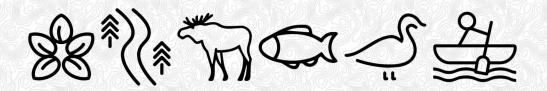


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Acronyms

ATRI..... Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests
AZA...... Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation

CAR Community Access Road

EAA..... 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

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) | Marten Falls First Nation (Proponent and potentially affected Indigenous community) Aroland First Nation Constance Lake First Nation Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope) Ginoogaming First Nation Neskantaga First Nation Nibinamik First Nation Webequie First Nation | | |
| Matawa First Nation and the Union of Ontario Indians (Nishnawbe Aski Nation) | ■ Long Lake #58 First Nation** | | |
| Mushkegowuk Council (Nishnawbe Aski Nation) | Attawapiskat First NationFort Albany First NationKashechewan First Nation | | |
| Shibogama First Nations Council (Nishnawbe Aski Nation) | Kasabonika Lake First Nation* Kingfisher Lake First Nation* Wapekeka First Nation* Wawakapewin First Nation** Wunnumin Lake First Nation | | |
| Independent First Nations Alliance | ■ Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation | | |
| Independent First Nations (Nishnawbe Aski Nation) | Mishkeegogamang First Nation***Weenusk First Nation | | |
| Nokiiwin Tribal Council | ■ Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek First Nation (AZA)* | | |
| Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) | ■ Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), Region 2** | | |
| Independent Métis Nation | ■ Red Sky Métis Independent Nation (RSMIN)** | | |

- Notes: * Indigenous communities or organizations identified by MECP who should be consulted on the basis that they may be interested in the Project.
 - ** MECP indicated in a letter to MFFN that Long Lake #58 First Nation was moved from interest-based to rights-based.
 - *** On September 9, 2019, the Agency identified Mishkeegogamang First Nation in the Preliminary List of Indigenous Groups for Proponent Engagement on the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project
 - Indicates communities identified by MECP but not on the Agency's Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan

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

Marten Falls First Nation*; Kingfisher Lake First Nation; Aroland First Nation; Long Lake #58 First Nation: Attawapiskat First Nation; Neskantaga First Nation; Constance Lake First Nation*: Nibinamik First Nation; Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope); Webequie First Nation;

RSMIN: Fort Albany First Nation; Ginoogaming First Nation; AZA; and

Kasabonika Lake First Nation; Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation.

Kashechewan First Nation;

The remaining six communities have expressed interest in receiving Project materials and may contact MFFN if they would like to meet in the future. MFFN continues outreach on an ongoing basis to these communities; providing the same milestone information (e.g., Discussion Guides, monthly E-Blasts, notifications, field notices) offered to each of the 23 Indigenous communities being engaged. These communities include:

Wunnumin Lake First Nation; Weenusk First Nation;

Wapekeka First Nation; Mishkeegogamang First Nation; and Wawakapewin First Nation; 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

| Development | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Input and Information Provided by Indigenous Communities | How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA Has Been or May Be Informed | | | | |
| Specific Feedback Provided on Environmental Existing Conditions Specific feedback was provided on the bird field program, including birds observed and comments on their habitats Specific feedback was provided on the wolverine field program Confidential information regarding the Albany River was provided and is considered as IK Caribou were identified in the District of Kenora Request to participate in field studies | Birds and comments on their habitats were noted for the bird field program. One site of the wolverine hair snag was changed based on feedback provided The EA has been informed by confidential information regarding the Albany River and details are being kept confidential The general identification of caribou location(s) has been noted Members of Aroland First Nation were invited to participate in the Groundwater and Geochemistry field program, including a flyover and planning for subsequent drilling program (outside of this reporting time period); any feedback provided during the flyover will be considered as part of the EA | | | | |
| Concerns Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required It was noted that a spawning area could be relocated if it would be disrupted by the Project Concern was expressed for watersheds Concern was expressed regarding caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights Concern was expressed related to salting on the road and impacts to nearby rivers | Relocating spawning areas has not yet been determined due to insufficient details provided. On-going follow-up is taking place to receive additional information to help identify the spawning area More specific details are required related to concerns for watersheds. As part of the alternative selection, effects to Natural Environment will be taken into consideration. More specific details are required related to concerns for caribou migration and impacts to gathering rights. The concern regarding salting and nearby rivers has been noted and maintenance of the Community Access Road, including usage of salt, will be one of the indicators for the evaluation | | | | |
| Interests Related to Environmental Existing Conditions; Additional Details Required Several communities indicated interest in different topics related to existing conditions without providing specific feedback or comments. Some examples include receiving field study results when they become available for caribou | ■ Interest in topics has been noted for each community. The MFFN CAR Project Team continues to distribute Discussion Guides related to field studies, educational videos and is planning upcoming webinars on valued components. Early observations and methods for field studies completed to-date were provided at PIC #3 and will be expanded as more information becomes available. Meetings will continue to be offered based on specific topics of interest to solicit additional feedback and issues | | | | |
| Route Alignment A variety of comments were provided on the route alignment near MFFN, including: river and ice levels can be high near MFFN and there are locations where the bank is eroding and could affect the road; intense rain could damage the road and impact streams due to erosion; safety concerns were raised regarding truck activities (including dust, noise, low visibility and speeding) north of the airport and children who play in the same area; and concerns regarding how the Community Access Road may interfere with MFFN community activities (e.g., gathering firewood, social events) | ■ Concerns related to the route alignment closer to MFFN have been noted and will be considered as part of the EA. As part of the EA, the evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Community Access Road, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefits to the community. Safety will be considered as part of the technical considerations and issues such as water level and erosion will also be considered as part of technical considerations and examined under Natural Environment. | | | | |

