

B15. Neskantaga First Nation

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Burnham, Stephanie [REDACTED]

MFFN CAR: Winter Program Discussion Guide and Field Notice Follow Up

Burnham, Stephanie [REDACTED]

Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 3:28 PM

To: Wayne Moonias [REDACTED], Chris Moonias [REDACTED], Scott Hamilton

<[REDACTED]>, David Peerla [REDACTED], Leroy Moonias <[REDACTED]>

Cc: "Coppaway, Clayton" [REDACTED] info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Good Afternoon Chief Moonias,

I am just following up to the message I left for you yesterday at the Band Office to confirm if you have received the letter and E-Blast that was sent on December 15, 2021, along with the Winter Program and Discussion Guides.

If Neskantaga First Nation leadership and/ or supporting staff wish to meet with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss these matters or other questions and concerns, I am happy to coordinate a meeting for the New Year at a time that is convenient for you and your team. If a meeting is of interest, we are following public health guidelines and will work with the community to create a safe space to meet that is in accordance with Neskantaga First Nation protocols.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to hearing from you,

Respectfully,

Stephanie Burnham
MFFN CAR Project Consultant

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Stephanie Burnham
Dillon Consulting Limited



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Coppaway, Clayton <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR IK Program Timeline Update

1 message

Nokleby, Andrea <[REDACTED]> Mon, Jan 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM
To: Chris Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Wayne Moonias <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED],
[REDACTED], Scott Hamilton <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
Cc: Bob Baxter <[REDACTED]>, Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Lawrence Baxter
<[REDACTED]>, "Coppaway, Clayton" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Chief Moonias,

We hope the start of the new year brings with it safety, peace, and prosperity to your community. We are thinking of you during these times.

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

We have also attached the IK Funding Agreement for your review.

For any questions you may have regarding the Indigenous Knowledge Program, or to follow-up on this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact Bob Baxter at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or myself at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED].

Thank you and have a great day,

Andrea



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

Chief Wayne Moonias
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Re: Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline and Update

Dear Chief Wayne Moonias:

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

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

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

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

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





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

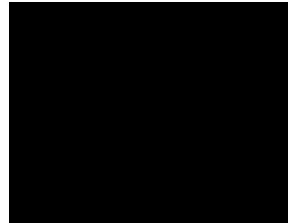
Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use is invaluable in that it helps us to better understand and appreciate the environment with respect to the identity, culture, and heritage of Indigenous Communities. We hope that the Indigenous Knowledge Program also helps to support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

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:

- Chris Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation
- Leroy Moonias, Executive Secretary, Neskantaga First Nation
- David Peerla, Advisor, Neskantaga First Nation
- Scott Hamilton, Advisor, Neskantaga First Nation
- Bob Baxter, MFFN CAR Senior Community Member Advisor
- Andrea Nokleby, MFFN CAR Project Consultant





MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Figure 1: Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline



Indigenous Knowledge Program Funding Agreement (the "Agreement")

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

BETWEEN:

INSERT NAME OF FIRST NATION

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

OF THE FIRST PART

- AND -

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

OF THE SECOND PART

- AND -

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

OF THE THIRD PART

WHEREAS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE I: SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

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

ARTICLE II: Project Team Responsibilities

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

ARTICLE III: FN RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

ARTICLE IV: Compensation

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE V: CONFIDENTIALITY, USE AND DISCLOSURE

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

ARTICLE VI: CONFIRMATION

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

ARTICLE VII: OTHER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Project Team **insert address and contact person or title** Qasim Saddique, Project Director (qsaddique@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: _____

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



Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

Fwd: MFFN CAR IK Program Timeline Update

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From: **Nokleby, Andrea** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 3:21 PM

Subject: Re: MFFN CAR IK Program Timeline Update

To: Chris Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Wayne Moonias <[REDACTED]>, <[REDACTED]>, Scott Hamilton <[REDACTED]>, <[REDACTED]>, <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Bob Baxter <[REDACTED]>, Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Lawrence Baxter <[REDACTED]>, Coppaway, Clayton <[REDACTED]>

Good Afternoon Chief Moonias,

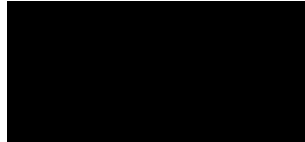
I am just following up to see if you had any questions or comments on the Indigenous Knowledge Program, timeline or any of the other documents that were provided. We would be happy to set up a time to meet to discuss anything further at your request.

