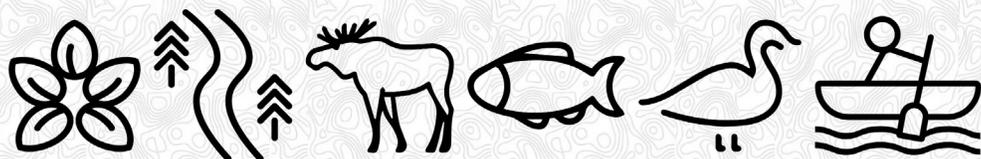


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## Record of Consultation and Engagement





# Cumulative Effects Consultation Report

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## Acronyms

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
ATRI	Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests
E-blast	Electronic newsletter
MECP	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
MEM	Ministry of Environment and Energy
MFFN	Marten Falls First Nation
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NRL	Northern Road Link
PIC	Public Information Centre
RoCE	Record of Consultation and Engagement
The Agency	Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
The Assessment Process	The Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment
WSR	Webequie Supply Road

# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Background

The proposed Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road includes the construction of a multi-purpose all-season road of approximately 184 kilometres, which will connect to the Ontario provincial highway network. The MFFN Community Access Road is a measure by which Marten Falls First Nation can assert their sovereignty and secure a better future for their members. The Community Access Road is also an act of economic reconciliation, providing Marten Falls First Nation people access to the broader region for better work opportunities, increased social cohesiveness, and easier, more affordable access to the goods and services that are needed to thrive.

In April 2018, MFFN signed a voluntary agreement with the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to prepare a provincial Individual Environmental Assessment, and in November 2019 the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada confirmed that a federal Impact Assessment would be required for the Community Access Road. The federal and provincial requirements that set the framework for the Assessment Process are summarized below and were used to inform the Consultation and Engagement Plan developed to guide communications, engagement, and consultation related to the Community Access Road. For further details on the entire Assessment Process for the Community Access Road, please see the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

### **Federal Requirements**

Federal requirements for consultation and engagement on the Community Access Road are outlined in the following documents:

- Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, 2020a);
- Public Participation Plan for the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project Impact Assessment (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, 2020c); and
- Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan for the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, 2021).

In addition, the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines require Gender-Based Analysis Plus to be applied to impact assessments in Canada. Section 11.8 of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement provides information on how this has been applied to the Community Access Road.

## Provincial Requirements

A Terms of Reference is the first step in the provincial Environmental Assessment process and is a roadmap for planning and decision-making. It outlines how an environmental assessment should be prepared, including the studies to be conducted, the process for identifying and assessing the effects of a proposed project, and how people should be consulted.

The Terms of Reference for the Community Access Road was prepared in accordance with the provincial Environmental Assessment Act (Government of Ontario, 1990a) and the Code of Practice: Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessments in Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 2014); it was submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on October 23, 2020.

The Terms of Reference was approved with amendments on October 8, 2021, and the Notice of Commencement of the provincial Environmental Assessment for the Community Access Road was posted on October 29, 2021. One of the required amendments included additional requirements for consultation with Indigenous communities and organizations / entities with respect to the cumulative effects assessment. The following activities were required (Amendment 1.1):

- Consult with Indigenous communities on the cumulative effects assessment work plan, methodology, results, and impact management measures;
- Offer targeted consultation opportunities to each Indigenous community;
- Consider any consultation activities / tools that Indigenous communities request to facilitate the consultation required;
- Develop a cumulative effects consultation report that includes (Amendment 1.4):
  - A summary of the consultation completed with Indigenous communities and any other organizations / agencies regarding the development of the cumulative effects assessment; and
  - A comment-response table(s) showing how comments from Indigenous communities and any other organizations / agencies were considered and incorporated, as appropriate, in the development of the cumulative effects assessment.

Visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/marten-falls-community-access-road-project> to read the details of the Notice of Approval.

## 1.2 Report Overview

The Cumulative Effects Consultation Report for the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road Project has been prepared to fulfill the Terms of Reference requirement for additional consultation with Indigenous communities, interested persons, and government agencies related to the development of the cumulative effects assessment. To fulfill these requirements, the MFFN Community Access Road Project has consulted with Indigenous communities and other organizations / agencies on the cumulative effects assessment work plan, methodology, results, and impact management measures throughout the Assessment Process.

This commitment was achieved by offering targeted and meaningful consultation opportunities to each potentially affected Indigenous community, interested person and government agency. Consultation activities and tools were designed to be responsive to the needs of Indigenous communities and were adapted upon request to facilitate effective consultation and support the Crown's Duty to Consult and Accommodate

This report includes:

- A summary of the consultation and engagement completed with Indigenous communities and other organizations / agencies regarding the development of the cumulative effects assessment;
- Comment-response tables showing how comments from Indigenous communities and any other organizations / agencies were considered and incorporated, as appropriate, in the development of the cumulative effects assessment; and
- A thematic summary of the comments received on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement from Indigenous Communities, interested persons and government agencies.

The purpose of this report is to highlight consultation and engagement activities that included or focused specifically on the cumulative effects assessment. Additional information is found in the Final Record of Consultation and Engagement (Appendix X, Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement), which provides a comprehensive account of the consultation and engagement activities undertaken as part of the Assessment Process for the MFFN Community Access Road.

Some overlap with the consultation efforts documented in the Final Record of Consultation and Engagement (Appendix X) is expected. For a complete account of consultation activities, including detailed engagement summaries for each Indigenous community, stakeholder, and government agency, please refer to Section 11 and Appendix X of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

## 1.3 About Cumulative Effects

Cumulative effects are the overall changes to the environment, health, social and economic conditions caused by the Project's impacts, combined with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future activities. This also includes the assessment of combined effects of different parts of the Project happening at the same time, like multiple emissions and discharges, to understand how they add up or interact.

There are three key concepts relating to cumulative effects that need to be understood. These include:

- **Temporal Overlap:** When one activity happens at the same time as another activity;
- **Spatial Overlap:** When one activity happens in the same area as another activity; and
- **Reasonably Foreseeable Projects:** The last concept relates to projects that you can reasonably anticipate for consideration in the cumulative effects assessment.

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (Government of Canada, 2017b) requires that each Environmental Assessment of a project consider cumulative environmental effects that are likely to result from the project in combination with the environmental effects of other physical activities that have been or will be carried out.