Input and Information Provided by Indigenous How the Development of the EA Milestone or EA Has **Communities Been or May Be Informed Cumulative Effects, Road Projects and Regional** ■ Some of the comments received were directed to Assessment government agencies (e.g., NDMNRF, MECP, the Agency) to respond to as they were outside of the scope of the Some communities expressed concerns regarding cumulative effects / impacts in the Project area, Community Access Road Project. In terms of cumulative including the scope of the EA, impacts from all effects, if specific details are provided they will be three road projects (the Community Access Road, considered as part of the EA; the EA will predict cumulative Webequie Supply Road and Northern Road Link), effects of the preferred alternative with the effects of past. the Regional Assessment and a moratorium on the present and reasonably foreseeable projects. Cumulative Ring of Fire activities. effects assessment methods will be shared during the Identifications of Preferred alternatives milestone. Impacts from COVID-19 ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team continues to work with each Some communities expressed inability to effectively Indigenous community's preference in how they would like engage with their community members due to the to be consulted and engaged, whether virtually or in-person and in light of the COVID-19 pandemic or other crises. COVID-19 pandemic. Custom consultation plans and protocols were also offered and will be followed up on with communities who expressed interest. **Timeline Extensions** Questions regarding timeline extensions will continue to be responded to, seeking to understand the needs of each Some communities requested extended Project timelines, both on the provincial and federal community. A request for an IS extension is being planned processes. and will be formally requested outside of this reporting time period. Communities will continue to be kept informed on timelines. Request for Funding While participant funding is issued by the province and Some communities expressed need for provincial not the MFFN CAR Project Team, requests were shared participant funding to participate in consultation and with the province to respond to. engagement activities. There has also been Additional funding for Indigenous communities include participation in the IK Program and Community ongoing coordination to onboard communities to the IK Program and Community Coordinator Coordinator Program. The MFFN CAR Project Team has Program, with funding provided by the MFFN CAR followed up with Indigenous communities via phone and Project Team. 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 | | |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Audience | | |
| Activity | 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). Note: Also captured under the IK Program and Community Co-ordinator section below | √ | | |
| ■ Teleconference presentation to Mushkegowuk Tribal Council's Terrestrial Working Group (May 18, 2022) | √ | √ | |
| Other Notices / Newsletters | | | |
| ■ 2021 Highlights Letter distributed to Indigenous communities via email (December 15, 2021 – 2021) | √ | | |
| ■ Phone calls to Indigenous communities to follow-up on the December E-Blast, Winter Discussion Guide and field notice (December 16 to 17, 2021) | ✓ | | |
| Circulated Monthly Project Update Email Blast (referred to as E-Blast) October 2021 (November 3, 2021) November 2021 (November 30 201) December 2021 (December 15, 2021) January 2022 (January 31, 2022) February / March 2022 (March 15, 2022) April 2022 (April 29, 2022) May 2022 (May 27, 2022) June 2022 (June 24, 2022) | ~ | √ | √ |

