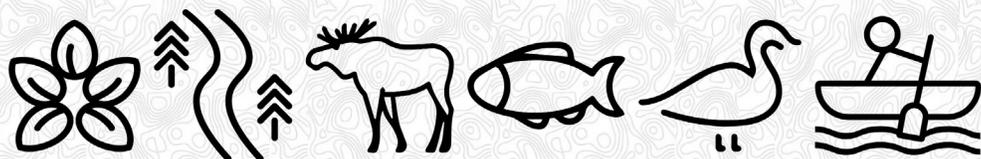


Appendix XC

Record of Consultation and Engagement





Government Agencies Record of Consultation and Engagement Report

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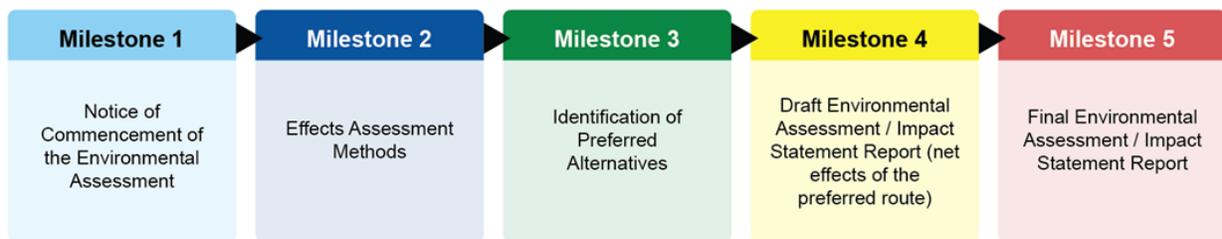
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1. Introduction

For the successful completion of the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS), it is essential that the consultation and engagement process be documented to appropriately categorize and address feedback received. This Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE) includes information outlining the efforts undertaken by the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) Project Team (the Project Team) and their Consultants (the MFFN CAR Consultants) to engage and consult with municipal, provincial, and federal government agencies (the government agencies). The government agencies are considered stakeholders for the purposes of the RoCE.

The consultation period covered by the RoCE spans from the Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment (October 29, 2021) to the end of the review period for the Draft EA / IS (September 5, 2025), encompassing Consultation Milestone 1 to Milestone 4 (**Figure 1**). The review period of the Draft EA / IS was originally intended to close on June 23, 2025. It was extended to September 5, 2025, to accommodate extension requests from government agencies and Indigenous communities. As a result, the comment-capture period of the RoCE was also extended.

Figure 1: Consultation Milestones



2. Identification of Government Agencies

Government agencies refer to municipal, provincial, and federal departments, ministries, and regulatory bodies that have a role in the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment (Assessment Process) for the CAR due to their jurisdiction, regulatory responsibilities, or subject-matter expertise. These government agencies have provided input on environmental, social, economic, and Indigenous considerations. **Table 1** lists the government agencies that have been engaged during the development of the EA / IS. Some of these government agency names have changed. The current names are included in **Table 1**.

Some of the government agencies were grouped to form the Government Review Team (GRT). The GRT consists of federal and provincial agencies that have a role in the CAR assessment process and are listed in Appendix A of the *Consultation and Engagement Plan to Support the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement* (AECOM 2020). The GRT provided information and guidance to the Project Team in preparing the EA / IS and contributed to the review of documentation within their mandated areas of responsibility.

In addition to the GRT, other government agencies were engaged based on their jurisdictional mandates, potential influence on the CAR, and direct requests or expressions of interest to participate.

Table 1: Government Agencies Consulted

Government Agencies Consulted		
Municipal	Provincial	Federal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Thunder Bay* • Municipality of Greenstone* • Municipality of Sioux Lookout* • Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board • District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario Power Generation* • Ontario Provincial Police* • Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade* • Ministry of Energy and Mines (MEM)* • Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC)* • Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)* • Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada* • Health Canada • Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada • Department of Women and Gender

Government Agencies Consulted		
Municipal	Provincial	Federal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenora District Services Board The Corporation of the City of Timmins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming (MTCG)* Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nation Economic Reconciliation* Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing* Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)* Ministry of Solicitor General* Ministry of Transportation (MTO)* Legislative Assembly of Ontario Ministry of Finance Ministry of Sport Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth (MNEDG) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment and Social Development Canada House of Commons Indigenous Services Canada Infrastructure Canada Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada Parks Canada Public Health Agency of Canada Natural Resource Canada Royal Canadian Mounted Police Status of Women Canada Transport Canada Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

Footnote: * This government agency is also a member of the GRT.

3. Consultation and Engagement Activities

Between Milestones 1 and 4, the Project Team maintained regular communication with government agencies to keep them informed about the progress of the CAR. The activities have been grouped as follows:

- Distribution of formal notices and information releases (**Section 3.1**); and
- Summary of key government agencies consultation and engagement (**Section 3.2**).

Comments on the Draft EA / IS were received from the GRT. To avoid duplication of information a concordance table including the comments and associated responses have been include in Appendix C of the Final EA / IS.

3.1 Notices and Information Releases

This section provides a summary of the notices and information releases provided to government agencies:

Notice of Commencement for the Environmental Assessment

The Notice of Commencement for the Environmental Assessment was circulated via email to government agencies on October 29, 2021. Additional notices were distributed via mail and fax on November 1, 2021.

Public Information Centre Notices

Between 2022 and 2025, four Public Information Centres (PICs) were held to engage the Indigenous communities and stakeholders on the CAR project. Notices were circulated in Ojibway, Oji-Cree, Cree and French, and were advertised through newspapers, radio, and online platforms, including the CAR website and social media accounts.

- PIC #3 notice distributed on June 13, 2022;
- PIC #4 notice distributed on November 22, 2022;
- PIC #5 notice distributed on October 10, 2023; and
- PIC #6 notice distributed on April 21, 2025.

Monthly E-blasts

Throughout the Assessment Process, newsletters, also known as E-blasts, were distributed via email to government agencies. E-blasts were distributed monthly and included CAR updates relevant to the month of distribution (e.g., upcoming field programs and engagement activities).

Field Program Notifications

Several field programs took place during the Assessment Process. To help better understand the field studies, field notices were distributed with information about what was being studied, why it was important, when the field studies were taking place, and what to expect when crews were in the field (e.g., an increase in air traffic as crews travel by helicopter). Field notices encouraged recipients to contact the Project Team if they had any questions or comments. Typically, discussion guides were distributed before field notices to provide key questions that helped shape programs (including timing and locations). However, some field programs required quick mobilization, such as winter programs dependent on recent snowfall, so in those cases, discussion guides were distributed at the same time as field notices.

Webinar and Video Notifications

Notifications for virtual communication and engagement opportunities, such as webinars, were distributed via email to government agencies. Notification emails included date and time for the webinar, links for registration and webinar poster attachments. Reminder emails were sent shortly prior to the live webinar occurrence. Videos were posted to the MFFN CAR website and included in relevant E-blasts on an as needed basis.

Release of the Draft EA / IS to Indigenous Communities

An electronic copy of the Draft EA / IS was released to Indigenous communities on February 19, 2025, through email and to government agencies on February 21, 2025. The purpose of providing government agencies with access to the Draft EA / IS at the same time as to Indigenous communities and groups was to support their consultation efforts with Indigenous communities and groups in advance of the release to the public. During the time the Project Team prioritized consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities over government agencies.

Draft EA / IS Public Review Period

The announcement of the public review period of the Draft EA / IS was circulated via email to government agencies on April 22, 2025.

3.2 Summary of Key Government Agency Consultation and Engagement

The Project Team consulted and engaged with agencies on a regular basis through:

- The MFFN CAR EA Coordination meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to provide updates on the EA / IS, explore issues, discuss opportunities to collectively resolve them, and coordinate progress on the Project. The Project Team provided the federal and provincial governments with updates on the environmental assessment, engineering, consultation, and field work related to the CAR. The federal and provincial governments provided the Project Team with an update on their outreach efforts.
- The issuing of the consultation progress reports.
- Topic-specific meetings were scheduled for the Project Team to ask government agencies questions, discuss issues and find solutions (e.g., on requirements for permits prior to field work commencing).
- The issuing of topic-specific documents or feedback on documents received for review (e.g., the Project Team's Impact Statement Phase Extension Request Work Plan).
- The receipt of communication from government agencies (e.g., the IAAC granting the Impact Statement Phase Extension Request).

Tables 2 to 6 provide a chronological summary of consultations and engagement activities with government agencies, organized by year. Some of the government agency names have changed over the years. The names listed in **Tables 2 to 6** reflect the names of the government agencies at the time of consultation, as some have since merged or split.

The Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG) required MFFN to prepare a study plan and work plan for each valued component to be validated by the IAAC. To avoid duplication of information, these have been appended to the respective valued component Technical Support Documents (Appendix F to Appendix V and Appendix Y of the Final EA / IS).

Official communication issued by government agencies is appended to the RoCE. Due to the confidential nature of meeting minutes and emails, these have not been included.

Table 2: Consultation Overview: October 29, 2021, to December 31, 2021

Group Name Report	Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Summary
Government/Agencies - Federal			
Canadian Wildlife Service	October 28, 2021	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the Canadian Wildlife Service's ongoing caribou and wildlife research activities in the project area.
Environment and Climate Change Canada	October 14, 2021	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the provincial permits required for the groundwater fieldwork.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	October 7 and 21, 2021 November 4, 2021 December 2 and 16, 2021	Meeting	MFFN CAR EA Coordination meeting: The meeting provided an opportunity for the Project Team to meet with government agencies to explore issues, discuss opportunities to collectively resolve them, and coordinate progress on the Project. The Project Team provided the federal and provincial governments with updates on the environmental assessment, engineering, consultation, and fieldwork related to the CAR. The federal and provincial governments provided the Project Team with an update on their outreach efforts.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	October 14, 2021	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the provincial permits required for the groundwater fieldwork.
Government/Agencies – Provincial			
Ministry of Energy and Mines	October 7 and 21, 2021 November 4, 2021 December 2 and 16, 2021	Meeting	MFFN CAR EA Coordination meeting: The meeting provided an opportunity for the Project Team to meet with government agencies to explore issues, discuss opportunities to collectively resolve them, and coordinate progress on the Project. The Project Team provided the federal and provincial governments with updates on the environmental assessment, engineering, consultation, and fieldwork related to the CAR. The federal and provincial governments provided the Project Team with an update on their outreach efforts.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	October 8, 13, 22, and 29, 2021 November 12 and 26, 2021 December 10, 2021	Meeting	The Project Team presented updates on the provincial permits required for the groundwater fieldwork, as well as the upcoming fieldwork.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	October 7 and 21, 2021 November 4, 2021 December 2 and 16, 2021	Meeting	MFFN CAR EA Coordination meeting: The meeting provided an opportunity for the Project Team to meet with government agencies to explore issues, discuss opportunities to collectively resolve them, and coordinate progress on the Project. The Project Team provided the federal and provincial governments with updates on the environmental assessment, engineering, consultation, and fieldwork related to the CAR. The federal and provincial governments provided the Project Team with an update on their outreach efforts.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	December 17, 2021	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the permits required for the wolverine fieldwork and communication with trappers.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	October 8, 2021	Letter - incoming	The Project Team received a letter by email from the MECP noting the approval of the MFFN CAR Terms of Reference, with amendments, through the issuance of the Notice of Approval.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	October 7 and 21, 2021 November 4, 2021 December 2 and 16, 2021	Meeting	MFFN CAR EA Coordination meeting: The meeting provided an opportunity for the Project Team to meet with government agencies to explore issues, discuss opportunities to collectively resolve them, and coordinate progress on the Project. The Project Team provided the federal and provincial governments with updates on the environmental assessment, engineering, consultation, and fieldwork related to the CAR. The federal and provincial governments provided the Project Team with an update on their outreach efforts.
Ministry of Transportation	October 7 and 21, 2021 November 4, 2021 December 2 and 16, 2021	Meeting	MFFN CAR EA Coordination meeting: The meeting provided an opportunity for the Project Team to meet with government agencies to explore issues, discuss opportunities to collectively resolve them, and coordinate progress on the Project. The Project Team provided the federal and provincial governments with updates on the environmental assessment, engineering, consultation, and fieldwork related to the CAR. The federal and provincial governments provided the Project Team with an update on their outreach efforts.

Table 3: Consultation Overview: January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022

Group Name Report	Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Summary
Government/Agencies - Federal			
Environment and Climate Change Canada	May 2, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided updates on several key topics. This included an overview of the CAR, including its background, schedule, and fieldwork, as well as the Indigenous Knowledge program, which was launched in 2019. Some fieldwork experienced delays due to COVID-19, work was progressing, and various studies were planned through 2024. The meeting also addressed socio-economic disciplines, consultation and engagement efforts, and outlined next steps.
Environment and Climate Change Canada	May 13, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the preliminary caribou collaring results and aerial survey findings. Challenges included COVID-19, aircraft issues, and weather conditions. Several caribou and potential caribou / moose sites were observed. Data was submitted twice a year to provincial regulators, and mortalities continued to be monitored. The meeting also addressed concerns regarding data submission to the Natural Heritage Information Centre and potential amendments to permits, with follow-up actions planned.
Health Canada	May 2, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided updates on several key topics. This included an overview of the CAR, including its background, schedule, and fieldwork, as well as the Indigenous Knowledge program, which was launched in 2019. Some fieldwork experienced delays due to COVID-19, work was progressing, and various studies were planned through 2024. The meeting also addressed socio-economic disciplines, consultation and engagement efforts, and outlined next steps.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	January 13, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the Ring of Fire Regional Assessment and the CAR timelines.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	January 20, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the IAAC's approach to assessing impacts to Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	January 27, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team obtained information from the IAAC on the St. Lawrence and Newfoundland Offshore Regional Assessments.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	January 27, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided a debrief on the approach to assessing impacts on Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	February 5, 2022	Email – outgoing	The Project Team sent an email to the IAAC with the Draft Effects Assessment Methodology.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	March 30, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the extension of the Impact Statement Phase and deviations from the TISG. The Project Team also provided schedule updates, including delays due to COVID-19 and fieldwork challenges, and shared plans for Indigenous community workshops.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	April 12, 2022	Email – incoming	The Project Team received an email from the IAAC providing their feedback on the Draft Effects Assessment Methodology.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	May 2, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided updates on several key topics. This included an overview of the CAR, including its background, schedule, and fieldwork, as well as the Indigenous Knowledge program, which was launched in 2019. Some fieldwork experienced delays due to COVID-19, work was progressing, and various studies were planned through 2024. The meeting also addressed socio-economic disciplines, consultation and engagement efforts, and outlined next steps.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	May 12, 2022	Email – incoming	The Project Team received an email from the IAAC containing instructions for the Draft Impact Statement Phase Extension Request Work Plan, including details and submission requirements.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	May 13, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the preliminary caribou collaring results and aerial survey findings. Challenges included COVID-19, aircraft issues, and weather conditions. Several caribou and potential caribou / moose sites were observed. Data was submitted twice a year to provincial regulators, and mortalities continued to be monitored. The meeting also addressed concerns regarding data submission to the Natural Heritage Information Centre and potential amendments to permits, with follow-up actions planned.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	May 16, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided updates on the Indigenous Knowledge program and information collected to date on Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests. The meeting also covered upcoming activities, approaches to gathering additional information, and opportunities for collaboration between the Project Team and the IAAC.

Group Name Report	Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Summary
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	July 19, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the Draft EA / IS schedule, taking into account delays related to the groundwater program. These included delays to field programs as a result from COVID in 2020 and wildfires in 2021.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	July 22, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the IAAC with the Draft Impact Statement Phase Extension Request Work Plan attached for their review and comment.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	July 22, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the IAAC regarding the shift in the groundwater data collection. The email included a summary of the situation at the time and a request to submit the Draft EA / IS with 1 year of groundwater data.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	August 2, 2022	Email – incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the IAAC regarding the groundwater data collection, requesting that the Project Team confirm the months for which hydrograph data would be included in the Draft EA / IS.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	August 2, 2022	Email – incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the IAAC requesting additional information on the Draft Impact Statement Phase Extension Request Work Plan.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	August 5, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent a follow-up email to the IAAC and MECP regarding the groundwater data collection. The email indicated that the Project Team planned to collect groundwater flow data from stations starting in 2022. Data collection would occur from October 2022 to July / August 2023, allowing for sample collection in fall 2022, spring 2023, and summer 2023. This would represent the 2022 / 2023 year of groundwater data to be presented in the Draft EA / IS.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	August 5, 2022	Email – incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the IAAC inquiring about which aspects of the groundwater and peatlands data collection programs would be delayed and therefore presented with only 1 year of data in the Draft EA / IS.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	August 5, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the IAAC containing the additional information on to the Draft Impact Statement Phase Extension Request Work Plan.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	August 5, 2022	Email – incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the IAAC requesting additional information on the Draft Impact Statement Phase Extension Request Work Plan.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	August 11, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants responded to the IAAC 's inquiry regarding which aspects of the groundwater and peatlands data collection programs would be delayed.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	August 11, 2022	Email – outgoing	The Project Team sent an email to the IAAC containing the additional information relating to the Draft Impact Statement Phase Extension Request Work Plan.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	August 16, 2022	Email – incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received a letter from the IAAC indicating the completion of their review of the study plans.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	September 28, 2022	Email – incoming	The Project Team received an email from the IAAC accepting their proposed approach to submit the Draft EA / IS covering 1 year of groundwater data, with the understanding that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 years of groundwater data would be incorporated into the Final EA / IS; • the 1-year hydrographs data would cover the period from October (preferably early October) to July/August (with a preference that data cover August); and • the Proponent would include climatology data and provide a discussion of the 2022/2023 year in the context of longer-term seasonal climate trends in both the Draft and Final EA / IS.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	September 29, 2022	Email – incoming	The Project Team received an email from the IAAC responding to their Draft Impact Statement Phase Extension Request Work Plan. The Agency provided an attached document with detailed recommendations to improve the request.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	October 6, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the Impact Statement Phase extension request with the IAAC.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	October 25, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the IAAC with a download link for the Project's Interim RoCE and Milestone 1 Progress Report. The Consultants also provided information on the Project schedule and the deadline for providing feedback.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	November 4, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the IAAC containing the Final Impact Statement Phase Extension Request Work Plan, updated based on the Agency's feedback.