Thank you and have a great afternoon,

Andrea



Andrea Nokleby
Partner
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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

Fwd: MFFN CAR IK Program Timeline Update

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From: **Nokleby, Andrea** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 10:10 AM

Subject: Re: MFFN CAR IK Program Timeline Update

To: David Peerla <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Chris Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Wayne Moonias <[REDACTED]>,

Coppaway, Clayton <[REDACTED]>

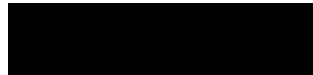
Good Morning David,

Thank you for your email, I appreciate you responding. I am very sorry for the challenges everyone is facing. I will take this back to the Project Team. If you need anything in the interim please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thank you and wishing everyone well,

Andrea

Andrea Nokleby
Partner
Dillon Consulting Limited





Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

Re: MFFN CAR IK Program Timeline Update

Clayton Coppaway <[REDACTED]>

9 March 2022 at 08:32

To: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Cc: Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Jennifer Bruin <[REDACTED]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[REDACTED]>, Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Wayne Moonias and David Peerla,

Thank you for your email on February 7, 2022 updating us on the status of your community. We are sorry to hear of the challenges Neskantaga First Nation has and continues to face. Please keep us updated as the COVID-19 situation evolves and hopefully travel and gathering restrictions begin to ease.

The MFFN CAR Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program was developed to work and collaborate with Indigenous communities. It is our hope that you and Neskantaga First Nation's leadership continue to consider the important role that Neskantaga First Nation could have in this program. We feel that it is very important that each community is heard, and that any Knowledge shared as part of the IK Program is considered in this Project. We understand how important and sensitive Neskantaga's Knowledge is and our team is here to work with and support your community to see that it is included and protected according to your wishes.

The June 30, 2022 deadline for Indigenous Knowledge information to be submitted was set in order to give communities the opportunity to have their Knowledge inform the Environmental Assessment processes (EA/IS) in the early stages of the process. The purpose of this date is to confirm that any Knowledge shared with us will be incorporated into the EA/IS early on. It is important to know that after this date we will still accept and continue to work with communities on how best to incorporate their Knowledge in the assessment processes. It is our hope that we can work with Neskantaga First Nation and their advisors to find ways to share Indigenous Knowledge in a timely and efficient manner to help better inform the EA/IS.

Again, we would be very happy to arrange a virtual meeting (or in-person when deemed by the community and public health to do so) to discuss the IK Program and other important concerns raised by Neskantaga First Nation, such as the development of a custom consultation process and available funding to help support the community's engagement with the MFFN CAR Project.

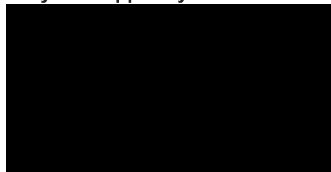
Regards,

Clayton Coppaway
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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Clayton Coppaway





Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

Re: MFFN CAR IK Program Timeline Update

Clayton Coppaway <[REDACTED]>

15 March 2022 at 13:57

To: David Peerja <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>, Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Jennifer Bruin <[REDACTED]>, Avril Fiskien

<[REDACTED]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[REDACTED]>, Wayne Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Don McKinnon <[REDACTED]>,

Bob Baxter <[REDACTED]>, lawrence baxter <[REDACTED]>

Hi David,

Thank you so much for sending the article. I have passed these along to our IK team.

I hope that things in the community have begun to settle with respect to the COVID-19 situation.

Again, the MFFN CAR Project Team would be very please to meet with you and the other Neskantaga First Nation representatives either virtually or in-person to discuss the IK program, a custom consultation process, and available funding. Please just let us know.

Again thank you so much for reaching out with this and we look forward to hearing from you again soon!

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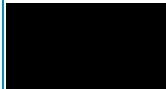
Clayton Coppaway

On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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Clayton Coppaway
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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR: Funding available for Community Coordinator Program

Clayton Coppaway <[REDACTED]>

18 March 2022 at 05:54

To: Wayne Moonias <[REDACTED]> [REDACTED]
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Lawrence Baxter <[REDACTED]>, MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, Kyla Zielbauer <[REDACTED]>, David Peerla <[REDACTED]>, Scott Hamilton <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED], Chris Moonias <[REDACTED]>

Dear Chief Moonias,

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 Neskantaga First Nation is invited to participate.

The Community Coordinator Program will support Community Access Road Project activities, meetings and events; helping to make sure input is collected from the right people and shared back with the Project Team so as to be included in the Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment processes. The Community Coordinator will be hired part-time at \$[REDACTED]r 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 Neskantaga First Nation on the Community Access Road Project. We appreciate your input on this request and welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have on the proposed process. I hope to hear from you by **March 31, 2022** and will follow-up next week to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Clayton Coppaway
On behalf of the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team



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Clayton Coppaway
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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

WE'RE HIRING!

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

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

If so, this could be the role for you!

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

Responsibilities

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

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



Chief Wayne Moonias
Neskantaga First Nation
[REDACTED]

March 17, 2022

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

Dear Chief Moonias,

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 Neskantaga 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 Neskantaga 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. We understand that Neskantaga First Nation currently has funding from the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF) for yourself and LeRoy Moonias as a Community Coordinator. We would like to propose supplementing the funding already provided by NDMNRF for this position, so as to increase the hours already being worked on the Project. The choice of candidate, however, is yours to make. You know best who is the best fit for this role. Are you and Council members comfortable with yourself and LeRoy Moonias being hired in this role for the MFFN Community Access Road? If not, please let us know if we can support you by reaching out to your members to see if someone else is interested. We hope to hear from you by **March 31, 2022**.