Section 10 of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement presents the assessment of potential cumulative effects completed as part of the planning for the proposed Community Access Road. The effects of past, present and future activities on the Study Area and valued components identified for the Community Access Road were assessed. For more details on the cumulative effects assessment see Appendix F to Appendix Y of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

## 2. Consultation and Engagement Approach

### 2.1 Consultation and Engagement Milestones, Input, and Timing

Engagement and consultation for the MFFN Community Access Road Project were undertaken throughout the Assessment Process to support meaningful participation by Indigenous communities, interested persons, and government agencies; in keeping with the requirements of the Terms of Reference select activities were specifically designed to raise awareness, educate and seek input on the cumulative effects assessment process. Consultation and engagement activities conducted during the Assessment Process focused on the following key Project milestones:

**Milestone #1: Notice of Commencement of Provincial Environmental Assessment**

– The Notice of Commencement was sent to participating Indigenous communities (see Appendix X) on December 6, 2022. The reporting period covered October 29, 2021, to June 30, 2022, and focused on introducing the Community Access Road. There was no feedback provided in Milestone #1 related to cumulative effects.

**Milestone #2: Effects Assessment Methods** – The reporting period covered July 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023, and focused on the development of the Effects Assessment methodology, including review by regulators and presentation of the Effects Assessment methodology at Public Information Centres. Indigenous communities were invited to share community values and topics of interest (including cumulative effects), as well as proposed impact management measures to avoid, mitigate, or offset effects.

**Milestone #3: Identification of Preferred Alternatives** – From June 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024, engagement activities supported the identification of preferred alternatives. Input was obtained on alternative route options, proposed mitigation measures, and the environmental, socio-economic, cultural, technical, and cost considerations used in route selection. Consultation during this milestone included a strong focus on the cumulative effects assessment methodology, including identification of projects and activities that could act cumulatively with the Community Access Road, potential cumulative effects to be considered, opportunities for Indigenous community participation, and potential follow-up, monitoring, and adaptive management measures.

**Milestone #4: Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement** – Engagement continued during the review of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (August 1, 2024, to September 5, 2025). Feedback was sought on the Draft document, proposed impact management and follow-up program measures, monitoring and

adaptive management plans, cumulative effects assessment results, and draft conclusions.

Across the four project milestones, the focus of consultation and engagement evolved to align with the decision-making needs of each phase of the Assessment Process. Taken together, these milestone-specific areas of focus provided a structured and iterative pathway for meaningful engagement on cumulative effects. This phased approach gathered input at times when it could meaningfully inform the assessment beginning with method development, progressing through route alternative evaluation, and concluding with a review of results—thereby forming the foundation for the detailed consultation activities described in Section 3.

## 2.2 Engagement Focus

Consultation and engagement activities were tailored to three distinct groups, including Indigenous communities, interested persons, and government agencies, to support effective and appropriate participation based on differing roles, interests, and preferences.

### 1. Indigenous Communities:

Indigenous communities were consulted and engaged in consideration of the potential for the Community Access Road to adversely affect constitutionally protected Aboriginal or Treaty Rights. A community's expressed interest in the Project was also considered. The list of communities was developed based on guidance from the MECP and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (The Agency). By the end of the Assessment Process, consultation and engagement had been undertaken with 31 Indigenous communities, Tribal Councils, and Political Treaty Organizations / Provincial Territorial Organizations. **Table 1** lists the Indigenous communities and tribal council affiliations that were consulted and engaged with.

### 2. Government Agencies:

Municipal, provincial, and federal departments, ministries, and regulatory bodies were consulted and engaged based on their jurisdiction, regulatory responsibilities, and subject-matter expertise. The Government Review Team, consisting of key agencies, provided guidance and reviewed documentation throughout the Assessment Process.

### 3. Interested Persons:

Interested persons include individuals and groups (e.g., associations, non-governmental organizations, industry, academia) who could have an interest in the Community Access Road. This includes but is not limited to: communities in the region (e.g., Municipality of Greenstone); those with commercial interests in the area (e.g., forestry, trappers, outfitters, and other mineral tenure holders);

and recreational users (e.g., campers, hunters, environmental groups). In addition, individual members of Indigenous communities with an interest in the Community Access Road are included (i.e., those who are not representatives of a community's leadership).

Additional information on each stakeholder or group can be found in Section 11 and Appendix X of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

**Table 1: Indigenous Communities and their Affiliations**

Tribal Council Affiliation	Community or Organization
Matawa First Nations Management (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marten Falls First Nation (Proponent and potentially affected Indigenous community)</li> <li>• Aroland First Nation</li> <li>• Constance Lake First Nation</li> <li>• Eabametoong First Nation (Fort Hope)</li> <li>• Ginoogaming First Nation</li> <li>• Neskantaga First Nation</li> <li>• Nibinamik First Nation</li> <li>• Webequie First Nation</li> </ul>
Matawa First Nation and the Union of Ontario Indians (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long Lake #58 First Nation</li> </ul>
Mushkegowuk Council (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attawapiskat First Nation</li> <li>• Fort Albany First Nation</li> <li>• Kashechewan First Nation</li> </ul>
Shibogama First Nations Council (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kasabonika Lake First Nation</li> <li>• Kingfisher Lake First Nation</li> <li>• Wapekeka First Nation</li> <li>• Wawakapewin First Nation</li> <li>• Wunnumin Lake First Nation</li> </ul>
Independent First Nations Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation</li> </ul>
Independent First Nations (Nishnawbe Aski Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mishkeegogamang First Nation</li> <li>• Weenusk First Nation</li> </ul>
Nokiiwin Tribal Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek</li> </ul>
Métis Nation of Ontario (For the purpose of engagement on the Community Access Road, it was advised by Métis Nation of Ontario in December 2023 to combine engagement and communication with Métis Nation of Ontario, Greenstone Métis Council, and Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2 under the name of Métis Nation of Ontario in the record of consultation. This merge was requested to reduce duplications for staff and occurred in December 2024).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Métis Nation of Ontario, Region 2 and Greenstone Métis Council</li> </ul>
Independent Métis Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red Sky Métis Independent Nation</li> </ul>

## 2.3 Duty to Consult

Aboriginal and Treaty rights of Aboriginal peoples in Canada are recognized and affirmed under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

The MECP and the Ministry of Energy and Mines (formerly the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) has formally delegated some procedural aspects of Ontario's Duty to Consult to MFFN, as proponent. While some Duty to Consult have been delegated to the proponent, the Government of Ontario (MECP and MINES) still retains overall responsibilities related to the Crown's obligations under the Duty to Consult.

A Marten Falls-Ontario Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Shared Consultation Responsibilities was developed to set out how the responsibilities will be shared through the Assessment Process. The Marten Falls-Ontario MOU on Shared Consultation Responsibilities (available in Appendix D of the Terms of Reference) was signed on January 7, 2020, and defines the roles and responsibilities of both parties regarding the consultation and engagement of neighbouring Indigenous communities who's Aboriginal or Treaty Rights may be adversely affected by the proposed Project and interested persons.

### 3. Overview of Consultation and Engagement Efforts for Cumulative Effects

Consultation and engagement activities for the cumulative effects assessment were carried out throughout the Assessment Process. Our approach to engagement about cumulative effects included a variety of tactics, both broad-based and targeted, offering opportunities for Indigenous communities and interested persons to engage and to learn about the topic of cumulative effects. **Table 2** provides a snapshot of activities that occurred throughout the Assessment Process for the Community Access Road.

