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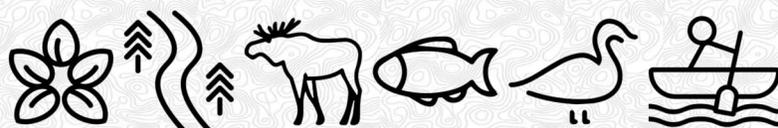
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Miles, Jodi [REDACTED]

Fwd: Re: MFFN Community Access Road Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

Miles, Jodi [REDACTED] Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 9:20 AM
To: Sarah Beamish [REDACTED]
Cc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [REDACTED], Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit
[REDACTED], Cathleen Sutherland [REDACTED], Community Core Consultation Coordinator
[REDACTED], Justin Page [REDACTED]
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [REDACTED]

Good morning Sarah,

Thank you for sending these along. I have sent them over to our archaeology team for their review. We will provide a response as soon as possible.

Thanks again,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
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Miles, Jodi [redacted]

Fort Albany First Nation IK funding

Walker, Valdine [redacted]

Wed, Sep 4, 2024 at 10:57 AM

To: [redacted]
Cc: Jodi Miles [redacted], Andrea Nokleby [redacted], [redacted]

Good morning,

I am assisting with the IK program funding and would like to confirm the preferred payment method of either a mailed cheque to the address below or a direct deposit payment. If the direct deposit is preferred could you please send me a copy of a void cheque at your earliest convenience.

Attention: Cathleen Sutherland, Chief Executive Officer
Address: [redacted]
Cheque Payable: Fort Albany First Nation

Thanks so much!



Valdine Walker
Associate
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 2:49 PM
 To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
 Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>
 Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

Thank you so much for sending this along. I am CCing Andrea Nokleby and Caroline Wrobel, who will be reviewing the report and may follow up with questions.

I did want to follow up about our IK Funding payment to Fort Albany. You should have received emails from Valdine Walker (also CC'd) on Jul 30th, 2024 and September 4th, 2024 looking to confirm information about Fort Albany First Nation's preferred payment method. Could you please confirm if Fort Albany would prefer to receive their IK Funding payments via a mailed cheque to the address below, or via direct deposit? Should they prefer direct deposit, please provide a copy of a void cheque to myself and/or Valdine at your earliest convenience.

Attention: Cathleen Sutherland, Chief Executive Officer
 Address: [redacted]
 Cheque Payable: [redacted]

One more thing - I was planning to give you a call next week to discuss project updates. If you'd prefer to schedule a call at a specific time, please let me know and I would be happy to arrange that.

Thanks again!

Jodi Miles

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the MFCAR ATRI Report

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 9:22 AM

To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>

Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>,

Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching

<[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>

Good morning Sarah,

Thank you for sending this along! We will review and let you know if we have any questions.

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN Community Access Road – About the Draft EA / IS

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Sep 25, 2024 at 3:41 PM
 To: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
 Cc: Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, "MacInnis, Paul (MINES)" <[redacted]>
 Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Dear Chief Kataquapit,

Please find attached a letter and frequently asked questions (FAQ) regarding the circulation of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (Draft EA / IS) for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road for your community's review and comment. The Draft EA / IS, and supporting documents, will describe how the preferred route was determined and identify how the proposed Community Access Road may affect the social, cultural, economic and natural environment.

As we prepare to submit the Draft EA / IS, we want to ensure your community has easy access to the documents and has identified a key community contact to help guide the review process. Please fill out this questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process: [redacted]

We will be in touch in the Fall to discuss these matters with you but if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

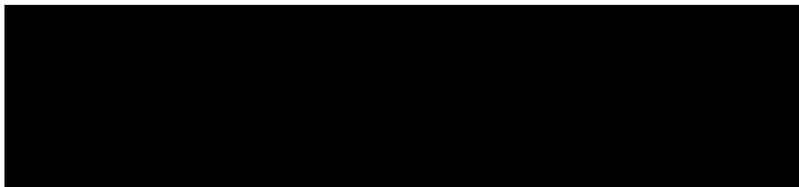
Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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2 attachments





September 25, 2024

Fort Albany First Nation
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (EA / IS)

Dear Chief Kataquapit,

This letter is to update you on the proposed Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road and the circulation of the **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (Draft EA / IS)** to Indigenous communities, the public and regulators for review and comment.

The Draft EA / IS, and supporting documents, will describe how the preferred route was determined and identify how the proposed Community Access Road may affect the social, cultural, economic and natural environment. Your input on the Draft EA / IS (e.g., on specific technical documents, proposed impact management and follow up measures, cumulative effects assessment, EA / IS conclusions, and on confirmation that input was captured appropriately) will help us prepare the Final EA / IS.

As we prepare to submit the Draft EA / IS, we want to ensure your community has easy access to the documents and has identified a key community contact to help guide the review process. We will be in touch in the Fall to discuss these matters with you.

Coming Soon for Your Review

Your input to these important planning documents is invaluable, and we want to ensure you have advance notice of when the Draft EA / IS will be circulated and what will be included in it. Some Indigenous communities have indicated that they would like time to review documents in advance of public release, so we're providing Indigenous communities early access to the Draft EA / IS this winter with a minimum review period of 120 days (additional time will be provided if the review period overlaps with the year-end holidays).

The Draft EA / IS will be circulated to the public and regulators 60-days following the Indigenous communities review period. Individual members of an Indigenous community are welcome to provide their own comments in addition to those provided on behalf of their community during the 60-day public review period. The exact review dates will be provided once confirmed.

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We're Here to Help

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team is available to support your community during the Draft EA / IS review process.

In addition to publishing plain language summaries to help guide you through the technical documents, we are planning activities to help prepare you for the review process. We will:

- Release a new webinars series on topics we've heard are of interest to you including: The Final Route for the Community Access Road and How the Road will be Constructed.
- Launch new videos to describe the final route for the Community Access Road and to provide an overview to the Draft EA / IS, including ways you can provide feedback.
- Host Public Information Center #6 to provide an update on the Community Access Road, share the Draft EA / IS report, answer questions and gather your feedback; and
- Three-Road Gathering & Expo #2.

We will also be available for—and encourage—meetings to review chapters and technical reports of interest to your community. If you have questions or if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss, please contact us. We are happy to meet with you.

Be ready!

The Draft EA / IS will be a large document (approximately 500 - 1000 pages) and include thousands of pages of supporting documents (ranging from the technical documents to the Record of Consultation & Engagement).

We encourage you to book time with us before circulation of the Draft EA / IS to discuss how you would like to receive the Draft EA / IS from us and how best we can support you in your review.

Provincial Funding Support

The Province of Ontario continues to offer funding agreements with eligible communities to participate in the review of the Draft and Final EA / IS through the Participant Funding Initiative. They will be reaching out to you separately to discuss resources needed by the community to take part in the extended review period of the Draft EA / IS.

Funding for the Community Coordinator Program Is Still Available

We remind you that it is still possible to benefit from the help of a Community Coordinator. This person would be the primary point of contact between your community and the MFFN

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Community Access Road Project Team as we work through the environmental assessment process.

A Community Coordinator would provide advice, guidance and support for community engagement activities related to the proposed Community Access Road. At this stage in the process, a Community Coordinator could focus their time preparing the community for when the Draft EA / IS is circulated and help coordinate the review of this and associated documents.

If you would like a Community Coordinator in your community, this position will receive \$ [REDACTED] per hour and is expected to require approximately 16 hours per week up to summer 2025. We are flexible with respect to payment terms (e.g., to an individual or to the band council) and are open to discussing what works best for your community. Please reach out for more information!

Don't hesitate to be in touch! We're happy to support you through this review.

We thank you for your continued participation and collaboration as we work towards building the Community Access Road.

Sincerely,



Qasim Saddique
Project Director



Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Member Advisor

Cc:

- Qasim Sadique, Project Director, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Lawrence Baxter, Senior Community Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Bob Baxter, Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Jennifer Bruin, Technical Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Paul MacInnis, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Mines
- Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officers, Ministry of the Environment
- Dorothy Moszynski, Special Project Officers, Ministry of the Environment
- Deputy Chief Terry Metatawabin, Fort Albany First Nation





- Cathleen Sutherland, CEO, Fort Albany First Nation
- Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel
- Justin Page, Fort Albany First Nation Consultant
- Knut Kitching, Fort Albany First Nation Consultant
- Leo Metatawabin, Community Core Consultation Coordinator

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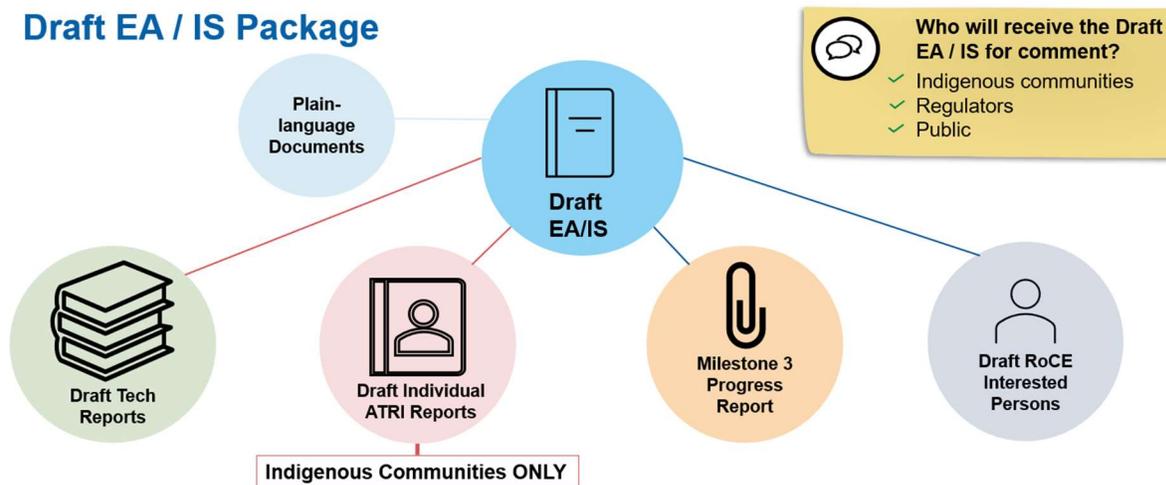
Frequently Asked Questions – Draft EA / IS

Issued September 2024

What is included in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (EA / IS)?

The Draft EA / IS will be a large document (approximately 500 - 1000 pages) which includes thousands of pages of supporting documents. These range from technical documents on valued components (like noise, air quality, peatlands—see below question for a full list), individual Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) reports, to the Records of Consultation & Engagement. We are here to help in your review—plain-language versions of select documents will be made available, and we encourage you to book time with us to discuss before we circulate the Draft EA / IS.

Draft EA / IS Package



How have Indigenous communities influenced the Draft EA / IS?

Through consultation activities, the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road Project Team has collected feedback, information and Indigenous Knowledge to inform the final route selection and support the development of the Draft EA / IS. The ATRI / Three-Road Forums and Gatherings and Individual Community ATRI Existing Conditions Reports have facilitated the sharing of Indigenous Knowledge and provided a forum for open discussion around the proposed Community Access Road. The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team has engaged 22 Indigenous communities over the course of the environmental assessment process, working with key contacts and representatives of the communities who have provided their expertise, asked questions, and flagged concerns and issues that should be addressed and included in the Draft EA / IS.





Why is it important to provide your comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (Draft EA / IS)?

We are providing a Draft EA / IS to Indigenous communities, the public and regulators to allow for an early review of our information, approach and findings. Your input on the Draft EA / IS will inform the preparation of the Final EA / IS and allow us to incorporate your input and consider concerns related to the proposed Community Access Road.

How long do I have to review and provide comments on the Draft EA / IS?

Members of the Indigenous communities we are engaging will have access to the Draft EA / IS this winter via their community's key contact (identified by your Chief and Council). Indigenous communities have a minimum of 120 days to review and comment on the Draft EA / IS. If the 120 days overlap with year-end holidays; then additional time will be added to compensate. Access to the Draft EA / IS for Indigenous communities is 60-days in advance of the public and regulators' review period. The exact review dates will be provided once confirmed.

How and when will we get responses to the questions or comments that we provide on the Draft EA / IS?

Comments and questions received during the review process will be recorded and responses tracked and addressed, where possible, in the Final EA / IS. In addition, during the review period, we encourage you to contact us to schedule a meeting so that we can discuss with you directly any questions or concerns you might have. Our intent, where appropriate, is to provide you an opportunity to review or discuss your comments and our proposed response in advance of submitting the Final EA / IS.

What is the difference between the Draft EA / IS and the Final EA / IS version?

The Final EA / IS will incorporate comments, questions and feedback received on the Draft EA / IS from Indigenous communities, the public and regulators. Additional information from studies not completed before the release of the Draft EA / IS may also be included (if applicable). Because the Final EA / IS will be submitted by MFFN to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) for a decision by the Minister and Cabinet, it is important that communities participate in consultation on the Draft EA / IS, so that their input can be considered or addressed in the final version.





Where do we send our comments and feedback on the Draft EA / IS?

Once the key contact has compiled your community’s feedback, the comments / edits / questions can be sent to your MFFN Community Access Road Project Team contact or to the Community Access Road general email address: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca.

How will my feedback be received if I am not an official representative of my community (e.g., key contact)?

Individual members of an Indigenous community are welcome to provide their own comments in addition to those provided on behalf of their community during the public review period. This input will be addressed along with other comments received from the public and regulators.

What Technical Reports are included in the Draft EA / IS?

The technical documents will include information on valued components existing conditions, effects assessment and cumulative effects.

The following technical reports are included in the Draft EA / IS.

1. Noise and Vibrations	10. Ungulates
2. Groundwater and Geochemistry	11. Air Quality and Green House Gas
3. Surface Water	12. Land Use
4. Fish and Fish Habitat	13. Human Health
5. Physiography, Terrain and Soils	14. Social
6. Peatlands	15. Economics
7. Vegetation	16. Visual
8. Wildlife	17. Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights Interests (ATRI) / Indigenous Knowledge
9. Birds	

What are Cumulative Effects and the Inclusions List?

Cumulative Effects are the potential effects of the Community Access Road combined with the





effects of other past, present and reasonably foreseeable future projects and activities. On their own, individual project effects may be minor, but when considered together with other project effects they may become significant.

As part of the provincial EA and federal Impact Assessment (IA) process for the Community Access Road, an assessment of the potential cumulative effects is being completed. The preliminary project Inclusion List identifies potential projects that will be considered for inclusion in the Cumulative Effects Assessment, which will be part of the Draft EA / IS.

How have Indigenous communities been consulted?

Indigenous Knowledge Program

The purpose of this program was to empower Indigenous communities to share information on their land and resource use, cultural practices and values, and rights and interests in the study area. Participation in the program enabled participating communities to either share existing Indigenous Knowledge (IK) and Indigenous Land and Resource Use (ILRU) information (previously collected by communities) or to complete project-specific IK and ILRU Studies.

Community Coordinator Program

The Community Coordinator Program supports the Community Access Road activities, meetings and events, helping to make sure input is collected and shared back with the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team.

Community Coordinators strengthen our collective efforts related to the EA / IA process and allow for a more open and responsive consultation and engagement between Indigenous communities and the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team.

Reports

Through the EA / IA process, the MFFN Community Access Road Project Team has worked with Indigenous communities to produce reports including: ATRI Existing Conditions Report, Milestone #1 and #2 Reports, Cultural Heritage Report, Stage 1 and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Reports, and the Interim Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE).

In-person & virtual consultation activities

To date, our consultation efforts have included:

- Five in-person Public Information Centres (PICs), including dedicated hours for Indigenous Community members;
- 31 in-person or virtual meetings with 11 communities, including 8 in-person or virtual meetings with MFFN;
- Two in-person ATRI forums;





- An in-person Three-road Project Gathering & Expo;
- Attendance at several conferences, including the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) conference and the Matawa First Nations Management gathering.
- Fourteen virtual webinars; and
- Ongoing outreach including phone calls emails, virtual meetings, and in-person meetings with communities and tribal councils.





Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR - September Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]> Thu, Sep 26, 2024 at 3:34 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page <[REDACTED]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[REDACTED]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[REDACTED]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

I hope all is well. I am sending this email to follow up on the voicemail I left for you earlier today.

Draft IK Report, ATRI Report Response, and IK Funding

Firstly, thank you for providing Fort Albany First Nation's IK Report and ATRI report feedback last week. Our team is still in the process of reviewing these documents, but we will be in touch.

I did want to follow up about the emails that were sent by Valdine Walker and myself on July 30th, September 4th, and September 19th asking for confirmation on Fort Albany's preferred payment method (cheque or direct deposit) and mailing address, which are needed for us to send the first IK funding payment. If you could confirm this information, that would be great!

Community Coordinator Program

Funding for the Community Coordinator program is still available! We are looking for a Coordinator to represent Fort Albany First Nation as the primary point of contact between the community and the MFFN CAR Project Team as we work through the Environmental Assessment processes.

The Community Coordinator will provide advice, guidance and support for community engagement activities related to the Community Access Road and, at this stage in the EA / IA process, will focus much of their time preparing the community for the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement in November and for coordinating the review of this and associated documents. A job poster is attached to this email to share with Community members.

This position will receive \$[REDACTED] per hour and is expected to be approximately 16 hours per week for up to 1 year (up to Summer 2025).

We are flexible with respect to payment terms (e.g., to an individual or to the band council) and are open to discussing what works best for the community. Please reach out to discuss.

Stay up to date!

To stay updated on ongoing activities for the MFFN CAR, sign up for our newsletter here: [Contact Us - Marten Falls First Nation \(martenfallsaccessroad.ca\)](#)

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the project, please do not hesitate to reach out!
Thanks, Jodi Miles, On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

WE'RE HIRING!



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

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

If so, this could be the role for you!