| Project Phase: NoC of EA | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | Audience | | | |
| Activity | Indigenous Communities | Interested Persons | Agencies & Government Bodies | |
| Circulated Field Study Notices & Discussion Guides: Winter Field Program Notice and Discussion Guide (December 10, 2021) Furbearer Ground Track Survey Update (January 19, 2022) Bird Aerial Surveys Update (February 4, 2022) Wolverine Den Surveys Notice (February 14, 2022) Wolverine Hair Snag Program and Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Update (March 3, 2022) Wolverine Den Survey Update (March 9, 2022) Early Spring Notice (March 29, 2022) Terrain and Soils Notice (May 11, 2022) Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Notice (May 30, 2022) Vegetation Field Notice (June 10, 2022) | ✓ | ✓ | √ | |
| Matawa Messenger newsletter feature (June 2022) | ✓ | √ | ✓ | |
| Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program | 1 | | | |
| 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.
 - o **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.
 - o **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.
 - o **Incoming Phone Calls** reflect instances where Indigenous communities contacted MFFN CAR Project Team without a previous outgoing phone call.
- **Meetings Offered vs. Held** reflects the efforts taken by the MFFN CAR Project Team to schedule a meeting in comparison to the number of meetings achieved between the Indigenous community and the MFFN CAR Project Team.

3.3.3 Mushkegowuk Council

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

Communication Distribution



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

| Summary of Participation During Reporting Period | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--|--|
| Status of IK Funding Agreement: N/A | | | |
| | IK information provided: N/A | | |
| Participating in Community Coordinator Program: Not Offered | N/A | | |
| Commented during The ToR | Commented on Draft ToR: No | | |
| | Commented on Final ToR: No | | |

| Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During EA / IA (October 29, 2021 – June 30, 2022) | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date | Consultation and Engagement Activity | | | | |
| Oct 29 – Nov 15, | Emails about the opportunity to present at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM. | | | | |
| 2021 | | | | | |
| Oct 29, 2021 | EA NoC distributed via email. | | | | |
| Nov 02, 2021 | Received an inquiry about the status of ToR approval. | | | | |
| Nov 02, 2021 | EA NoC distributed via mail (hard copy). | | | | |
| Nov 03, 2021 | Sent an update about the ToR approval | | | | |
| Nov 03, 2021 | October 2021 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email. | | | | |
| Nov 24, 2021 | MFFN Leadership and the MFFN CAR Project Team provided a Project update at the Mushkegowuk AGM. | | | | |
| Nov 30, 2021 | November 2021 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email. | | | | |
| Dec 10, 2021 | Winter Field Programs Discussion Guide and Notice distributed via email. | | | | |
| Dec 15, 2021 | December 2021 MFFN CAR E-Blast & 2021 Highlights Letter distributed via email. | | | | |
| Dec 17, 2021 | Phone calls to follow-up on the December E-Blast, Winter Field Programs Notice and Discussion Guide. | | | | |
| Jan 19, 2022 | Furbearer Ground Track Survey update distributed via email. | | | | |
| Jan 21, 2022 | Circulated a MFFN CAR IK Program update including updated schedule. | | | | |
| Jan 31, 2022 | January 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email. | | | | |
| Feb 04, 2022 | Ungulate Aerial Surveys update distributed via email. | | | | |
| Feb 14, 2022 | Wolverine Den Surveys Field Study Notice and Winter Field Programs update distributed via email. | | | | |
| Feb 28, 2022 | Phone call and email regarding Project updates and consultation and engagement methods. | | | | |
| Mar 03, 2022 | Wolverine Hair Snag and Bird ARU update distributed via email. | | | | |
| Mar 09, 2022 | Wolverine Den Surveys update distributed via email. | | | | |
| Mar 15, 2022 | February / March 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email. | | | | |
| Mar 29, 2022 | Early Spring Field Notice and Winter program updates distributed via email. | | | | |
| Mar 31 – Apr 21, | Coordination of Project presentation at Mushkegowuk Council technical meeting. | | | | |
| 2022 | | | | | |
| Apr 29, 2022 | April 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email. | | | | |
| May 11, 2022 | Terrain and Soils Field Notice distributed via email. | | | | |
| May 18, 2022 | The MFFN CAR Project Team presented to Mushkegowuk Council's Terrestrial Working Group. | | | | |