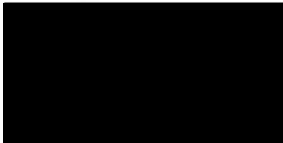
We appreciate your time and thoughts on this Program and are open to have a detailed discussion. We believe the hiring of Community Coordinators will strengthen our collective efforts on both the EA and IA and allow for a more open and responsive consultation and engagement between Neskantaga First Nation and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team. If you have any questions or would like to setup a meeting, please contact [REDACTED] or call 1-800-764-9114. We will follow-up



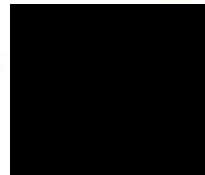


directly with you in advance of the two-week deadline to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding the Community Coordinator Program.

Sincerely,



Qasim Saddique
Project Director



Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Member Advisor

Encl. MFFN Community Access Road Community Coordinator Job Posting

CC:

- Chris Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation
- David Peerla, Neskantaga First Nation Advisor
- Scott Hamilton, Neskantaga First Nation Advisor
- LeRoy Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation
- Lawrence Baxter, Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Qasim Saddique, Project Director, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Clayton Coppaway, Consultant, MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultant





Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR - Neskantaga First Nation Check-in

Clayton Coppaway <[REDACTED]>

28 March 2022 at 15:52

To: Wayne Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Chris Moonias <[REDACTED]>, David Peerla <[REDACTED]>, Scott Hamilton <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[REDACTED]>, Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Don McKinnon <[REDACTED]>, Jennifer Bruin <[REDACTED]>, MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, Avril Fiske <[REDACTED]>

Dear Chief Moonias,

I called the band office earlier this afternoon and understand that you and the council are travelling for meetings at the moment. I wanted to send along a follow up email to highlight some important MFFN CAR related items:

- **Community Coordinator Program** (Letter sent March 17, 2022)
 - If interested or you need more time or information, please let us know by March 31, 2022
- **Monthly Project Update Emails** (e-Blasts, sent March 15, 2022)
 - There is a new Project Update Video and see the Survey? Completing a survey by March 31, 2022 enters you into an opportunity to win one of five \$50 gift cards.
- **Bird and Spring Discussion Guides**
 - Please let us know if you or your advisors would like to provide any input or if there are questions regarding the Bird and Spring Discussion Guide questions.
- **Other Important Items:**
 - Initiation of a Custom Consultation Process for Neskantaga First Nation
 - Indigenous Knowledge Program and Sharing Agreement

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

Sincerely,

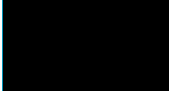
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On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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MFFN CAR - Neskantaga First Nation Check-in

Clayton Coppaway <[REDACTED]>

29 March 2022 at 09:31

To: David Peerla <[REDACTED]>, Wayne Moonias <[REDACTED]>
 Cc: Chris Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Scott Hamilton <[REDACTED]>, Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Jennifer Bruin <[REDACTED]>, Avril Fiskien <[REDACTED]>, Don McKinnon <[REDACTED]>, Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>, MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, Kyla Zielbauer <[REDACTED]>

Hi David and Chief Moonias,

David, Thank you for this information and I have forwarded it on to our Natural Science Team. We are also appreciative of you updating us that COVID is still a factor for the community.

For Chief Moonias, I also want to highlight and add to the other points of our follow-up.

- **Community Coordinator Program** (Letter send March 17, 2022)
 - If interested or you need more time or information, please let us know by March 31, 2022
 - I have re-attached the letter and job posting as well, for your convenience.
- **Monthly Project Update Emails** (e-Blasts, sent March 15, 2022)
 - There is a new Project Update Video and see the Survey? Completing a survey by March 31, 2022 enters you into an opportunity to win one of five \$50 gift cards.
- **Other Important Items:**
 - Initiation of a Custom Consultation Process for Neskantaga First Nation
 - Indigenous Knowledge Program and the development of an IK Sharing Agreement with Neskantaga First Nation
 - Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests of Neskantaga First Nation

We would be pleased to coordinate a meeting (either virtual or in-person) with Neskantaga First Nation leadership and your advisors to discuss these important items. We feel that this could be an excellent opportunity to re-connect, provide project updates, and discuss our engagement and consultation activities going forward.