Group Name Report	Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Summary
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	December 19, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the IAAC requesting a technical meeting to discuss the environmental assessment methodology and the order in which the selection of the Preferred Alternative would occur.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	December 19, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP; IAAC; and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) requesting a technical meeting to discuss the approach to the groundwater program. The Consultants stated that, due to some challenges in completing the fieldwork, there would be changes to the information available in 2023. The objective of the meeting would be to discuss the challenges and proposed solutions, as well as to discuss the process for renewing the Land Use Permit.
Indigenous Services Canada	May 2, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided updates on several key topics. This included an overview of the CAR, including its background, schedule, and fieldwork, as well as the Indigenous Knowledge program, which was launched in 2019. Some fieldwork experienced delays due to COVID-19, work was progressing, and various studies were planned through 2024. The meeting also addressed socio-economic disciplines, consultation and engagement efforts, and outlined next steps.
Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada	May 2, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided updates on several key topics. This included an overview of the CAR, including its background, schedule, and fieldwork, as well as the Indigenous Knowledge program, which was launched in 2019. Some fieldwork experienced delays due to COVID-19, work was progressing, and various studies were planned through 2024. The meeting also addressed socio-economic disciplines, consultation and engagement efforts, and outlined next steps.
Natural Resources Canada	November 4, 2022	Email – incoming	The Project Team received an email from the Lands and Minerals Sector at Natural Resources Canada to schedule a meeting regarding the Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy and MFFN's views on potential critical mineral development in Northern Ontario. An in-person meeting was proposed following the Fall Chiefs Assembly in Toronto on November 18, 2022. The meeting would focus on engagement and implementation of the Critical Minerals Strategy and the possibility of holding a workshop in Thunder Bay. It was noted that all Matawa First Nation Chiefs would be contacted to discuss how best to proceed with meetings.
Nav Canada	May 2, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided updates on several key topics. This included an overview of the CAR, including its background, schedule, and fieldwork, as well as the Indigenous Knowledge program, which was launched in 2019. Some fieldwork experienced delays due to COVID-19, work was progressing, and various studies were planned through 2024. The meeting also addressed socio-economic disciplines, consultation and engagement efforts, and outlined next steps.
Women and Gender Equality Canada	May 2, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided updates on several key topics. This included an overview of the CAR, including its background, schedule, and fieldwork, as well as the Indigenous Knowledge program, which was launched in 2019. Some fieldwork experienced delays due to COVID-19, work was progressing, and various studies were planned through 2024. The meeting also addressed socio-economic disciplines, consultation and engagement efforts, and outlined next steps.
Government/Agencies - Provincial			
Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries	March 23, 2022	Email – incoming	The Project Team received an email from the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries containing their feedback on the Draft Effects Assessment Methodology.
Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries	August 23, 2022	Email – incoming	The Project Team received an email from the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries noting that they look forward to the Cultural Heritage Report. The Ministry also confirmed that the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment report had been submitted for their review.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	January 7, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on groundwater authorizations. The Project Team shared the completed Overlapping Licence Agreement and the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNR) said the CFSA-exempt Forest Resource License would be issued from their office. The NDMNR noted that no responses had been received from Indigenous communities regarding groundwater-authorization related notifications sent in mid-December, and that consultation has been delayed due to COVID-19, therefore affecting the proposed timing of the fieldwork. The Project Team emphasized the need for certainty in permit timing to plan the field schedule, particularly in consideration of the restricted timing windows indicated by the MECP. The NDMNR noted that the permitting decision timeline would vary depending on reviewer feedback. The Project Team also discussed potential impacts of the provincial election blackout period on permitting.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	January 13, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the Ring of Fire Regional Assessment and the CAR timelines.

Group Name Report	Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Summary
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	January 21, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on groundwater authorizations. The NDMNRF indicated that consultation with Aroland First Nation had been delayed due to COVID-19, with an extension granted until mid-February 2022. The NDMNRF also noted that Neskantaga First Nation had raised questions about drilling fluids and practices, which were addressed through standard conditions and mitigation measures. Once consultation was completed, the permits would be finalized, except for the Land Use Permit, which required further confirmation and payment issuance.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	February 4, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on groundwater authorizations. The NDMNRF indicated they were finalizing consultation, with plans to complete it by mid-February, after which the next steps in permit issuance could begin. The main concern was the timing of permits to enable tree clearing before the onset of restricted timing windows in the spring. The NDMNRF indicated it would prioritize permits required for tree clearing, with the Land Use Permit to follow. The Project Team emphasized the importance of having certainty around permit issuance to proceed with wolverine denning surveys and other activities.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	February 14, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on groundwater authorizations. They shared that Aroland First Nation had expressed concerns about specific sites, requested detailed maps, shapefiles, and an archaeological protocol. The MFFN CAR Project Consultants emphasized that relocating sites was not feasible but committed to addressing concerns at the current locations. The Consultants agreed to provide the detailed maps, shapefiles, and archaeological protocol to the NDMNRF for sharing with Aroland First Nation.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	February 16, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the NDMNRF providing detailed mapping and shapefiles for the three groundwater monitoring locations that Aroland First Nation had raised cultural heritage concerns. To help address these concerns, the Project Team indicated that if the detailed mapping was insufficient, they were willing to have an Aroland First Nation community member accompany the Project's archaeologist on a helicopter overflight of the sites to gain a better understanding of the sensitivities at the specific locations where the groundwater monitoring work would take place. The Project Team also expressed willingness to have the Aroland First Nation community member act as an environmental monitor during the drilling activities at these sites.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	February 18, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on groundwater authorizations. The NDMNRF indicated they were prepared to proceed with permitting 20 groundwater monitoring sites, with permits expected to be issued in the first week of March 2022. A response to Aroland First Nation's concerns, including detailed maps, shapefiles, and archaeological protocols, was sent out, and Indigenous communities were informed of the decision to proceed with issuing the permits. The Project Team agreed to hold weekly meetings with the NDMNRF until the permits were issued to have timely responses to any information requests.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	February 25, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on groundwater authorizations. The NDMNRF confirmed that they were processing the groundwater permits, which were expected to be ready at the end of February, with permits to be issued simultaneously and payment required prior to release. Discussions with Aroland First Nation would continue in parallel with the Project Team.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	March 4, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on groundwater authorizations. The NDMNRF noted that the permits were slightly delayed due to mapping requirements.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	March 11, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on groundwater authorizations. The NDMNRF responded to the MFFN CAR Project Consultant's questions regarding the Permit to Remove Forest Resources. The Project Team reviewed general comments, including adjustments to the cleared areas and tree removal regulations. The Consultants confirmed that permit renewals were required by the end of March and planned to notify the NDMNRF of the start date on April 1, 2022. Additionally, the Consultants reported that an Aroland First Nation member expressed interest in a flyover.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	March 30, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the extension of the Impact Statement Phase and deviations from the TISG. The Project Team also provided schedule updates, including delays due to COVID-19 and fieldwork challenges, and shared plans for Indigenous community workshops.