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

Responsibilities

- Coordinate between the MFFN Project Team and community members living in / outside of your community as per your local practices and in collaboration with Chief and Council;
- Provide advice, guidance and support for community engagement activities related to the Project including:
 - Coordinate and organize logistics for meetings, workshops, events and / or school visits (e.g., book meeting spaces, order refreshments, help with truck / boat rentals and accommodations);
 - Help identify meeting participants and information providers (e.g., youth and / or elders); Assist with meeting facilitation, note taking and meeting minute preparation, and coordinate translation services, if needed; and
 - Organize distributing Project advertisements and notices in your community; either online (e.g., Facebook or posting in community);
- Assist in collecting data / information in your community (e.g., Indigenous Knowledge Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests, community and socio-economic information);
- Assist in coordination of the review of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, and / or Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Reports.

This position will receive \$ [REDACTED] per hour and is expected to be approximately 16 hours per week for up to 1 year (up to Summer 2025). If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the program, contact: Niki Angelis at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca or [REDACTED]



Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]>

Fwd: Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report

From: Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 1:56 PM
Subject: Re: Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report
To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>, Caroline Wrobel <[REDACTED]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

I just wanted to follow up about the information we need to provide Fort Albany with their first IK Funding payment. Would you be able to confirm if Fort Albany would prefer to receive their IK Funding payments via a mailed cheque to the address below, or via direct deposit? Should they prefer direct deposit, please provide a copy of a void cheque to myself and/or Valdine at your earliest convenience.

Attention: Cathleen Sutherland, Chief Executive Officer
Address: [REDACTED]
Cheque Payable: [REDACTED]

Thank you,

Jodi Miles



Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 3:48 PM

To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Thank you, Sarah!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Upcoming Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Mon, Oct 28, 2024 at 9:21 AM
 To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
 Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>
 Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Good morning Sarah,

I hope you had a great weekend. I just wanted to let you know that I will be giving you a call sometime over the next few days to provide you with some project updates. If you would prefer to schedule a specific time to chat, please let me know.

Thanks!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Upcoming Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 8:42 AM

To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>

Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for getting back to me! I am free any time on November 4th before 3:30pm EST. Let me know what would work best for you.

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Upcoming Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 8:20 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good morning Sarah,

Just following up on this. Let me know what time works for you!

I will likely be sending you an email today with a list of topics I wanted to discuss with you during our call, so you'll be able to review these ahead of time if you like.

Thanks!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Upcoming Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 1:04 PM

To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>

Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

Great! I will talk to you then.

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]> Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 6:33 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Leo Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page <[REDACTED]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[REDACTED]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[REDACTED]>

Hello Sarah,

As I noted in my email today, I wanted to provide a brief list of topics I wanted to discuss during our phone call next week.

Community Coordinator Program

As we have discussed in the past few months, there are some changes being made to the Community Coordinator Program to make the funding more flexible. These changes will shift the Community Coordinator funding to a one time, lump sum capacity funding payment to the community to be used to support their engagement with the project. I will provide more details about this, including the process for signing up for this payment, next week.

Archaeology and ATRI Report Responses

I wanted to give you an update on where we're at with our responses to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report, as well as the Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report. These responses are still in process, but I am hoping to get them to you soon.

Meaningful Engagement

I wanted to revisit a concern that Fort Albany First Nation raised in their review of the Milestone #1 Report. The issue noted that the community did not consider the majority of the communications outlined in that report to be meaningful. I wanted to follow up to see if you might be able to provide direction on how we can make our engagement more meaningful to the community.

Survey

In September, we sent you an email with a letter and FAQ in preparation for the release of the Draft EA / IS. As we prepare to submit the Draft EA / IS, we want to ensure that Fort Albany First Nation has easy access to the documents and has identified a key community contact to help guide the review process.

If you, or someone from Fort Albany, could fill out this questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process, it would be greatly appreciated: [REDACTED]

If you have any topics you would like to discuss during our call that you would flag ahead of time, please let me know! As always, I am happy to arrange a meeting with Project Team, if there is anything you or the community would like to discuss with them.

Thank you,

Jodi Miles

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Nov 1, 2024 at 4:36 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Bcc: [REDACTED]

Good afternoon Sarah,

Happy Friday! I just received this email from Leo, asking to be a part of our phone call scheduled for Monday. When I originally proposed this call, I proposed it as just a phone call between you and I, so I am not sure if you intended it to be a virtual meeting with other community representatives, as Leo is proposing.

I am happy to shift our phone call to a virtual meeting with the community, though some members of our Project Team would likely want to attend as well, and I am unsure if they would be able to with such short notice. Please advise me with how you would like me to proceed.

Thanks,

Jodi

Begin forwarded message:

From: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[REDACTED]>
Date: November 1, 2024 at 3:56:40 PM ADT
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 8:19 AM

To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>

Good morning Sarah,

Absolutely! Keep me posted about what Leo says. I am fairly flexible Wednesday-Friday, with the exception of Wednesday morning before 10:30am EST. I am thinking Qasim, and possibly some other members of the project team, will want to attend, so I just asked for their availability for those days. I will let you know what they say.

Thanks!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 8:24 AM

To: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[REDACTED]>

Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[REDACTED]>

Good morning Leo,

I believe Sarah is going to touch base with you about this. We are likely going to reschedule to later this week, depending on how you would like to proceed.

I look forward to meeting with you!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>

Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 8:59 AM

Hello again Sarah,

I wanted to send along Qasim's availability. We could do:

Wednesday morning between 10:30am -12:30pm EST
Thursday morning between 9am - 11am EST
Thursday afternoon between 1pm to 4pm EST

Please let us know if these times work for you, Leo, and any other Fort Albany community members who may be attending.

Thanks again!

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR IK Funding Payment Info

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 9:25 AM
 To: Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>
 Cc: Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Valdine Walker <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>

Good morning Ruby and Cathleen

I am reaching out to you in the hopes that you can provide the information we need to provide Fort Albany with their first MFFN CAR IK Funding payment, as per Sarah's request.

Would you be able to confirm if Fort Albany would prefer to receive their IK Funding payments via a mailed cheque to the address below, or via direct deposit? Should they prefer direct deposit, please provide a copy of a void cheque to myself and/or Valdine (CC'd) at your earliest convenience.

Attention: Cathleen Sutherland, Chief Executive Officer
 Address: [redacted]
 Cheque Payable: [redacted]

Let me know!

Jodi Miles
 On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 2:19 PM

To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>

Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[REDACTED]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

Just wanted to follow up to see if you have any updates about this meeting yet. Let us know!

Thanks,

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 5:12 PM

To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[REDACTED]>

Good morning Sarah,

This is great! I will set up a meeting and send both of you an invite. Just a heads up, Andrea Nokleby (CC'd) will also be joining us.

Does Fort Albany First Nation have any interest in having a representative from the Province of Ontario present for the meeting? Let me know!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 5:34 PM

To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

Hi Sarah,

Okay great, thank you for confirming!

Also, I apologize, I just noticed I sent the invite for 10am Atlantic time (my timezone), I have adjusted it to be 10 EST.

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>
To: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[REDACTED]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 8:33 AM

Good morning Leo,

I hope you are doing well. Yesterday I sent you an invite for a video call tomorrow at 10am. In case you didn't see the invite in your inbox, the video call can be access through the link or phone number below:

MFFN CAR meeting with Fort Albany
Thursday, November 7 · 10:00am – 11:00am
Time zone: Eastern Time
Google Meet joining info
Video call link: [REDACTED]
Or dial: (CA) [REDACTED]
More phone numbers: [REDACTED]

I look forward to meeting with you today!

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Meeting Follow-up

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 4:27 PM
 To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>
 Cc: Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>
 Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>, Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah and Leo,

Thank you so much for meeting with us today, it was great to chat with you both face to face! I wanted to send a quick follow up email today to provide a high-level overview of our meeting and share the information I said I would provide. I will also be circulating more formal meeting minutes for your review at a later date, once I have them drafted and reviewed on our end.

During our meeting, we discussed the following topics:

- Some of the community's concerns related to climate change, food security, water security, and the protection of sacred and ceremonial lands;
- Fort Albany's finalization of their IK report, and how the IK report will be incorporated into the EA/IS;
- When Fort Albany First Nation can expect to receive draft EA/IS for review;
- Updates to the Community Coordinator program (more information to be provided shortly in a separate email);
- Our upcoming responses to Fort Albany's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment report, and the Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions report; and
- Meaningful consultation methods, including how we can support Fort Albany's review of the draft EA/IS.

As requested, I have provided Fort Albany's comments about the Milestone #1 report for your reference, including Fort Albany's comment about meaningful engagement (page 2). If you have any further context or feedback you would like to provide pertaining to that comment, please let me know!

Thank you both again for taking the time to chat today. Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns, and stay tuned for meeting minutes about our meeting today.

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Project Name: Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All Season Community Access Road (CAR)

Date of Meeting: November 7, 2024
Time: 10:00 am EST

Attendees: Sarah Beamish, *Fort Albany First Nation Legal Council*
Leo Metatawabin, *Fort Albany First Nation Community Core Consultation Coordinator*
Qasim Saddique, *Project Director, MFFN CAR*
Andrea Nokleby, *Indigenous Knowledge Program Lead, MFFN CAR*
Jodi Miles, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*

Location: Google Meet

Prepared By: Jodi Miles, MFFN CAR Project Consultant

Regarding: MFFN CAR Community Coordinator Program, Indigenous Knowledge Program, Draft EA/IS, and Meaningful Consultation

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Summary

The MFFN CAR Project Team and Fort Albany First Nation met to discuss various project updates, as well as the topic of meaningful consultation, which had previously been raised in the Milestone #1 Report. During this meeting, the following topics were discussed:

- Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to climate change, food security, water security, and the protection of sacred and ceremonial lands;
- Updates regarding the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program, including Fort Albany First Nation's finalization of their IK report, and how the IK report will be incorporated into the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS);
- Updates related to the release of the draft EA / IS;
- Updates to the Community Coordinator program;
- Upcoming responses to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment report, and the Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Existing Conditions report; and
- Meaningful consultation methods.

Item #	Topic / Theme	Notes	Response/Action Items
1.	Community Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leo Metatawabin, Fort Albany First Nation’s Community Core Consultation Coordinator, noted that the community has concerns about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the Albany River and how it has impacted Fort Albany First Nation’s access to their land and camps; • Climate change, food security, and water security; • The loss of sacred grounds and burial grounds in their community due to increased development. 	
2.	Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation is currently finalizing their IK report. Changes should be minor to the draft report already submitted. • The IK Program Lead noted the key dates for incorporating IK into the draft EA / IS. • The goal is to incorporate IK into the entire EA / IS. • Fort Albany First Nation’s IK will be incorporated into the ATRI chapter of the draft EA / IS, but will likely not be incorporated into the other draft chapters of the draft EA / IS due to timing constraints. However, it was noted that their IK would be reflected in applicable chapters of the final EA / IS report. 	<p>Action Item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation to provide final version of their IK Report, once finalized.
3.	Draft EA / IS Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The release date of the draft EA / IS being confirmed. The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that information on the release date will be circulated as soon as possible. • Fort Albany First Nation will be shut down for a couple weeks over Christmas. Likely around Dec 20, 2024 - Jan 4, 2025. • Fort Albany First Nation’s winter road will also be opening up late winter. 	<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFFN CAR Project Team to provide draft EA / IS to Fort Albany for their review, once available. • MFFN CAR Project Team to continue to communicate about any updates to the draft EA / IS timeline.

Item #	Topic / Theme	Notes	Response/Action Items
1.	Community Coordinator Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Coordinator program is being discontinued and replaced with a lump-sum capacity funding payment of \$ [REDACTED]. This can be used for anything to support Fort Albany First Nation in their review of the draft EA / IS and would be managed by the community. • MFFN CAR Project Team is aiming to distribute the capacity funding to communities within the next four months. • There is no date that Fort Albany First Nation would have to use this capacity funding by. • Sarah Beamish noted that Fort Albany First Nation's Chief has said that the community would likely be interested in the new capacity funding, but will need to review the funding agreement first. • The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that the capacity funding agreement is not ready yet, but that it will be sent once it's finalized. • The MFFN CAR Project Team is not looking for a proposal from Fort Albany First Nation regarding how the capacity funding will be used. • Leo Metatawabin asked if the capacity funding can be used to purchase equipment. The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that he should wait for the draft agreement for confirmation, but that it would likely be an option. • Sarah Beamish noted to Leo Metatawabin that there is some money available in the provincial funding and container office budget that could be used to purchase equipment. 	<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Beamish to provide Fort Albany First Nation's preferred payment method and associated information for IK Program payment and future capacity funding payment. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant to provide Community Coordinator Funding Agreement to Fort Albany First Nation, once it is available.
2.	Upcoming Responses (Archaeology and ATRI comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFFN CAR Project Team's response to Fort Albany First Nation's Archaeology Report comments is still being drafted. • The MFFN CAR Project Team is currently developing the Stage 2 Archaeology Assessment (AA) Report process. • MFFN CAR Project Team's response to Fort Albany First Nation's draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report comments is still being drafted. 	<p>Action Item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFFN CAR Project Consultant to provide response to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Archaeology Assessment Report and the ATRI Existing Conditions Report

Item #	Topic / Theme	Notes	Response/Action Items
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report will be integrated into the ATRI Assessment Report. 	
3.	Consultation Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fort Albany First Nation provided a comment on the Milestone #1 Report noting that they do not consider the majority of the communications in that report to be meaningful. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired about how the MFFN CAR Project Team can make consultation more meaningful to Fort Albany First Nation. Sarah Beamish noted that the majority of the emails/phone calls in the Milestone #1 Report did not provide information about issues that Fort Albany First Nation is concerned about. There was a lot of frustration from Fort Albany First Nation about the consultation process during COVID. There was a lot of communication, but most of it had to do with asking for more time, etc. These concerns are not related to the efforts of the Consultation Team, or how they can do anything differently. These concerns were mainly in reference to the type of information being provided at that time. Fort Albany First Nation does not have any further specific concerns regarding the manner in which they are being engaged since the Milestone #1 report. Fort Albany First Nation filled out the EA / IS survey and noted that they will want to meet with the Project Team for their review of the reports. They will make the review plan after the materials are circulated. Fort Albany First Nation noted that it will be important to make sure that the materials are accessible to the community. The MFFN CAR Project Director confirmed that plain language and traditional language documents will be available. Sarah Beamish noted that Fort Albany First Nation will likely share concerns regarding project splitting. In the community's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: MFFN CAR Project Consultant to send Milestone #1 comment to Sarah Fort Albany First Nation to request in-community meetings with the MFFN CAR Project Team once they review the draft EA / IS materials

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		<p>perspective, MFFN CAR, Webequie Supply Road (WSR), and Northern Road Link (NRL) are one continuous road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Beamish noted that she isn't sure how concerns about project-splitting could be translated into more meaningful consultation, and noted that perhaps the assessments could have been set up differently from the beginning. • Leo Metatawabin provided the following information, when asked about concerns about the EA / IS review period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation will be working on a Community Comprehensive Plan in the near future. • Hunting season is important in relation to food security and the high cost of living. • Fort Albany is a grieving Nation, and that healing is a process. • Fort Albany First Nation has been experiencing infrastructure challenges in the community, including the collapsing of the radio building. Additionally, the elevator in the community hall is not working, making it challenging to engage with Elders. • The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked if we can work with Leo Metatawabin to help engage with Elders during the EA / IS review period. Leo Metatawabin will confirm if or how engagement support could be provided. • Sarah Beamish suggested that the \$ [REDACTED] capacity funding could be used for one-on-one meetings with Elders, meals, etc. • The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that meetings with Project Team can also be tailored to fill gaps, such as the engagement of Elders, through presentations, additional materials, etc. • Fort Albany First Nation should request in-community meetings with Project Team sooner than later so that they can be scheduled. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MFFN CAR Project Director confirmed that there would be another event like the Three Road Forum happening in the future. Leo Metatawabin noted that he would be interested in attending future events like this, but noted that the community is in an election year, and he is not sure what new Chief and Council will want. • The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that the Province will likely provide funding to pay for travel and accommodation expenses. • Leo Metatawabin noted that he plans to attend the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Convention. He noted concerns about how PDAC's Indigenous program is separate from the lands program. 	

Any errors or omissions, please contact Jodi Miles or Callais Harrison within 2 weeks of distribution. Finalized meeting minutes will be included in the public Record of Consultation.



Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Updates to the Community Coordinator Program

Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]> Thu, Nov 7, 2024 at 4:29 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Leo Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page <[REDACTED]>, Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[REDACTED]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sarah and Chief Kataquapit,

This email is to update you on the proposed Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road and the Community Coordinator Program (the Program).

Unfortunately, the timing window for participation in the Program has passed and it is being discontinued and replaced with a one-time capacity funding payment to help support engagement in the Community Access Road in a manner that best suits Fort Albany First Nation.

The original objective of identifying a Community Coordinator was to have the individual support consultation efforts between the MFFN Community Access Road and communities with outreach, field work and Public Information Centers, among other engagement activities. As we approach the circulation of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS), there are fewer tasks for a community coordinator to complete based on the original description of the role. Consultation and outreach activities will continue, however as we approach the submission of the Draft EA / IS the focus will change to its review and gathering of feedback.

The original objective of identifying a Community Coordinator was to have the individual support consultation efforts between the MFFN Community Access Road and your community with outreach, field work and Public Information Centers, among other engagement activities. As we approach the circulation of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS), there are fewer tasks for a community coordinator to complete based on the original description of the role. Consultation and outreach activities will continue, however as we approach the submission of the Draft EA / IS the focus will change to its review and gathering of feedback.

To ensure that Fort Albany First Nation is supported during the review of the Draft EA / IS we would like to offer a **one-time lump sum capacity funding payment of \$[REDACTED]**. These funds are intended to support your engagement in the Community Access Road; we believe that this approach will provide your community with the flexibility to allocate the funds as you see fit and ensure that their use matches your needs.

If you so chose to, these funds could support your review and comment gathering on the Draft EA / IS by elders and / or youth, for example. If your community would like to have a Community Coordinator to support the review (e.g. by gathering and compiling feedback) you are able to use this funding to pay that position. However, please note that as our Community Coordinator Program is being discontinued and the responsibilities of managing this role will be the responsibility of your community. During the review period of the Draft EA / IS the Project Team will continue to make themselves available to help support you upon request (e.g. with Project materials and information, and meetings as required).