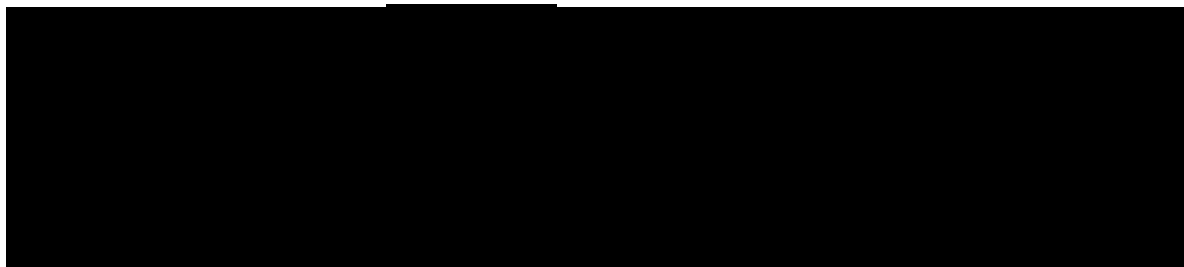
Please let me know if there are some dates and times that would work for you and I can coordinate with the MFFN CAR Project Team.

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



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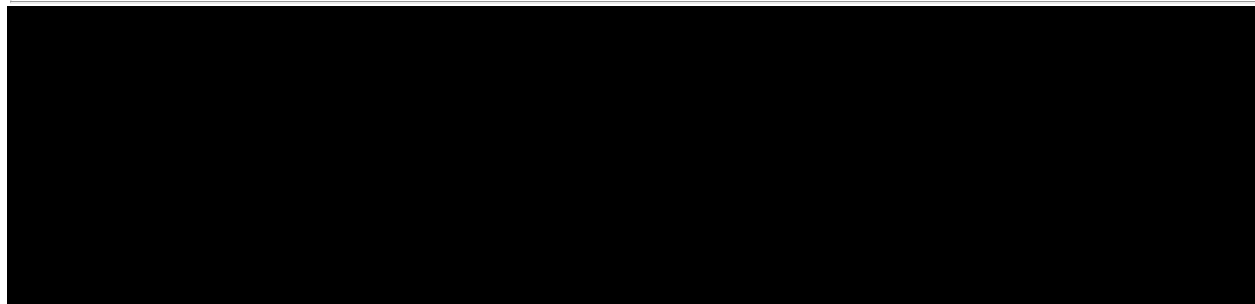
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Fwd: New MFCAR Timeline and Request for NRL Road Options shapefiles for Dr.Scott Hamilton



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From: **Qasim Saddique** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, Apr 1, 2022 at 4:14 PM

Subject: Re: New MFCAR Timeline and Request for NRL Road Options shapefiles for Dr.Scott Hamilton

To: David Peerla <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Wayne Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Chris Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Scott Hamilton <[REDACTED]>

Hello David,

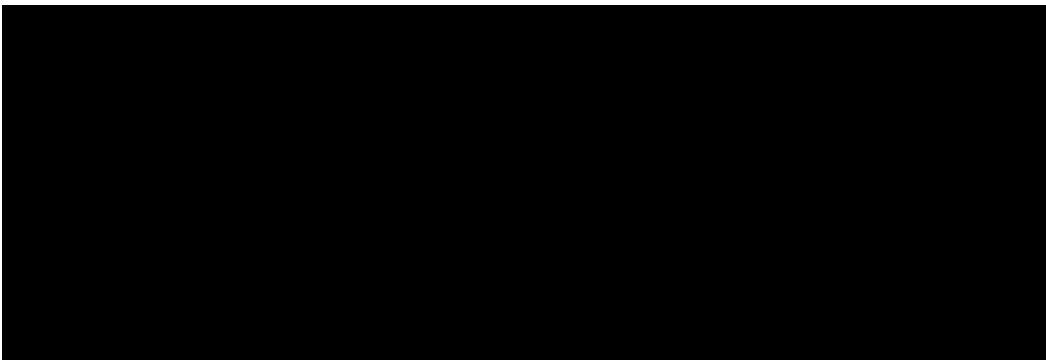
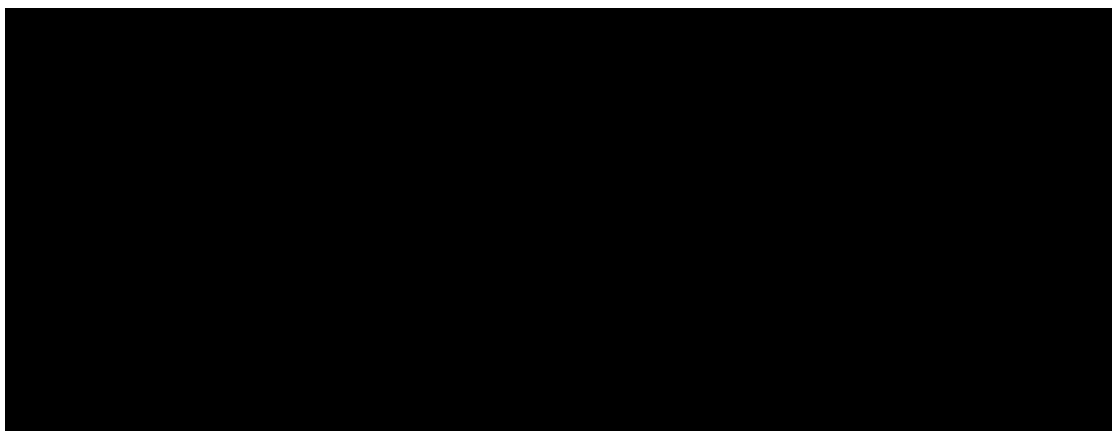
We have just started a discussion with IAAC on additional time required for the MFCAR IA. At this stage we are working with the federal authorities to establish next steps and the additional time required and I think we will know what those next steps look like in the next few weeks.