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Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	May 2, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided updates on several key topics. This included an overview of the CAR, including its background, schedule, and fieldwork, as well as the Indigenous Knowledge program, which was launched in 2019. Some fieldwork experienced delays due to COVID-19, work was progressing, and various studies were planned through 2024. The meeting also addressed socio-economic disciplines, consultation and engagement efforts, and outlined next steps.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	May 13, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the preliminary caribou collaring results and aerial survey findings. Challenges included COVID-19, aircraft issues, and weather conditions. Several caribou and potential caribou / moose sites were observed. Data was submitted twice a year to provincial regulators, and mortalities continued to be monitored. The meeting also addressed concerns regarding data submission to the Natural Heritage Information Centre and potential amendments to permits, with follow-up actions planned.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry	July 22, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the NDMNRF with the Draft Impact Statement Phase Extension Request Work Plan attached for their review and comment.
Ministry of Northern Development and Mines	August 25, 2022	Email – outgoing	The Project Team sent an email to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Report for June 2022.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	November 8, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the Milestone 1 Progress Report comments.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	December 1, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent the updated Milestone 1 Progress Report to MEM. The Consultants also noted that the community-specific sections would be sent to Indigenous communities and mentioned that targeted outreach by phone and email would be completed to confirm receipt and address any questions.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	December 19, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP; IAAC; and MNRF requesting a technical meeting to discuss the approach to the groundwater program. The Consultants stated that, due to some challenges in completing the fieldwork, there would be changes to the information available in 2023. The objective of the meeting would be to discuss the challenges and proposed solutions, as well as to discuss the process for renewing the Land Use Permit.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	January 21, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed timing constraints related to species at risk (SAR) in connection with groundwater monitoring work, focusing on caribou, wolverine, and Whip-poor-will habitats. The Project Team outlined the restricted timing windows for tree clearing and drilling activities, emphasizing the need to avoid sensitive periods for caribou and wolverine. The MECP confirmed that tree clearing and drilling could proceed if no evidence of denning wolverines was found during aerial surveys; however, a permit would be required if denning activity was discovered. The Project Team raised concerns about the constantly changing data on caribou habitats and the resulting challenges of planning fieldwork with evolving information. The Ministry indicated that new information must always be considered in planning and offered to arrange a separate call to discuss caribou areas in more detail.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	January 28, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed wolverine den surveys, focusing on constraints during groundwater and geotechnical fieldwork. The Project Team proposed a fieldwork to investigate areas within 4 km of the proposed drill sites for wolverine dens to help mitigate potential impacts. The MECP provided guideline materials for conducting the surveys, which consider optimal weather conditions, time of day, and altitude considerations. The Ministry confirmed that if a wolverine den was discovered, activities should be deferred until after the denning period. The Project Team agreed to provide updated survey methods to the Ministry and to consider including the survey results in the wolverine baseline information for the Project's environmental assessment.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	February 5, 2022	Email – outgoing	The Project Team sent an email to the MECP with the Draft Effects Assessment Methodology attached for their review.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	February 16, 2022	Email – incoming	The Project Team received an email from the MECP confirming that they had completed their review of the Wolverine Den Survey with no further comments. However, the Ministry requested that the Species at Risk Memo be updated to reflect the final drill site locations and include mitigation measures for species such as caribou, wolverine, various bats, and birds. The updated memo was to be submitted to the Ministry's Species at Risk Branch to confirm the Project's commitments. These commitments include

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			conducting wolverine den surveys as outlined, delaying activities near identified denning areas until after the denning period, and following restricted timing windows to avoid disturbing sensitive species. Vegetation clearing would occur before May 1, 2022, or between September 1, 2022, and April 30, 2023, to protect species such as Little Brown Myotis, Northern Myotis, Eastern Whip-poor-will, Barn Swallow, Bank Swallow, and Chimney Swift. Additionally, activities at certain sites would be scheduled to avoid impacts to caribou during their nursery and winter use periods. If any species at risk were encountered during the Project, work would stop immediately to allow the animal to leave the area undisturbed, and the sighting would be reported to the Natural Heritage Information Centre.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	March 24, 2022	Email – incoming	The Project Team received an email from the MECP, Species at Risk branch, providing feedback on the Draft Effects Assessment Methodology.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	March 25, 2022	Email – incoming	The Project Team received an email from the MECP providing air quality-related feedback on the Draft Assessment Methodology.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	March 25, 2022	Email – incoming	The Project Team received an email from the MECP providing feedback on the Draft Effects Assessment Methodology.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	March 30, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the extension of the Impact Statement Phase and deviations from the TISG. The Project Team also provided schedule updates, including delays due to COVID-19 and fieldwork challenges, and shared plans for Indigenous community workshops.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	May 2, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team provided updates on several key topics. This included an overview of the CAR, including its background, schedule, and fieldwork, as well as the Indigenous Knowledge program, which was launched in 2019. Some fieldwork experienced delays due to COVID-19, work was progressing, and various studies were planned through 2024. The meeting also addressed socio-economic disciplines, consultation and engagement efforts, and outlined next steps.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	May 13, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the preliminary caribou collaring results and aerial survey findings. Challenges included COVID-19, aircraft issues, and weather conditions. Several caribou and potential caribou / moose sites were observed. Data was submitted twice a year to provincial regulators, and mortalities continued to be monitored. The meeting also addressed concerns regarding data submission to the Natural Heritage Information Centre and potential amendments to permits, with follow-up actions planned.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	July 19, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the Draft EA / IS schedule, taking into account delays related to the groundwater program.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	July 22, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP with the Draft Impact Statement Phase Extension Request Work Plan attached for their review and comment.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	July 22, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP regarding the shift in the groundwater data collection. The email included a summary of the situation at the time and a request to submit the Draft EA / IS with 1 year of groundwater data.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	August 5, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent a follow-up email to the IAAC and MECP regarding the groundwater data collection. The email indicated that the Project Team planned to collect groundwater flow data from stations starting in 2022, with no staggering of drilling / sampling of stations. Data collection would occur from October 2022 to July/August 2023, allowing for sample collection in fall 2022, spring 2023, and summer 2023. This would represent the 2022/2023 year of groundwater data to be presented in the Draft EA / IS.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	August 25, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Project Team sent an email to the MECP providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Report for June 2022.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	October 25, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP with a download link for the Project’s Interim RoCE and Milestone 1 Progress Report. The Consultants distributed community-specific sections of both reports to Indigenous communities for their review and comment. The Consultants requested that if any initial feedback was to be considered before the community-specific sections were distributed, comments could be provided using track changes by November 18.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	November 4, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent the Final Impact Statement Phase Extension Request Work Plan to the MECP, updated based on the Ministry’s feedback. All 23 Indigenous communities and tribal councils, including those listed in the Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan and the mailing list, as well as members of the public listed in the Public Participation Plan, were notified.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	November 8, 2022	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the Milestone 1 Progress Report comments.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	December 1, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent the updated Milestone 1 Progress Report to the MECP. The Consultants also noted that the community-specific sections would be sent to Indigenous communities the following week and mentioned that targeted outreach by phone and email would be completed to confirm receipt and address any questions.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	December 19, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP requesting a technical meeting to discuss the environmental assessment methodology and the order in which the selection of the Preferred Alternative would occur.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	December 19, 2022	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP; IAAC; and MNRF requesting a technical meeting to discuss the approach to the groundwater program. The Consultants stated that, due to some challenges in completing the fieldwork, there would be changes to the information available in 2023. The objective of the meeting would be to discuss the challenges and proposed solutions, as well as to discuss the process for renewing the Land Use Permit, which would expire in February 2024.

Table 4: Consultation Overview: January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023

Group Name Report	Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Summary
Government/Agencies - Federal			
Environment and Climate Change Canada	February 14, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on the groundwater field program, highlighting delays due to permits, weather, and restricted activity timing windows, with plans to complete the remaining monitoring sites by spring 2023. The Project Team also discussed the need for permit renewals and outlined consultation steps, emphasizing the importance of submitting renewal requests several months prior to expiry. The MECP requested information on SAR related to wolverine denning and caribou nursery areas, and the Project Team agreed to provide this data for review. The discussion also covered dewatering activities, and the level of information required to satisfy the Permit to Take Water (PTTW) requirements. The Project Team confirmed that 1 year of groundwater data for all monitoring wells would be available for the Draft EA / IS, and any changes from the work plan would be communicated to the relevant regulatory authorities.
Environment and Climate Change Canada	May 4, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team discussed air and noise technical aspects, focusing on ways to keep receptors confidential while complying with Indigenous Knowledge (IK) agreements.
Health Canada	February 14, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on the groundwater field program, highlighting delays due to permits, weather, and restricted activity timing windows, with plans to complete the remaining monitoring sites by spring 2023. The Project Team also discussed the need for permit renewals and outlined consultation steps, emphasizing the importance of submitting renewal requests several months prior to expiry. The MECP requested information on SAR related to wolverine denning and caribou nursery areas, and the Project Team agreed to provide this data for review. The discussion also covered dewatering activities, and the level of information required to satisfy the PTTW requirements. The Project Team confirmed that 1 year of groundwater data for all monitoring wells would be available for the Draft EA / IS, and any changes from the work plan would be communicated to the relevant regulatory authorities.
Health Canada	May 4, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team discussed air and noise technical aspects, focusing on ways to keep receptors confidential while complying with IK agreements.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	January 3, 2023	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to IAAC providing the electronic geospatial data files for the maps included in the Final Impact Statement Phase Extension Request Work Plan.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	January 12 and 26, 2023 February 23, 2023 March 9, 2023 April 6 and 20, 2023 May 4 and 18, 2023 June 1 and 15, 2023 July 27, 2023 August 10, 2023 September 7 and 21, 2023 October 5 and 19, 2023 November 2 and 16, 2023	Meeting	MFFN CAR EA Coordination meeting: The meeting provided an opportunity for the Project Team to meet with government agencies to explore issues, discuss opportunities to collectively resolve them, and coordinate progress on the Project. The Project Team provided the federal and provincial governments with updates on the environmental assessment, engineering, consultation, and fieldwork related to the CAR. The federal and provincial governments provided the Project Team with an update on their outreach efforts.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	January 13, 2023	Email – incoming	The Project Team received an email from the IAAC granting the extension as laid out in the Final Impact Statement Phase Extension Request Work Plan.

