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

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I hope this email finds you well. We wanted to follow up with you on our previous emails regarding the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program schedule for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project. There are a few key milestones that we want to continue to highlight for you:

Preliminary draft existing conditions reporting is to be largely completed in 2023 for environmental (e.g., fish and fish habitat) and social (e.g., visual) disciplines.

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

In order to meet the study schedule, it is critical that IK and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use be shared with the MFFN CAR Project Team by June 30 2023, so that this information is included in the preliminary draft existing conditions reporting and is available for consideration in the route selection which will begin in September 2023.

We will continue to support communities in sharing IK beyond this date and to incorporate this information in subsequent steps of the assessment processes (e.g. updates to the existing conditions, effects assessment, impact management, and project design).

If you have any questions on the IK Program or would like to meet to discuss further please do not hesitate to respond to this email.

Thank you and have a great day.

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MFFN Community Access Road Project Team

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From: Poulakas, Demetri
Sent: October 6, 2023 9:55 AM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Update

Good Morning,

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

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

Public Information Centre #5

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

Join us for updates and information on:

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

Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests Forum

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

Climate Change Workshop

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

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

Thank you and have a great long weekend,

Demetri Poulakas

On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

Senior Indigenous Engagement Specialist, Communication and Community Engagement
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From: Poulakas, Demetri
Sent: December 7, 2023 2:47 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: MFFN CAR Socio-Economic Interests Letter
Attachments: Matawa First Nations Socio-econ IC interest check letter - Dec 7.pdf

Dear Matawa First Nations Management

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is continuing the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and Federal Impact Assessment (IA) for the proposed Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR) Project that is to provide all season access to the community. Attached is a letter requesting if your community has any interests or concerns regarding possible social-community and/or economic impacts as a result of the MFCAR project. Please also note that this request is different from other requests sent to your community regarding the collection of Indigenous Knowledge and information pertaining to the assessment of impacts to Indigenous rights.

Should your community have socio-economic interests or concerns related to the MFCAR project we would like to hear from you by December 30, 2023.

thank you

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7 December 2023

Matawa First Nations Management
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent Via Email

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

Dear Matawa First Nations Management

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is continuing the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and Federal Impact Assessment (IA) for the proposed Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Project that is to provide all season access to the community. As per previous correspondence sent to your community, the Project is currently in the process of assessing alternative routes for the proposed access road. Most recently, Public Information Centres and webinars have been held to present information related to alternative route assessment. A preferred route is to be confirmed in early 2024.

Once the preferred route is selected, an assessment of possible Project impacts is to be undertaken. This impact assessment is to be completed in spring 2024 and a draft EA Report/IA Statement is to be completed and released in summer 2024.

The purpose of this letter is to again request if your community has any interests or concerns regarding possible social-community and/or economic impacts as a result of the MFFN CAR project? The construction of the Community Access Road has the potential to result in various social and economic effects, particularly for those communities that would be connected to or have access to the proposed road. This could include both potential positive and negative effects. Attached to this letter are a list of the possible social and economic effects of the Project that are to be assessed.

To meet the requirements of the federal IA process, we are required to assess potential social and economic effects of the MFFN CAR project on all communities that have been identified for engagement. If your community has interests or concerns regarding possible social and/or economic effects from the MFFN CAR Project then we would like to hear from you. We would like to understand your concerns and explore related information collection that might include interviews with community representatives and/or community surveys.





Please also note that this request is different than other requests sent to your community regarding the collection of Indigenous Knowledge and information pertaining to the assessment of impacts to Indigenous rights.

Please get in touch with Demetri Poulakas at [REDACTED] should you have interest in and or would like to talk about concerns related to potential social and/or economic impacts of the MFFN CAR project.

Yours truly



Lawrence Baxter

MFFN CAR Project Team Member/MFFN Community Member





What Are the Possible Social and Economic Effects of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project?

Social:

- Community populations.
- Supply and demand for housing and community services like education and childcare.
- Change in volume of traffic on existing roads that would connect with the Marten Falls Community Access Road.
- Change in local air quality and noise levels that could result in nuisance effects.
- Changes to community wellbeing.

Economic:

- New business opportunities.
- Change in regional economic activity.
- Project procurement opportunities (goods and services required for the project).
- Changes to the price of goods in local communities, traditional economies, job opportunities and training opportunities.
- Government expenditures and tax revenue.
- Regional economy, including changes to: prices for goods and services.
- Impact to local business operations, the labour market including employment and training, and public finances.



From: Poulakas, Demetri
Sent: December 11, 2023 1:20 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Update

Dear Matawa First Nations Management

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

- Route Selection Webinar
 - The webinar on Route Selection took place Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. EST.
 - Recording of the Webinar can be accessed [HERE](#).
- Milestone #2 Progress Report
 - An updated link to your Milestone #2 Progress Report was shared with you on 29 November, 2023.
 - The Milestone #2 Progress Report covers all consultation with Matawa First Nations Management from July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023.
 - We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section by February 15, 2024, before the reports are finalized and shared publicly with the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement.
 - If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and timeline, please let me know, or reply to the email you received on 29 November, 2023.