Our current estimate is that the draft EA/IA report for MFCAR will be available in 2024 for comments and the final report would be submitted later in 2025. Those timelines will be refined a bit more as our discussions progress with the Agency and we will provide an update as it becomes available.

Lastly, shape files for NRL were sent on March 29th to Scott Hamilton. Please see attachment included here and let me know if there is additional information required and I can get that over.

Best wishes,
Qasim

Qasim Saddique MSc, MBA
Principal Consultant

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MFFN CAR - Community Coordinator Program

Clayton Coppaway <[REDACTED]> 9 May 2022 at 14:53
To: Wayne Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Chris Moonias <[REDACTED]>, David Peerla <[REDACTED]>, Scott Hamilton <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Jennifer Bruin <[REDACTED]>, Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>, Don McKinnon <[REDACTED]>, Avril Fiskens <[REDACTED]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[REDACTED]>, MFFN CAR Project - Webmail <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Hi Chief Moonias and David,

I hope this email finds you well and that you and your community are doing well. I called the community last Thursday but you were unavailable. I just wanted to connect with you on some important items regarding the MFFN CAR Project.

Specifically we wanted to:

- Confirm if you've received the Community Coordinator letter and job posting sent on March 18, 2022 and if your community would be interested in the program (I've attached the letter and job posting as well);
- Highlight that the MFFN CAR Project Team would like to meet with you to discuss the MFFN CAR Project and discuss:
 - Development of a custom consultation process for the community;
 - IK Program, IK Sharing Agreements, and funding;
 - Community coordinator program and associated funding; and,
 - Aboriginal and Treaty Rights in the project study area.

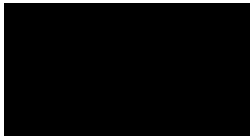
I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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



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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

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

Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

20 June 2022 at 16:30

To: Chief Wayne Moonias <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Chris Moonias <[REDACTED]>, LeRoy Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Scott Hamilton <[REDACTED]>, David Peerla <[REDACTED]>, Clayton Coppaway <[REDACTED]>

Good Afternoon Chief Moonias,

I don't believe we have been formally introduced - my name is Kyla and I am supporting Clayton Coppaway on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project.

I'm following up on a phone call made earlier this afternoon about the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road's third Public Information Centre (PIC) for the Project on June 27th and June 29th. We hope Neskantaga 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 the 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 Wardrobe 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 PIC, all meeting materials will be posted on the project website.

Please reach out if you have any questions or would like to connect about anything related to the Project.

Sincerely,
Kyla Zielbauer
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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B15.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence





Burnham, Stephanie [REDACTED]

MFFN CAR: Winter Program Discussion Guide and Field Notice Follow Up

David Peerla <[REDACTED]> Fri, Dec 17, 2021 at 4:25 PM
To: "Burnham, Stephanie" <[REDACTED]>, "McLeod, Sasha (MECP)" <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Wayne Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Chris Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Leroy Moonias
<[REDACTED]>, "Coppaway, Clayton" <[REDACTED]>, info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Hi Stephanie. The letter and eblast were received.

The community focus is entirely on the Omicron wave of the pandemic.

Consultation activities cannot be meaningfully or safely carried out in compliance with current public health advice.

To meet would be to act against public health advice and put Neskantaga members' safety at risk.

In our view, the proponent should suspend or pause the EA process until the Omicron wave has been resolved and Neskantaga and other affected communities have recovered.

If the proponent still chooses to take a "wait and see" approach, Neskantaga asks for an explanation of why the proponent considers this acceptable at the same time that the Ontario case count is rapidly escalating and essentially all governments and major institutions across the province are now implementing measures to stop unnecessary gatherings.

Regards,
David Peerla
[Quoted text hidden]



On Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 11:56 AM David Peerla <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Hi Andrea.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impose very challenging circumstances on Neskantaga, with all remote First Nations communities facing disproportionate burdens. We were sad to learn of Marten Falls own challenges in recent media reports. We are just learning that there is a serious omicron outbreak in one of our neighbouring communities. It is extremely imprudent to impose a fixed timeline in this context. The proponent must recognize that they are engaging with a community in crisis that is struggling with serious consultation overload. The strain of the pandemic is exacerbated by existing social crises in the Neskantaga. Neskantaga has been disproportionately affected by the pandemic, and are dealing with an ongoing boil water advisory, as well as various social crises. Frankly, Neskantaga cannot keep up with the number of requests for consultation and engagement that they receive. Neskantaga is exhausted and frustrated by the continual imposition of external timelines.