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Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	February 14, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on the groundwater field program, highlighting delays due to permits, weather, and restricted activity timing windows, with plans to complete the remaining monitoring sites by spring 2023. The Project Team also discussed the need for permit renewals and outlined consultation steps, emphasizing the importance of submitting renewal requests several months prior to expiry. The MECP requested information on SAR related to wolverine denning and caribou nursery areas, and the Project Team agreed to provide this data for review. The discussion also covered dewatering activities, and the level of information required to satisfy the PTTW requirements. The Project Team confirmed that 1 year of groundwater data for all monitoring wells would be available for the Draft EA / IS, and any changes from the work plan would be communicated to the relevant regulatory authorities.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	February 15, 2023	Email – incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the IAAC following up on the February 14, 2023, groundwater technical meeting. The IAAC requested a brief description clarifying how the groundwater data used for the Draft EA / IS would differ from the approach previously accepted by the Federal Review Team. Specifically, the IAAC asked for confirmation that the 1-year hydrographs data would cover spring 2023 to spring 2024 instead of early October to July / August.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	February 21, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the route selection approach for the Project, emphasizing the evaluation of alternatives in three independent segments. The Project Team outlined the steps of the environmental assessment process, including characterizing existing conditions, assessing alternatives, and selecting the Preferred Route. The MFFN CAR also discussed the importance of consultation in finalizing evaluation criteria and indicators, and the need for a clear, easily understandable approach for stakeholders and Indigenous communities. The Project Consultants agreed to prepare a route selection memo to assist the regulators with evaluating the proposed approach and to share the route selection methodology with the MECP and IAAC.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	February 27, 2023	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the Agency to confirm information relating to the groundwater data being collected. This included number of monitoring wells and sites, as well as how long hydrographs data would be collected for and number of monitoring events in support of the Draft EA / IS. The Consultants confirmed that data would continue to be collected in support of the Final EA / IS. It was noted that all other aspects of the approach previously deemed acceptable by the Federal Review Team would still be applicable.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	March 20, 2023	Email – incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the IAAC with a follow-up question from the groundwater technical meeting. The IAAC requested confirmation that the use of the term “hydrographs” indicates dataloggers are installed for the wells and that “monitoring events” refer to logger downloads and groundwater sample collection.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	March 22, 2023	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the IAAC's responding to their follow-up question from the groundwater technical meeting. The Consultants confirmed that dataloggers would be installed in all monitoring wells across the study sites. Most dataloggers would be installed in the spring and removed in the fall.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	March 30, 2023	Email – incoming	The MFFN Project Consultants received an email from the IAAC acknowledging receipt of the responses to the follow-up questions from the groundwater technical meeting. IAAC confirmed that Natural Resources Canada's groundwater expert reviewed the additional details provided and deemed the proposed approach, including previously discussed aspects acceptable.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	May 4, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team discussed air and noise technical aspects, focusing on ways to keep receptors confidential while complying with IK agreements.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	May 29, 2023	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the IAAC responding to their feedback on the EA Methodology and the route selection memo.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	June 26, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team discussed challenges in obtaining health information for Indigenous communities and the possibility of getting support from Indigenous Services Canada in obtaining non-confidential health information.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	August 31, 2023	Email – incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the IAAC with comments on the EA Methodology and route selection memo responses, which were sent on May 29, 2023.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	September 11, 2023	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the IAAC responding to the additional EA Methodology and route selection memo comments.

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Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	October 23, 2023	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the IAAC with a download link for the Draft Milestone 2 Progress Report. The Consultants provided the timeline for review, noting that while IAAC feedback was not required, comments were welcomed prior to November 20, 2023.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	November 17, 2023	Email – incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the IAAC with their comments on the Draft Milestone 2 Progress Report.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	November 29, 2023	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the IAAC with a download link for the Final Milestone 2 Progress Report, which incorporated IAAC’s feedback from November 17, 2023. The Consultants noted that each Indigenous community was provided their respective chapter as a stand-alone report and that feedback from the Indigenous communities has been requested.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	December 7, 2023	Email – incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the IAAC with a letter providing follow-up guidance on the interim administration of the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> (IAA), following the Supreme Court of Canada’s decision on its constitutionality.
Government/Agencies - Provincial			
Ministry of Energy and Mines	January 12 and 26, 2023 February 23, 2023 March 9, 2023 April 6 and 20, 2023 May 4 and 18, 2023 June 1 and 15, 2023 July 27, 2023 August 10, 2023 September 7 and 21, 2023 October 5 and 19, 2023 November 2 and 16, 2023	Meeting	MFFN CAR EA Coordination meeting: The meeting provided an opportunity for the Project Team to meet with government agencies to explore issues, discuss opportunities to collectively resolve them, and coordinate progress on the Project. The Project Team provided the federal and provincial governments with updates on the environmental assessment, engineering, consultation, and fieldwork related to the CAR. The federal and provincial governments provided the Project Team with an update on their outreach efforts.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	June 23, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team discussed options for support in gathering socio-economic and health data, given the challenges experienced.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	August 11, 2023	Email	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MEM with a download link to the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Reports for July 2022 through February 2023.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	October 5, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team addressed questions on potential air and noise impacts. Attendees discussed critical landform and vegetation associations within the Project area, GIS mapping of Indigenous sensitive recipients and how to protect locations.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	November 1, 2023	Email	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MEM providing the list of projects / activities identified in the TISG for inclusion in the cumulative effects assessment for their review. The Consultants also requested that MEM provide their list of projects not included in the TISG, along with any available shapefiles.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	January 12 and 26, 2023 February 23, 2023 March 9, 2023 April 6 and 20, 2023 May 4 and 18, 2023 June 1 and 15, 2023 July 27, 2023 August 10, 2023 September 7 and 21, 2023 October 5 and 19, 2023 November 2 and 16, 2023	Meeting	MFFN CAR EA Coordination meeting: The meeting provided an opportunity for the Project Team to meet with government agencies to explore issues, discuss opportunities to collectively resolve them, and coordinate progress on the Project. The Project Team provided the federal and provincial governments with updates on the environmental assessment, engineering, consultation, and fieldwork related to the CAR. The federal and provincial governments provided the Project Team with an update on their outreach efforts.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	February 14, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on the groundwater field program, highlighting delays due to permits, weather, and restricted activity timing windows, with plans to complete the remaining monitoring sites by spring 2023. The Project Team also discussed the need for permit renewals and outlined consultation steps, emphasizing the importance of submitting renewal requests several months prior to expiry. The MECP requested information on SAR related to wolverine denning and caribou nursery areas, and the Project Team agreed to provide this data for review. The discussion also covered dewatering activities, and the level of information required to satisfy the PTTW requirements. The Project Team confirmed that 1 year of groundwater data for all monitoring wells would be available for the Draft EA / IS, and any changes from the work plan would be communicated to the relevant regulatory authorities.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	August 23, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the boreholes and monitoring wells, and associated shapefiles.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	September 22, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the preliminary route selection, as well as the shapefiles for boreholes and monitoring wells.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	January 12 and 26, 2023 February 23, 2023 March 9, 2023 April 6 and 20, 2023 May 4 and 18, 2023 June 1 and 15, 2023 July 27, 2023 August 10, 2023 September 7 and 21, 2023 October 5 and 19, 2023 November 2 and 16, 2023	Meeting	MFFN CAR EA Coordination meeting: The meeting provided an opportunity for the Project Team to meet with government agencies to explore issues, discuss opportunities to collectively resolve them, and coordinate progress on the Project. The Project Team provided the federal and provincial governments with updates on the environmental assessment, engineering, consultation, and fieldwork related to the CAR. The federal and provincial governments provided the Project Team with an update on their outreach efforts.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	February 14, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on the groundwater field program, highlighting delays due to permits, weather, and restricted activity timing windows, with plans to complete the remaining monitoring sites by spring 2023. The Project Team also discussed the need for permit renewals and outlined consultation steps, emphasizing the importance of submitting renewal requests several months prior to expiry. The MECP requested information on SAR related to wolverine denning and caribou nursery areas, and the Project Team agreed to provide this data for review. The discussion also covered dewatering activities, and the level of information required to satisfy the PTTW requirements. The Project Team confirmed that 1 year of groundwater data for all monitoring wells would be available for the Draft EA / IS, and any changes from the work plan would be communicated to the relevant regulatory authorities.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	February 21, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the route selection approach for the Project, emphasizing the evaluation of alternatives in three independent segments. The Project Team outlined the steps of the environmental assessment process, including characterizing existing conditions, assessing alternatives, and selecting the Preferred Route. The MFFN CAR also discussed the importance of consultation in finalizing evaluation criteria and indicators, and the need for a clear, easily understandable approach for stakeholders and Indigenous communities. The Project Consultants agreed to prepare a route selection memo to assist the regulators with evaluating the proposed approach and to share the route selection methodology with the MECP and IAAC.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	April 27, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team discussed incorporating IK / sensitive receptors into the air and noise reports.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	May 4, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team discussed air and noise technical aspects, focusing on ways to keep receptors confidential while complying with IK agreements.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	May 29, 2023	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP responding to their feedback on the EA Methodology and the route selection memo.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	May 31, 2023	Email – incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the MECP with comments on the EA Methodology responses, which were sent on May 29, 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	July 11, 2023	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP responding to the additional EA Methodology comments.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	August 9, 2023	Email – incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the MECP with comments on the EA Methodology and the route selection memo responses, which were sent on July 11, 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	August 11, 2023	Email	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP with a download link to the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Reports for July 2022 through February 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	September 11, 2023	Email	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP responding to the additional EA Methodology and route selection memo comments.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	October 5, 2023	Meeting	The Project Team addressed questions on potential air and noise impacts. Attendees discussed critical landform and vegetation associations within the Project area, GIS mapping of Indigenous sensitive recipients and how to protect locations.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	October 23, 2023	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MECP providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Reports for March 1 to 30 and May 1 to 31, 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	October 23, 2023	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MECP with a download link for the Draft Milestone 2 Progress Report. The Consultants provided the timeline for review, noting that while MECP feedback was not required, comments were welcomed prior to November 20, 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	November 3, 2023	Email – incoming	The MFFN Project Team received feedback from MECP on the Draft Milestone 2 Progress Report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	November 15, 2023	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Report for June 1 to 30, July 1 to 31, and August 1 to 31, 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	November 29, 2023	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MECP with a download link for the Final Milestone 2 Progress Report, which incorporated IAAC’s feedback from November 17, 2023. The Consultants noted that each Indigenous community was provided their respective chapter as a stand-alone report and that feedback from the Indigenous communities has been requested.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	December 19, 2023	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Reports for September 1 to 30 and October 1 to 31, 2023.
Ministry of Transportation	January 12 and 26, 2023 February 23, 2023 March 9, 2023 April 6 and 20, 2023 May 4 and 18, 2023 June 1 and 15, 2023 July 27, 2023 August 10, 2023 September 7 and 21, 2023 October 5 and 19, 2023 November 2 and 16, 2023	Meeting	MFFN CAR EA Coordination meeting: The meeting provided an opportunity for the Project Team to meet with government agencies to explore issues, discuss opportunities to collectively resolve them, and coordinate progress on the Project. The Project Team provided the federal and provincial governments with updates on the environmental assessment, engineering, consultation, and fieldwork related to the CAR. The federal and provincial governments provided the Project Team with an update on their outreach efforts.
Ministry of Transportation	May 17, 2023	Meeting	The MFFN CAR engineering Consultants discussed the CAR.