**Table 2: Consultation and Engagement Activities during the Cumulative Effects Assessment**

Activity	Details	Dates
Public Information Centres (PIC)	PICs were held at each major milestone of the Assessment Process. PICs #3, #4, #5 and #6 shared information related to the cumulative effects assessment process. Indigenous communities, interested persons, and government agencies were invited to attend. The first hour of each PIC was reserved for Indigenous community members. For information on the PICs hosted for the Community Access Road, please see Appendix X, Final Record of Consultation and Engagement.	PIC #3 (June 27 and 29, 2022); PIC #4 (December 7 and 8, 2022); PIC #5 (October 25 and 26, 2023); PIC #6 (May 26 and 29, 2025)
Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Forums	The Province of Ontario sponsored two (2) ATRI forums to discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' ATRI as they relate to the Webequie Supply Road (WSR), Northern Road Link (NRL), and MFFN Community Access Road Projects. ATRI Forum #2 provided presentations and discussions on cumulative effects as a targeted measure for Indigenous communities to discuss and provide feedback. For information on the ATRI Forums, please see Appendix X, Final Record of Consultation and Engagement.	ATRI Forum #1 (February 8 and 9, 2023); ATRI Forum #2 (November 21 to 23, 2023)
Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo	The Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo, including WSR, MFFN Community Access Road and NRL projects, was held with the intent to build on the momentum from Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Forums. Both events featured information related to the cumulative effects assessment and the Project Inclusions List. For detailed information on the Three Road Project Gathering and Expo Forums, please see Appendix X, Final Record of Consultation and Engagement.	Three Road Project Gathering and Expo #1 (June 11 to 13, 2024); Three Road Project Gathering and Expo #2 (February 19 and 20, 2025)

Activity	Details	Dates
Community Meetings	Targeted community meetings were organized with Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation community members where cumulative effects were discussed. For a full account of the meetings held, including summaries and meeting materials, please see Appendix X, Final Record of Consultation and Engagement.	Aroland: July 15 and 16, 2024; May 28 and 29, 2025.  Marten Falls First Nation: October 23, 24, 25 2023; July 17 and 18, 2024; February 12 and 19, 2025; May 27 and 28, 2025.
Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Submission	MFFN committed to an early and voluntary release to provide Indigenous communities and interested persons an early view of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Information on the cumulative effects assessment was included in the submission.	Indigenous Communities: February 18, 2025, to June 23, 2025  Interested Persons / Government Agencies: April 22 to June 23, 2025
Webinars and Videos	Webinars and videos were used to share information on the Assessment Process for the Community Access Road. A webinar series dedicated to the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement included four webinars that featured information on the cumulative effects assessment and findings. Informational videos were also developed to provide information on the topic.	<b>Videos:</b> Cumulative Effects (November 2, 2022); Understanding Project Effects and Mitigations (May 9, 2025); Understanding Cumulative Effects (August 1, 2025).  <b>Webinars:</b> Community Well-Being (May 6, 2025); Land: Ungulates (Atik / Caribou & Mooz / Moose) (May 15, 2025); Water: Fish and Fish Habitat (May 22, 2025); People: Land and Resource Use (June 5, 2025).
Newsletters	Monthly newsletters were issued providing up-to-date information on various aspects of the Project, including on the cumulative effects assessment. The newsletters were issued via email and were shared on the Project website.	16 Newsletters issued between 2021-2025
Website	The website serves as a central hub for information on the Community Access Road as a whole, including the cumulative effects assessment. Information in the form of fact sheets and FAQs, newsletters, videos and webinars are all available for download and / or viewing.	Ongoing

These communication tools and tactics were used throughout the Assessment Process and are detailed in the following sections. Any notices or invitations supporting these activities are included in Appendix X, Final Record of Consultation and Engagement.

## 3.1 Meetings and Gatherings

This section documents targeted consultation opportunities during which the cumulative effects assessment was presented to Indigenous communities for the purpose of receiving feedback. Detailed information and meeting summaries for each can be found in Appendix X, Final Record of Consultation and Engagement.

- **Public Information Centre #3** was held June 27 and 29, 2022, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. The associated Marten Falls First Nation in-community meeting was held on June 28, 2022, to introduce the Effects Assessment milestone and share the following cumulative effects related information: cumulative effects assessment methods, milestones and timing; and “What we have heard?” high-level feedback themes, including one cumulative / long-term effects theme.

This information was provided via the display boards and a presentation. Attendees were asked to share what they think about the Community Access Road on the “what we heard” display board; no feedback was provided specific to cumulative effects. Notification for PIC #3 was issued on June 13, 2022. Approximately 33 individuals attended PIC #3.

- **Public Information Centre #4** was held on December 7 and 8, 2022, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. The associated meeting in Marten Falls was held on November 2, 2022. These meetings focused on the Effects Assessment methods milestone and included a display board and preliminary discussions on what cumulative effects are and how they would be studied. Notification for PIC #4 was issued on November 22, 2022. Approximately 46 individuals attended PIC #4.
- **Aboriginal Treaty and / or Rights and Interests Forum #1** was held on February 8 and 9, 2023, in Thunder Bay. This in-person event offered an opportunity to identify and discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests as they relate to the Community Access Road, Webequie Supply Road and Northern Road Link. Questions related to cumulative effects were brought up in discussions. Notification for the Aboriginal Treaty and / or Rights and Interests Forum #1 was issued January 13, 2023, and February 1, 2023.
- A meeting with **Marten Falls First Nation Chief and Council** was held on October 23, 2023, to discuss the cumulative effects assessment, why cumulative effects are important, and the preliminary cumulative effects Project Inclusions List; these discussions were supported with a map and factsheet. Notification of the meeting was issued on October 6, 2023. Three members of Chief and Council attended the meeting.

