chief Atlookan,

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

Sent our Response Letter Re: Request for Council-to-Council dialogue regarding WSR, NLR & Extension of time limits under the Impact Assessment Act March 16, 2022.

Just wanted to confirm that our response letter has been received.

Community Coordinator Program

We sent a letter on March 21th, 2022 inviting Eabametoong First Nation to partake in the Community Coordinator Program for the MFFN Community Access Road Project.

We also provided a job description for this position. If you have any questions or comments about this program I would love to setup a meeting to discuss.

February / March E-Blast

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

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

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

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

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

Project Video Update and Survey

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

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

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

All the best,
James Meyer

On behalf of the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

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From: Meyer, James
Sent: April 27, 2022 4:18 PM
To: Peter Siebenmorgen
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. Funding available for Community Coordinator Program

Good afternoon Peter,

Hope you are doing well, thank you for reaching out. Sorry for the delay in response!

The Community Coordinator Program is funded through the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team; however, the plan is for payment to be issued directly to Community Coordinators through a third-party vendor on a bi-weekly basis. We will have individuals on our team (Indigenous Community Leads) who will help the Community Coordinators fill out an activity tracker and a simple timesheet for submission to the third-party vendor to process payments. This is different to how funding is provided to Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry funded position Community Communication Liaisons Officer; our understanding is that they provide transfer via a Transfer Payment Agreement to the community based on milestones). If you would like to discuss a hybrid scenario, we are open to that.

Our suggestion is for community leadership to recommend someone for this position, especially those who are already performing well in the role of the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry funded position Community Communication Liaisons Officer. The additional funding provided through the MFFN CAR Project could augment the existing salaries of the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry funded position Community Communication Liaison Officer.

If you have any further questions or comments please let me know and we can setup a virtual meeting to discuss the Community Coordinator Program in more detail.

Best,
James Meyer

On behalf of the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

From: Meyer, James
Sent: May 26, 2022 10:37 AM
To: 'Peter Siebenmorgen'
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. Funding available for Community Coordinator Program

Good Morning Peter,

Hope all is well! Just wanting to check in to see if you have had a chance to review the information below regarding the MFFN CAR Community Coordinator Program funding process? If you would like to set up a meeting to discuss in more detail please let me know a date and time that works best for you!

All the best,

James Meyer
On behalf of the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

From: Meyer, James
Sent: June 1, 2022 1:51 PM
To: Peter Siebenmorgen
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Re: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. Funding available for Community Coordinator Program

Afternoon Peter,

No worries! In regards to your question on the amount available for this work, the current plan is:

1. 16 hours per week for up to 3 years, Spring / Summer 2022 to June 2025; and
2. A pay rate of \$25.00 per/hour.

As a side note, we are currently considering how best to accommodate EFN's request for milestone / phase payments to the First Nation rather than bi-weekly payments to the individual worker. I will follow up with more information once we have sorted that process out.

I hope this answers your question, If not please let me know!

All the best,
James Meyer

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

From: Meyer, James
Sent: June 16, 2022 2:32 PM
To: Peter Siebenmorgen
Cc: Rochelle Slipperjack; info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca
Subject: Join us at the Public Information Centre #3 for the Community Access Road
Attachments: MFFN-PIC3 Poster.pdf

Good afternoon Peter,

Hope you and the community are doing well. I am following up on a phone call made June 16, 2022 about the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road's third Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Project on June 27th and June 29th. I hope Eabametoong First 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,
James Meyer
On behalf of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

B5.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence



From: Rochelle Slipperjack <executive.assistant@eabametoongfn.ca>
Sent: January 14, 2022 3:35 PM
To: Bruce Achneepineskum
Cc: Solomon Atlookan; Fred Meeseetawageesic; Donald Meeseetawageesic; Louie Sugarhead; Charlie Okeese; Josie Sugarhead; Martha Papah; Peter Siebenmorgen; steven.guilbeault@canada.ca; patty.hajdu@parl.gc.ca; marc.miller@canada.ca; Minister of Indigenous Affairs; Minister. Ndmnrf; Minister Mecp; david.piccini@pc.ola.org; Sasha McLeod; sean.carriere@canada.ca; Virginia Crawford; info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca; Michael Fox; qasim.saddique@northernroadlink.com
Subject: Request for Council-to-Council dialogue regarding WSR, NLR & Extension of time limits under the Impact Assessment Act
Attachments: SIGNED REPLY - Yesno - MIN-277060.pdf; EFN to MFFN re IA and EAs Dec 23 2021.pdf