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Group Name Report	Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Summary
Government / Agencies - Federal			
Environment and Climate Change Canada	July 8, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team met with the IAAC, ECCC (Canadian Wildlife Service division), and MECP to understand the process for offsetting, discuss the future permitting path, and clarify each agency's requirements for the EA / IS submission.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	January 30, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the assessment of outlying communities and the IAAC's expectations regarding the Gender-Based Analysis Plus assessment.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	July 8, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team met with the IAAC, ECCC (Canadian Wildlife Service division), and MECP to understand the process for offsetting, discuss the future permitting path, and clarify each agency's requirements for the EA / IS submission.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	July 15, 2024	Email – incoming	The Project Team received an email from the IAAC informing them of key amendments to the Impact Assessment Act following the Budget Implementation Act, 2024, No. 1.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	July 19, 2024	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants emailed a list of offsetting-related questions to the IAAC following the July 8, 2024, technical meeting on offsetting.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	July 31, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the IAAC's expectations regarding offsetting.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	July 31, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the amended IAA and any implications for the CAR. The IAAC indicated that an extension to the Impact Assessment submission timelines would be granted.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	August 14, 2024	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants emailed follow-up questions to the IAAC regarding the changes to the Impact Assessment Act.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	August 16, 2024	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the IAAC with a list of questions regarding the key amendments to the Impact Assessment Act and the meeting held with the IAAC on July 31, 2024. The questions addressed several topics, including changes to the Project TISG requirements, communication with Indigenous communities regarding these changes, federal funding for the review of the Impact Statement, potential adverse effects on matters of federal jurisdiction, potential cumulative effects of the Project on valued components under federal jurisdiction, significance assessment for these valued components, Section 22 factors to be considered, and potential impacts on valued components located on the federal land portion of the Project.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	August 29, 2024	Email – outgoing	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the IAAC responding to the offsetting questions, which were sent on July 19, 2024. The IAAC provided clarification for question 3a and reiterated that if offsetting measures were proposed for species of importance to Indigenous peoples, those measures must be clearly described, including how they would mitigate potential impacts. The responses to the Consultant's questions were attached to the email.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	September 20, 2024	Email – outgoing	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the IAAC responding to the questions regarding the amendments to the Impact Assessment Act, which were sent on August 16, 2024. The list of questions and answers addressed several topics, including changes to the Project TISG requirements, communication with Indigenous communities regarding these changes, federal funding for the review of the Impact Statement, potential adverse effects on matters of federal jurisdiction, potential cumulative effects of the Project on valued components under federal jurisdiction, significance assessment for these valued components, Section 22 factors to be considered, and potential impacts on valued components located on the federal land portion of the Project. The responses to the Consultant's questions were attached to the email.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	September 20, 2024	Email – incoming	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the IAAC responding to the follow-up questions relating to the changes to the Impact Assessment Act, which were sent on August 14, 2024.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	October 2, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants met with the MECP and the IAAC to discuss their coordinated approach for the review of the EA / IS.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	October 8, 2024	Email – incoming	The Project Team received a letter from the IAAC outlining the approach to implementing the transitional provisions related to the amended Impact Assessment Act as they apply to the CAR. The letter indicated that the new deadline for the release of the Impact Statement would be April 1, 2027.

Group Name Report	Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Summary
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	October 10, 2024	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP and the IAAC asking for their review of the Draft Milestone 3 Progress Report. The Consultants noted that the Project Team was in the process of reviewing the report and, although submission to the MECP and the IAAC was not a requirement, the Consultants had shared drafts in the past and would appreciate their review. Feedback was requested by October 31, 2024, and a link to the Draft Milestone 3 Progress Report was included in the email.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	December 4, 2024	Email – incoming	The Project Team received an email from the IAAC requesting the participation of the MFFN CAR, WSR, and Northern Road Link project teams in a joint technical meeting for all three road projects. This meeting was expected to take place in spring 2025, with additional information to be provided closer to the date.
Government / Agencies - Provincial			
Ministry of Energy and Mines	January 30, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on the Project and route selection, as well as information on aggregate sites.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	July 11, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on the release of the Draft EA / IS. Information included release dates, release materials, scheduled engagements, the role of and timing for GRT involvement, the approach to addressing comments from communities, the timing of record of consultation milestones in relation to both the Draft and Final EA / IS submissions, the timing of cumulative effects reports in relation to both the Draft and Final EA / IS submissions, and the role of the federal government / federal process.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	September 17, 2024	Meeting	Further to a meeting with Attawapiskat First Nation in July 2024, the Project Team met with the MFFN CAR Project Consultants, and regulators to discuss Attawapiskat First Nation's request on changes to be made to the Aboriginal Treaty Rights and / or Interests (ATRI) study area.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	October 2, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team met with the MECP and the IAAC to discuss their coordinated approach for the review of the EA / IS.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	May 14, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team met with the MNRF to review the changes to the Class Environmental Assessment regulatory framework and discuss how these changes could impact the environmental assessment for the CAR.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	July 10, 2024	Email - incoming	The Project Team received a letter from the MNRF addressing the requirements for the Class Environmental Assessment for Resource Stewardship Facility Development projects in the context of the CAR.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	January 16, 2024	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Report for November 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	February 2, 2024	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Report for December 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	March 6, 2024	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Report for January 2024.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	April 4, 2024	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Report for February 2024.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	April 26, 2024	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Report for March 1 2024.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	May 9, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team met with the MECP to review the changes to the Class Environmental Assessment regulatory framework and discuss how these changes could impact the environmental assessment for the CAR.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	June 9, 2024	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Report for January to April 2024.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	June 24, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team discussed the timelines and approach for the RoCE and Milestone 3.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	July 8, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team met with the IAAC, ECCC (Canadian Wildlife Service division), and the MECP to understand the process for offsetting, discuss the future permitting path, and clarify each agency's requirements for the EA / IS submission.