If this capacity funding is of interest to you, please let us know before **February 28, 2025**, identifying which business entity the payment should be made to, and we will provide a funding agreement for your review.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Updates to the Community Coordinator Program

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 1:57 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page
<[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for following up! I just got an update today about the drafting of this funding agreement, and unfortunately it is still ongoing. I am unable to provide a timeline on when it will be available for your review, but it sounds like they are making progress so hopefully it will be available soon. I will keep you in the loop if I get any details about when it can be expected.

Thank you for your patience,

Jodi
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

FOR REVIEW: MFFN CAR Milestone #3 Progress Report

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Nov 28, 2024 at 4:00 PM
 To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>
 Cc: Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>
 Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Dear Sarah and Chief Kataquapit,

We hope this email finds you well.

The Milestone #3 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road has been drafted and is ready for review. The following link includes the Report and associated appendices to view or download, for Fort Albany First Nation: [redacted].

The Milestone #3 Progress Report covers June 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024.

We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section by February 14, 2025, before the reports are incorporated into the Draft Record of Consultation.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the reports and timeline, please reply to this email. We also kindly ask if you could let us know if you received this email and can view / download the documents successfully.

If you have any questions or comments about the Community Access Road, please reply to this email.

Sincerely,

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Dec 17, 2024 at 1:13 PM

To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Leo Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page <[REDACTED]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[REDACTED]>

Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good afternoon Sarah, I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out to follow up about the voicemail I left for you earlier today, provide the draft community capacity agreement for your review, and provide a couple other project updates.

Community Capacity Funding Agreement

As per our previous discussions, the Community Capacity Funding Agreement is now available for Fort Albany First Nation's review (see attached).

To execute the agreement, the following is required from Fort Albany First Nation:

- Date agreement (page 1)
- Fill out Name of Community, mailing address, key contact name and email address (page 1)
- Signing authority (page 5)
 - Must be signed by a person or persons with the authority to execute on behalf of the community
 - There is space for two signatures, but it is up to Fort Albany's discretion if only one signature is needed.

In order to make this payment, should Fort Albany decide to this participate in this program, we will also need the following information to make the payment:

- Community Name or entity owned by the community (e.g. the Band Office)
- Phone Number
- Key point of contact
- Email address
- Mailing Address

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about the capacity funding agreement, once you have had a chance to review.

EA / IS Print Out Distribution

I was reviewing the information provided by Fort Albany through our EA / IS survey, and I noticed that Leo requested both USB and hard copies of the EA / IS, and provided the following address:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Though this address will work for the USB version of the EA / IS I wanted to flag that we are unable to mail printed copies of the EA / IS to P.O. boxes. Is there an alternative address that we could send the hard copy to? Please let me know.

Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

On November 28, 2024, we distributed Fort Albany First Nation’s community-specific Milestone #3 Progress Report. We welcome any edits or comments to your community-specific section which you may provide through email, telephone or by scheduling a meeting. Please provide your community’s feedback by February 14, 2025.

Happy 2024 Year-end

As we approach the new year, we’d like to acknowledge the milestones achieved for the MFFN Community Access Road in 2024. In particular, we celebrated the selection of the final route for the Community Access Road. On August 26, 2024, Marten Falls First Nation Chief and Council signed a Band Council Resolution confirming the proposed final Route. We took part in multiple events this year, including hosting in-community meetings with Marten Falls First Nation in July and October and in-community meetings with Aroland First Nation in June and July. We also attended the Three-Road Projects Gathering and Expo in June. We extend a great thank you to everyone who attended and took part in these gatherings. Your collaboration has helped shape the future of the road. Coming up in 2025, we are preparing for the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment. We look forward to receiving your insights on this document and are enthusiastic about what 2025 will hold for the Community Access Road.

The Community Access Road is more than infrastructure; it’s about securing a better future for our people... It is not just a path to progress; it is a testament to our resilience, our vision for the future and our commitment to the well-being of our people. – Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the MFFN CAR Project, or if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss anything regarding the project in the new year. I will be on vacation from December 18th-January 6th, so if you would like to reach out during that time, please feel free to contact Kyla Zielbauer (CC'd).

Happy Holidays!

Jodi Miles
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]> Tue, Jan 28, 2025 at 4:35 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Leo Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good afternoon Sarah,

I hope this email finds you well. I am sending this email to follow up about the voicemail I left you earlier today about some project updates. Please see below for an overview, and additional details:

Draft EA / IS

As we approach the release of the Draft EA / IS, we would like to provide you with a few reminders and updates.

Firstly, all information pertaining to the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account [REDACTED]. Please ensure you send your questions and comments on the Draft EA / IS to this email address.

Secondly, we would like to remind you that we are unable to send printed copies of the draft EA / IS to P.O. box. The address that was provided for Leo via the EA / IS survey is a P.O. box, and therefore we would like to request an alternate address to send the printed copy of the EA / IS to. We are able to send the USB version of the document to this P.O. box address, just not the printed copy. Please let us know if there is a different address we can use.

We would also like to remind you that we are here to assist you in the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please reach out if you would like to book an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. We understand the size of the document (~20,000 pages) can be overwhelming and are here to support you with review.

Three Roads Gathering

The MFFN CAR Project Team will be attending the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay February 19-20 and Timmins February 25-26, 2025. Fort Albany First Nation has received an invitation to this event with all the details on the event, how to register and a link to book a time to speak one-on-one with the Project Team. If Fort Albany wishes to meet with the MFFN CAR Project Team outside of this event, we are happy to book in-person meetings during this timeframe.

Community Capacity Funding Program

In November 2024, we introduced the one-time lump sum capacity funding payment of [REDACTED] to support Fort Albany's review and comment on the Draft EA / IS. We also sent a draft Capacity Funding Agreement to you on December 17th. Please let us know if you have reviewed this agreement, and if you are interested in participating by February 28, 2025.

A copy of the draft Community Capacity Funding Agreement has been attached for your convenience.

IK Funding Information

We are still waiting for Fort Albany's preferred payment method and banking information to receive payment for the IK Program. Please confirm if Fort Albany would prefer to receive their IK Funding payments via a mailed cheque to the address below, or via direct deposit? Should they prefer direct deposit, please provide a copy of a void cheque to myself and/or Valdine (CC'd) at your earliest convenience.

Attention: Cathleen Sutherland, Chief Executive Officer
Address: [REDACTED]
Cheque Payable: [REDACTED]

Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

On November 28 / 29, 2024, we distributed Fort Albany's community specific Milestone #3 Progress Report. We welcome any edits or comments to Fort Albany's community-specific section which you may provide through email, telephone or by scheduling a meeting. Please provide your community's feedback by February 14, 2025.

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of the topics in this email, or if you would like to set up a meeting to discuss further.

Thank you,

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Upcoming Release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement - February 18, 2025

[redacted] <[redacted]>

Thu, Feb 13, 2025 at 8:30 PM

To: "[redacted]" <[redacted]>
Cc: "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>
[redacted] <[redacted]>

Dear Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit,

We are pleased to announce that the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team will be making the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement available for review by Indigenous communities and groups on **February 18, 2025**, at [redacted]. The Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement is approximately 1,100 pages long, and provides background on Marten Falls First Nation, why they need the Community Access Road, and the studies and activities they have completed to support the proposed development of a road to their Community.

In addition, Indigenous communities and groups can expect to receive a plain language summary of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement and Technical Supporting Documents—the Assessment Summary—by registered mail over the coming days. This information package includes the following:

- Introduction to the Assessment Summary;
- Executive summary (of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement);
- Letter from Chief Achneepineskum;
- Introduction to the plain language summaries and technical discipline reports (Tech Talk); and
- [redacted], including explanations of key definitions and common elements across all summaries.

Included with the Assessment Summary, to support your review, is a USB containing all documents related to the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, including the plain language summaries described above. In addition, Indigenous communities who requested hard copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement will receive these the week of February 24, 2025; approximately 5-6 banker boxes of information will be delivered to the address provided.

As a reminder, the Indigenous communities and groups we are engaging have early access to the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement; the public review period starts 60-days after the early release to Indigenous communities / groups and ends the same day. This means that Indigenous communities and groups have 120 calendar days to review and provide their comments to the Project Team on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. The review periods for Indigenous communities and groups, the public and regulators ends June 18, 2025.

Comments and feedback on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement can be provided via the Project Website, email or by letter mail, **until June 18, 2025**, at the addresses provided below.

Website: <https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/>

Email: [redacted]

Mailing Address:

AECOM Canada ULC.

C/O Joanne Wang



If you are not able to provide us with your feedback through any of these addresses, please contact us at 1-800-764-9114. We will find a way to support your submission through other means.

Four additional support documents for the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment process will be released over the coming months. These are:

- **Milestone 3 Progress Report**—This summary of consultation activities was issued for review by Indigenous communities in November 2024, in advance of the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. This progress report provides a detailed account of engagement and communication activities conducted from June 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024. A final version of the report will be made available once feedback has been reviewed and addressed; feedback has been requested by February 14, 2025.
- **Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities**—This Record of Consultation and Engagement will be available this summer in advance of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. The Indigenous communities and groups we are engaging will have the opportunity to review and comment on the report prior to the release of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Communities will be provided 90 days to review the Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement with Indigenous Communities.
- **Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Reports (ATRI) Reports**—In the coming months, Indigenous communities will be provided with community-specific Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interest assessment results. In 2024, communities were provided with community-specific preliminary existing conditions ATRI reports for their review. Some feedback was received, and this information will be included, where applicable, in the soon-to-be released ATRI assessment results. This phased approach allows Indigenous communities time to consider their community-specific ATRI assessment in consideration of the information shared in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Communities will be provided 90 days to review their ATRI assessment results and provide comment.
- **Community Well-Being Technical Report**— Community Well-Being examines three interconnected disciplines: economics, socio-community, and human health and community safety. The Community Well-Being Technical Report will describe changes that might result from the proposed Community Access Road; recognizing both opportunities and challenges. This report will be available for Indigenous communities and groups in April ahead of the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement to the public and regulators. Communities will be provided 90 days to review the Community Well-Being Technical Report and provide comment. A plain language Community Well-Being summary has been prepared and included with the Assessment Summary. It is also available on the Draft Environmental / Impact Statement website.

Any concerns raised during the review period by Indigenous communities will be documented in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report.

We appreciate your time and effort to review the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, and associated documents, and look forward to receiving your input. We encourage you to book time to meet with the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team to explore your interests, questions and insights.

Warm regards,

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement

Website: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]



Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 12:32 PM
 To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
 Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for providing all of this! Some responses to the topics you raised:

1. I am in the process of confirming with the EA / IS distribution team to see if this will work. It is worth noting that the printed EA / IS will be a very physically large document (I've been told that it takes two full days to print!) For this reason, we anticipate there may be issues with having the post office hold it for Leo, but I will let you know when I hear back.
2. Thank you for letting me know, and I hope you enjoy your time at the Three Roads Gathering. Keep me posted about any potential meeting coordination between Fort Albany and the MFFN CAR Project Team.
3. Thank you for returning the Community Capacity Funding Agreement with Fort Albany First Nation's suggested revisions. I have sent this along to the appropriate folks on my team to review, and we will return it to you as soon as possible.
4. Thank you for providing Fort Albany First Nation's banking information for the IK Funding payment. I have also passed this along, and we are in the process of getting Fort Albany set up to receive their first payment
5. Thank you for your update about the Milestone #3 Report. I would like to note that, given the tight timelines surrounding the release of the EA / IS, we will still accept feedback after the due date, but the feedback will not be incorporated into the finalized Milestone #3 Report. Instead, any feedback received after February 14, 2025, will be incorporated into the Draft RoCE.

I also wanted to note that, as you may already be aware, the Draft EA / IS is now available for Indigenous community review, and is available for download on [redacted]. All information pertaining to the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account [redacted]. Please ensure you send your questions and comments on the Draft EA / IS to this email address.

Finally, I want to note that I am looping Callais Harrison into this email thread. Callais has been supporting my role on this project behind the scenes, and will now be supporting me with engagement efforts, so you may receive communications from her in the future. If you could CC Callais on any correspondence with me, that would be great!

Please let me know if you have any feedback or concerns related to any of the topics discussed in this email, or the MFFN CAR Project in general. If you would like to set up a phone call or meeting to discuss the project in more detail, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thanks,

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 1:19 PM

To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>

Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>,

Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby

<[redacted]>, Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Callais

Harrison <[redacted]>

Thanks so much for this update, Sarah! I will let my team know.

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Mon, Feb 24, 2025 at 2:46 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

Just an update on the distribution of the hard copy of the Draft EA / IS - the EA / IS distribution team has confirmed that they will try to send it to the address Leo has provided. That being said, they notified me that they are sending it via FedEx, so Canada Post may not be able to hold it. It also takes a total of seven boxes to contain the documents, so the size of it may cause issues for the post office as well. If at all possible, it may be worthwhile for Leo to contact the post office to ask if they can hold it for him.

Thanks!

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 10:49 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Good morning Sarah,

I hope all is well! I'm just circling back about the Capacity Funding Agreement. Fort Albany First Nation's revised version of the agreement is still being reviewed on our end, but in the meantime I was asked to request the following information for the person representing Fort Albany for this transaction:

- First Name:
- Last Name:
- Email Address:
- Phone Number:

I also assume that Fort Albany will want us to use the same void cheque that was provided for the IK Funding Payment for the Capacity Funding payment, once everything is finalized. Would you be able to confirm this?

Thanks!

Jodi

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Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR: March, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]> Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at 8:52 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Leo Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>

Hi Sarah,

As Jodi mentioned in her recent email, I will be supporting outreach efforts for the MFFN CAR Project moving forward.

I wanted to provide you with a couple of March updates regarding the MFFN CAR Project.

Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) available for Indigenous Community review

MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS Email

The Draft EA / IS is now available for Fort Albany First Nation's review. All information pertaining to the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account [REDACTED]. Please ensure you send your questions and comments on the Draft EA / IS to this email address.

Book a meeting!

We are here to assist you in the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please reach out if you would like to book an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. We understand the size of the document (~20,000 pages) can be overwhelming and are here to support you with review.

Upcoming Webinars

In April and May, we will host webinars on identified project effects and proposed mitigation measures for Land, Water and People. Keep an eye out for a registration email from info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca!

Community Capacity Funding Agreement

Thank you for providing Fort Albany's revised version of the Community Capacity Funding Agreement. Our team is still in the process of reviewing these revisions. In the meantime, we were wondering if you or Ruby could confirm that the void cheque that was provided for the IK Funding payment can also be used for the Capacity Funding payment, once everything is finalized. Secondly, we were wondering if you could provide the following information for the contact person who we should be in touch with regarding the transfer of funds:

- First Name:
- Last Name:
- Email Address:
- Phone Number:

Please let me know if you have any questions about the topics in this email, or the Project in general.

Have a great rest of your week!

Best Wishes,

Callais

On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 1:12 PM
 To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>
 Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah and Ruby,

I apologize - I thought I had responded to this question a few weeks ago, but now I am seeing that my email didn't get sent! To answer your question, we are looking for the contact info for the person who we should be in touch with regarding the transfer of funds.

Additionally, I wanted to let you know that the MFFN CAR Project Team approved Fort Albany First Nation's revisions to the Capacity Funding Agreement. I have attached a clean version for Fort Albany's signatures. Once it is signed, I will return the agreement to the Project Team for their signatures.

Finally, I wanted to follow up again about my question regarding the void cheque. If either of you could provide an answer to this question, as well as the contact information of the person who we should be in touch with regarding the transfer of funds, it would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 3:17 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

Very strange, Callais didn't see that response come through and can't seem to find that email in her inbox or spam folder. If there was any other important information provided in that email, please resend it.

Thank you for confirming this information for the Capacity Funding agreement. Is there a phone number that we can use for Ruby? Apologies if you already provided one in your previous email!

Thanks,

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Prospective dates for meeting with FAFN re: draft EA/IS

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 3:20 PM

To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>

Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Callais

Harrison <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

Thanks for getting back to us about this meeting! I send along these dates to the MFFN CAR Project Team, and will keep you posted about their availability.

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 3:32 PM

To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>

Cc: Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Thanks Sarah!

We will use that phone number for Ruby, and we will let you know the details for the transfer once it is made.

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Prospective dates for meeting with FAFN re: draft EA/IS

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Mon, Apr 21, 2025 at 8:45 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>

Good morning Sarah,

I hope you had a great long weekend! After discussing these dates with the Project Team, we determined that June 3rd will likely be the best date for this meeting. Please let us know if this date still works for Fort Albany, and if any specific times on this day work best.

Thanks!

Jodi Miles,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team
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Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]>

Re: MFFN CAR Translations

Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]> Tue, Apr 22, 2025 at 1:51 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Leo Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

I hope this email finds you well.

I wanted to touch base with you today to provide an update on the translations of the Executive Summary and related Plain Language Summaries of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement for the proposed Community Access Road.

As you may know, we are working to have these documents translated into Oji-Cree, Ojibway, Swampy Cree and French, and providing them on our project website as they become available: <https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/>.

We are in touch with our translation partners weekly and, unfortunately, they are expressing continued delays due to limited translation resources available across Canada. This is particularly true for Swampy Cree. Please note that we do have some translations already available online (see summary below) and commit to posting the remainder as soon as they are provided to us.

We appreciate that translations are important for the review process, especially in reaching Elders, and are working with our partners to make them available as soon as possible.

Summary of Available Translations:

Document	Language			
	Oji-Cree	Ojibway	Swampy Cree	French
Executive Summary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Plain Language Summaries				
Physiography, Terrain & Soils and Vegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ungulates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife and Birds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fish & Fish Habitat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Groundwater and Surface Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Acoustic, Air and Greenhouse Gases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Climate Change Adaptation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Peatlands				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Visual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Well-Being	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Best Wishes,

Callais

On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

Re: MFFN CAR Translations

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Mon, Apr 28, 2025 at 3:24 PM
To: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Terry Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page
<[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk
<[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah and Leo,

Thank you for your feedback. I've shared it with the team responsible for translation coordination, and will be in touch to address your questions and concerns, shortly.