Regards,
David Peerla

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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

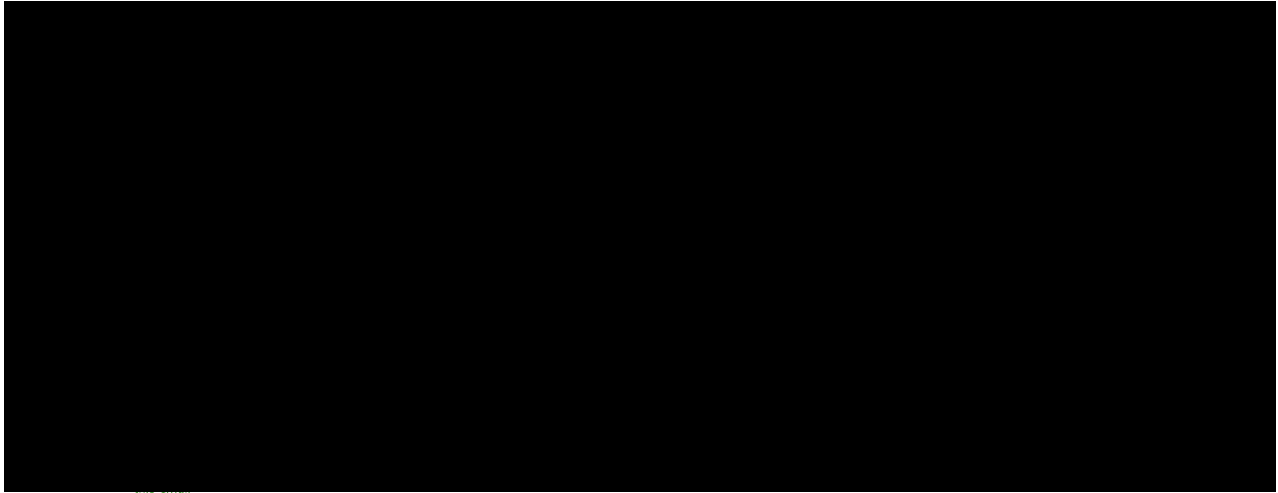
Re: MFFN CAR IK Program Timeline Update

Clayton Coppaway <[REDACTED]>

15 March 2022 at 13:57

To: David Peerla <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>, Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Jennifer Bruin <[REDACTED]>, Avril Fisker <[REDACTED]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[REDACTED]>, Wayne Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Don McKinnon <[REDACTED]>, Bob Baxter <[REDACTED]>, lawrence baxter <[REDACTED]>



On Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 2:18 PM David Peerla <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Clayton, attached a 1991 article on the Baxter family that references sturgeon, brook trout walleye, pike, caribou, a settlement site and an historic cemetery. May be useful in your IK work.

Regards,

David Peerla

[Quoted text hidden]

Wednesday, July 17, 1991

For this Ojibway clan, living off the land is a labor of love

Chicago Tribune

OGOKI, Ontario—The aromas were extremely rich for a fishing camp.

Roasting sturgeon. Fresh-baked bannock. Campfire caribou.

Four slim tree trunks had been tied by the Indians into a pole frame above the fire pit. Two slender cross beams supported the metal grill of an old army cot.

Three large chunks of fresh Albany River sturgeon had been split by 73-year-old Antoinette Baxter and laid across the cot frame, skin side down. There they slowly cooked high above



John Husar
On the outdoors

One in a series on Indian-owned and operated fishing camps.

the aspen coals until the fat pooled into a tawny liquid and she flipped the meat with moose-mittened hands. Flames roared with the spilled fat.

In another hour, the meat was a flaky golden brown. Then we tore into it—as her son, Mel, put it—“like whiskey jacks. We just circle around and grab the pieces.”

Not a bad way to end a day of walleye and northern pike fishing on the historic Albany River. The Baxters—led by Leonard and Robert, two of the 11 children of Antoinette and her 77-year-old husband, John—operate four fishing and hunting camps along the 520-mile Albany, halfway between Sioux Lookout and James

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Photo for the Tribune by John Husar

Antoinette Baxter ties a sturgeon to a stick for cooking over a campfire. The Baxter family operates four camps in Ontario.

Baxter Family



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Bay.

They entertained 84 customers last year, including seven-day canoe trips through lesser streams. This was hardly one of their better camps—two ramshackle cabins built in 1971 and a trio of tents. Cooking was by campfire and Coleman stove. Lighting by kerosene. Haul your water from the pristine river.

But the camp was as authentic as they come. It overlooked the river from a steep, protective bluff. Paths led to 40 miles of traplines the Baxters have used for 53 years. A few miles upriver were the Marten Falls rapids and an abandoned settlement where old John had been born when his father ran the Hudson's Bay trading post, now thickly overgrown.