Group Name Report	Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Summary
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	July 11, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team provided an update on the release of the Draft EA / IS. Information included release dates, release materials, scheduled engagements, the role of and timing for GRT involvement, the approach to addressing comments from communities, the timing of record of consultation milestones in relation to both the Draft and Final EA / IS submissions, the timing of cumulative effects reports in relation to both the Draft and Final EA / IS submissions, and the role of federal government / federal process.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	July 19, 2024	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants emailed a list of offsetting-related questions to the MECP following the July 8, 2024, technical meeting on offsetting.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	July 25, 2024	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Report for May 2024.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	August 8, 2024	Email - incoming	The Project Team received an emailed from the MECP providing an update on proposed legislation that would change the legislative framework for the protection and conservation of SAR in the province.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	August 13, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team discussed mitigation and enhancement measures for route portions passing through or adjacent to provincial parks. Attendees reviewed the impacts of crossing large waterways, emphasizing the importance of meeting cultural heritage requirements and legislative considerations. The discussion highlighted the need for consultation with Indigenous communities and specific studies to determine the footprint of the bridge and other design-specific mitigations. The meeting also addressed potential access restrictions and the importance of collaboration between the Environmental Assessment and Park Management Plan updates.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	August 23, 2024	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Report for June 2024.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	September 17, 2024	Meeting	Further to a meeting with Attawapiskat First Nation in July 2024, the Project Team met with the MFFN CAR Project Consultants, and regulators to discuss Attawapiskat First Nation's request on changes to be made to the ATRI study area.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	October 2, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team met with the MECP and the IAAC to discuss their coordinated approach for the review of the EA / IS.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	October 10, 2024	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP and the IAAC asking for their review of the Draft Milestone 3 Progress Report. The Consultants noted that the Project Team was in the process of reviewing the report and, although submission to the MECP and the IAAC was not required, the Consultants had shared drafts in the past and would appreciate their review. Feedback was requested by October 31, 2024, and a link to the Draft Milestone 3 Progress Report was included in the email.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	October 16, 2024	Email – incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the MECP providing comments for Milestone 3 Progress Report, with the comments attached to the email.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	November 25, 2024	Email– outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Report for July and August 2024.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	December 10, 2024	Email – outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP providing the Monthly Indigenous Engagement Report for September and October 2024.
Ministry of Transportation	May 14, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team met with the MTO to review the changes to the Class Environmental Assessment regulatory framework and discuss how these changes could impact the environmental assessment for the CAR.
Ontario Parks	August 13, 2024	Meeting	The Project Team discussed mitigation and enhancement measures for route portions passing through or adjacent to provincial parks. Attendees reviewed the impacts of crossing large waterways, emphasizing the importance of meeting cultural heritage requirements and legislative considerations. The discussion highlighted the need for consultation with Indigenous communities and specific studies to determine the footprint of the bridge and other design-specific mitigations. The meeting also addressed potential access restrictions and the importance of collaboration between the Environmental Assessment and Park Management Plan updates.

Table 6: Consultation Overview: January 1, 2025, to September 5, 2025

Group Name Report	Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Summary
Government/Agencies - Federal			
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	January 9, March 20, April 3 and 17, May 1 and 15, June 12 and 26, July 24, 2025	Meeting	MFFN CAR EA Coordination meeting: The meeting provided an opportunity for the Project Team to meet with government agencies to explore issues, discuss opportunities to collectively resolve them, and coordinate progress on the Project. The Project Team provided the federal and provincial governments with updates on the environmental assessment, engineering, consultation, and fieldwork related to the CAR. The federal and provincial governments provided the Project Team with an update on their outreach efforts.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	January 21, 2026	Letter	The Project Team received a letter from IAAC outlining the guidelines for proponents' presentations during the IAAC technical meeting on the assessment of the MFFN CAR.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	February 4, 2025	Meeting	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants met with IAAC to discuss the IAAC guidelines for proponents' presentations during the technical meetings, which were received on January 21, 2025. The exact date of the presentations was to be determined. The objective of the presentations would be to reflect key results, residual effects, cumulative effects, and mitigation measures. The MFFN CAR Consultants raised concerns regarding the volume of information to be included in the presentations, the allotted presentation time, and the need for IAAC to review the material in advance and have them translated. IAAC clarified that the primary expectation was for proponents to present findings as they relate to items or valued components under federal jurisdiction. IAAC would coordinate meeting logistics and facilitation, including inviting Indigenous communities to observe.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	February 21, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MECP, IAAC, and MEM informing them that the Draft EA / IS was available online for review by Indigenous communities and groups. The Consultants also provided details on the communication that went out regarding the Draft EA / IS, the distribution of physical copies, and an overview of the review timeline.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	April 22, 2025	Email - outgoing	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants notified government agency contacts of the commencement of the public review period for the Draft EA / IS.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	June 11, 2025	Letter	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants was cc'd on a letter from IAAC addressed to MFFN. The letter outlined IAAC's focus when reviewing the Impact Statement, emphasizing key federal effects and benefits, while using federal and provincial mechanisms to address issues like fish habitat, migratory birds, impacts to Indigenous peoples, and public interest factors.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	June 24, 2025	Email - incoming	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from IAAC stating that IAAC did not anticipate issuing information requirements or comments on the Draft EA / IS. IAAC clarified that it intended to augment its analysis through ongoing discussions with the GRT (both federal and provincial experts) and further consultation activities with potentially impacted Indigenous communities.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	July 11, 2025	Meeting	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants attended a meeting with multiple federal and provincial government agencies to discuss the review process for the three road projects and discussed various topics, including the Draft EA / IS, the proponent's understanding of the review process, and the approach on managing caribou.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	July 31, 2025	Letter	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants was cc'd on a letter from IAAC addressed to MFFN. The letter outlined the next steps for consultation with the community and sought availability to meet in the coming weeks.
Impact Assessment Agency of Canada	August 13, 2025	Meeting	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants attended a meeting with IAAC, during which IAAC outlined its consultation and engagement workplan for the proposed road projects, as well as its permitting coordination overview.
Government/Agencies – Provincial			
Ministry of Energy and Mines	January 9, March 20, April 3 and 17, May 1 and 15, June 12 and 26, July 24, 2025	Meeting	MFFN CAR EA Coordination meeting: The meeting provided an opportunity for the Project Team to meet with government agencies to explore issues, discuss opportunities to collectively resolve them, and coordinate progress on the Project. The Project Team provided the federal and provincial governments with updates on the environmental assessment, engineering, consultation, and fieldwork related to the CAR. The federal and provincial governments provided the Project Team with an update on their outreach efforts.