Sincerely,
Callais

On Wed, Apr 23, 2025 at 1:13 PM Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]> wrote:
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Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]> Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 4:39 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Leo Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>

Hi Sarah,

I hope all is well.

I wanted to provide you with a couple of April updates regarding the MFFN CAR Project.

Community Capacity Funding Agreement

I wanted to follow up about the Community Capacity Funding Agreement, which was sent to Fort Albany First Nation for signature on April 3, 2025. Once we receive signatures from Fort Albany First Nation, we will provide you with the fully executed agreement and update you when the lump-sum payment is sent. Please see attached the most recent version of the draft Community Capacity Funding Agreement.

Virtual Meeting to Discuss the Draft EA / IS

Please let me know if June 3rd works for a 2-hour meeting with Project Team and Fort Albany First Nation to discuss the Draft EA / IS. Are there any specific times that would be preferable?

We would also like to request a list of any specific topics that Fort Albany First Nation may want to discuss during this meeting so we can prepare to have the appropriate subject matter experts in attendance. Let us know if you would be able to provide this information.

Letter Responses and Meeting Minutes

Please see attached several documents for your review, including:

- A letter response to Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report;
- A letter response to Fort Albany First Nation's response to the Draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report; and
- Meeting minutes from the November 7, 2024 meeting between Fort Albany First Nation and the MFFN CAR Project Team.

Thank you for your patience with these responses and meeting minutes. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns with any of these responses, or suggested revisions for the meeting minutes.

The Public Review Period is Now Starting

The Draft EA / IS is now available for public review. Comments and feedback can be provided via the Project website, email, or by letter mail.

Community Well-Being Report

On April 16, 2025, the Community Well-Being Report was released for review by Indigenous communities and groups.

We are halfway through the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please keep in mind that the review process **concludes on June 23, 2025.**

Public Information Centre #6

We will be hosting our Public Information Centre (PIC) #6 on Monday, May 26, 2025, and Thursday, May 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. The first hour of each PIC is dedicated to Indigenous community members. For more information, visit <https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/> and keep an eye out for an email from info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca.

Upcoming Webinars

Our Draft EA / IS webinar series will start in May. The first in this series is Community Well-Being, held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. EST. Register now by following this link: [REDACTED]

Keep an eye out for more information on the remaining webinars in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Series:

- **Land: Ungulates** - Thursday, May 8
- **Water: Fish and Fish Habitat** - Thursday, May 22
- **People: Land and Resource Use** - Thursday, June 5

Please let me know if you have any questions about the topics in this email, or the Project in general.

Have a great rest of your week!

Best Wishes,

Callais

On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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April 29, 2025



Dear Sarah,

Thank you for taking the time to review and provide comments on the MFFN CAR Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. The input provided will be reflected in the final draft of the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, and influence our ongoing archaeology efforts, including Stage 2 of the Archaeological Assessment.

We would like to acknowledge that the MFFN CAR Project Team received Fort Albany First Nation’s draft Indigenous Knowledge and Use Study report on September 18, 2024. As reflected in the responses below, the IK provided in this report was not used in the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, though can be integrated upon Fort Albany First Nation’s request. The MFFN CAR Project Team will acquire Fort Albany First Nation’s consent prior publishing future archaeology reports which refer to or rely upon IK provided by Fort Albany First Nation.

See below for the MFFN CAR Project Team’s responses to the comments you provided.

<u>Fort Albany Council Comment</u>	<u>MFFN CAR Project Team Response</u>
<p><i>Access to Additional Documents:</i></p> <p>It is Fort Albany First Nation’s understanding that a record of Indigenous Knowledge collected for this Stage 1 Report is documented in the private “Supplementary Documentation.”</p> <p>In our correspondence with proponent representative Jodi Miles dated July 30, 2024, you advised that “IK from Fort Albany was not referred to or relied upon in this report.” If this is the case, then statements in the report suggesting that it relies on feedback from Fort Albany First Nation should be corrected to reflect this.</p> <p>Fort Albany provides the below two comments for the record and in case it is later clarified that Indigenous Knowledge from Fort Albany was used, or if IK from Fort Albany is used in future stages of the archeological assessment.</p> <p>Fort Albany First Nation respects the intellectual</p>	<p>During the production of the archaeological report, the project archaeologists had received Indigenous Knowledge input solely from Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN), which was incorporated.</p> <p>Supplementary documentation, containing information from MFFN, was provided to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) as part of the archaeological licensing requirements. This information will not be entered into the register and does not include confidential details but outlines additional survey areas within the survey interval.</p> <p>With the consent of Fort Albany First Nation, the information shared in the September 2024 Indigenous Knowledge (IK) report may be utilized to inform more specific Stage 2 study areas for future fieldwork and reporting. Should the use of Fort Albany IK be necessary, the project</p>

<p>property and confidentiality of other First Nations but requires opportunity to review any information recorded provided by Fort Albany First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation members and or linked to Fort Albany First Nation.</p> <p>1. Provide any Indigenous Knowledge attributed to Fort Albany First Nation for review and consent prior to sharing with the Ministry. No Fort Albany First Nation Indigenous Knowledge can be shared without written permission.</p>	<p>archaeologists will engage with Fort Albany First Nation at that time.</p> <p>Section 1.1 of the report references Fort Albany solely because feedback was received on previous archaeological reports for this project. This wording will be clarified in future documentation.</p>
<p>Fort Albany First Nation also requires access to any sections of the Record of Engagement specific to Fort Albany First Nation (also provided under separate cover) from the 2024 Stage 1 Report.</p> <p>2. Provide sections of the Record of Engagement specific to Fort Albany First Nation for review and verification prior to sharing with the Ministry.</p>	<p>The Record of Engagement related to the archaeological assessment includes any email communications received by the archaeology team regarding requested archaeological input from Indigenous communities. It does not contain sensitive information obtained through the formal Indigenous Knowledge Collection process, which is part of the larger project. Formal IK data is reported separately, subject to the consent of the community.</p> <p>The Record of Indigenous Engagement is a standard document submitted with archaeological assessments to provide the MCM with a record of which communities provided archaeological input. This process generates the contents of the Indigenous Engagement document. An example of the document's formatting is attached.</p> <p>Fort Albany First Nation will have the opportunity to review the Record of Consultation and Engagement (RoCE), a document which is different from the aforementioned Record of Engagement, and will provide an overview of all communication exchanged between the MFFN CAR Project Team, neighbouring Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons, between October 28, 2021 and early 2025. The RoCE will be available for Fort Albany First Nation's review in summer 2025.</p>
<p><i>Insufficient Context and Historical Background for Fort Albany First Nation:</i></p>	<p>The Marten Falls Project Team is committed to including the history and context of Fort Albany and other Indigenous communities in our future reporting.</p>

<p>Fort Albany First Nation members have accessed, used, and traveled through lands and waters within the study area, particularly areas along and near the Albany River system (up to and beyond Marten Falls First Nation) for countless generations. Fort Albany First Nation has also been significantly impacted by the historic river diversions referenced in the report. The context, history, and importance of the study area to Fort Albany First Nation members have not been provided in this 2024 stage 1 assessment nor was it included in the original community access road stage 1 report.</p> <p>This represents a substantial gap in understanding the cultural and historic context of the Project Area. The Proponent needs to work with Fort Albany First Nation to ensure that Fort Albany First Nation history, culture, and relationship to the project area informs all future culture, heritage, and archaeological assessments and investigations.</p> <p>3. Commit to working with Fort Albany First Nation to update the history and context of the area to Fort Albany First Nation members to better inform all culture, heritage, and archaeological assessments and investigations going forward.</p>	<p>The Fort Albany First Nation Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Report will be reviewed during the preparation for the Stage 2 Archaeology process. The Project Team will reach out to Fort Albany First Nation for any questions or to address any data gaps.</p>
<p><i>Treaty No. 9 and Oral Promises:</i></p> <p>The English text of Treaty No. 9 is reproduced in the report, and it is stated that “Treaty 9 was written without First Nations input.” However, no mention is made of the oral discussion and Crown promises regarding the Treaty, which were key to how the meaning of the Treaty was understood by First Nations people at the time of signing, and remain highly legally, culturally, and politically significant today. The history of the oral promises has been spoken about extensively by Cree Elders and leaders, and is well-documented in sources such as Treaty No. 9: Making the Agreement to Share the Land in Far Northern Ontario in 1905 (John Long, 2010). It is vital that this be acknowledged in any discussion</p>	<p>This section has been updated to reflect your comment the following wording:</p> <p>“As with all treaties between Indigenous Nations and the Crown, Treaty 9 is the subject of ongoing analysis and legal proceedings. Unlike most Crown treaties, Treaty 9 was not written following negotiations but rather a written document that was brought into communities for signature. However, it is important to note that the treaty text was written in English, a language not read by most Indigenous representatives participating in the negotiations, resulting in verbal negotiations. Therefore, there is still the issue of what was verbally promised by the Crown under Treaty 9 versus the written agreement, which has lasting implications today, including but not limited to land and mineral</p>

<p>of Treaty 9.</p> <p>4. Commit to acknowledging the oral representations and promises made by Crown representatives to First Nations during the Treaty 9 signing processes in any discussion of Treaty 9.</p>	<p>rights, hunting and fishing rights, and informed consent.”</p>
<p><i>Recommendations for Stage 2 Assessment:</i></p> <p>FAFN has reviewed the maps and figures for the 2024 Stage 1 Report and requires further information on the rationale for proposed stage 2 test areas. It is unclear from Figures 7-1 to 7-13 how locations for stage 2 test areas were determined given that the entire Project Area has a high archaeological potential. FAFN understands that exceptions can be made where terrain is inaccessible but it is unclear from the maps how that has affected test locations or if/where any areas of low potential have been identified.</p> <p>5. Provide maps demarcating areas of high potential that are not accessible</p> <p>FAFN wants to ensure that areas of high potential that are not subject to field test due to accessibility are rigorously investigated by other means.</p> <p>6. Proponent to commit to co-developing methods with FAFN to investigate areas of high potential that cannot be field tested - methods may include but not be limited to Indigenous Knowledge studies, satellite imagery review and further helicopter fly-overs.</p>	<p>Section 3 of the archaeology report, Recommendations, explains how archaeological potential is calculated in the Canadian Shield.</p> <p>All areas retaining archaeological potential will require further assessment, consisting of the physical inspection of an area by a licensed archaeologist, even if only accessible via helicopter. Our team will work with Fort Albany First Nation in relation to other areas in our approach as part of the future Stage 2 process.</p> <p>All areas identified by Indigenous communities as retaining archaeological potential will be physically inspected as part of the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment fieldwork.</p>
<p>FAFN would also like to direct the Proponent to the need to involve First Nations, including Fort Albany First Nation, in the identification of areas to include in Stage 2 field investigations. Ontario’s (2022) Engaging aboriginal communities in archaeology: a draft technical bulletin for consultant archaeologists in Ontario – Section 3 recommends that Proponents:</p>	<p>Areas recommended for Stage 2 survey are included in the Stage 1 that has been sent for review. If there is archaeological input that Fort Albany First Nation would like included that were not identified in the Indigenous Knowledge report sent in September 2024, please provide for review and inclusion in subsequent fieldwork and reporting.</p>

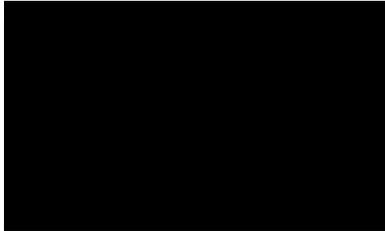
<p>“extend a Stage 2 survey to include lands that have been identified as of interest to the Aboriginal community, even though those lands may have low potential to contain cultural heritage resources”</p> <p>FAFN needs to be engaged in updating and revising Stage 2 test locations to ensure that areas of cultural importance to FAFN and or areas sensitive to Project impacts are fully investigated.</p> <p>7. Proponent to commit to working with FAFN to revise/add to areas identified for Stage 2 investigation to ensure that areas important to FAFN are protected.</p>	
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We hope this response adequately addresses the comments and concerns you raised in your response to the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. If you have any other questions or concerns about the MFFN CAR, please do not hesitate to reach out. If you would like to coordinate a meeting with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, or any other aspects of the Project further, please reach out to Callais Harrison at [redacted] or [redacted] to coordinate.

Sincerely,



Qasim Saddique
Project Director



Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Member Advisor

cc:

- Bob Baxter, Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Jennifer Bruin, Technical Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Callais Harrison, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Jodi Miles, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Niki Angelis, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit, Fort Albany Council
- Cathleen Sutherland, Fort Albany Council
- Community Core Consultation Coordinator, Fort Albany Council
- Justin Page, Fort Albany Council
- Knut Kitching, Fort Albany Council
- Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany Council



Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Tue, May 13, 2025 at 4:57 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>

Hi Sarah,

To confirm, the signed Community Capacity Funding Agreement from Fort Albany First Nation has been sent to the Project Team for signatures. Once finalized, we will return a fully executed version for your records and notify you when the lump-sum payment is processed.

We can also confirm that 3-5 pm EST on June 3rd works for our team. We are in the process of arranging attendance from the appropriate technical leads, and will send along a virtual meeting invitation ASAP.

Would Fort Albany First Nation like us to work with you to arrange community translation support for this upcoming meeting? Additionally, please let us know if you would like any representatives from the Province of Ontario to attend the meeting.

Looking forward to your confirmation.

Best regards,
Callais
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Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]>

Re: MFFN CAR Translations

Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]> Tue, May 13, 2025 at 4:58 PM
To: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[REDACTED]>, Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Terry Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page
<[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk
<[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>

Hi Sarah and Leo,

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding translation of the Draft EA / IS materials.

To confirm, the MFFN CAR Project Team had not reached out to the Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre when you had sent this email, but we are now in communication with them, and are hoping to have them help with Cree translations. We are also open to any recommendations from Fort Albany First Nation regarding local translators. If there are specific individuals or organizations you would like us to connect with, please feel free to share their contact information and we will pass it along to the translation coordination team.

We understand the importance of making these materials accessible in Cree (N-dialect) and remain committed to working with Fort Albany First Nation to support meaningful participation in the review process.

Sincerely,
Callais
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Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR: May, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]> Thu, May 22, 2025 at 4:32 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Leo Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>

Hi Sarah,

I hope all is well.

I wanted to provide you with a couple of May updates regarding the MFFN CAR Project.

Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) - Reminder for Final Review

We are nearing the end of the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please submit your comments and feedback via the Project website, [REDACTED] email or by letter mail **by June 23, 2025**.

Upcoming Meeting

Thank you so much for helping us set up the Zoom link for our upcoming meeting between Fort Albany First Nation and the MFFN CAR Project Team. Our team is very much looking forward to meeting with you, the Firelight Group, and the community. I did want to check in to see if you have any additional information about what you or Fort Albany would like to discuss, now that you are further into your review of the EA / IS? If so, please let us know so we can pass it along to the appropriate subject matter experts who will be in attendance.

Cree Translations

Thank you again for sharing Fort Albany's concerns about the availability of Cree translations. We are in the process of working with several different translators, including the Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre, to try to get these translated materials to Fort Albany as soon as possible. I did want to follow up on my email from May 13th, where I noted that our team would be open to working with local translators from Fort Albany First Nation, should the community be able to provide their contact information. I was wondering if you would be able to provide the contact information for any local individuals or organizations who we should be contacting for their translation services? Let us know!

Public Information Centre #6

We will be hosting our Public Information Centre (PIC) #6 on Monday, May 26, 2025, and Thursday, May 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. The first hour of each PIC is dedicated to Indigenous community members. For more information, visit <https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/>.

Upcoming Webinars

Our next webinar in the Draft EA / IS webinar series is Water: Fish and Fish Habitat, to be held on Thursday May 22, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. EST. Register now by following this link: [REDACTED]

Keep an eye out for more information on the remaining webinars in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Series:

- **People: Land and Resource Use** - Thursday, June 5

Please let me know if you have any questions about the topics in this email, or the Project in general.

Have a great rest of your week!

Best Wishes,

Callais

On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL-SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #6: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT / IMPACT STATEMENT

Join the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team to discuss updates on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Review.

Thunder Bay Monday, May 26, 2025

Location:

Superior Inn and Conference Centre
555 Arthur St. W, Thunder Bay, Ontario

Time:

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Public Session.

*Light refreshments will be served.

Geraldton Thursday, May 29, 2025

Location:

Geraldton Community Centre
200 Wardrope Avenue, Geraldton, Ontario

Time:

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Public Session

*Light refreshments will be served.

Learn about:

- What is the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement?;
- Understanding identified project effects and proposed impact management measures;
- Update on socio-economic studies and the Community Well-Being Report;
- Cumulative effects; and
- Next steps and future opportunities to get involved.

* The first hour is dedicated to Indigenous Community members only.

If you cannot make the in-person session, you can find the information posted on our website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca). Public Information Centres are wheelchair accessible; contact us if you require other accessibility accommodations.

Contact Information

Website: <https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/>

Email: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Phone: [REDACTED]



Scan the QR to learn more, and for other ways to Get Involved.



Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, May 27, 2025 at 3:32 PM
 To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
 Cc: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah,

I hope this email finds you well! I just wanted to circle back about a couple of things regarding our upcoming meeting.

Firstly, I just wanted to note that we will not have a legal advisor in attendance at this meeting, but Andrea Nokleby will be attending as the Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interests discipline lead, and will be able to speak to the ATRI assessment. We will also have subject matter experts for water, wildlife, health risk, and cultural heritage present for the meeting, as requested.

Secondly, I wanted to follow up to see if you had any further direction about what you or Fort Albany would like to discuss during this meeting, or a proposed agenda that we can refer to? Our team is aware that the Albany River is a significant topic of concern, but are there any other topics our team should be prepared to discuss, or any questions that we may be able to prepare for ahead of time?

Let us know!