| Key Consultation and Engagement Activities Undertaken During EA / IA (October 29, 2021 – June 30, 2022) | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date | Consultation and Engagement Activity | | | | | |
| May 20 and 24, 2022 | Follow up to meeting on May 18, 2022 and sharing content from the meeting. | | | | | |
| May 27, 2022 | May 2022 MFFN CAR E-Blast distributed via email | | | | | |
| May 30, 2022 | Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Field Notice distributed via email. | | | | | |
| Jun 09, 2022 | Distributed minutes from the May 18, 2022 meeting via email. | | | | | |
| Jun 10, 2022 | Vegetation Field Notice distributed via email. | | | | | |
| Jun 13, 2022 | Notice for PIC #3 distributed via email. | | | | | |
| Jun 20, 2022 | Email and phone call invitation for PIC #3. | | | | | |
| Jun 24, 2022 | June 2022 E-Blast distributed via email. | | | | | |
| Jun 27 – 28, 2022 | 7 – 28, 2022 Received an inquiry about PIC #3 being available virtually and a response that materials will be available after. | | | | | |
| Jun 30, 2022 | Jun 30, 2022 PIC #3 materials and online feedback form distributed via email. | | | | | |

| | Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Mushkegowuk Council | | | | | | |
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| Item # | Topic / Issue Raised | Specific Issue / Comment Raised | Communication Channel | Response / Action | Addressed through the NoC EA Milestone and / or in the EA / IS | | |
| 1. | ■ Cumulative Effects | Issue—Moratorium on Development Associated with the Ring of Fire The MFFN CAR Project Team received a letter from Mushkegowuk Council on June 15, 2021 requesting MFFN consider a moratorium on development associated with the Ring of Fire until the Regional Assessment is completed. | | Status: Completed MFFN CAR Project Team responded on July 28, 2021, with a rationale for why a moratorium on the Project is not necessary at this time. The letter explained that moratorium is not required as MFFN is planning, studying and executing projects within traditional territory, through a community led process to exercise inherit rights and jurisdiction. The purpose of the Regional Assessment is to analyze future developments and potential effects in the Ring of Fire and is not intended to be completed in advance of impact assessments. MFFN encourages Mushkegowuk communities to express Project concerns so they may be considered, addressed and mitigated as best possible. | ■ N/A | | |

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

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

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

| | Summary of Feedback Received and Response / Action – Mushkegowuk Council | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Item # | Topic / Issue Raised | Specific Issue / Comment Raised | Communication Channel | Response / Action | Addressed through the NoC EA Milestone and / or in the EA / IS | | | | | | | | |
| 12. | ■ Cumulative Effects | ■ Issue—Cumulative Effects: During the May 18, 2022 it was asked if there has been any communication or coordination with the other road project teams, in terms of cumulative effects, as this is just one road of three to be linked in the area but they are all undergoing separate EA processes. | | Status: Complete The MFFN CAR Project Team advised that cumulative effects assessment is part of the EA and impact statement process, and is a requirement of any EA project. It was mentioned that any reasonably foreseeable projects (including other roads and mining) and available information are to be considered in the cumulative effects assessment. | IA Phase. | | | | | | | | |

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

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

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| Nov 24, 2021 | Meeting | | | Mushkegowuk Council Members | ■ N/A | MFFN Leadership MFFN CAR Project Team MFFN CAR Project Consultant | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team presented, in person, at the Mushkegowuk Council AGM on Wednesday, November 24. MFFN's Chief Bruce Achneepineskum provided opening remarks which were followed by a 15-minute presentation from the MFFN CAR Project Team which provided updated information on the Project. Participants asked questions related to: how long the assessment process had been consulting and engaging; an offer to come to Kashechewan First Nation; downstream impacts; and the thoroughness of the EA process. The MFFN CAR Project Team provided responses and offered to visit Kashechewan First Nation. An offer was also made to visit other Mushkegowuk communities to discuss the Project if they wished. |
| Nov 30, 2021 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | ■ Director ■ Rebecca Friday | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the November E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. The E-Blast included updates about the provincial and processes, recently completed and upcoming field studies, the new Valued Components video, and a profile of a MFFN CAR Project Team member. |
| Dec 10, 2021 | Email | | X | ■ Rebecca Friday | ■ Director ■ Rebecca Friday | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the Winter Field Program Discussion Guide and Field Notice to Mushkegowuk Council. The documents highlighted upcoming work related to the furbearer ground track surveys, winter ungulate aerial surveys and wolverine hair snag surveys with approximate start dates. The Discussion Guide included key questions relating to the upcoming winter field study programs and requested input. |
| Dec 15, 2021 | Email and Letter | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | ■ Director ■ Rebecca Friday | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the December E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. A letter was also attached detailing upcoming outreach in the new year, opportunities to meet and gather feedback. The E-Blast included key highlights from 2021, upcoming winter field study programs and their approximate timelines, and a message from a MFFN CAR Project Team member. |