Please find attached the following letters from Chief Atlookan regarding the Road Projects and Assessment processes you are leading under Provincial and Federal Legislation. These letters should have been distributed prior Christmas break, but with our intermittent email connection and other COVID-19 Emergency issues, it seems as though the emails either didn't go through or were missed somehow. Please disregard if you have already received these.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please send all responses to the Chief's attention via email



MAY 10 2021

Chief Harvey Yesno
Eabametoong First Nation
Fort Hope Indian Reserve #64
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Eabamet Lake ON P0T 1L0
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Dear Chief Yesno:

Thank you for your letter of April 12, 2021, regarding suspension of consultation activities with Eabametoong First Nation on major projects. We recognize that the current situation you describe regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the housing emergency and crises experienced in the past year by members of your community are having a significant impact. It is also recognized that these issues are making it difficult for your community to devote the necessary time and resources to participate in the Regional Assessment in the Ring of Fire area (Regional Assessment) and the ongoing impact assessments for the Marten Falls Community Access Road and Webequie Supply Road Projects (the Projects).

Given this reality, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) continues to extend the planning of the upcoming Regional Assessment to ensure effective and meaningful engagement with communities and organizations. Agency officials have advised me that they have recently been in touch with Eabametoong First Nation to arrange a meeting to explore how the Regional Assessment could be undertaken with the full involvement of the Indigenous communities that may be affected by future development in the Ring of Fire area. In light of the circumstances your community is experiencing, the Agency will continue to be flexible in its engagement process.

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Meteorological Service of Canada's 150th anniversary

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As the Agency continues to develop the draft terms of reference for the Regional Assessment, including the ongoing design of its associated governance structure, there will be opportunities for direct Indigenous involvement in this planning process. When you are ready to resume, I encourage you and your representatives to continue to work with Agency officials.

With respect to the ongoing road project impact assessments in the region, Agency officials likewise recognize the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic for your participation in these assessments, and have adapted their conduct to prioritize the health and safety of communities.

The impact assessments for the Projects are proceeding in accordance with legislated time limits. The Agency, upon request by the Proponents, may extend the legislated time limit in this phase of the assessment process under the *Impact Assessment Act*. These Proponent-driven time limits are managed individually and independently from the Regional Assessment. As planning for the Regional Assessment continues, Agency officials will explore the potential relationships between it and the ongoing road projects, including the potential for the Regional Assessment to contribute to these and future projects.

Agency officials will be in touch with you concerning when you and your representatives might be prepared to continue discussions. For planning around the Regional Assessment, I would encourage your representatives to work with Virginia Crawford, Senior Consultation Advisor (virginia.crawford@canada.ca). For the two road projects, your team may contact Sean Carriere, Acting Director of Ontario Region (sean.carriere@canada.ca).

Sincerely,



The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.

c.c. The Honourable Marc Miller, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, P.C., M.P.
Eric Melillo, M.P.

From: Peter Siebenmorgen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: April 14, 2022 8:00 AM
To: Meyer, James
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. Funding available for Community Coordinator Program

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Hi there, James.

Can you provide some additional background information on this funding? Will it be administered directly through MFFN, or will there be a TPA/payment agreement with EFN to support the costs of this coordinator?

Thanks for your help,

Peter

From: Peter Siebenmorgen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: May 31, 2022 8:33 AM
To: Meyer, James
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Re: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. Funding available for Community Coordinator Program

Thanks, James.

Sorry for the delay on my end here. EFN has been working through the structure of how the local team will be engaging with both the technical/project updates work as well as the TK and local data collection side of participation in the MFCAR.

Our CCLO is swamped with the consultation requirements for mineral exploration claims (as most are), especially in a Covid-adapted consultation environment. Can you clarify the actual amount available for this work? EFN does not think it would be useful to saddle the CCLO with extra responsibilities, but would rather assign this important work to a separate project engagement staff role.

I'm travelling north to the community this week for some time with leadership there, and planning out EFN's participation in the road EAs is a priority for us during this time. Any extra clarification you can provide would be very helpful.

Cheers,

Peter