We look forward to meeting with you,

Jodi

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MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, May 29, 2025 at 3:18 PM
 To: Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>
 Cc: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>, "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Sarah and Dilek,

Thank you for providing this additional direction. We have adjusted the attendees for this meeting on our end, based on these details. I would like to note that not everyone currently in the invite list will be present at the meeting. You can probably anticipate 10-12 attendees on our end, with other subject matter experts on standby in case we need to pull them in.

Please keep me updated about any additional discussion topics that may arise prior to the June 3rd meeting.

Thanks again,

Jodi

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Fri, May 30, 2025 at 3:12 PM
 To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
 Cc: Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

I am sending along our proposed agenda for our upcoming June 3rd meeting, which was drafted based on the details Dilek provided in her last email. If you could review this agenda and notify me if there is anything you would like me to revise prior to the meeting, that would be great.

Thanks,

Jodi

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MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 8:55 AM
 To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
 Cc: Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Good morning Sarah,

I just wanted to follow up to make sure that you have received our proposed agenda in my last email, and check in to see if you had any changes you'd like us to make. If so, I will make sure to adjust as necessary before we meet this afternoon.

Further, if you would be able to notify us about any additional discussion topics that may have arisen after the member meeting yesterday, it would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to meeting with you,

Jodi

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MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 2:11 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
Cc: Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Dilek Karadag <[redacted]>, Jennifer Bruin <[redacted]>, Bob Baxter <[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>, Lawrence Baxter <[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, "Deveaux, Leah" <[redacted]>

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for sending along these additional discussion topics, and for confirming the agenda. I have passed these questions along to the MFFN CAR Project Team to be discussed during our meeting.

Jodi
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Harrison, Callais [Redacted]

MFFN CAR - Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: DRAFT Impact Assessment Report

Harrison, Callais [Redacted]

Fri, Jun 13, 2025 at 1:34 PM

To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Dear Sarah,

As part of our ongoing collaboration on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road, we're sharing your community specific **Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Report** (Draft Report) for your review and feedback.

This Draft Report includes information from publicly available sources, as well as any Indigenous Knowledge Reports we received before January 2025. It outlines the assessment process for Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests related to the Community Access Road, and it focuses specifically on your community.

Please use the following link to access and download your Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Report for the Community Access Road:

[Redacted Link]

The review period for this report is 90 calendar days. If Fort Albany First Nation has comments, questions, additional Indigenous Knowledge or details about important sites, areas, or resources—and how often they're used— that could better inform this report we'd appreciate you sharing that with us. Your input will help us refine the potential effects to your Draft Report. A final version of this report will be provided to you.

If we don't hear back with new information by September 11, 2025, the Draft Report will be finalized.

We would be very pleased to meet with you to review the Draft Report, answer any questions you may have, or have a discussion on the assessment process.

Kind regards,

Callais Harrison,
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR: June, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]> Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 11:43 AM
To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Leo Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>

Good Morning Sarah,

I hope all is well.

I am sending this email regarding a couple of June updates for the MFFN CAR Project.

Please see below for an overview:

Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Review Period Complete!

Thank you for providing feedback on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact statement (EA / IS). As of June 23, 2025, the review period for the Draft EA / IS has officially closed. We sincerely value all the feedback provided. Input on the Draft EA / IS is important to us and will help inform the preparation of the Final EA / IS that will be submitted to the federal and provincial governments for review in mid to late 2026.

If you have questions or if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss, please contact us.

Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI): Draft Impact Assessment Report

Fort Albany First Nation's ATRI: Draft Impact Assessment Report was sent to the community for review on June 13, 2025.

The review period for this report is 90 calendar days. If Fort Albany First Nation has comments, questions, additional Indigenous Knowledge or details about important sites, areas, or resources—and how often they're used—that could better inform this report, we'd appreciate if Fort Albany would share that with us. Fort Albany's input will help us refine the potential effects to your Draft Report. A final version of this report will be provided to the community.

If we don't hear back with new information by **September 11, 2025**, the Draft Report will be finalized.

If you could confirm that you received this report on June 13, 2025 and are able to access it, that would be greatly appreciated.

Cree Translations

I wanted to let you know that several additional technical reports have been translated to Cree and uploaded to the [Project Website](#) since we last provided an update. This includes the Plain Language Summaries for Acoustics (Noise and Vibration), Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases, Archaeology and Cultural Heritage, Community Well-Being, and Groundwater and Surface Water.

We apologize for the delay with these translations, and will continue to provide updates as additional translated materials become available.

Public Information Centre #6

Public Information Centre #6 was held on May 26 and 29, 2025, in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, respectively. Thank you to all those who were able to attend the meetings in person. You may review the materials on our website: <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/#pic6>

Coming Up...

The Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous communities will be released in Fall 2025. Keep an eye out for the report to be sent in the coming months! Ways to provide feedback will be included.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the topics in this email, or the Project in general.

Have a great rest of your week!

Best wishes,

Callais Harrison

On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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MFFN CAR: July, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]> Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 1:41 PM
To: Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Leo Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>

Good Afternoon Sarah,

I hope all is well.

I am sending this email regarding a couple of July updates for the MFFN CAR Project.

Please see below for an overview:

Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities

The Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities will be released in Fall 2025. Keep an eye out for the report to be sent to your community! Ways to provide feedback will be included.

Ongoing Field Studies

Field programs will be continuing into the 2025 summer and fall seasons to support the Preliminary Design and future permitting for the MFFN CAR. The following three field programs are included in the Summer 2025 Field Notice: Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, Groundwater Well Decommissioning and Geotechnical Investigation.

For more information, read the full field notice here:

<https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2025-07-09-MFFN-Summer-2025-Field-Notice.pdf>

Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI): Draft Impact Assessment Report

I wanted to remind you that Fort Albany First Nation's ATRI: Draft Impact Assessment Report was sent to the community for review on June 13, 2025.

The review period for this report is 90 calendar days. If Fort Albany First Nation has comments, questions, additional Indigenous Knowledge or details about important sites, areas, or resources—and how often they're used—that could better inform this report, we'd appreciate if Fort Albany would share that with us. Fort Albany's input will help us refine the potential effects to your Draft Report. A final version of this report will be provided to the community.

If we don't hear back with new information by **September 11, 2025**, the Draft Report will be finalized.

Community Capacity Funding Payment

As requested in your email on April 3, 2025, I wanted to confirm the date and amount of the Community Capacity Funding payment that was sent to Fort Albany First Nation. The full amount of this payment ([REDACTED]) was sent to Fort Albany First Nation by EFT on June 18, 2025.

Cree Translations

I wanted to confirm that all plain language summaries for the MFFN CAR EA / IS are now available in Cree. These documents can be found here:

<https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/plain-language-summaries-cree/>

Please let me know if you have any questions about the topics in this email, or the Project in general.

Have a great rest of your week!

Best Wishes,

Callais Harrison

On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: August, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Tue, Aug 26, 2025 at 11:49 AM
 To: Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
 Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good Morning Sarah,

I hope all is well.

I am sending this email regarding a couple of August updates for the MFFN CAR Project.

Please see below for an overview:

New Video: Understanding Cumulative Effects

As part of the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment for the Community Access Road, we are looking closely at how different activities—past, present and future—may combine to affect the land, water, animals and people. This includes considering how the Community Access Road might interact with other projects happening in the same area or at the same time. By looking at the bigger picture, we aim to better understand the full impact of the Project on the environment and the Community.

To watch our latest video, click here: <https://vimeo.com/1096031872/90de3c9f05?fl=pl&fe=vl>

Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Report

On June 13, 2025, your community-specific Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Report was distributed.

The review period closes on **September 11, 2025**. Please submit any comments, questions, additional Indigenous Knowledge or details about important sites, areas or resources through email.

Please use the following link to access and download your community-specific report: [redacted]

Please let me know if you have any questions about the topics in this email, or the Project in general.

Have a great rest of your week!

Best Wishes,

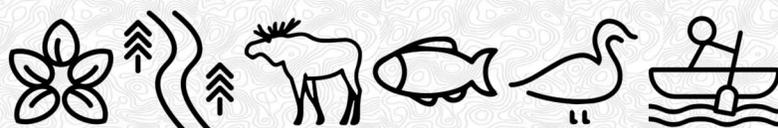
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B6.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence





Miles, Jodi [REDACTED]

Fwd: Re: MFFN Community Access Road Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

Sarah Beamish [REDACTED]

Fri, Aug 2, 2024 at 4:42 PM

To: "Miles, Jodi" [REDACTED]

Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator [REDACTED] >, [REDACTED]

Thank you Jodi.



Miles, Jodi [REDACTED]

Fwd: Re: MFFN Community Access Road Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]> Fri, Aug 2, 2024 at 5:53 PM
To: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [REDACTED], "Miles, Jodi" [REDACTED]
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit [REDACTED] >, Cathleen Sutherland [REDACTED] >, Community Core
Consultation Coordinator [REDACTED], Justin Page [REDACTED]

Good afternoon,

Please see attached a letter with preliminary comments regarding this study, sent on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation.

Yours truly,
Sarah Beamish
[Quoted text hidden]

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August 2, 2024

Via email

To: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

Re: Fort Albany First Nation comments regarding the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Community Access Road from Marten Falls to Painter Lake Additional Aggregate Resources

We write on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation.

Fort Albany First Nation has conducted a preliminary review of the 2024 Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment concerning additional aggregate resources and is providing these initial comments. Fort Albany First Nation requests and recommendations have been numbered and bolded. Concerns have been identified regarding access to additional documents, gaps in the historical context for Fort Albany First Nation, and Stage 2 Assessment planning. Fort Albany First Nation asks that recommendations be meaningfully responded to in a timely manner.

Please note that member engagement has not yet informed the review of the report and Fort Albany First Nation may provide further comment later. A lack of comments on any particular aspect of this Assessment should not be taken as an indication of Fort Albany's agreement.

Access to Additional Documents:

It is Fort Albany First Nation's understanding that a record of Indigenous Knowledge collected for this Stage 1 Report is documented in the private "Supplementary Documentation."

In our correspondence with proponent representative Jodi Miles dated July 30, 2024, you advised that "IK from Fort Albany was not referred to or relied upon in this report." **If this is the case, then statements in the report suggesting that it relies on feedback from Fort Albany First Nation should be corrected to reflect this.**

Fort Albany provides the below two comments for the record and in case it is later clarified that Indigenous Knowledge from Fort Albany was used, or if IK from Fort Albany is used in future stages of the archeological assessment.

Fort Albany First Nation respects the intellectual property and confidentiality of other First Nations but requires opportunity to review any information recorded provided by Fort Albany First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation members and or linked to Fort Albany First Nation.

- 1. Provide any Indigenous Knowledge attributed to Fort Albany First Nation for review and consent prior to sharing with the Ministry. No Fort Albany First Nation Indigenous Knowledge can be shared without written permission.**

Fort Albany First Nation also requires access to any sections of the Record of Engagement specific to Fort Albany First Nation (also provided under separate cover) from the 2024 Stage 1 Report.

- 2. Provide sections of the Record of Engagement specific to Fort Albany First Nation for review and verification prior to sharing with the Ministry.**

Insufficient Context and Historical Background for Fort Albany First Nation:

Fort Albany First Nation members have accessed, used, and traveled through lands and waters within the study area, particularly areas along and near the Albany River system (up to and beyond Marten Falls First Nation) for countless generations. Fort Albany First Nation has also been significantly impacted by the historic river diversions referenced in the report. The context, history, and importance of the study area to Fort Albany First Nation members have not been provided in this 2024 stage 1 assessment nor was it included in the original community access road stage 1 report.

This represents a substantial gap in understanding the cultural and historic context of the Project Area. The Proponent needs to work with Fort Albany First Nation to ensure that Fort Albany First Nation history, culture, and relationship to the project area informs all future culture, heritage, and archaeological assessments and investigations.

- 3. Commit to working with Fort Albany First Nation to update the history and context of the area to Fort Albany First Nation members to better inform all culture, heritage, and archaeological assessments and investigations going forward.**

Treaty No. 9 and Oral Promises

The English text of Treaty No. 9 is reproduced in the report, and it is stated that “Treaty 9 was written without First Nations input.” However, no mention is made of the oral discussion and Crown promises regarding the Treaty, which were key to how the meaning of the Treaty was understood by First Nations people at the time of signing, and remain highly legally, culturally, and politically significant today. The history of the oral promises has been spoken about extensively by Cree Elders and leaders, and is well-documented in sources such as *Treaty No. 9: Making the Agreement to Share the Land in Far Northern Ontario in 1905* (John Long, 2010). It is vital that this be acknowledged in any discussion of Treaty 9.

- 4. Commit to acknowledging the oral representations and promises made by Crown representatives to First Nations during the Treaty 9 signing processes in any discussion of Treaty 9.**

Recommendations for Stage 2 Assessment

FAFN has reviewed the maps and figures for the 2024 Stage 1 Report and requires further information on the rationale for proposed stage 2 test areas. It is unclear from Figures 7-1 to 7-13 how locations for stage 2 test areas were determined given that the entire Project Area has a high archaeological potential. FAFN understands that exceptions can be made where terrain is inaccessible but it is unclear from the maps how that has affected test locations or if/where any areas of low potential have been identified.

5. Provide maps demarcating areas of high potential that are not accessible for field testing as well as any areas determined to have low potential.

FAFN wants to ensure that areas of high potential that are not subject to field test due to accessibility are rigorously investigated by other means.

6. Proponent to commit to co-developing methods with FAFN to investigate areas of high potential that cannot be field tested - methods may include but not be limited to Indigenous Knowledge studies, satellite imagery review and further helicopter fly-overs.

FAFN would also like to direct the Proponent to the need to involve First Nations, including Fort Albany First Nation, in the identification of areas to include in Stage 2 field investigations. Ontario's (2022) *Engaging aboriginal communities in archaeology: a draft technical bulletin for consultant archaeologists in Ontario* – Section 3 recommends that Proponents:

“extend a Stage 2 survey to include lands that have been identified as of interest to the Aboriginal community, even though those lands may have low potential to contain cultural heritage resources”¹

FAFN needs to be engaged in updating and revising Stage 2 test locations to ensure that areas of cultural importance to FAFN and or areas sensitive to Project impacts are fully investigated.

7. Proponent to commit to working with FAFN to revise/add to areas identified for Stage 2 investigation to ensure that areas important to FAFN are protected.

FAFN looks forward to resolving these concerns. FAFN also requests that any pertinent field schedules and upcoming next steps regarding culture and heritage be shared.

Thank you.

¹ Available at:





Yours truly,
Sarah Beamish

Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit
Cathleen Sutherland, Chief Executive Officer
Leo Metatawabin, Community Core Consultation Coordinator
Justin Page, The Firelight Group



Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 11:34 AM

To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>

Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>

Hello Jodi,

Attached is a link to Fort Albany First Nation's **draft** Indigenous Knowledge Study report. It is set to allow you to view and download the document in order to share with others on the MFCAR team, but please let me know if you have difficulties accessing it.

This draft report is being shared under the terms of the funding agreement, and it is subject to the IK Sharing Agreement. It is still subject to a verification process before finalization, so the final version may look different. If FAFN makes any changes to it that may affect your team's use of it for the assessments, we will flag those changes for you.

If you require formal confirmation of any particular details of this report prior to receiving the final/verified version, please let us know and we will do our best to get partial verification more quickly.



Best,
Sarah

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the MFCAR ATRI Report

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 4:14 PM
 To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
 Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Jodi,

Please find attached Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the draft ATRI Report for the Marten Falls Community Access Road. Thank you for your patience awaiting these and for your team's consideration of them after the requested date for comments.

Please note in particular the requests regarding the use of stories by two late FAFN Elders in the Report. While FAFN recognizes that these stories were drawn from publicly-available sources, these requests reflect FAFN's expectation that its members (or in the event that they are deceased, their families) be consulted and give their consent before their stories or words are quoted in Project-related publications, particularly where those stories or words were shared in different contexts than the Project assessments.

Thank you.

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 Sarah Beamish (she/her), B.A., M.G.A., J.D.
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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report

Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 3:24 PM

To: "Miles, Jodi" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>,

Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Andrea Nokleby

<[REDACTED]>, Caroline Wrobel <[REDACTED]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[REDACTED]>

Hi Jodi,

I don't have these answers for you but I have copied Ruby, their Finance Director. She or Cathleen can tell you.

Sarah

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

Upcoming Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Oct 28, 2024 at 4:00 PM

To: "Miles, Jodi" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Leo Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page <[REDACTED]>

Hi Jodi,

My schedule is quite full this week, so unless the updates are time-sensitive, next week is better. Are you available Monday the 4th?

If it is time-sensitive, I can make a few minutes Wednesday or Friday afternoon.

Best,
Sarah

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Upcoming Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 10:01 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

You can call me at 3:00 EST on November 4.

Best,
Sarah

[Quoted text hidden]



Miles, Jodi [REDACTED]

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Community Core Consultation Coordinator [REDACTED]
To: "Miles, Jodi" [REDACTED]

Fri, Nov 1, 2024 at 3:56 PM

Hello Jodi

Could you please provide the zoom coordinates for this discussion about our community.

Thank you



Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>
To: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Sun, Nov 3, 2024 at 6:11 PM

Hi Jodi,

Can we hit pause on our call on Monday, and I will check in with Leo tomorrow to confirm how he'd like to proceed. Please also confirm your availability Wednesday through Friday so if Leo or anyone else from FAFN wants to be there, I can confirm a good time when I speak with him.

Thanks,
Sarah

[Quoted text hidden]



Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 4:32 PM

Hi Jodi,

Leo and I can meet tomorrow morning at 10. Please send a teleconference or video link (his email is [REDACTED]).

Sarah
[Quoted text hidden]



Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Topics for Discussion Next Week

Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 5:28 PM

To: "Miles, Jodi" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

Hi Jodi,

I don't think having anyone from Ontario present is necessary.

Sarah

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Meeting Follow-up

Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 10:52 AM

To: "Miles, Jodi" <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Leo Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>, Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page <[REDACTED]>

Hello Jodi,

Thank you for the meeting this week.