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| Dec 17, 2021 | Phone | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo | ■ Director | ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo, Lands and Resources Director for the Mushkegowuk Council to follow up regarding the MFFN CAR Field Program and year end letter sent via email on December 15, 2021. A voicemail was left detailing the purpose of the call and to provide contact information. |
| Jan 19, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | DirectorDeputy Grand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed a notification providing confirmed dates for the first round of surveys for the furbearer ground track field program from January 20 to 24, 2022. The field crew will also conduct a remote camera check and caribou mortality investigation from January 21 to 27, 2022. Further updates will be provided in the January E-Blast. |
| Jan 21, 2022 | Email and Letter | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | DirectorDeputy Grand Chief | MFFN Community Member Advisor MFFN CAR Project Team MFFN CAR Project Consultant | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant distributed an IK Program Timeline and Update letter to Mushkegowuk Council via email. The letter provided information on key IK Program and ATRI dates and deadlines. |
| Jan 31, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | DirectorDeputy Grand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team sent the January E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. The E-Blast included an overview of recently completed and upcoming field studies, upcoming outreach to help inform the Project's land use assessment, updates on the schedule for the IK Program, a feature on two new educational videos (furbearers and greenhouse gases and air quality), and opportunities to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team virtually. |
| Feb 04, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | DirectorDeputy Grand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team followed up from the Winter Field Notice with confirmed dates for the winter ungulate aerial field program taking place from February 7 to 14, 2022. A field notice with more information was attached. |

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| Feb 14, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | ■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed an update for winter programs. The first update included a Field Notice for Wolverine Den Surveys taking place in advance of tree clearing activities for the upcoming Groundwater and Geochemistry field program, and noted that the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program was delayed and is expected to start after the Wolverine Den Surveys. The second update was that the Ungulate Aerial Survey was delayed due to needing optimal snow conditions. The third update was that the second round of Furbearer Ground Track Surveys are expected to start later in February. Links to videos about wolverines, groundwater, ungulates and furbearers were included, along with a link to the website for notices. Notices for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program, Wolverine Den Surveys and Combined Winter Field Programs were attached. |
| Feb 28, 2022 | Phone | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo | Director | ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant | The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to check-in with the council. Vern reminded the MFFN CAR Project Consultant that calls and emails aren't considered consultation with Mushkegowuk Council First Nations. Vern Cheechoo requested more information about the Caribou Field Study Program and potential impacts to peatlands and Albany River, when available. Vern Cheechoo also mentioned that Mushkegowuk Council technical advisors meet biweekly and that the MFFN CAR Project Team is welcome to share information at these meetings. |
| Feb 28, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | ■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief | MFFN CAR Project Team MFFN CAR Project Consultant | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent a follow-up email to Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to thank him for the phone conversation that day and to summarize discussion. The email noted Vern Cheechoo's reminder that engagement with the Mushkegowuk Council should not be considered consultation with community rights holders and that the Council would like to hear more about the Caribou Field Study Program, and potential impacts to peatlands and downstream in the Albany River, when available. The email also noted the ongoing invitation by the Mushkegowuk Council for the MFFN CAR Project Team to share project information at their biweekly technical meetings. |

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| Mar 03, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | ■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed an update for the wolverine hair snag program confirming crews will be making the monthly trip to re-bait hair snag traps from March 6 – 16, 2022. In an effort to avoid programs during the traditional goose hunt, it was noted that around 30 bird autonomous recording units would be placed in the study area during this time. A Discussion Guide will be provided shortly with questions asking for input on future locations of the units. The Winter Field Notice was attached, and a link to the wolverine video was included. |
| Mar 09, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | ■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief | MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed an update confirming the Wolverine Den Surveys, in advance of the Groundwater and Geochemistry program, will take place from March 11 - 15, 2022. The Groundwater and Geochemistry program is anticipated to start shortly after the wolverine den surveys. It was also noted field crews are awaiting appropriate weather to conduct the last round of furbearer surveys, with a modified methodology, and dates will be provided once confirmed. The Wolverine Den Survey Field Notice, Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Notice and Winter Field Notice were attached, and links to the wolverine, furbearer and groundwater videos were included. |
| Mar 15, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | ■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the combined February / March E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. The E-Blast included a Project update video, Bird and Spring Programs Discussion Guides and an overview of recently completed and upcoming field studies and their approximate timelines. A link to the website with more detailed information was provided. |