- Meetings with **Marten Falls First Nation members** were held on October 23 and 24, 2023, in Marten Falls and Thunder Bay, respectively, to discuss the cumulative effects assessment, why cumulative effects are important, and the preliminary cumulative effects Project Inclusions List; these discussions were supported with a map, factsheet and a presentation. Notification of the meeting was issued on October 6, 2023. Approximately 30 community members attended.
- **Public Information Centre #5** was held on October 25 and 26, 2023, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. The PIC focussed on the existing conditions report, the route selection milestone, the cumulative effects assessment and why cumulative effects are important, and the preliminary cumulative effects Project Inclusions List; these discussions were supported with a map and factsheet. Notification for PIC #5 was issued on October 10, 2023. Approximately 35 individuals attended PIC #5.
- **Aboriginal Treaty and / or Rights and Interests Forum #2** was held November 21 to 23, 2023, in Thunder Bay. This in-person event offered an opportunity to identify and discuss potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests as they relate to the Community Access Road, Webequie Supply Road and Northern Road Link. Day three of the Forum included a half-day workshop on cumulative effects (including a presentation and discussion) as they relate to each road project. Notification for ATRI Forum #2 was issued on October 17, 2023.
- **Three-Road Project Gathering and Expo #1** was held June 11 to 13, 2024, in Thunder Bay. The Expo booths included information on cumulative effects including an updated cumulative effects Project Inclusions List and map for review and feedback. Notification for the Three Road Forum #1 was issued on June 04, 2024.
- Meetings with **Aroland First Nation** were held on July 15 and 16, 2024, in Thunder Bay and Aroland First Nation, respectively, and included a display board with an updated cumulative effects Project Inclusions List and map. Meetings were organized with the Aroland First Nation Key Contact who advertised the meetings with their membership. A poster advertising the meeting was provided on June 28, 2024. Approximately 30 community members attended.
- Meetings with **Marten Falls First Nation** were held on July 17 and 18, 2024, in Marten Falls and Thunder Bay, respectively, and included a display board with an updated cumulative effects Project Inclusions List and map, as well as a presentation. Notification of the meeting was issued May 29, 2024. Approximately 55 community members attended.

- Meetings with **Marten Falls First Nation** were held on February 12 and February 19, 2025, in Marten Falls and Thunder Bay, respectively, to deliver the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement to the community. Plain Language Summaries for each valued component featuring residual and cumulative effects were also provided to support discussions. Notification of the meeting was issued January 30, 2025. Approximately 30 community members attended.
- **Three-Road Project Gathering and Expo #2** was held on February 19 and 20, 2025, and February 25 and 26, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Timmins, respectively. Results from the cumulative effects assessment for each valued component—as included in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Plain Language Summaries—were shared to support discussions. Notification for the Three Road Forum #2 was issued on January 21, 2025.
- **Public Information Centre #6** was held on May 26 and 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. The PIC focussed on the latest project updates, including an updated cumulative effects Project Inclusions List and associated map. Results from the cumulative effects assessment for each valued component, included in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement were also available for discussion. Notification for the PIC #6 was issued on April 22, 2025. Approximately 27 individuals attended PIC #6.
- Meetings with **Aroland First Nation** were held on May 28 and 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Aroland First Nation, respectively. These meetings included a display board with an updated cumulative effects Project Inclusions List and map, and results from the cumulative effects assessment for each valued component in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Meetings were organized with the Aroland First Nation Key Contact who advertised the meetings with their membership. Approximately 55 people attended.
- Meetings with **Marten Falls First Nation** were held on May 27 and 28, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Marten Falls, respectively. These meetings included a display board with an updated cumulative effects Project Inclusions List and map. and results from the cumulative effects assessment for each valued component included in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Notification for the meeting was issued on April 22, 2025. Approximately 30 community members attended.
- A **Story Beads** exercise was conducted at the May 2025 community meetings held with Aroland First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation members. The Story Beads exercise was intended to create space for intergenerational dialogue and shared storytelling using beadwork as a metaphor. Organic conversations were had with community members and themes related to potential cumulative effects emerged.

## 3.2 The Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement

The early and voluntary release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement started on February 18, 2025, for an Indigenous community review period of 120 days. To accommodate extension requests from Indigenous communities and government regulators, the comment capture period was extended until September 5, 2025. The public and regulator review period started on April 22, 2025, for a 60-day review period. To support the review of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement including the cumulative effects assessment, the following were developed:

- The Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement included Section 10 which shared the assessment of potential cumulative effects of the Community Access Road; the Supporting Technical Documents were also appended to the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.
- The **Executive Summary** was prepared as a condensed version of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement and featured an overview of Section 10 (Cumulative Effects Assessment).
- **Plain Language Summaries** were developed to provide an overview of the potential effects, mitigation measures, residual effects and cumulative effects of each valued component. These documents were translated into Ojibway, Oji-Cree and Cree to support engagement efforts particularly with Elders.
- A **Cumulative Effects Information Sheet** provided a definition of cumulative effects and included a preliminary Project Inclusions List for information and feedback.
- The **Project Inclusions List** and map were updated and shared at meetings, forums, and online.

## 3.3 Informational Videos

Multimedia tools were used to share information on the Assessment Process for the Community Access Road. Three short-to-medium length Informational videos were developed, and posted on social media channels and the website, to provide easily-digestible information on the cumulative effects assessment.

- **Cumulative Effects** (November 2, 2022): This video introduced the topic of cumulative effects, including what they are and why they are being studied. Information on the projects that would be considered in the cumulative effects assessment was also provided. The video received 147 views.
- **Understanding Project Effects and Mitigations** (May 9, 2025): This video provided an explanation of the seven stages the Community Access Road will go

through to assess the effects and mitigations; these include collecting information about existing conditions, the Preferred Route selection, potential effects, identifying mitigations, residual effects, characterizing cumulative effects, and the Cumulative Effects Assessment. The video received a total of 33 views.

- **Understanding Cumulative Effects** (August 1, 2025): This video explained that a key part of the Assessment Process for the Community Access Road is understanding Cumulative Effects, or the combined effects on the environment of past, present, and future activities in the Community Access Road's study area. The video explained that temporal overlap, spatial overlap, and reasonably foreseeable projects are considered to make informed and responsible decisions on the Community Access Road. The video guided viewers to the Plain Language Summaries, webinar series, and the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement website for additional information. The video received a total of 49 views.

### 3.4 Webinars

A webinar series on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement was held from May to June 2025 and included four live webinars. The webinars each provided a general overview of what cumulative effects are and used a valued component to better illustrate how cumulative effects are studied and assessed for each area of study. The webinar topics and dates are listed below:

- **Community Well-Being** (May 6, 2025) - There were 23 registrants and 17 attendees to the webinar and 14 people viewed the recording.
- **Land: Ungulates** (Atik / Caribou & Mooz / Moose) (May 15, 2025) - There were 13 registrants and 8 attendees to the webinar and 5 people viewed the recording.
- **Water: Fish and Fish Habitat** (May 22, 2025) - There were 23 registrants and 17 attendees to the webinar and 1 person viewed the recording.
- **People: Land and Resource Use** (June 5, 2025) - There were 19 registrants and 13 attendees to the webinar and 23 people viewed the recording.

The webinars were recorded and shared online for those who could not join live.

### 3.5 Newsletters

Monthly newsletters provided up-to-date information on various aspects of the Project, including the cumulative effects assessment. The newsletters were issued via email and were shared on the project website. 16 newsletters featuring the topic of cumulative effects were issued to Indigenous communities and interested persons.