Group Name Report	Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Summary
Ministry of Energy and Mines	January 20, 2025	Meeting	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants met with MECP and MEM to discuss MECP's due diligence air quality modelling exercise for road projects in the area. MECP clarified that it was looking at the overall approach to understand the bigger picture of what the process is, which is why they required a large volume of data. Further discussion focused on the presentation of information related to sensitive receptors. MECP concluded that it would like to hold a follow-up discussion on incorporating IK in the model.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	February 21, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MECP, IAAC, and MEM informing them that the Draft EA / IS was available online for review by Indigenous communities and groups. The Consultants also provided details on the communication that went out regarding the Draft EA / IS, the distribution of physical copies, and an overview of the review timeline.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	February 26, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MECP and MEM containing the air quality modelling data files.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	March 5, 2025	Email - incoming	MEM was cc'd on an email from MECP addressed to the MFFN CAR Project Consultants. MECP requested additional information related to the files using Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) data to generate the meteorology.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	March 27, 2025	Email - outgoing	MEM was cc'd on an email from the MFFN CAR Project Consultants addressed to MECP explaining the use of the WRF model data.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	April 10, 2025	Email - incoming	MEM was cc'd on an email from MECP addressed to the MFFN CAR Project Consultants requesting information related to the roadway layout, receptor files, and the digital elevation model (DEM) files.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	April 22, 2025	Email - outgoing	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants notified government agency contacts of the commencement of the public review period for the Draft EA / IS.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	May 1, 2025	Email - outgoing	MEM was cc'd on an email from the Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants addressed to MECP containing additional air quality information.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	May 8, 2025	Letter	MEM was cc'd on an email from MECP addressed to the MFFN CAR Project Consultants notifying them of the recently proposed changes to the Endangered Species Act, 2007.
Ministry of Energy and Mines	June 10, 2025	Email - incoming	MEM was cc'd on an email from MNR addressed to the MFFN CAR Project Consultants following up on the shapefiles for the water crossing geotechnical site investigations.
Ministry of Natural Resources	January 9, March 20, April 3 and 17, May 1 and 15, June 12 and 26, July 24, 2025	Meeting	MFFN CAR EA Coordination meeting: The meeting provided an opportunity for the Project Team to meet with government agencies to explore issues, discuss opportunities to collectively resolve them, and coordinate progress on the Project. The Project Team provided the federal and provincial governments with updates on the environmental assessment, engineering, consultation, and fieldwork related to the CAR. The federal and provincial governments provided the Project Team with an update on their outreach efforts.
Ministry of Natural Resources	January 9, 2025	Email - incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the MNR indicating that their request to amend the caribou program permit could be done to reflect March 15, 2025, as the new expiry date. The MNR requested confirmation of the permit number.
Ministry of Natural Resources	January 9, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MNR thanking them for extending the caribou program permit. The Consultants confirmed the permit number and noted that the name of the permitted organization has changed; however, the contact name or address remained unchanged.
Ministry of Natural Resources	January 9, 2025	Email - incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from the MNR with the amended permit reflecting a new expiry date of March 15, 2025. The MFFN CAR Project Consultants was asked to sign the permit and return it to the MNR.
Ministry of Natural Resources	January 20, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to the MNR asking when they plan to conduct the aerial reconnaissance survey so that the Consultants can send updated MFFN collar locations.
Ministry of Natural Resources	February 12, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MNR informing them that the work for the caribou collar removal program was complete. The Consultants explained that three collars expected to be within the CAR study area, along with two collars on migratory animals, could not be located. The Consultants asked whether MNR could include these five remaining collars in their upcoming aerial telemetry survey, and, if feasible, recapture if the collars were located.
Ministry of Natural Resources	February 13, 2025	Email - incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from MNR confirming that the caribou collar frequencies could be included in their survey scan.

Group Name Report	Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Summary
Ministry of Natural Resources	April 22, 2025	Email - outgoing	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants notified government agency contacts of the commencement of the public review period for the Draft EA / IS.
Ministry of Natural Resources	May 1, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants submitted the caribou GPS collar data for the final twice a year submission under Condition 18. The collars are no longer active, and a final report would be submitted by December 31, 2025.
Ministry of Natural Resources	May 2, 2025	Email - incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from MNR confirming receipt of the caribou GPS collar data and that it constituted the final submission.
Ministry of Natural Resources	July 11, 2025	Meeting	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants attended a meeting with multiple federal and provincial government agencies to discuss the review process for the three road projects and discussed various topics, including the Draft EA / IS, the proponent's understanding of the review process, and the approach on managing caribou.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	January 6, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MECP. The Consultants stated that the Letter of Authorization to Conduct Research in a Provincial Park or Conservation Reserve, issued to Golder Associates (now WSP Canada Inc.) on behalf of MFFN, expired on August 31, 2024, and asked whether the permit could be extended to March 31, 2025.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	January 6, 2025	Email - incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from MECP confirming that an extension of the research authorization would be provided and that they would follow up once the process was complete.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	January 17, 2025	Email - incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from MECP providing the Research Authorization Letter extension, effective January 17, 2025. MECP requested that a copy of the authorization be printed for each field researcher while conducting research within the protected areas.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	January 20, 2025	Meeting	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants met with MECP and MEM to discuss MECP's due diligence air quality modelling exercise for road projects in the area. MECP clarified that it was looking at the overall approach to understand the bigger picture of what the process is, which is why they required a large volume of data. Further discussion focused on the presentation of information related to sensitive receptors. MECP concluded that it would like to have a follow-up discussion on incorporating IK in the model.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	February 12, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MNR informing them that the work for the caribou collar removal program was complete. The Consultants explained that three collars expected to be within the CAR study area, along with two collars on migratory animals, could not be located. The Consultants asked whether MNR could include these five remaining collars in their upcoming aerial telemetry survey, and, if feasible, recapture if the collars were located. MECP was included in the communication.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	February 13, 2025	Email - incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from MECP confirming that the caribou collar frequencies could be included in their survey scan.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	February 21, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MECP, IAAC, and MEM informing them that the Draft EA / IS was available online for review by Indigenous communities and groups. The Consultants also provided details on the communication that went out regarding the Draft EA / IS, the distribution of physical copies, and an overview of the review timeline.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	February 26, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MECP and MEM containing the air quality modelling data files.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	March 5, 2025	Email - incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from MECP requesting additional information related to the files using WRF data to generate the meteorology.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	March 10, 2025	Email - incoming	The Project Team received an email from MECP requesting project and species at risk spatial files to support MECP SARB's review of the Draft EA / IS. MECP SARB also provided a list of the specific spatial files needed.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	March 27, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MECP explaining the use of the WRF model data.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	April 10, 2025	Email - incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from MECP requesting information related to the roadway layout, receptor files, and the DEM files.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	April 17, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MECP noting that they would request LAKES Environmental to join the meeting regarding the WRF data model input.

Group Name Report	Communication Date	Method of Engagement	Summary
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	April 22, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants notified government agency contacts of the commencement of the public review period for the Draft EA / IS.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	April 22, 2025	Meeting	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants, Project Team, and LAKES Environmental met with MECP to discuss air quality data set questions.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	April 24, 2025	Email - outgoing	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MECP providing the project and SAR spatial files requested on March 10, 2025.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	May 1, 2025	Email - outgoing	The Project Team and MFFN CAR Project Consultants sent an email to MECP containing additional air quality information.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	May 1, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants submitted the caribou GPS collar data for the final twice a year submission under Condition 18. The collars are no longer active, and a final report would be submitted by December 31, 2025.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	May 2, 2025	Email - incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from MECP confirming receipt of the caribou GPS collar data and that it constituted the final submission.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	May 8, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received a letter from MECP about the purpose and ramifications of Bill 5.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	May 8, 2025	Email - incoming	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants received an email from MECP notifying them of the recently proposed changes to the Endangered Species Act, 2007.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	June 25, 2025	Email - incoming	The Project Team received an email from MECP containing GRT feedback on the Draft EA / IS. Comments received were from MECP's Environmental Assessment Branch, Climate Change Adaptation, Waste Unit, and Wastewater Unit. MECP also provided comments from Ontario Parks, MTO, MNEDG, Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, and MTCG.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	June 27, 2025	Email - incoming	The Project Team received an email from MECP containing GRT feedback on the Draft EA / IS. MECP comments related to air quality, pesticides, surface water, groundwater, and Thunder Bay District. MECP also provided comments from MEM and Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	July 11, 2025	Meeting	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants attended a meeting with multiple federal and provincial government agencies to discuss the review process for the three road projects and discussed various topics, including the Draft EA / IS, the proponent's understanding of the review process, and the approach on managing caribou.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	July 18, 2025	Email - incoming	The Project Team received an email from MECP containing GRT feedback on the Draft EA / IS. MECP comments related to air and terrestrial environment.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	July 24, 2025	Email - incoming	The Project Team received an email from MECP containing GRT feedback on the Draft EA / IS. Comments received were from MNR.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	July 29, 2025	Email - incoming	The Project Team received an email from MECP's Species at Risk Branch requesting an extension for the Draft EA / IS comment submission to September 5, 2025. The extension was requested due to amendments to the Endangered Species Act following the passing of Bill 5 on June 5, 2025.
Ministry of Transportation	April 22, 2025	Email - outgoing	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants notified government agency contacts of the commencement of the public review period for the Draft EA / IS.
Ministry of Transportation	July 11, 2025	Meeting	The MFFN CAR Project Consultants attended a meeting with multiple federal and provincial government agencies to discuss the review process for the three road projects and discussed various topics, including the Draft EA / IS, the proponent's understanding of the review process, and the approach on managing caribou.

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