As a first follow-up point, this is to confirm that Chief Kataquapit has confirmed that FAFN wishes to access the \$[REDACTED]n funding we discussed, subject to review of the draft funding agreement when it is ready. We look forward to receiving a copy of that.

Have a good weekend.

Sarah

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Updates to the Community Coordinator Program

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>

Wed, Nov 20, 2024 at 1:45 PM

To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>

Cc: Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Justin Page

<[redacted]>, Qasim Saddique <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

Do you have an update on when the draft agreement for this capacity funding will be available for review? FAFN would like to build this funding into its work planning for the coming months and it would be helpful to review that soon to confirm there will be no concerns about accepting the funding.

Sarah

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Tue, Feb 18, 2025 at 6:10 PM
 To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
 Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

Thank you for your email and patience awaiting a response.

1. **Draft EA / IS** - Leo has advised that there are no mailing addresses other than P.O. Boxes in FAFN. However, he has said you can send the boxes of printed materials to "Fort Albany First Nation, c/o Leo Metatawabin, Fort Albany, [redacted] and this should result in them being kept at the post office for him to pick up. Will this work for you?
2. **Three Roads Gathering** - Unfortunately Leo is double-booked for the Gathering dates and will be unable to attend, but I will attend on FAFN's behalf to gather information, and if the First Nation wants a private meeting with the team on other dates, we will schedule that.
3. **Community Capacity Funding Program** - I have attached the funding agreement with some revisions that are meant to ensure everyone is clear that the Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Agreement applies to the sharing and use of information funded through the Program. If these changes are acceptable to the team, then FAFN is ready to sign the agreement and accept the funding.
4. **IK Funding Information** - See attached a void cheque with FAFN's banking information.
5. **Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback** - We will need a little more time with this item.

Best,
Sarah

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

Fort Albany First Nation - draft IK Study Report

Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Feb 19, 2025 at 10:03 PM

To: "Miles, Jodi" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>, Caroline Wrobel <[REDACTED]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[REDACTED]>

Hello Jodi,

This is to confirm that Chief Kataquapit has approved the draft IK Study report provided in September, and the project team can treat it as final.

Best,
Sarah

[Quoted text hidden]



Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 11:42 AM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

Can you confirm what you mean by "person representing Fort Albany for this transaction"? Do you mean the contact person to be in touch with regarding the transfer of funds, or the person who would sign the Agreement, or something else?

Ruby, can you answer Jodi's question about the void cheque? Does FAFN use the same account to receive all funding transfers for the Marten Falls Community Access Road project?

Sarah
[Quoted text hidden]



Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 1:49 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Hello Jodi,

I sent the answer about the void cheque and contact person to Callais. Yes, you can use the same void cheque information, and the contact person for this purpose is Ruby.

Thank you for the accepted changes. We'll follow up on this soon.

Sarah
[Quoted text hidden]



Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Prospective dates for meeting with FAFN re: draft EA/IS

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 1:56 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Jodi,

As FAFN undertakes its review of the draft EA/IS, it would like to schedule a two-hour video meeting date in early June with representatives of the MFCAR team to discuss any questions and comments it may have. We are not yet sure if this meeting will actually be needed, but would like to hold the time now in case it is.

To assist us with confirming a date and time, can you share MFCAR team availability on June 3, 4, 9, or 10?

Thank you.

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Sarah Beamish (she/her), B.A., M.G.A., J.D.
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR January Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]>

Thu, Apr 3, 2025 at 3:27 PM

To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
Cc: Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

I have checked and see the email was in Drafts, my apologies. This is what it said:

Yes, the void cheque can be used for this as well.

Ruby (copied) can be your main contact for communicating about transfer of funds. You can reach her through the main FAFN phone number ([redacted]). I am helping FAFN with tracking the funding on this so when the transfer is made, I'd appreciate it if you can also confirm with me the date and amount.

Sarah

[Quoted text hidden]



Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]>

Re: MFFN CAR Translations

Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[REDACTED]> Wed, Apr 23, 2025 at 1:12 PM
To: "Harrison, Callais" <[REDACTED]>, Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Terry Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page
<[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk
<[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>

Good afternoon, Callais

Under no circumstances we can accept translation for swampy Cree. There are none here.

We are Mushkegowuk Inniwuk and it would only be fitting that we identify our own translators. If no, may I suggest the Ojibway - Cree Culture Centre be approach to do the translation.

Thank you
leo



Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]>

Re: MFFN CAR Translations

Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]> Fri, Apr 25, 2025 at 11:48 AM
To: Community Core Consultation Coordinator <[REDACTED]>
Cc: "Harrison, Callais" <[REDACTED]>, Elizabeth Kataquapit <[REDACTED]>, Terry Metatawabin <[REDACTED]>, Justin Page <[REDACTED]>, Knut Kitching <[REDACTED]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[REDACTED]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>

Thank you for this update, Callais. It is troubling to see that there is not yet a single Cree translation available.

As I expressed to the MFCAR team and to IAAC in Thunder Bay, it is very concerning that FAFN is expected to follow the regular consultation timeline without any Cree language materials having been provided, or expected to be provided until the end of the comment period, or possible later.

I would like to remind you that providing materials in Cree (N-dialect) was the first thing FAFN identified as being important for quality consultation, in its letter to IAAC dated January 30, 2020 during the consultation on the draft Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan:

Methods of consultation and engagement

Our members have identified many things that can help ensure adequate and quality consultation:

1. Provide facilitation, interpretation, and important materials in our local Cree dialect (N-dialect).

Further to Leo Metatawabin's response to you, can you confirm if the MFCAR team has sought the services of the Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre? Would the team accept recommendations from FAFN regarding local translators?

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for these updates.

Chief Kataquapit has approved the funding agreement. A signed copy is attached.

We will get back to you shortly regarding a meeting time on June 3. We will likely be unable to provide specific topics for discussion until late May when FAFN is further along with its review of the draft EA/IS. However, as the Albany River is a topic of core concern to the community, it would be prudent to plan for someone involved with the analysis of impacts on water and fish to attend.

Best,
Sarah

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Hello,

We would like to hold the meeting on the afternoon of June 3. Does 3-5 pm EST work for you? If so, please send a Zoom link to Leo, Justin, Dilek (all copied), and me.

We will provide topics for discussion closer to the meeting date. However, FAFN's technical advisors at Firelight Group suggest that the MFCAR team bring a water technical expert, cultural heritage expert, wildlife (terrestrial) biologist, and representative involved with assessment of health risks, in addition to a legal advisor/someone who can speak to the issues of rights and jurisdiction raised in the assessments. If you have questions about this, Dilek or Justin can provide further information about these requests.

Thank you.

Sarah
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MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[REDACTED]>

Tue, May 20, 2025 at 1:50 PM

To: "Harrison, Callais" <[REDACTED]>

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Hi Callais,

The meeting on June 3 will not be a full community/member meeting, so no translation support is needed.

It is likely that present for FAFN will be Chief Kataquapit, Leo Metatawabin, me, and representatives from Firelight Group.

It is not necessary for anyone from Ontario to attend.

Thank you.

Sarah

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Wed, May 28, 2025 at 2:40 PM
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>
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Hello Jodi,

Thank you for this update.

The discussion will mainly focus on questions and concerns arising from the "red flags" technical review done by The Firelight Group, which has been informed by guidance from the First Nation regarding key concerns and priorities. Dilek or Justin will follow up with you shortly to provide the topics that they are likely to focus on.

FAFN is holding a member meeting on the evening of June 2 where the draft EA/IS will be discussed as well, and is also in the midst of exchanges with neighbouring First Nations about the draft EA/IS as well, so it may be that some further topics will be added to what Firelight shares with you. We will understand if you don't have answers on hand to any last-minute additions and need to follow up after the June 3 meeting.

Best,
Sarah

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Good day Jodi,

Following up on Sarah's email, I'm writing to share the topics that we would like to discuss during the June 3rd meeting. These reflect Fort Albany's **preliminary review** of the draft EA/IS. Key topics include:

- **Fort Albany Indigenous rights and governance:** Gaps regarding acknowledgement of Fort Albany's right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC), recognition of FAFN governance, and meaningful participation in long-term monitoring, oversight and adaptive management.
- **Community health and well-being:** Gaps regarding the assessment and mitigation of psychosocial impacts, gendered violence, and youth impacts.
- **Traditional land use and food systems:** Gaps regarding enforceable protections for harvesting areas or plans for safe, ongoing access and stewardship.
- **Albany River:** Gaps regarding assessment of mercury mobilization from sediment disturbance, and hydrological modeling of seasonal flooding risks
- **Moose habitat:** Gaps regarding analysis of moose movement corridors or potential habitat disruption.
- **Cumulative effects:** Gaps regarding integration of regional impacts (e.g. legacy hydro or forestry) and consideration of induced development. Continued concerns about project splitting.

Please note that additional issues may emerge during the June 2 Fort Albany members meeting.

Best regards,

Dilek

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MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 10:52 AM
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Hi Jodi,

The agenda looks fine as a starting point, keeping in mind that these topics overlap for FAFN members, so the discussion may not end up this siloed, particularly if Chief Kataquapit and Leo have questions or comments.

I believe comments by FAFN members at last night's meeting will mostly fit into the agenda categories outlined. The only other thing we may add near the end is discussion of timeline for finalization of the EA/IS and what room that timeline will allow for meaningful consideration of, and revisions responsive to, First Nations' comments.

Sarah

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Hi again Jodi,

There was in fact a member question posed last night that we would like an answer to, either today or in follow-up.

Will Marten Falls First Nation be taking a position on Bill 5 and/or the National Interests legislation, generally or as they relate to the proposed road or other Ring of Fire-related developments? Will Marten Falls be seeking any form of regulatory acceleration, exceptions, or exemptions for this road?

Thank you.

Sarah
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Hello,

This is to update you all that Chief Kataquapit has to send her regrets for the meeting, as she has to join an important political meeting that has come up today. She has asked that we proceed and report back to her, and FAFN may engage at a political level at a later date.

Sarah
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Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]>

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Hello Sarah,

Thank you for this update. We look forward to possibly connecting with Chief Kataquapit at a later date.

Jodi

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Subject: Fort Albany First Nation comments on MFCAR Draft EA/IS
Sent: 2025-06-23, 9:21:48 PM
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Attachments: [REDACTED]

Dear Marten Falls Community Access Road Team,

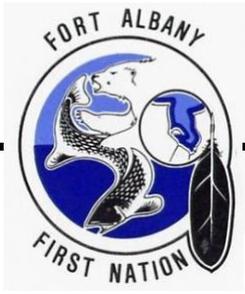
Please see attached comments from Fort Albany First Nation regarding the Draft EA/IS for the Marten Falls Community Access Road.

Best,
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Sarah Beamish (she/her), B.A., M.G.A., J.D.
Beamish Law

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June 23, 2025

Via email - eaisinput@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Re: Preliminary Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)/Impact Statement (IS) for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road

Dear Marten Falls Community Access Road team,

Please find attached Fort Albany First Nation's (FAFN) preliminary comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement (Draft EA/IS) for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFCAR). The proposed project has the potential to benefit Marten Falls First Nation in ways that we can appreciate, as we understand the challenges of being a fly-in community. It also has the potential to result in significant, long-term adverse effects on the lands, waters, cultural values, and resources within Fort Albany First Nation's homelands and waters.

As we have prepared this letter, a number of our members have been traveling in boats as far as Chemahagun River and Mammamattawa, as part of the Here We Stand movement which began as a call to action by Attawapiskat First Nation youth Jeronimo Kataquapit. These members are marking burial sites, putting up FAFN flags, and putting down tobacco to affirm our ancestral and continuing presence across our homelands, and to honour our sacred relationship with these lands and waters which have shaped who we are as a people. Such journeys remind us of our deep connection to places that may now be impacted by the MFCAR.

We want to provide some context for these preliminary comments.

The Draft EA/IS and its supporting documents are many thousands of pages in length, and are highly technical in parts. However, the plain language summaries were so brief and general (and in some cases flawed or oversimplified, as with the plain language explanation of cumulative effects) that they were not sufficient for understanding the matters of most interest and concern for our members. As a result, we will have to prepare tailored materials for our members to help them understand this Draft EA/IS.

There were also no Cree translations available for most of the consultation period, despite this being important for our member engagement activities, especially with our Elders. The Cree translations that were eventually provided were only for a few plain language summaries.

One early issue we have noted from our initial review of these materials is that they do not always seem to provide clear answers to some of our priority questions. For example, one of the top concerns for FAFN is the overall impact of the proposed Project on the Albany River system

and our people's uses of it, and it seems that assessing what the Draft EA/IS says about this will require us to consider information from across many different parts of the Draft EA/IS.

The Draft EA/IS's and plain language summaries' descriptions of initial effects, mitigation measures, residual effects, and cumulative effects are often so general that it is difficult for us to understand what they may mean in practice. We believe we will have to review the supporting studies themselves in some detail, and potentially submit specific questions, to better understand this. We will then to have translate that information into accessible formats for our members, which will take more time.

The draft Aboriginal and Treaty Interests Report for FAFN was also not available to us until very recently, so we were unable to consider it alongside the rest of the Draft EA/IS materials and have not been able to integrate it into any of our initial member engagement activities.

Further, the Draft EA/IS early consultation period overlapped with April goose hunt, and the emergency evacuation of our community in May due to spring flooding. Both events impacted our ability to plan member engagement.

As a result, during this early consultation period we have only been able to do a relatively high-level review of the Draft EA/IS, which has not yet included review of all of the supporting documents. Our technical review has focused on some key "red flags" topics, and our engagement with members has focused mainly on helping them to understand at a high level what this document addresses, and getting their guidance about what information and methods will support more meaningful engagement activities with them over the coming months. This means that the attached comments provide only an initial and partial high-level review of some key concerns identified. These are very preliminary in nature and will be further developed following deeper engagement with FAFN members and knowledge holders over the coming months.

At a high-level, issues identified in the attached table include:

- insufficient integration of Indigenous governance, Indigenous Knowledge, and consent-based decision making;
- gaps in the assessment of downstream hydrological impacts and the Albany River system;
- limited consideration of cultural impact, food systems, and psychosocial well-being;
- inadequate assessment of cumulative effects, including foreseeable mining and infrastructure projects; and
- insufficient analysis of legacy impacts and long-term land use change scenarios.

We respectfully request that the proponent review these concerns and respond meaningfully. Each comment includes a recommended revision or required action to address the issues raised.

We have had the benefit of reviewing comments submitted by Attawapiskat First Nation, and recently met with their representatives to discuss the Draft EA/IS. Except where their comments relate only to their community, we support and adopt those comments. We particularly

emphasize our agreement with their comments regarding cumulative effects. We find it troubling that many clearly foreseeable developments or activities have been left out of the assessment, and we are concerned that this has greatly undermined the overall analysis in the Draft EA/IS, in a manner that has resulted in potential or likely effects being underestimated, perhaps significantly.

Finally, we note that this comment period has overlapped with the alarming passage of Bill 5 and Bill C5, which are intended to expedite developments in and around the Ring of Fire. We oppose these as attacks on the rights and jurisdiction of all Treaty 9 First Nations, and we have been glad to see that Chief Achneepineskum has publicly shared similar concern. We believe that our First Nations share a common interest in protecting our rights and homelands from the attitudes reflected in these new laws, and that our common interest in refusing to legitimize them transcends any single project. We ask for Marten Falls First Nation's assurance that it will not support the Crown using these new laws to speed up, limit, or remove the regulatory processes that apply to the MFCAR.

Sincerely,

Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit

Attachment: Fort Albany First Nation's Preliminary Comments on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road

Cc: Council, Fort Albany First Nation
Leo Metatawabin, Economic Development Officer, Fort Albany First Nation
Justin Page and Dilek Karadag, The Firelight Group [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED]
Sarah Beamish, Beamish Law [REDACTED]
Loraine Cox, Team Leader, Ontario Region, Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
Dorothy Moszynski and Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officers, Environmental
Assessment Branch, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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ID #	Document	Section and Page #	Comment
FAFN-001	The Draft EA/IS	The Draft EA/IS	<p>The Draft EA/IS proposes general Indigenous involvement in future monitoring and decision-making but does not outline, define, or resource a specific role for Indigenous Nations in long-term project governance. This generalized approach falls short of meaningful consultation and accommodation standards, and it fails to align with best practices for Indigenous participation in project oversight and environmental stewardship, particularly in a culturally and ecologically sensitive region. It also fails to explain how Indigenous Knowledge systems will be integrated into monitoring design, evaluation criteria, or adaptive decision-making.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A commitment to the co-development of a project oversight and monitoring body with guaranteed participation for impacted Indigenous Nations. 2. Funding and support for Indigenous-led monitoring programs, including Guardian initiatives and community-based monitoring. 3. Formal decision-making input for Indigenous Nations throughout the life of the project. 4. A clear description of how Indigenous Knowledge will inform monitoring approaches, thresholds, and indicators.
FAFN-002	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 12.1.3 pp. 920-922	<p>The Draft EA/IS does not provide predictive hydrological modeling or analysis of changes to ice formation, freeze-thaw timing, or ice-jam related flooding risks in the Albany River system. This is a significant omission because freeze-thaw cycles and ice formation processes are critical to river dynamics, ecological health, and flood risk management. Understanding how the project may affect these processes, especially in the context of changing climate conditions, particularly under future climate change scenarios, is necessary to assess potential impacts on aquatic systems, infrastructure, and Indigenous land use.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Predictive hydrological modeling or analysis of potential changes to ice formation, freeze-thaw cycles, and the risk of seasonal flooding along the Albany River system. 2. An assessment of these risks under both current and projected future climate scenarios.