## 3.6 Website

The Project website serves as a central hub for information on the Community Access Road as a whole, including the cumulative effects assessment. Information in the form of fact sheets and FAQs, newsletters, videos and webinars are all available for download and / or viewing. The website also links to the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement site that holds all Technical Support Documents and Plain Language Summaries that feature information on the cumulative effects assessment and Project Inclusions List.

Overall, the consultation and engagement activities described in Section 3 demonstrate a sustained, multi-modal approach to sharing information and seeking input on the cumulative effects assessment throughout the Assessment Process. Through Public Information Centres, ATRI Forums, community meetings, Three-Road Project Gatherings, webinars, videos, newsletters, and the Project website, Indigenous communities and interested persons were provided with ongoing opportunities to learn about cumulative effects, ask questions, and offer feedback. These activities supported meaningful participation by offering accessible information in multiple formats, tailored where requested, and delivered both broadly and through targeted, community-specific sessions. The input gathered through these engagements forms the basis of the feedback summaries presented in Section 4 and has directly informed refinements to the cumulative effects assessment supporting a more transparent and responsive Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

## 4. Feedback Received on Cumulative Effects

Summaries of feedback and concerns received throughout the above noted engagement efforts from Indigenous communities, government agencies, and interested persons related to cumulative effects are outlined in this section. The summaries are presented in two tables:

- **Table 3:** Includes questions, comments, and feedback related to the cumulative effects assessment received from Indigenous communities, interested persons, and government agencies throughout the Assessment Process; from the Notice of Commencement to the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. It also outlines how this input informed the development of the Cumulative Effects Assessment Report and / or Milestones #1, #2, #3, and #4.
- **Table 4:** Provides a thematic summary of feedback provided on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement that related to cumulative effect. The table also identifies where corresponding updates, or additional information can be found within the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Of note, more than 1,900 comments were received on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, including approximately 300 specific to cumulative effects. The full set of formal comments and responses is available in the Feedback and Response Log, included as Appendix C, Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

The feedback documented in **Table 3** and **Table 4** reflects the breadth and depth of perspectives shared throughout the Assessment Process regarding cumulative effects—beginning with early input during Milestones 2, 3 and 4, and continuing through the review of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Together, the comments demonstrate a strong and consistent interest among Indigenous communities, interested persons, and government agencies in understanding how cumulative effects have been characterized, how reasonably foreseeable activities are considered, and how potential combined impacts may influence valued components, community well being, and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.

Input summarized in **Table 3** helped shape the cumulative effects assessment from its earliest stages by identifying community priorities, raising questions about assessment boundaries and methods, and highlighting areas where clearer communication or additional information was needed. Feedback received during the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement review, captured thematically in **Table 4**, further strengthened the assessment by prompting refinements to Section 10 of the Final

Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, updates to associated Technical Support Documents, and improvements to plain-language and translated materials.

Taken together, the feedback provided across all milestones has contributed to a more transparent, technically robust, and responsive cumulative effects assessment. These insights will continue to guide follow-up, monitoring, and ongoing engagement as the Community Access Road Project advances, so that cumulative effects remain an area of continued attention, collaboration, and accountability.

**Table 3: Summary of Cumulative Effects Feedback and Consideration in Milestone 1, 2, 3 and 4**

Group	Input and Information Provided on Cumulative Effects	How the Cumulative Effects Assessment Report and / or Milestones 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been Informed
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attawapiskat First Nation noted that the provincial environmental assessment for each individual road segment to the Ring of Fire must be put on hold until a comprehensive, First Nations co-led, and co-enforced Regional Impact Assessment of the Ring of Fire is complete.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Regional Assessment led by the Agency is outside of the scope of the Community Access Road. The draft Terms of Reference for the Regional Assessment in the Ring of Fire Area were released in September 2024. As of January 20, 2026, the Regional Assessment for the Ring of Fire is not available to the public. The regional assessment working group only submitted the interim report to the Chiefs of Partner First Nations and to the Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aroland First Nation noted that the potential cumulative effects of development on Aroland First Nation's territory included threatening the land, environment, climate and their culture and rights.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Input provided on cumulative effects has been considered as part of the Assessment Process. Section 9 documents the residual effects assessment and proposed mitigation measures, while Section 10 documents the cumulative effects assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Métis Nation of Ontario noted general Community Access Road impacts / concerns and cumulative effects, specifically relating to climate change, greenhouse gas emissions and the adequate assessment of regional effects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns provided on cumulative effects have been considered and documented in Section 10.</li> <li>While future climate change related events (increased temperatures and precipitation) have been indirectly considered, no systematic analysis of such events was conducted for the Community Access Road. Cumulative effects were not assessed for climate change; however, an effects assessment of the Community Access Road during construction and operations is presented in Section 7 of the Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Technical Support Document.</li> <li>The Regional Study Area for the climate change assessment is defined based on the regional climate data.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation noted the assessment area for the Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests valued components must be large enough to assess the accumulated environmental conditions and to capture stressors from actions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Community Access Road assessment on caribou includes the geographic extent of four provincial caribou ranges that intersect the alternative routes (Missisa, Ozhiski, Nipigon and Pawachuan ranges).</li> </ul>

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	<p>other than the Community Access Road. This will require an assessment of impacts on caribou based on the entire herd ranges.</p>	
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the Annual General Meeting on November 24, 2021, Mushkegowuk Council asked about downstream impacts from a spill at the mine (Ring of Fire mine site) and if there should be immediate action and drinking water provided to the communities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impacts resulting from a spill at the mine is outside of the scope of the Community Access Road. However, the Eagle's Nest Mine is in the Project Inclusions List (Appendix E). It was considered in the cumulative effects assessment for valued components with residual effects carried forward from the residual effects assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the May 18, 2022, meeting, Mushkegowuk Council asked if there has been any communication or coordination with the other road project teams (Webequie Supply Road and Northern Road Link), in terms of cumulative effects, as this is just one road of three to be linked in the area, but they are all undergoing separate environmental assessment processes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A cumulative effects assessment has been undertaken as part of the Assessment Process. The results of the cumulative effects assessment for the Community Access Road have been considered in the context of potential effects associated with other reasonably foreseeable projects, including the other road projects (for example, Northern Road Link and Webequie Supply Road), for which information is available. Section 10 documents the cumulative effects assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Sky Métis Independent Nation noted they do not have any issues with the development of the Community Access Road and believes there will be many benefits for the Community, but there will also be potential negative impact. Red Sky Métis Independent Nation looks at development from a holistic way and noted the following potential impacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cumulative effects with other development in the north (for example, mines);</li> <li>Impacts on neighbouring communities (for example, Red Sky Métis Independent Nation's territory and communities like Thunder Bay and Geraldton) due to increased access, causing safety concerns in the community;</li> <li>Increase in and different types of crime in-community and in neighbouring communities;</li> <li>Impacts to local and regional health care services; and</li> <li>The potential for regional social and health effects (for example, increased number of transport truck-related accidents, increased drug use).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential effects have been considered in the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document. Changes in community well-being considered changes in socio-economic structures and changes to community cohesion. The assessment of these changes incorporated other socio-economic valued components and indicators to provide a holistic assessment of community well-being.</li> <li>The cumulative effects assessment completed for the Assessment Process considered the potential of combined effects from other developments in the region. The scoping of the cumulative effects assessments will include other past, present or reasonably foreseeable projects and activities, including the other road projects and proposed mining projects in the region (Section 10).</li> </ul>