The Baxters were trying out a new idea in Indian-operated fishing camps. Moon and the daughters-in-law held forth in camp, cleaning fish, cooking bread and meat, keeping things in order, shoeing kids out of the way. Dad and the boys escorted a quintet of fishermen to hidden bays, boulder-strewn holes, mid-river islands and bubbling rapids in wooden motor-driven freighter canoes.

They offered a stop or two, if we wished, to check out the foundations and rusty junk of the old settlement. John huffed his way up a weedy hill to a cemetery where he had found a concrete grave cover dated 1823.

"It was in 1967," he explained. "I hadn't been around here in 15 years. When I left here, I was 10, and something like this meant nothing to me. I suppose we ought to let someone in the government know it's here."

As we talked, he poked through the underbrush and discovered the grave of an aunt who was buried when he was 5. "I used to walk through here shooting partridge with my bow," John mused.

The Baxters head an Ojibway clan that includes 42 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Two of their children are doctors, one is a nurse, one is in government and another holds a faculty chair at a college in Thunder Bay. The others live on the land.

"Some of the kids are always after us to move to the city with them, but we can't," said the old man. "My wife and I are going to finish here. We have to be here."

They still trap, even though the market is bad. It's a way of life they cannot relinquish. Baxter's wife calls trapping her favorite pastime, and the fur she tans for blankets and mittens earn the extra money she needs to get by.

From the bowels of a plastic bag, she hauled forth the remnants of an exquisite rabbit skin blanket that might earn her \$300 from a middleman—a ridiculously low price for time and quality. She so far had cut 40 snowshoe hare skins

into thin strips and sewed them together. She'll need 130 skins for a single—200 to cover a double bed.

"You can sleep under a blanket like that at 60 below and never feel the cold," John said appreciatively.

"I've tried eiderdown, which is supposed to be very good, and always found it a bit chilly."

For three days, we languished in the bosom of the Baxter clan, trading stories, teasing kids, admiring skin and beadwork, rising

"Some of the kids are always after us to move to the city with them, but we can't. My wife and I are going to finish here. We have to be here."

John Baxter

early to help them check and bait set lines for sturgeon, even help them kill a caribou.

That occurred when son Robert took Chicagoans Spence Petros of Fishing Facts magazine and Mark Bortz of the Chicago Bears on an evening fishing jaunt. Bortz was the one who spotted a caribou on shore.

"I couldn't understand why Mark suddenly was huddling behind me, when all at once I heard, 'Ka-boom!'" Petros gushed.

In keeping with the Indians' freedom to hunt whenever they wish, Robert had unloaded his 30-30 at the caribou from 125 yards, then chased it ashore with a knife. The wounded animal dived into the river, followed by the boat. Having nothing but a paddle, Spence dispatched the animal with a blow to the head. They tied it up and towed it to camp.

"I wasn't thinking of killing it," Petros said. "I'm into sport hunting, but these people are into survival. I'm thinking of what a nice caribou this is, and the Indian's thinking of Sunday dinner."

And that's what it turned out to be. By nightfall, Grandma Baxter had hung the stretched hide beside her tent. She stripped it of hair and fat with a bone scraper. In two days the skin would dry paper-thin and fold into her pouch. It would become sinew for a pair of snowshoes.

"We were both raised to live off the land," John said. "We never had to go to our parents for anything."

As for the fishing, remote fly-in camps more often see better. We caught perhaps 150 walleye and 80 northern pike, plus a smattering of very nice brook trout, which made wonderful breakfasts. Our largest walleye was 5½ pounds and the biggest pike probably reached 16. Several topped 10.

"You want really good fishing, you go to our other camps," Leonard Baxter said. "Here you get really good living."

Sunday: Exploring a lake with Ojibway entrepreneur George Sakane.

Baxter 2



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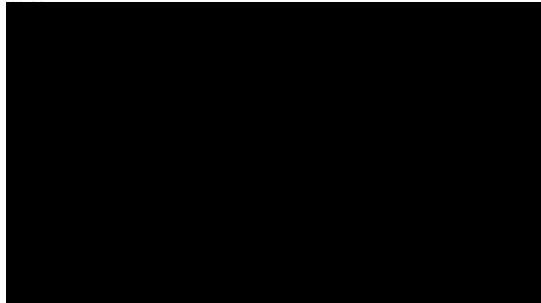
Clayton Coppaway <[REDACTED]>

29 March 2022 at 08:51

To: "Baker, Nadia" <[REDACTED]>, "Jackman, Lindsay" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[REDACTED]>, Avril Fisker <[REDACTED]>, Victoria Bikowski <[REDACTED]>, Jennifer Bruin

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From: **David Peerla** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, Mar 28, 2022 at 5:12 PM

Subject: Re: MFFN CAR - Neskantaga First Nation Check-in

To: Clayton Coppaway <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Wayne Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Chris Moonias <[REDACTED]>, Scott Hamilton <[REDACTED]>

Hello Clayton,

Covid remains a factor for the community.

In our ethnohistorical research we located this reference to geese nesting sites that may be helpful. In the attached article Ogoki[Marten Falls] is referenced.