FAFN-003	The Draft EA/IS	The Draft EA/IS	<p>The current defined study areas do not adequately reflect the extent of potential downstream and cumulative impact, particularly along the Albany River system. For a project of this scale one that fundamentally alters access, hydrology, and ecosystem dynamics - a broader special scope is required to understand long range ecological and cultural consequences.</p> <p>Please revise the EAIS to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. extend the regional study area to include downstream zones of influence, including the Albany River and coastal ecosystem leading into James Bay. 2. Integrate Indigenous Knowledge and land use mapping to identify areas of cultural and ecological significance beyond the current study boundary. 3. Re-evaluate potential project effects using this expanded spatial lens to ensure that downstream communities and ecosystems are meaningfully assessed.
FAFN-004	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 9.4.6.4, Table 9-30 p.669	<p>The Draft EA/IS acknowledges historical mercury contamination in the Albany river system but it fails to assess the potential for mercury mobilization resulting from sediment disturbance, dewatering, or hydrological changes associated with road development. This omission is especially concerning given the potential health and ecological impacts for downstream Indigenous communities that rely on aquatic ecosystems for harvesting and subsistence.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A site specific risk assessment evaluating the potential for mercury mobilization during construction and operation, particularly in areas with known or suspected contaminated sediments. 2. Mitigation measures to minimize sediment disruption in mercury-sensitive areas. 3. Monitoring protocols and contingency measures to prevent downstream mercury contamination, protect aquatic health, and ensure the safety of Indigenous harvesting practices. 4. Integration of Indigenous Knowledge and historical community observations regarding mercury impacts and vulnerable sites.
FAFN-005	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 8.3.6.4 pp.122-128	<p>Section 8.3.6.4 off the Draft EA/IS states that no barriers to fish movement were observed at survey crossings. However, the report does not adequately assess the long term risk to fish migration posed by the installation of culverts, bridges, and other water crossings - particularly under changing seasonal flow conditions due to climate change variability and road maintenance activities. Without robust predictive analysis,</p>

			<p>the project risks fragmentation of aquatic habitats essential to the life cycles of migratory and resident fish species.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detailed assessment of fish passage for each proposed crossing, including site specific hydraulic modeling and design criteria. 2. Commitment to infrastructure standards that ensure year-round habitat connectivity under both low-flow and high-flow conditions. 3. Monitoring and maintenance protocols to ensure crossing structures do not become migration barriers overtime.
FAFN-006	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 8.3.6.4 p.125	<p>The Draft EA/IS does not sufficiently evaluate how road construction and operations may alter key water quality parameters-such as water temperature, dissolved oxygen, and sedimentation - that are critical to fish health and habitat suitability. These parameters are particularly sensitive during spawning and overwintering periods.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Predictive modeling of changes to water temperature, dissolved oxygen levels, and sedimentation in impacted tributaries and mainstream rivers. 2. A seasonal analysis to assess risk during biologically sensitive periods. 3. Mitigation strategies and long-term monitoring to safeguard water quality in fish-bearing waters.
FAFN-007	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 9.4.5 pp.602, 646-647 Sec. 10.3.5 pp. 802-811	<p>While the Draft EA/IS and Appendix K include a detailed assessment of Caribou in the Missisa range, the report concludes that the project will not result in significant adverse effects for moose. As a result, it does not provide the same level of detailed analysis for moose habitat connectivity, movement corridors, or migratory behaviors. This omission overlooks the potential for road infrastructure to disrupt moose movement patterns, which may have both ecological and harvesting implications.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A comprehensive analysis of moose movements corridors in the study area. 2. Predictive assessment of potential barrier effects from road construction and operation. 3. Identification of habitat fragmentation risks and recommended mitigations to preserve movements and access

FAFN-008	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 9.4.5 pp. 646-647	<p>The Draft EA/IS acknowledges that the new access road may increase hunting pressure and human activity, but it does not assist the population-level effects or propose specific mechanisms for regulating increased access.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Risk assessment of increased hunting and poaching pressure due to new road access. 2. Concrete regulatory and enforcement measures to manage access and harvesting activities. 3. Commitment to co-develop culturally appropriate access protocols and enforcement mechanisms in collaboration with Fort Albany First Nation.
FAFN-009	The Draft EA/IS	Appendix I pp. 111- 168	<p>Peatlands are vital ecosystems that store carbon, regulate water flow, and hold deep cultural significance for indigenous communities through their connection to traditional harvesting and land-based practices. The Draft EA/IS indicates that peatlands may be damaged by changes in surface water flow or melting permafrost resulting from road construction and related disturbances. However, it does not include detailed, location specific studies or predictive modeling to assess where and how peatland degradation may occur. Moreover, the report does not define clear ecological thresholds to identify when peatland degradation is becoming serious or reversible.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. specially explicit assessment of peatland vulnerability, including hydrological and thermal modeling to identify high-risk areas for degradation from drainage, thaw, or terminal disturbance. 2. Integration of climate change scenarios into peatland resilience modeling to support proactive design and mitigation. 3. Formal commitment to engage Fort Albany First Nation in the identification, classification, and protection of sensitive peatland areas using Indigenous Knowledge and stewardship protocols. 4. Clear thresholds or indicators of peatland degradation, and mitigation and adaptive response plan to prevent long term damage or carbon release 5. Quantification of peatland carbon storage and inclusion in the cumulative effects analysis, particularly in relation to long-term climate change impacts.

FAFN-010	The Draft EA/IS	Appendix T pp. 274-275	<p>The Draft EA/IS acknowledges that the construction of a new access road may increase risks related to drug and alcohol availability, human trafficking, and social disruption. These risks are not isolated to individual harm-they have broader community wide impacts on safety, mental health and cultural cohesion. Indigenous women and youth are particular vulnerable to these effects, which can erode community trust, strain support services, and disrupt intergenerational relationship. However, the Draft EA/IS does not explain how these risks will be tracked over time or how affected communities will be protected if social harms intensify. The lack of a long-term prevention, response, and support strategy is a significant gap in the assessment.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-developed Safety and Wellness plan with affected Indigenous Nations and neighboring communities that includes culturally relevant prevention, support services, and response protocols. 2. Community-led monitoring of social harms with indicators developed in partnership with Indigenous leaders and health experts.
FAFN-011	The Draft EA/IS	Appendix T pp. 269-271	<p>The Draft EA/IS includes that greater road access could lead to decline in traditional food harvesting and an increase in overharvesting due to easier access to hunting and fishing areas. These changes could significantly disturb cultural transmission between Elders and youth and contribute to the erosion of food sovereignty. Maintaining traditional harvesting is essential not only for food security, but also for cultural continuity, knowledge transfer, and the integration of Indigenous values and practices in land stewardship.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commitment to support community-based harvesting and food security programs that strengthen traditional food systems, not just rely on imported food options. 2. Formal support and funding for Indigenous-lead harvesting initiatives.
FAFN-012	The Draft EA/IS	Appendix T pp.220-226	<p>The Draft EA/IS briefly acknowledges potential psychological impacts- such as loss of sense of place, mental health risks, and intergenerational cultural disruption - but does not meaningfully assess them. These effects are deeply tied to community identity, resilience, and long-term well-being. Psychological harms can manifest as increased anxiety, disconnection from land-based practices, and erosion of cultural continuity.</p>

			<p>Please revise EA/IS to include a substantive assessment of cumulative psychosocial effects, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Long term mental health impacts of environmental and cultural disruption. 2. Risks to cultural continuity and identity, especially for youth. 3. Mitigation measures such as land based healing initiatives mental health supports, and cultural programming co-designed with Fort Albany First Nation
FAFN-013	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 8.3.6.7 pp.349-350	<p>The Draft EA/IS References sacred and burial sites but does not clearly explain how these will be protected during or after construction. Sacred sites are essential to cultural survival and are protected under both Indigenous law and Canadian heritage legislation. Their desecration can cause intergenerational trauma and erode Spiritual and cultural identity.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include a clear commitment to protect sacred and burial sites, including the designation of no-go zones and protocols for community notification and consent prior to any work near sensitive areas.</p>
FAFN-014	The Draft EA/IS	The Draft EA/IS	<p>The Draft EA/IS includes monitoring and adapting but does not explain how affected Indigenous Nations can participate in real time monitoring or what role the community would play. Legacy impacts from historical hydroelectric and resource development have degraded baseline conditions, making community-led oversight essential to restore and safeguard Indigenous lands.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include clear mechanisms for Indigenous Nations to participate in real time monitoring, enforcement come up and adaptive management decisions, particularly through on the ground roles.</p>
FAFN-015	The Draft EA/IS	The Draft EA/IS	<p>The Draft EA/IS does not explain what thresholds would trigger stronger protection or adaptive actions. Clearly defined thresholds are critical to ensure automatic responses when harm occurs, helping to prevent irreversible damage to lands, water and cultural values.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include clearly defined indicators and thresholds that would automatically trigger operational changes or the implementation of additional safeguards when environmental or cultural impacts are observed. These thresholds should be co-developed with Indigenous communities and include Indigenous Knowledge indicators.</p>

FAFN-016	The Draft EA/IS	Sec. 10 pp. 754-776 Sec. 6.8 p. 69 Appendix E	<p>The Draft EA/IS does not assess what may happen if other mines-particularly those in the Ring of Fire- or new roads are developed in the region. Failing to consider foreseeable developments overlooks the cumulative landscape-scale pressure that could drastically alter ecosystems, increase access, and undermines Indigenous rights and territory stewardship.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include a scenario-based cumulative effects assessment that incorporates foreseeable projects such as other Ring of Fire mines, and access roads, and evaluates their combined impact with the Marten Falls Community Access Road.</p>
FAFN-017	The Draft EA/IS	Sec.10 pp.771 -773	<p>The Draft EA/IS excludes key foreseeable Ring of Fire mining projects from its cumulative effects assessment. Table 10-1 omits major mining projects- such as the Blackbird, Big Daddy, Black Label, and Black Thor mines- despite their public identification by mining companies. The rationale provided that- these are “deposits and not active projects” - fails to reflect their "reasonably foreseeable" status, as defined by Indigenous knowledge holders and planning standards.</p> <p>This exclusion represents a serious flaw in the scoping of cumulative effects and illustrates the broader issue of project splitting. By artificially narrowing the scope of analysis, the EA/IS fails to account for the full impact of opening the Ring of Fire and adjacent James Bay Lowlands to industrial development.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to retain these mining projects in the cumulative effects assessment, in accordance with regulatory guidelines on "reasonably foreseeable" developments.</p>
FAFN-018	The Draft EA/IS	Section 7.2.3 pp.87-94	<p>The Draft EA/IS does not adequately assess the environmental and cultural impacts of aggregate extraction and construction waste management, despite identifying over 40 potential aggregate and borrow sites. These activities, involving drilling, blasting, crushing, dewatering, and stockpiling of materials, are expected to operate throughout the construction and operational phases of the road. Associated infrastructure, including concrete batch plants, access roads to pits, and waste disposal areas, is not fully scoped into the effects analysis.</p> <p>These activities may also result in noise, light, and chemical pollution that affects Indigenous harvesting practices and local ecosystems.</p> <p>This omission is unacceptable given the scale, intensity, and duration of aggregate extraction operations.</p>

			<p>Please revise the EA/IS to include all aggregate-related facilities, dewatering activities, and construction waste infrastructure in the cumulative effects analysis. A full assessment of long-term impacts, ecological thresholds, and mitigation plans is required, particularly for sensitive peatland and surface water areas.</p>
FAFN-019	The Draft EA/IS	<p>Sec. 10 pp. 754-776 Sec. 6.8 p. 69 Appendix E</p>	<p>The Draft EA/IS acknowledges past hydroelectric and forestry development, but it does not assess their ongoing ecological and cultural impacts. Legacy impacts matter because they compound new pressures and shape the degraded environmental and cultural baselines against which current project impacts should be measured.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include an analysis of legacy hydroelectric and forestry development impacts as part of the cumulative effects framework.</p>
FAFN-020	The Draft EA/IS	<p>Sec. 10 pp. 754-776 Sec. 6.8 p. 69 Appendix E</p>	<p>The Draft EA/IS does not consider how the road may induce new development - such as additional mining, logging, or increased recreational access - beyond its immediate footprint. Assessing induced development is critical because it can accelerate land-use change and contribute to cumulative cultural loss, habitat fragmentation, and long-term environmental degradation.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include an assessment of potential induced development scenarios resulting from improved access, and their implications for environmental and cultural sustainability.</p>
FAFN-021	The Draft EA/IS	<p>Sec. 10 pp. 754-776 Sec. 6.8 p. 69 Appendix E</p>	<p>The cumulative effects assessment is conducted in isolation and is not integrated into any broader regional planning or strategic assessment framework. Without the regional lens, the assessment fails to account for the interconnectedness of development pressures. A broader approach ensures consistent standards, cross-jurisdictional planning, and holistic protection of Indigenous rights and ecosystems.</p> <p>Please revise the EA/IS to include the cumulative effect assessment within an established or emerging regional strategic assessment framework, such as the Ring of Fire Regional Assessment.</p>
FAFN-022	The Draft EA/IS	The Draft EA/IS	<p>The draft EA/IS does not consider how project related habitat alteration and landscape change could contribute to increased abundance of certain insect populations and the resulting ecological impacts. While the EA/IS assess is negative effects on pollinating insects from construction and operation activities, it does not evaluate the potential</p>

			<p>for insect overpopulation to cause broader environmental consequences- such as ecological imbalance, vegetation stress, or shifts in predator prey dynamics. These effects could be particularly relevant in disturbed or reclaimed areas, where conditions may Favor population booms of opportunistic species.</p> <p>The EA/IS also does not include Indigenous Knowledge or local observations of previous insect population increases following landscape changes.</p> <p>These represents a gap in the current impact assessment framework. Indigenous knowledge and local ecological observations may provide insight into past experiences with insect population changes and related environmental impacts, especially following habitat disturbance.</p> <p>We recommend that the EAIS be revised to include an analysts of potential environmental consequences from increased insect abundance, including culturally or ecologically significant feedback effects, to ensure the long term integrity of affected ecosystems is properly evaluated.</p>
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MFFN CAR: June, 2025 Project Updates

Sarah Beamish <[redacted]> Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 12:05 PM
 To: "Harrison, Callais" <[redacted]>
 Cc: Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit <[redacted]>, Deputy Chief Terry Meatawabin <[redacted]>, Leo Metatawabin <[redacted]>, Justin Page <[redacted]>, Knut Kitching <[redacted]>, Ruby Edwards-Wheesk <[redacted]>, Cathleen Sutherland <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi Callais,

Thank you for the updates.

Yes, we received the ATRI Report. Thank you.

Sarah

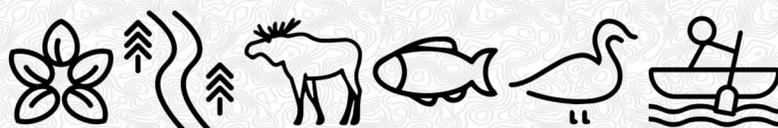
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B6.3 Community Specific Meeting Materials





Project Name: Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All Season Community Access Road (CAR)

Date of Meeting: November 7, 2024
Time: 10:00 am EST

Attendees: Sarah Beamish, *Fort Albany First Nation Legal Council*
Leo Metatawabin, *Fort Albany First Nation Community Core Consultation Coordinator*
Qasim Saddique, *Project Director, MFFN CAR*
Andrea Nokleby, *Indigenous Knowledge Program Lead, MFFN CAR*
Jodi Miles, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*

Location: Google Meet

Prepared By: Jodi Miles, MFFN CAR Project Consultant

Regarding: MFFN CAR Community Coordinator Program, Indigenous Knowledge Program, Draft EA/IS, and Meaningful Consultation

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Summary

The MFFN CAR Project Team and Fort Albany First Nation met to discuss various project updates, as well as the topic of meaningful consultation, which had previously been raised in the Milestone #1 Report. During this meeting, the following topics were discussed:

- Fort Albany First Nation's concerns related to climate change, food security, water security, and the protection of sacred and ceremonial lands;
- Updates regarding the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program, including Fort Albany First Nation's finalization of their IK report, and how the IK report will be incorporated into the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS);
- Updates related to the release of the draft EA / IS;
- Updates to the Community Coordinator program;
- Upcoming responses to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment report, and the Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Existing Conditions report; and
- Meaningful consultation methods.

Item #	Topic / Theme	Notes	Response/Action Items
1.	Community Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leo Metatawabin, Fort Albany First Nation’s Community Core Consultation Coordinator, noted that the community has concerns about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the Albany River and how it has impacted Fort Albany First Nation’s access to their land and camps; • Climate change, food security, and water security; • The loss of sacred grounds and burial grounds in their community due to increased development. 	
2.	Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation is currently finalizing their IK report. Changes should be minor to the draft report already submitted. • The IK Program Lead noted the key dates for incorporating IK into the draft EA / IS. • The goal is to incorporate IK into the entire EA / IS. • Fort Albany First Nation’s IK will be incorporated into the ATRI chapter of the draft EA / IS, but will likely not be incorporated into the other draft chapters of the draft EA / IS due to timing constraints. However, it was noted that their IK would be reflected in applicable chapters of the final EA / IS report. 	<p>Action Item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation to provide final version of their IK Report, once finalized.
3.	Draft EA / IS Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The release date of the draft EA / IS being confirmed. The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that information on the release date will be circulated as soon as possible. • Fort Albany First Nation will be shut down for a couple weeks over Christmas. Likely around Dec 20, 2024 - Jan 4, 2025. • Fort Albany First Nation’s winter road will also be opening up late winter. 	<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFFN CAR Project Team to provide draft EA / IS to Fort Albany for their review, once available. • MFFN CAR Project Team to continue to communicate about any updates to the draft EA / IS timeline.