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<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On December 9, 2022, Ginoogaming First Nation noted support for the Community Access Road as well as concerns regarding the Community Access Road not taking into consideration the full cumulative effects of impacts to the region relating to the opening of the Ring of Fire for mineral development, as well as impacts to all waters surrounding the Community Access Road.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Assessment Process includes an assessment of potential cumulative effects as per the Terms of Reference and the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (Section 10). The Ring of Fire is outside of the scope of the Community Access Road; however, a Project Inclusions List has been included in the cumulative effects assessment (Section 10.1). The Project Inclusions List contains reasonably foreseeable projects and activities considered as part of the cumulative effects assessment, including Eagles Nest Mine. Each Technical Support Document includes a description of the projects considered in their cumulative effects assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the Aboriginal Rights and / or Treaty and Interests Forum #1, Aroland First Nation asked what the cumulative effects of the road projects would be.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Assessment Process for the road projects will each include a cumulative effects assessment. The scoping of the cumulative effects assessments will include other past, present or reasonably foreseeable projects and activities, including the other road projects and proposed mining projects in the region.</li> <li>The cumulative effects assessment completed for the Community Access Road considered the potential of combined effects from other projects and developments (Section 10).</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On April 4, 2024, Mushkegowuk Council shared concerns on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road's potential impacts to the health of aquatic species and the cumulative health impacts caused by the destruction and degradation of habitats.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental impacts on the health of aquatic species and cumulative impacts on fish habitat, including changes to fish habitat quantity and quality, fish injury and mortality, changes to fish survival and reproduction are included in Section 9.3.3. Recommended mitigation measures and monitoring programs to minimize the impacts are summarized in Section 9.3.3.4.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On July 23, 2021, Fort Albany First Nation shared concerns regarding the limited scope and timeline of cumulative impact assessments and asked how historical information will inform existing conditions studies and cumulative impact assessments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The cumulative effects assessment is documented in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement and is being made available to Fort Albany First Nation for their review and comments.</li> <li>Historical information was used in each discipline desktop study (Section 8) to describe the existing conditions within each discipline study area. The existing conditions informed the potential impacts of the Community Access Road and mitigation measures and monitoring programs (Section 9).</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kasabonika Lake First Nation noted that there could be potential effects from the proposed Webequie Supply Road and the Community Access Road on the environment and Kasabonika Lake First Nation's way of life and Treaty Rights.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The cumulative effects assessment is documented in Section 10 of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement and includes a Project Inclusions List (Table 10-1). The Project Inclusions List contains reasonably foreseeable projects and activities considered as part of the cumulative effects assessment, including Webequie Supply Road. Each Technical Support Document includes a description of the projects considered in their cumulative effects assessment in Section 10.</li> </ul>

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<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation requested information about how the Northern Road Link project will be considered in the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road cumulative effects analysis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The cumulative effects assessment is documented in Section 10 of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement and includes a Project Inclusions List (Table 10-1). The Project Inclusions List contains reasonably foreseeable projects and activities considered as part of the cumulative effects assessment, including the Northern Road Link. Each Technical Support Document includes a description of the projects considered in their cumulative effects assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neskantaga First Nation requested information regarding how data collected through the aquatic program will inform cumulative effects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 9.3.3.3 describes the Effect Assessment Methodology used for effects on Fish and Fish Habitat. Cumulative effects were assessed from a combination of the residual effects of the Preferred Route with the effects of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable projects. The cumulative effects assessment is documented in Section 10.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On January 27, 2023, Métis Nation of Ontario noted in their feedback on the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement, that there are ongoing concerns related to the southern portion of the Community Access Road area where it would connect with the Anaconda / Painter Lake Road, specifically as it relates to cumulative effects, Traditional Land Use and climate change. It was requested that the Project Team continue to follow-up on receiving Traditional Land Use information when it becomes available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A description of how feedback was gathered to inform the selection of the Preferred Route is included in Section 4.3.4. Section 4.4.1 provides additional information on how the Preferred Route by Anaconda / Painter Lake was selected.</li> <li>In addition to data collected through field programs, additional sources of information were reviewed to inform existing conditions information and effects to valued components during each Community Access Road phase at the Project, local and regional scale. Indigenous Knowledge also informed the Assessment Process. The cumulative effects assessment considers past and existing anthropogenic developments as well as reasonably foreseeable future activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Métis Nation of Ontario requested that their administrative barriers be removed from the Cumulative Effects Assessment Map.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On November 10, 2023. The Métis Nation of Ontario's administrative boundaries were removed from the Cumulative Effects Assessment Map.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the Aboriginal Rights and / or Treaty and Interests Forum #2, a member of Nibinamik First Nation attributed the high levels of mercury in aquatic species to potential impacts of the Musselwhite Project, near Kingfisher Lake. Tailings from that project may have entered into the river systems, resulting in contamination of aquatic species, including sturgeon. Many Elders were sick, and Nibinamik First Nation wondered if this was associated with mining activity. No consultation occurred with Nibinamik First Nation for the Musselwhite Project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The comments were acknowledged and it was noted that Marten Falls First Nation could not speak to the impacts caused by other project activities. However, as described in Section 7.2 of the Terms of Reference, the Assessment Process included a cumulative effects assessment that considers other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable projects in the region and their potential effects in combination with the potential effects of the Community Access Road. The cumulative effects assessment is documented in Section 10. The surface water quality assessment identified that mercury levels at the Little Current River and Ogoki River stations were likely elevated due to natural background conditions (Surface Water Technical Support Document).</li> </ul>