- Socio-Economic Interest Letter

- We recently sent you a letter requesting if your community has any interests or concerns regarding possible social-community and/or economic impacts as a result of the MFFN CAR Project. Can you please confirm receipt of this letter?
- Should your community have socio-economic interests or concerns related to the MFFN CAR Project we would like to hear from you by December 30, 2023.

- Webinar Series

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

- IK Program

The December 11, 2023 request for submission date of Indigenous Knowledge is approaching! It is important that this information is received so that it can be included in the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you have any questions about this program, or feel welcome to reach out directly to Bob Baxter at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or Andrea Nokleby at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

thank you and I wish you all happy holidays!

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From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 12 January 2024 01:51
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Poulakas, Demetri
Subject: Milestone #2 Progress Report Follow up

Dear Matawa First Nations Management,

I hope this email finds you well.

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jaimie Cugnet

Communication & Community Engagement Specialist, Environment
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From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 11:32 PM
To: Paul Capon [REDACTED]
Subject: MFFN CAR - Climate Change Webinar

Good afternoon Paul,

I hope this email finds you well.

Thank you for sharing your intention to join our Climate Change Webinar on Thursday, February 8.

The Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency Study looks at the future climate to ensure the Community Access Road is prepared for and can withstand future climate changes. But we are also hoping to hear from you or members of your community about changes observed or experienced on the land over time. That is where we need your help to spread the word about the webinar to knowledge holders, Elders or contacts with knowledge or interest in climate and environmental concerns for your community.

Please feel welcome to share this email and the attached poster to people who you think may be interested. If you have any questions you would like answered at the webinar, please feel welcome to share them with me in advance.

The webinar is taking place on Thursday February 8 at 4 p.m. EST and, if you have not already, you can register here: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jaimie Cugnet

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Are You Interested In Climate Change?

Do you hold special knowledge around climate and environmental concerns for your community? We want to hear from you!

The Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency Study looks at the future climate to ensure the Community Access Road is prepared for and can withstand the future climate. We are eager to hear about changes you have observed or experienced on the land over time. We would also like to hear your insights and experiences related to climate change and how you have adapted to current changes.

Join us for a virtual webinar!

Date: February 8, 2024, at 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. EST

Register for the webinar [HERE](#).

Dive into meaningful discussions and open dialogue with the MFFN CAR Project Team, and share your comments, ideas and community values.

We look forward to seeing you!

Contact Information

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

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From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 3:43 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: MFFN CAR - January Update

Good evening Matawa First Nations Management,

I hope this email finds you well.

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

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

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

Warm regards,

Jaimie Cugnet

Communication & Community Engagement Specialist, Environment
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From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 February 2024 23:40
To: [REDACTED]

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

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

Webinar Series:

Thank you to everyone who attended the Climate Change Adaption and the Community Access Road Webinar on February 8th, 2024. For those who would like to watch the webinar again or did not have a chance to participate live, the link can be found on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road website [here](#).

Your feedback, experience and insights are important to us. Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey linked below and share how Climate Change has / is affecting you and your Community: <https://forms.office.com/r/35GpPM412f>

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

IK Program:

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

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

Warm regards,

Jaimie Cugnet

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From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 March 2024 23:32
To: [REDACTED]

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

Good afternoon,

I hope this finds you well.

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

IK Program

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

Updated Route Selection Video

As the Marten Falls Community Access Road progresses, we continue to use community feedback to revise the route for the road. An updated technically preferred route recommendation* has been identified. Please take a moment to watch our new video below:

[Marten Falls First Nation: Community Access Road Update](#)

**The technically preferred route recommendation is preliminary. The route will be further informed through consideration of Indigenous Knowledge.*

New Social Media Platforms

We are now on [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#)! Follow us to stay up to date on the Community Access Road.

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

Warm regards,

Jaimie Cugnet

Communication & Community Engagement Specialist, Environment
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From: Cugnet, Jaimie
Sent: April 25, 2024 4:20 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - April Update

Good afternoon,

I hope this finds you well.

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

Climate Change Webinar:
Following the Climate Change Adaptation Webinar, we released a survey on climate change. Your feedback, experience and insights are important to us. Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey linked below and share how Climate Change has / is affecting you and your Community: [Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road: Climate Change \(office.com\)](#)

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

Warm regards,

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From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 28 June 2024 18:13
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - June Update

Dear Paul Capon,

I hope this finds you well.

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

Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

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

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

Feedback and comments on the report is requested by August 2, 2024.

To support your review, we encourage setting up a meeting with our team to help walk you through the reports, answer any questions you may have or as an opportunity to provide feedback.

IK Program

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

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

Warm regards,

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From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 July 2024 16:00
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Ratajczak, Gabbie
Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - July Update

Dear Paul,

I hope this finds you well.

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

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

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

Warm regards,

Jaimie Cugnet

Communication & Community Engagement Specialist, Environment
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B28.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence



From: Paul Capon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 11:25 PM
To: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>
Subject: RE: Join us live! New Webinar on Climate Change and the Community Access Road

Thanks for the invite. I have put it in my calendar and hopefully will be able to attend. Thanks again. Paul Capon

From: Paul Capon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 11:54 AM
To: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - June Update

Thanks for the report. Interesting reading and we await what finding will be found. Thanks Paul Capon