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1.	Community Coordinator Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Coordinator program is being discontinued and replaced with a lump-sum capacity funding payment of \$ [REDACTED]. This can be used for anything to support Fort Albany First Nation in their review of the draft EA / IS and would be managed by the community. • MFFN CAR Project Team is aiming to distribute the capacity funding to communities within the next four months. • There is no date that Fort Albany First Nation would have to use this capacity funding by. • Sarah Beamish noted that Fort Albany First Nation's Chief has said that the community would likely be interested in the new capacity funding, but will need to review the funding agreement first. • The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that the capacity funding agreement is not ready yet, but that it will be sent once it's finalized. • The MFFN CAR Project Team is not looking for a proposal from Fort Albany First Nation regarding how the capacity funding will be used. • Leo Metatawabin asked if the capacity funding can be used to purchase equipment. The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that he should wait for the draft agreement for confirmation, but that it would likely be an option. • Sarah Beamish noted to Leo Metatawabin that there is some money available in the provincial funding and container office budget that could be used to purchase equipment. 	<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Beamish to provide Fort Albany First Nation's preferred payment method and associated information for IK Program payment and future capacity funding payment. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant to provide Community Coordinator Funding Agreement to Fort Albany First Nation, once it is available.
2.	Upcoming Responses (Archaeology and ATRI comments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFFN CAR Project Team's response to Fort Albany First Nation's Archaeology Report comments is still being drafted. • The MFFN CAR Project Team is currently developing the Stage 2 Archaeology Assessment (AA) Report process. • MFFN CAR Project Team's response to Fort Albany First Nation's draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report comments is still being drafted. 	<p>Action Item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFFN CAR Project Consultant to provide response to Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Archaeology Assessment Report and the ATRI Existing Conditions Report

Item #	Topic / Theme	Notes	Response/Action Items
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the draft Preliminary ATRI Existing Conditions Report will be integrated into the ATRI Assessment Report. 	
3.	Consultation Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fort Albany First Nation provided a comment on the Milestone #1 Report noting that they do not consider the majority of the communications in that report to be meaningful. The MFFN CAR Project Consultant inquired about how the MFFN CAR Project Team can make consultation more meaningful to Fort Albany First Nation. Sarah Beamish noted that the majority of the emails/phone calls in the Milestone #1 Report did not provide information about issues that Fort Albany First Nation is concerned about. There was a lot of frustration from Fort Albany First Nation about the consultation process during COVID. There was a lot of communication, but most of it had to do with asking for more time, etc. These concerns are not related to the efforts of the Consultation Team, or how they can do anything differently. These concerns were mainly in reference to the type of information being provided at that time. Fort Albany First Nation does not have any further specific concerns regarding the manner in which they are being engaged since the Milestone #1 report. Fort Albany First Nation filled out the EA / IS survey and noted that they will want to meet with the Project Team for their review of the reports. They will make the review plan after the materials are circulated. Fort Albany First Nation noted that it will be important to make sure that the materials are accessible to the community. The MFFN CAR Project Director confirmed that plain language and traditional language documents will be available. Sarah Beamish noted that Fort Albany First Nation will likely share concerns regarding project splitting. In the community's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: MFFN CAR Project Consultant to send Milestone #1 comment to Sarah Fort Albany First Nation to request in-community meetings with the MFFN CAR Project Team once they review the draft EA / IS materials

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		<p>perspective, MFFN CAR, Webequie Supply Road (WSR), and Northern Road Link (NRL) are one continuous road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Beamish noted that she isn't sure how concerns about project-splitting could be translated into more meaningful consultation, and noted that perhaps the assessments could have been set up differently from the beginning. • Leo Metatawabin provided the following information, when asked about concerns about the EA / IS review period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation will be working on a Community Comprehensive Plan in the near future. • Hunting season is important in relation to food security and the high cost of living. • Fort Albany is a grieving Nation, and that healing is a process. • Fort Albany First Nation has been experiencing infrastructure challenges in the community, including the collapsing of the radio building. Additionally, the elevator in the community hall is not working, making it challenging to engage with Elders. • The MFFN CAR Project Consultant asked if we can work with Leo Metatawabin to help engage with Elders during the EA / IS review period. Leo Metatawabin will confirm if or how engagement support could be provided. • Sarah Beamish suggested that the \$ [REDACTED] capacity funding could be used for one-on-one meetings with Elders, meals, etc. • The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that meetings with Project Team can also be tailored to fill gaps, such as the engagement of Elders, through presentations, additional materials, etc. • Fort Albany First Nation should request in-community meetings with Project Team sooner than later so that they can be scheduled. 	



MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Project Name: Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) All Season Community Access Road (CAR)

Date of Meeting: February 19, 2025
Time: 1:00-2:00 pm EST

Attendees: Kimberly Jorgensen, Constance Lake First Nation Consultant (Four Rivers)
Shannon Costigan, Constance Lake First Nation Consultant (Four Rivers)
Wayne Neegan, Constance Lake First Nation CCLO
Phyllis Ineese, Constance Lake First Nation
Sarah Beamish, Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel
Ervin Waboose, Long Lake #58 First Nation CCLO
Amanda Misnakoshkang, Long Lake #58 First Nation Land Officer
Qasim Saddique, MFFN CAR Project Team
Jennifer Bruin, MFFN CAR Project Team
Bob Baxter, MFFN CAR Senior Community Member Advisor
Ingrid Trimble, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
Gabbie Ratajczak, MFFN CAR Project Consultant

Project #: [REDACTED]
Location: Thunder Bay, Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo

Prepared By: Gabbie Ratajczak (MFFN CAR Project Consultant)

Regarding: MFFN CAR Breakout Session at Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo – Constance Lake First Nation

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Summary

The MFFN CAR Project Team and representatives of Constance Lake First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation and Long Lake #58 First Nation privately met to discuss the CAR and the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) during the Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo.

Summary of Meeting Action Items

- The Project Team to provide Fort Albany First Nation legal counsel with approximate translation timelines for the Assessment Summary (completed – translations were provided as they became available on June 3, June 26 and July 29, 2025).





MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Item #	Topic / Theme	Comments / Questions	Response / Action Items
1	General Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constance Lake First Nation is interested in how MFFN is supported and fostered during the road development, why they chose certain river crossing and landscape; and what kind of species are taken into account, particularly in relation to caribou. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Project Team explained the process for building a road, how it differs from Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) forestry roads and how in this process the government needed to consult with MFFN community members and other Indigenous communities. Feedback from MFFN and Indigenous communities was used to choose the preferred route. Feedback included staying away from caribou calving areas, ensuring no pollution would occur in the rivers and not using the winter corridor route as an option. The Project Team indicated that detailed information is included in the Draft EA / IS. This includes the community's perspective and how the decision was driven by a holistic view of the project.
2	Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How is climate change factored into decisions for the CAR? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Project Team placed a lot of consideration into climate adaptation and how to design and construct the CAR considering climate change and to make it resilient to it. Considerations have been made regarding the construction process, the human environment, the physical environment and more. More information can be found in the Draft EA / IS.





MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Item #	Topic / Theme	Comments / Questions	Response / Action Items
3	Peatlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there areas where bogs tend to be more watered? This type of landscape changes in cycles. How does it impact the CAR? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Project Team explained that the CAR will be constructed as a floating road and will have 1-metre-thick rock on top of peat and aggregate sites along it. This is blasted rock and will allow for water to pass through.
4	Peatlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there was a spill on the bog, how would it be cleaned up and who would be responsible? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the construction phase, each construction company will have to prepare a spill response plan and environmental protection plan. They will have spill kits ready on hand and will have the equipment and people trained to employ the means necessary for cleanup.
5	Atmospheric Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are you doing for dust abatement? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current assumption is that water will be used for dust suppression. Ownership and operation of the road is currently unknown, and dust abatement is part of ongoing discussions of whoever becomes the owner of the CAR. Community members did not want salt on the road.
6	Consultation Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fort Albany First Nation legal asked what Indigenous languages materials would be available in and the timelines for the translated materials to be available. Fort Albany First Nation legal counsel expressed concerns about not having translated materials available. Fort Albany First Nation legal counsel asked if there would be flexibility on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Assessment Summary will be available in Ojibway, Oji-Cree, Swampy Cree and French. However, very few translators are available to translate into Indigenous languages. The translators had given an overall estimate of 100-120 days from the day the document was received for translation. The Project Team





MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

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		deadlines once translations are available.	<p>indicated that materials have been sent for translation as they have become available in an effort to have as many as possible available soon after the release of the Draft EA/IS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Item: Project Team to provide Fort Albany First Nation legal counsel an approximate translation timelines for Draft EA / IS documents.
7	Indigenous Knowledge, Consultation Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants wondered about the Indigenous influence in the process and how Council was involved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the past, MFFN were not consulted on development projects on their territory. • MFFN partnered with Land Use Planning in order to be involved in this process. • MFFN is consulting with 23 Indigenous Communities and tribal council's as required.
8	Consultation Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constance Lake First Nation asked about opportunities to have a presentation for their members on the results of the Draft EA / IS. They also wondered about it covering their members areas of interest and if a customized packaged could be prepared. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project Team noted that they would be glad to take requests to present high level findings and summary of results on a topic. The Project Team indicated that if Constance Lake First Nation provides information on what their members are interested in the Project Team would be able to customize a package/presentation for them.

Any errors or omissions please contact Gabbie Ratajczak within 2 weeks of distribution. Finalized meeting minutes will be included in the public Record of Consultation.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MFFN CAR Project Director confirmed that there would be another event like the Three Road Forum happening in the future. Leo Metatawabin noted that he would be interested in attending future events like this, but noted that the community is in an election year, and he is not sure what new Chief and Council will want. • The MFFN CAR Project Director noted that the Province will likely provide funding to pay for travel and accommodation expenses. • Leo Metatawabin noted that he plans to attend the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Convention. He noted concerns about how PDAC's Indigenous program is separate from the lands program. 	

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Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2025

Project Name: Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) Project

Date of Meeting: June 3, 2025

Time: 3:00 pm EST

Attendees: Leo Metatawabin, *Fort Albany First Nation*
Sarah Beamish, *Fort Albany First Nation Legal Council*
Justin Page, *Fort Albany First Nation Consultant (The Firelight Group)*
Dilek Karadag, *Fort Albany First Nation Consultant (The Firelight Group)*
Bob Baxter, *MFFN CAR Project Team*
Qasim Saddique, *MFFN CAR Project Team*
Jennifer Bruin, *MFFN CAR Project Team*
Craig De-Vito, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*
Lesley Reid, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*
Crista Gladstone, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*
Erin Greenaway, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*
Nadia Baker, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*
Andrea Nokleby, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*
Ingrid Trimble, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*
Jodi Miles, *MFFN CAR Project Consultant*

Location: Zoom

Regarding: Fort Albany First Nation’s review of the MFFN CAR Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement

Prepared By: Jodi Miles, MFFN CAR Project Consultant

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Summary

The Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) Project Team met with Fort Albany First Nation on June 3, 2025, to discuss Fort Albany First Nation’s ongoing review of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS). The meeting focused on identifying gaps noted by Fort Albany First Nation in the Draft EA / IS. The key topics of discussion included:

- Fort Albany First Nation’s opposition to Bill 5, and their request for MFFN to make a statement about their stance on the proposed legislation;
- Concerns about what the development of the MFFN CAR may lead to, including increased development in the area and environmental impacts;
- Indigenous communities’ right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent;
- Mitigation of psycho-social impacts, gendered violence, and youth impacts, including identity, intergenerational wellbeing, anxiety, and fear;
- Enforceable protections and plans for access / stewardship for harvesting areas;
- Enforceable protections for sacred and burial sites;
- The importance of the Albany River to Fort Albany First Nation, and water quality and quantity assessments for the Albany River;
- Fort Albany First Nation’s concerns about potential impacts that the MFFN CAR could have to accessing traditional resources;
- Moose movement corridors and / or potential habitat disruption;
- Integration of regional impacts and other induced development as a result of the MFFN CAR;
- Anticipated timelines for the release of the Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Impact Assessment Report, and the Final EA / IS.

Item #	Topic / Theme	Notes	Response/Action Items
1.	Meeting Context &	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel noted that this meeting was intended to discuss the gaps that Fort Albany First Nation had noted in their review of the 	

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	Overarching Concerns	<p>EA / IS, and would not discuss aspects of the Draft EA / IS that Fort Albany First Nation had believed to be done well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation Legal Council expressed concerns about impacts that the Ring of Fire will have on coastal communities and noted that they view the Community Access Road as “one piece of the puzzle” in regard to the development of the Ring of Fire. • Fort Albany First Nation Legal Council expressed Fort Albany First Nation’s opposition to Bill 5 and inquired about MFFN’s stance on the proposed legislation. • Fort Albany First Nation Legal Council shared that throughout the duration of the Project, Fort Albany First Nation had recognized a positive change in the inclusion of coastal communities in the EA / IS process for the MFFN CAR. • MFFN noted that MFFN has similar concerns regarding the impacts of the MFFN CAR, such as pollution and impacts to the river system. It was noted that MFFN wants to see the Project done right, with adequate assessments and mitigation measures. 	
2.	Rights and Jurisdiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant identified gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding Indigenous communities’ right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC). It was noted that while United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is referenced, there 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Item: • MFFN CAR Project Team to distribute Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report to Fort Albany First Nation.

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		<p>is no clear language about FPIC in reference to Indigenous governance, stewardship, and adaptive management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report will be shared with Fort Albany First Nation shortly, and will contain information on this matter. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant also noted that Fort Albany First Nation’s Project-specific Indigenous Knowledge (IK) study was received, but that the Draft EA / IS does not necessarily contain all the IK that was provided. Any comments or additional information that Fort Albany First Nation may provide in response to the Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report will be used in the Final EA / IS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation to submit their comments on the Draft EA / IS in writing. • MFFN CAR Project Team to address comments from Fort Albany First Nation in the Final EA / IS.
3.	Community Health and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant identified gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding mitigation of psychosocial impacts, gendered violence, and youth impacts, including identity, intergenerational wellbeing, anxiety, and fear. Fort Albany First Nation Consultant noted that the Draft EA / IS did not address these elements in detail. • Fort Albany First Nation noted concerns about the mental health impacts of the MFFN CAR, induced development in the area, climate change, and evacuations in the community. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the upcoming Draft ATRI Assessment Report will address some of these gaps, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Item: • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant to share a bibliography of IAAC's reference materials on the psychological impacts of major infrastructure projects.

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		<p>including information about cultural continuity and cultural sense of place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that these comments had been noted. 	
4.	Traditional Land Use and Food Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant noted they perceived gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding enforceable protections and plans for access/stewardship for harvesting areas, as well as sacred and burial sites. It was noted that the maps in the Draft EA / IS show harvesting areas but lack enforceable protections. • Fort Albany First Nation noted concerns about losing access to traditional resources, including caribou, sturgeon, and blue ice. • The importance of the Albany River was stressed in relation to Fort Albany First Nation’s traditional land use, noting its use for fishing and travel (e.g., rafting and canoeing). • Fort Albany First Nation spoke about experiences harvesting in the Albany River and at Albany Forks, and noted the desire to pass these traditions on to the next generation. It was noted that changes in the river (e.g. becoming too shallow) make travel more difficult, leading to psychological and cultural impacts. • Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel noted that the land around the Ogoki Forks has been traditionally used by Fort Albany First Nation and is in close proximity to the MFFN CAR. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation raised concerns about the loss of ability to practice ceremonies due to increased development in the area. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that additional information on traditional land and resource use is included in the Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report, as will details on sacred and burial sites, including "no-go" zones. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant confirmed that the Ogoki Forks area is included in the Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report and requested that Fort Albany First Nation provide any additional information about traditional land use areas specific to the project area. 	
5.	Albany River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant expressed that the Draft EA / IS does not properly address risks to the Albany River system, highlighting gaps in the assessment of mercury mobilization and flood risk. • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant requested that the following be included in the Draft EA / IS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrological modeling for current and future climate scenarios; • Assessment of ice formation, freeze-thaw timing, or ice-jam related flooding risks; and • Site-specific risk assessments for mercury downstream. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant stated their approach focused on erosion 	

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		<p>sediment for water quality, but acknowledged they did not go into specific mercury parameters. It was noted that flood risk was not evaluated specifically in the Draft EA / IS, as it is expected during permitting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the Community Wellbeing Report would include information about mercury in the Albany River at Marten Falls. • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant emphasized the impact of flooding on the community, noting the importance of evaluating flood risk now, rather than in the permitting phase. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged these concerns and noted that the team would review Fort Albany First Nation’s comments. 	
6.	Moose Habitat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant identified gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding moose movement corridors and potential habitat disruption, including the lack of assessment for population-level impacts and the inclusion of mitigation measures. It was requested that the Final EA / IS include assessments on barriers to moose movement and habitat impacts. • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant noted that moose are culturally important and vital for food security. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the moose assessment completed as part of the Draft EA / IS, included habitat 	

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		<p>suitability modelling and winter occupancy surveys. It was noted that a collaring program was not completed for moose (as was done for caribou), which would be required to assess moose movement. It was acknowledged that while moose are adaptable, the road can disrupt habitats and result in a change in moose movements and increase hunting pressure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFFN CAR Project Consultant acknowledged these concerns and noted that the team would review Fort Albany First Nation's comments and provide fulsome responses and applicable edits in the Final EA/IS and technical appendices. 	
7.	Cumulative Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel expressed continued concerns about project splitting, viewing the MFFN CAR, Webequie Supply Road (WSR), and Northern Road Link (NRL) as one continuous road. • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant noted perceived gaps in the Draft EA / IS regarding integration of regional impacts (e.g., legacy hydro or forestry) and consideration of other induced development, as a result of the MFFN CAR. • Fort Albany First Nation Consultant expressed that the "whole picture" is missing from the EA / IS, including historical mining, mineral, and forestry management plans. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation spoke about major impacts from train tracks, hydro lines, mining, and forestry. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that additional information on historical cumulative effects is included in the Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report. 	
8.	Project Timelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel asked about the timeline for the finalization of the EA / IS, and whether it leaves enough time for meaningfully integrating Fort Albany First Nation’s comments. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that they anticipate the Final EA / IS will be released toward the Q2 of 2026, but that complex questions and comments may delay this timeline. • Fort Albany First Nation Legal Counsel inquired if the MFFN CAR Project Team could send the Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report to Fort Albany First Nation the week of June 9, 2025 in order for the community to review before an upcoming community meeting. • MFFN CAR Project Consultant noted that the MFFN CAR Project Team would try to send Fort Albany First Nation the Draft ATRI Impact Assessment Report during the week of June 9, 2025. 	

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