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| Mar 29, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | ■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed an update on the last round of winter furbearer surveys scheduled for April 1-5, 2022 during which, remaining wolverine denning surveys will be completed in advance of the Groundwater and Geochemistry program. The email included an Early Spring Field Notice, providing advanced notice of upcoming field programs taking place between March - May, 2022 and includes links to the Bird Discussion Guide and Spring Programs Discussion Guide. The Winter Field Notice, Wolverine Den Survey Field Notice and Early Spring Field Notice were attached, and a links to the Project website and furbearer video were included. |
| Mar 31, 2022 | Phone | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo | ■ Director | ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant | The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to inquire about coordinating a Project update presentation by the MFFN CAR Project Team at one of the Mushkegowuk Council bi-weekly meetings in late April or early May. The call was not answered and a voicemail was left detailing the purpose of the call and provided contact information. |
| Mar 31, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo | ■ Director | MFFN CAR Project Team MFFN CAR Project Consultant | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent email to Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to inquire about coordinating a Project update presentation by the MFFN CAR Project Team at one of the Mushkegowuk Council bi-weekly meetings in late April or early May. It was noted that based on previous correspondence, areas of interest to discuss include potential downstream impacts to Albany River and peatlands, and the Caribou Field Study Program, and it was asked if there were any other topics of interest for discussion. |

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

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| May 11, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | ■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Physiography, Terrain & Soils Field Notice and an update for May field programs to Mushkegowuk Council. The Physiography, Terrain and Soils field study will be starting at the end of May. The Wolverine Hair Snag Survey / Bird Autonomous Recording Units / Remote Camera Check and Caribou Mortality Investigation will be ongoing until May 16, 2022. The Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys will be conducted May 12 - 16, 2022. Questions, comments or feedback were requested about the programs. |
| May 18, 2022 | Meeting | | | Vern Cheechoo Rebecca Friday Chelsea Martin Megan C Mark Brooks Calvin Lincez Lindsay Beck Beatrice Frank Nicole McDonald Clare Wark Eugenia Kwok Lorna Harris Sarah Finkelstein Kimberley Dunn | Director Deputy Grand Chief Terrestrial Working Group Advisor | MFFN CAR Project Team MFFN CAR Project Consultant | The MFFN CAR Project Team met with Mushkegowuk Council's Terrestrial Working Group to discuss the Project, with a particular focus on field study programs. The MFFN CAR Project Team delivered a presentation that included summaries of the Consultation and Engagement Program, the IK and ATRI Program, and the Field Study Program topics of interest (caribou, Albany River, peatlands). There was an opportunity for discussion and questions at the end of the meeting. Several questions were asked about road engineering, Project governance and peatlands. |
| May 20, 2022 | Email | X | | ■ Kimberley Dunn | ■ Advisor | MFFN CAR Project Consultant | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Kimberley Dunn, Mushkegowuk Council Advisor, thanking the Project Team for their presentation on May 18, 2022 and if the presentation could be shared with the group. |
| May 24, 2022 | Email | X | | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Kimberley Dunn | ■ Director ■ Advisor | ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Kimberley Dunn, Mushkegowuk Council Advisor, letting the Project Team know she will share the provided pdf copy of the presentation with the group and noted that they will share the recording of the presentation recording with the MFFN CAR Project Team in about a week due to required editing. |