Regards,

David Peerla

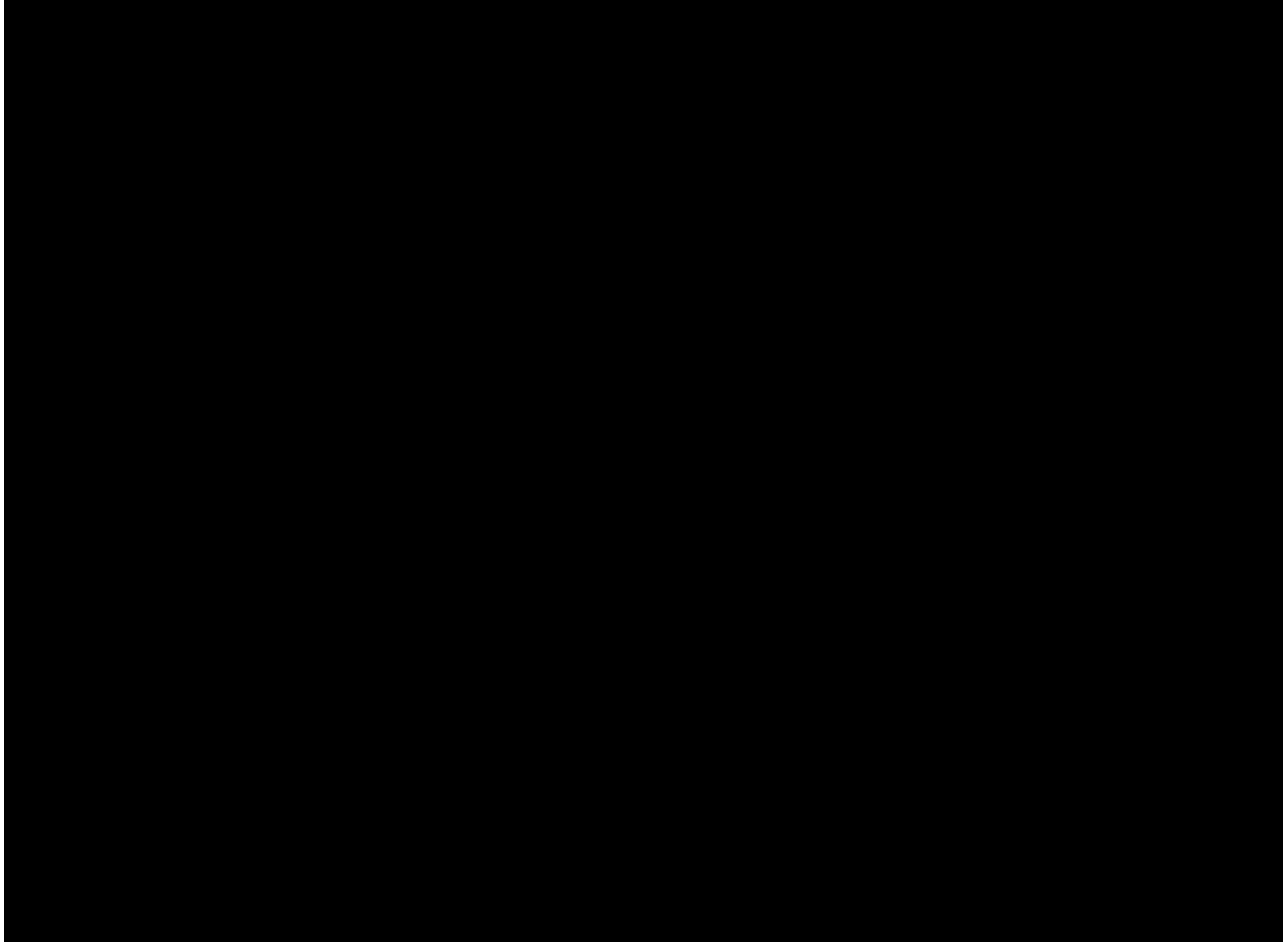
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Zielbauer, Kyla <[REDACTED]>

Fwd: New MFCAR Timeline and Request for NRL Road Options shapefiles for Dr.Scott Hamilton



On Apr 1, 2022, at 1:51 PM, David Peerla <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good afternoon Qasim.

New Timeline

The Impact Assessment Agency has just informed us that "both Proponents have indicated that they likely will need an extension of the three-year time limit of the impact statement phase to have more time available to them to prepare their Impact Statements."

What is the new proposed timeline for the submission by MFCAR of the federal Impact Statement and the provincial Final EA Report?

NRL Shape files for Scott Hamilton

We have requested[via the NRL website email] the shape files for the NRL road options as part of our discussion with Ontario on the geotechnical program at the Attawapiskat River.

Anything you can do to expedite the sharing of the files with Scott would be appreciated.

The borehole site clearing and drill program is set to commence shortly and we all want to be sure that the geotechnical program does not impact Neskantaga's cultural heritage.

Regards,

David Peerla