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<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the Aboriginal Rights and / or Treaty and Interests Forum #2, a member of Ginoogaming First Nation noted there is a need to remediate past environmental impacts from past projects to prevent further impacts from future projects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The comments have been received and considered in the Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions Report. Marten Falls First Nation cannot speak to remediations regarding past projects but appreciates the community sharing any related information through the Indigenous Knowledge Program.</li> <li>As described in Section 7.2 of the Terms of Reference, the Assessment Process includes a cumulative effects assessment that considers other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable projects in the region and their potential effects in combination with the potential effects of the Community Access Road.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the Aboriginal Rights and / or Treaty and Interests Forum #2, a member of Ginoogaming First Nation noted the dam that was installed at the north end of Long Lake resulted in part of the reserve being washed out and changes in the landscape, due to changes in water level and water flow. The lake was originally dammed to generate electricity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The comment was acknowledged.</li> <li>Marten Falls First Nation assessed combined impacts from the Community Access Road with other projects (for example, mining, transmission lines, dams, and rail) through the cumulative effects assessment (Section 10).</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the Aboriginal Rights and / or Treaty and Interests Forum #2, a member of Long Lake #58 asked how far in the future will you look when considering cumulative effects and if future mining projects would be considered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future reasonably foreseeable projects, with information on their location and timing publicly available at the time of preparation of the Project Inclusions List, were included.</li> <li>The potential cumulative effects from the Community Access Road and other potential projects on environmental features was identified and assessed in Section 10.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On July 15 and 16, 2024, Aroland First Nation community members provided feedback on cumulative effects including concerns about water levels in nearby watercourses as a result of mining activities in the Ring of Fire and made inquiries about mitigation measures to cumulative effects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marten Falls First Nation assessed combined impacts from the Community Access Road with other nearby projects (for example, mining, transmission lines, dams, and rail) as part of the cumulative effects assessment (Section 10).</li> <li>Input provided on cumulative effects was considered as part of the Assessment Process. Section 9 documents the residual effects assessment and proposed mitigation measures, while Section 10 documents the cumulative effects assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the February 19, 2025, Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo #2, a member of Nibinamik First Nation indicated that the cumulative effects of a regional project and the corresponding mitigation activities are a high priority to them. They acknowledged that cumulative effects can be positive or negative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Project Team agreed and noted that cumulative effects were thoroughly assessed and are documented in Section 10.</li> </ul>

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<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the February 20, 2025, Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo #2, a member of Animiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek noted MFFN is planning for a Community Access Road but the Ontario government talks about it as the heart of the road to the Ring of Fire and overshadows that. How will the assessment reflect what is to come i.e. the road to the Ring of Fire?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Community Access Road is intended to improve access, foster economic development and improve the overall quality of life for MFFN members. Although the Community Access Road is frequently linked to larger regional efforts such as the Ring of Fire, MFFN underscores that this Assessment Process is focused solely on the advancement of the Community Access Road—an infrastructure project that the MFFN community has been advocating for almost four decades.</li> <li>The Project Inclusions List (Table 10-1) of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement identifies infrastructure projects with spatial or temporal overlap with the Community Access Road, based on publicly available sources that describe or predict specific effects for those projects. Relevant projects that fit these criteria, including other road segments (i.e., Northern Road Link, Webequie Supply Road), are included in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the February 25, 2025, Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo #2, Attawapiskat First Nation inquired if a cumulative effects analysis has been done, and if there were Plain Language Summaries available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team noted each Plain Language Summary includes a discussion on the cumulative effects assessment. Section 10 includes a summary of cumulative effects assessment for valued components with residual effects. Detailed information can be found in the Technical Support Documents.</li> </ul>
<b>Interested Person</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the May 22, 2025, Fish and Fish Habitat webinar, an attendee asked what projects were considered in the cumulative effects assessment for fish.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultant advised that the Northern Road Link, Anaconda and Painter Lake forestry access road upgrades and the Rapid Link Broadband Project are projects included in the cumulative effects assessment for fish.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the May 27, 2025, community meeting an Aroland First Nation, a community member was interested in the cumulative effects regarding caribou. The individual noted they had never seen a caribou and inquired why the impacts would be significant. The individual inquired where caribou herds have been identified in the study area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The study area associated with the Community Access Road contains habitat for ungulate species. Caribou has been identified as valued components for the Community Access Road.</li> <li>The MFFN CAR Project Consultant shared general information on caribou in the study area. Based on the cumulative effects assessment for boreal caribou, changes in habitat availability, distribution and survival and reproduction could approach or extend beyond the resilience capabilities of boreal caribou population(s). As a result, the cumulative effects from the Community Access Road and past, present, and reasonably foreseeable developments on boreal caribou and boreal caribou habitat are determined to have a significant influence on self-sustaining and ecologically effective boreal caribou populations.</li> </ul>

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<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the May 27, 2025, community meeting an Aroland First Nation, a community member shared a story about how blueberries have been sprayed by planes and that the group of people who ate those blueberries got sick.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultant recorded the comment.</li> </ul>
<b>Government and Agencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the May 28, 2025, Aroland First Nation community meeting, a member of MTO noted challenges with Anaconda Road due to balancing access and restriction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultant recorded the comment. The Anaconda and Painter Lake Forestry Access Road upgrades has been considered as part of the cumulative effects assessment for the project. Section 10 includes a summary of cumulative effects assessment for valued components with residual effects. Detailed information can be found in the Technical Support Documents.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the May 29, 2025, Aroland First Nation community meeting, an individual noted their trapping area near Geraldton has been compromised by clearing and grubbing associated with the gold mine project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultant documented the comment. Section 10 includes a discussion on cumulative effects to Trapping Valued Component, as a result of the Community Access Road and other past, present and future reasonably foreseeable activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Interested Persons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A representative from Ring of Fire Metals noted that Black Label Mine and Black Thor Mine were not considered feasible at this time and indicated that the Community Access Road should consider removing them from the Project Inclusions List.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The information was used to update the Project Inclusions List (Table 10-1 and Appendix E). However, these projects were not carried forward as part of discipline cumulative effects assessment as they are deposits and not active projects.</li> </ul>
<b>Government and Agencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the May 26, 2025, PIC #6, the Ministry of Natural Resources representative discussed unknown values including Water Power facility applications, Type B Land Use Permits (Mini Moose), incidental cabins, and Private Recreation camps. They noted that there were Two Mini Moose Land Use Plans in Pinches Lake and Pigment Lake but that these locations fall outside of the Study Area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultant documented the comment. The Project Inclusions List has been updated in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement to include up to date information on projects and activities, where information about timing and location were publicly available.</li> </ul>
<b>Interested Persons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the May 26, 2025, PIC #6, a member of Four Rivers noted that information about how cumulative effects are deemed as “significant” is not always clear.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultant explained that cumulative effects and determination of significance was determined through professional judgement, applicable standards and guidelines, and background knowledge of the Study Area. Section 10 includes information on significance.</li> </ul>
<b>Government and Agencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the May 26, 2025, PIC #6, the representative from Ministry of Energy and Mines requested that the Project Inclusions map should identify Indigenous communities; noting that some towns are identified but the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultant advised that projects and activities were included on the Project Inclusions List map only if publicly available spatial data was available. Locations of Indigenous communities, and projects have been updated on the Project</li> </ul>