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| May 24, 2022 | Email | | | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Kimberley Dunn | ■ Director ■ Advisor | MFFN CAR Project Consultant | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Kimberley Dunn, Mushkegowuk Council Advisor, with attached pdf of Terrestrial Working Group Presentation. It was asked if Kimberley could share a recording of the presentation. |
| May 27, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | DirectorDeputy Grand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the May E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. The E-Blast included field study updates, an overview of upcoming field studies, an update on the IK Program submission deadline and upcoming opportunities to meet with the MFFN CAR Project Team in-person at the EA / IS Introduction PIC #3 in June 2022. |
| May 30, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | DirectorDeputy Grand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Field Notice to Mushkegowuk Council. The Surface Water Fish and Fish Habitat field study will be starting mid to late June. Questions, comments or feedback were requested about the programs via the Discussion Guide, and a link to a video was also provided. |
| Jun 09, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Kimberley Dunn | ■ Director ■ Advisor | MFFN CAR Community Member Advisor MFFN CAR Project Team MFFN CAR Project Consultant | The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Kimberley Dunn, Mushkegowuk Council Advisor and Vern Cheechoo regarding the May 18, 2022 Terrestrial Working Group Presentation with two follow up items. The first was to present the meeting minutes and request that any missed information be shared before June 24, 2022. The second was to ask if any attendees would like to join the list of Public and interested persons list to receive ongoing MFFN CAR Project emails. |
| Jun 09, 2022 | Email | | Х | ■ Vern Cheechoo | ■ Director | MFFN CAR Project Consultant | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, to request contact information for Grand Chief Linklater. |
| Jun 09, 2022 | Email | Х | | ■ Vern Cheechoo | ■ Director | MFFN CAR Project Consultant | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, with contact information for Grand Chief Linklater. |

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| Jun 10, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday | ■ Director ■ Deputy Grand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team distributed the Vegetation Field Notice to Mushkegowuk Council noting that the program is starting mid-July. Questions, comments or feedback were requested about the programs via the Discussion Guide, and a link to a video was also provided. Dates for several other upcoming field programs were also confirmed. |
| Jun 13, 2022 | Email | | X | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Rebecca Friday ■ Alison Linklater | DirectorDeputy Grand ChiefGrand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | The MFFN CAR Project Team sent out a notice for PIC #3 for the EA / IS Introduction on June 27, 2022 in Thunder Bay and June 29, 2022 in Geraldton for an opportunity to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team and share feedback, ideas and values related to the Project. Indigenous community members were invited to join early for the first hour of each meeting and the public can join afterwards. A formal notice was attached, along with a link to the website with the notice translated in French, Ojibway, Cree and Oji-Cree. |
| Jun 20, 2022 | Phone | | Х | ■ Vern Cheechoo | ■ Director | MFFN CAR Project Consultant | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant called to invite the Mushkegowuk Council to PIC #3. |
| Jun 20, 2022 | Email | | X | Vern CheechooRebecca FridayAlison Linklater | DirectorDeputy Grand ChiefGrand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant followed up on the call made June 20 to invite the Mushkegowuk Council to PIC #3. |
| Jun 24, 2022 | Email | | X | Vern CheechooRebecca FridayAlison Linklater | DirectorDeputy Grand ChiefGrand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed the June E-Blast to Mushkegowuk Council. The E-Blast included details to meet the MFFN CAR Project Team inperson at PIC #3 in Thunder Bay on June 27 and Geraldton on June 29 as well as field study updates, an overview of upcoming field studies and an update on the IK Program submission deadline. |
| Jun 27, 2022 | Email | X | | ■ Haley Rice | Senior Environmental Coordinator | Consultant | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Haley Rice, Mushkegowuk Council, who asked if there was an online option for the PIC #3 meeting on June 29, 2022. |
| Jun 28, 2022 | Email | X | | ■ Vern Cheechoo | ■ Director | ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant received an email from Vern Cheechoo, Mushkegowuk Council, who wanted to inquire if there was an online (zoom) option for the PIC #3 meeting on June 29, 2022. |

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| Jun 28, 2022 | Email | | Х | ■ Vern Cheechoo ■ Haley Rice | DirectorSenior Environmental Coordinator | ■ MFFN CAR Project Consultant | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Consultant sent an email to Vern Cheechoo and Haley Rice, Mushkegowuk Council, stating that there was no online option for PIC #3 and suggested the project team could provide PDF versions of the PIC posters. Both Vern and Haley acknowledged the offer. | | |
| Jun 30, 2022 | Email | | Х | Vern CheechooRebecca FridayAlison Linklater | DirectorDeputy Grand ChiefGrand Chief | ■ MFFN CAR Project Team | ■ The MFFN CAR Project Team emailed Mushkegowuk Council to thank those who joined PIC #3 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton. A link to all PIC #3 materials on the website was shared, as well as an online feedback form with a deadline of July 13, 2022. | | |