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	Indigenous communities are not. They also sought clarification as to why some projects were featured on the Project Inclusions map while others were not. For example, why the Attawapiskat housing project is a key highlight on the map.	Inclusions List map in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (Figure 10.1-1).
<b>Government and Agencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the May 26, 2025, PIC #6, the Ministry of Natural Resources provided feedback on the cumulative effects Project Inclusions List and suggested developing spatial / temporal boundaries. It was also suggested to include the Wataynikeneyap Powerline in the Project Inclusions List.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wataynikeneyap Powerline was included on the Project Inclusions List in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (Table 10-1) and considered as part of the cumulative effects assessment.</li> <li>Each Technical Support Document includes a description of the projects considered in their cumulative effects assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Government and Agencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the May 26, 2025, PIC #6 the Ministry of Energy and Mines noted that Eagles Nest is scheduled to begin development work in 2027.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultant noted the comment. The description of Eagle's Nest Mine on the Project Inclusions List (Table 10-1) has been updated in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.</li> </ul>
<b>Interested Persons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the May 29, 2025, PIC #6, attendees were interested in the projects included in the Project Inclusion List. It was noted that the KWG Railway Project into the Ring of Fire with Spider Resources was missing from the Inclusions List.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team acknowledged the suggestion to include the KWG Railway Project in the Project Inclusions List and would consider adding it to the Project Inclusions List.</li> <li>The KWG Railway Project was added to the Project Inclusions List (Table 10-1) in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement</li> </ul>
<b>Interested Persons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the May 29, 2025, PIC #6 a Greenstone Municipality Councillor inquired about the fibre optic and hydro (IESO) corridor that is proposed and if it will be occurring concurrently with the Community Access Road.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MFFN CAR Project Team advised that Fibre optic projects, such as the Rapid Lynx Broadband project, are included on the Project Inclusions List in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (Table 10-1) and considered as part of the cumulative effects assessment.</li> <li>Each Technical Support Document includes a description of the projects considered in their cumulative effects assessment.</li> </ul>

Table 4: Thematic summary of Cumulative Effects Feedback on the Draft Environment Assessment / Impact Statement

Group	Theme	Input and Information Provided on Cumulative Effects	Referenced in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	Wildlife - Caribou	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cumulative Effects Assessment underestimates functional habitat loss for woodland caribou.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 10.3.5.3.1 has been updated to include more details on impacts to caribou habitat loss.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	Wildlife - General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access will lead to increased harvesting, leading to unsustainable pressure.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 10.3.3 has been updated to include more details on impacts to wildlife as a result of increased</li> </ul>

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Group	Theme	Input and Information Provided on Cumulative Effects	Referenced in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collision risk underestimated because the assessment uses community-based traffic, not industrial vehicle scenarios.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>access to areas that were not previously accessible.</li> <li>Conservative assumptions were implemented to increase confidence that the effects from vehicle collisions were not underestimated.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	Wildlife - Wolverine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Proponent should reassess the conclusion of “not significant” cumulative effects on wolverines in light of climate stressors that reduce population resilience and may push species beyond physiological and ecological thresholds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The determination of significance of the cumulative effects assessment on wolverine is provided in Section 8.2.3.6 of Appendix K Wildlife Technical Support Document as significant. However, an error was made in the drafting of the Executive Summary of Appendix K, where the cumulative effects on wolverine were stated as not significant. The Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement and Appendix K have been updated to confirm cumulative effects on wolverine is determined to be significant.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	Project Inclusions List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cumulative Effects Assessment should be revised to include the full range of reasonably foreseeable developments that the MFCAR is expected to enable.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For an activity to be considered foreseeable and included in the cumulative effects assessment, sufficient information about the activity must have been publicly available to make a reasonable assessment of its potential effects (i.e., in the planning / approvals / design stage). This included development that is certain or reasonably foreseeable and activities with additive effects, where appropriate (Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, 2018). Reasonably foreseeable activities that were not considered are those that have no publicly disclosed development plan or other information regarding the location and type of project/activity.</li> </ul>
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	Groundwater and Surface Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk that contaminants could enter wetlands and fish-bearing systems cumulatively.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section 7.3 of Appendix F Surface Water Technical Support Document includes a commitment to develop and implement a Spill Prevention and Emergency Response Plan which will be developed during detail design.</li> <li>As outlined in Table 7-5 of Appendix F, changes to surface water quality from wash-off of fuel and explosive chemicals or residue from accidental spills, leaks, or blasting activities to nearby waterbodies was considered as potential project effects. Section 7.3.1.10 and 7.3.1.11 of Appendix F provide descriptions of these potential project effects,</li> </ul>

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Group	Theme	Input and Information Provided on Cumulative Effects	Referenced in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement
			mitigation and enhancement measures, and associated residual effects during construction, operation and maintenance.
<b>Indigenous Communities</b>	Peatlands/ Carbon / Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peatlands store enormous carbon stocks; disturbance of peatlands will release carbon, leading to long-term emissions.</li> <li>• The Assessment Process underestimates full carbon cycle effects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 7.3 and Tables 7-4 and 10-1 of Appendix I Peatland Technical Support Document, outlines mitigation measures planned to minimize impacts to peatland disturbances.</li> <li>• Design alternatives to minimize peatland disturbances include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- minimizing clearing widths to the extent feasible;</li> <li>- adjusting the alignment or clear off centre within the right-of-way;</li> <li>- consideration for placement of culverts in peatlands; and</li> <li>- prepare and implement a Vegetation Restoration Plan.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Interested Persons</b>	Recreational / Hunting / Tourism Access Pressures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road increases non-local hunting pressure and could lead to cumulative wildlife depletion.</li> <li>• Tourism operators fear cumulative loss of wilderness appeal due to noise, traffic, and increased access.</li> <li>• Multi-road future (NRL, WSR) expected to compound access concerns.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 10 has been updated to include more details on impacts to noise and vibration, dust accumulation, sedimentation fish and fish habitat fragmentation, and impacts to recreational areas.</li> <li>• Each Technical Support Document includes a description of the projects considered in their cumulative effects assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Interested Persons</b>	Environmental Quality & Land Use Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern of cumulative noise, dust, and sedimentation due to road projects.</li> <li>• Habitat fragmentation increasing pressure on fish-bearing lakes.</li> <li>• Loss of pristine recreational landscapes due to incremental industrial buildup.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 10 has been updated to include more details on impacts to noise and vibration, dust accumulation, sedimentation fish and fish habitat fragmentation, and impacts to recreational areas.</li> <li>• Each Technical Support Document includes a description of the projects considered in their cumulative effects assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Interested Persons</b>	Industrial Traffic & Safety Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High truck volumes expected once mines operational.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mining activities that are considered reasonably foreseeable projects have been taken into consideration for the cumulative effects assessment. Section 10 includes information on the projects considered in the cumulative effects assessment by each technical discipline. Table 10-1 also includes project duration for these projects.</li> </ul>



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